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Hi Everyone: HAPPY NEW YEAR

It is time to plan for the sixth year of the newsletters. I hope you are enjoying them all. I know the last two newsletters, Kuhnert and Schueneman were especially interesting for most of you because you were familiar with the subjects. However, as I explained in one of my Mary's Messages, the other three, namely, the Durland, Crane, and Free issues, (which are those of my father's ancestors) are just as important to our heritage albeit not as recognizable.

In the year 2000 I tried to focus on the women who lost their identities when they married because they dropped their father's name. Nevertheless the women are the ones who kept their cultural traditions and customs alive. Be forewarned about more information on all the female lines.

In the first issue, we will revisit James Durland, father of Harry Elson Durland. James was profiled in 1997. (This was the second of a cut and paste issue. How times have changed!) The Durland issue will continue with just the Durland branch.

The Crane newsletter is all about the descendants of Mary Anne Crane who was the wife of Robert Durland. The Crane family is so extensive and prominent, it merits a newsletter all its own. This is the oldest branch of our family in the United States predating the Dorlandt branch by 15 years.

You will read more about the Free and Elson families; more about Kuhnert and the Wiggenhorns; more about the Schuenemans and the most recent family introduced to you in the last Schueneman issue, the Dankbars.

This year I plan to trace the activities and whereabouts of the men through the land they owned. Some of them moved around a lot and finding information takes a lot of digging but I did make some progress in the year 2000.

So you see, 2001 will have a myriad of new material about our families and I will try to make all the newsletters as interesting as I can. I have included a personal pedigree chart of my generation in order that you may follow the families more easily but remember I have gone back 15 generations in some instances. The chart covers only 6 generations.

I thank all of you for your most generous contributions to the cause. When I opened up the cost to a voluntary amount, some subscribers sent the same, some sent more than I ever expected and some sent nothing at all. However the newsletters went to everyone who sent in a coupon. This year again you are free to send whatever you feel they are worth. Just check the one/ones you want to receive. Generally I use the money for all the records I have to buy, the actual materials used, and yes, even to pay individuals for information. The coupon is very important, as that is what I use to send out the issues. Without a coupon, no address, no newsletter.



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