



# KNOW YOUR ROOTS

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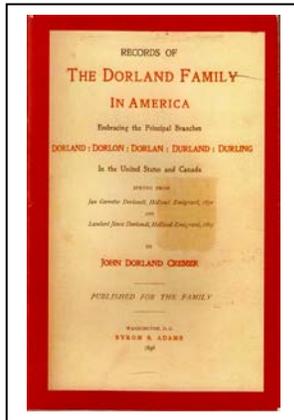
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## NO SAMUEL

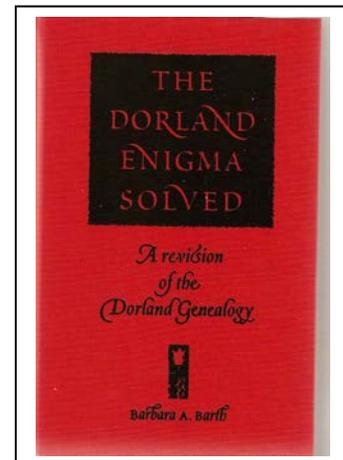
In the March 1999 issue of Know Your Roots I wrote an article entitled “WHERE IS SAMUEL?” This was to tell the family that I couldn’t find Samuel as the son of the original Dorlandt in the book by John Dorland Cremer which was written in 1898 and was the definitive source for all researchers for everyone in the Dorland Family in America. Cremer had us as the son of Jan Gerretse Dorlandt from Holland who emigrated to the New Netherlands in 1652.



Furthermore he went on to say that Jan Gerretse Dorlandt had five children by his first wife, unnamed, and Samuel was one of those children. Cremer writes that Samuel became the progenitor of all of us and it has been accepted by all the descendants. However, I looked for Samuel and I could find no records of those who followed him: Samuel Dorland Jr. and Jeremiah Dorland. Granted the Dutch naming system is unfathomable for

me and I attributed that to the reason. The article in the newsletter I mentioned questioned my dilemma. Why couldn’t I find Samuel?

Well, Samuel has been found. Lo and behold a grand nephew of mine and a descendant of Harry Elson Durland, Andrew Cuda, who decided to take up the quest, came up with the answer. Through his research he found the book illustrated here. It seems SAMUEL doesn’t even belong to us. Right away, I wondered if we, as Durlands, even belonged to the Dorlandt clan. Fortunately, this Dorland ancestor has unraveled the mystery in her new book. It is quite revolutionary but she has all the credentials necessary and debunks Cremer’s book all the way. Her name is Barbara A. Barth and she is a descendant not of Samuel, but of Jan Gerretse Dorlandt. In her quest she unraveled the beginning of the Dorlandts in New Netherlands, which didn’t come under British rule until 1664, and about Jan Gerretse Dorlandt, who arrived in 1652. Barbara addresses all this and more in her book THE DORLAND ENIGMA SOLVED. Unfortunately she died before she saw the publication, as her children followed her wish and published it posthumously in 2007.



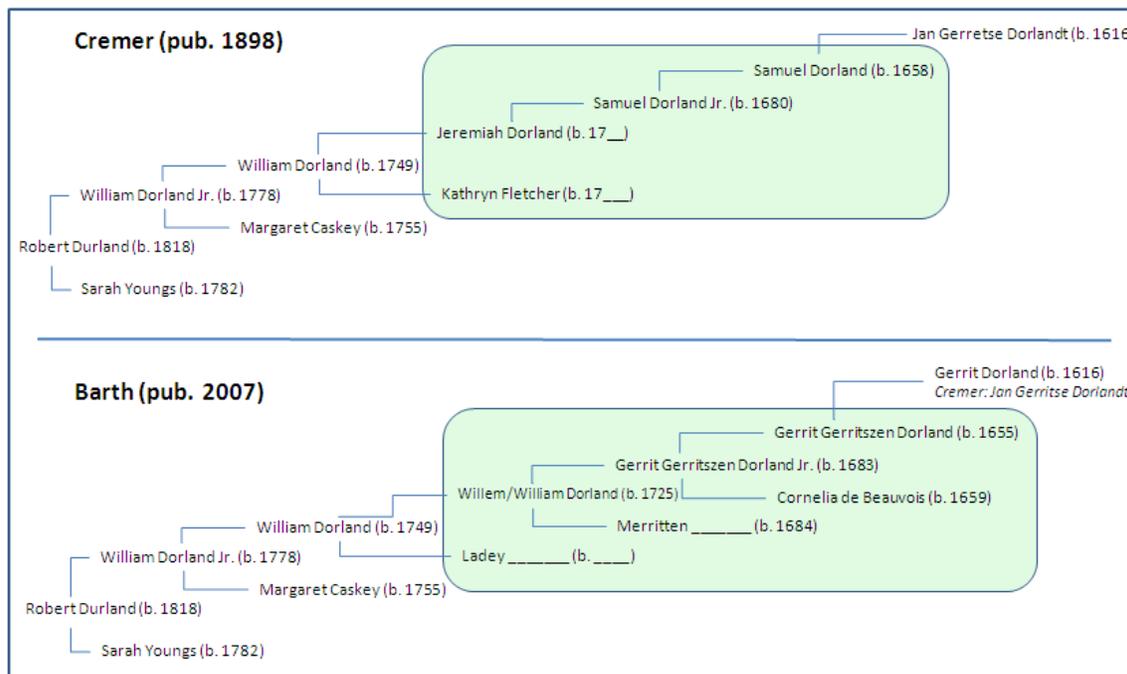
The book has been endorsed by Harry Macy, Jr. FASG a well known and respected genealogist who knew Barbara Barth. He also contributed to her research while she was

working on it. There is no doubt this book now will become the definitive source for all the various derivatives of the original name of Dorlandt.

Barth unravels the enigma, as she calls it, by writing that Gerrit Dorland was born about 1616 in Holland and he is the one who arrived in 1652 with Jan, his son. She was able to fathom the intricate Dutch naming system and because of past records supplied by a researcher in Holland named Van Alphen, proves that Gerrit Dorland was the true progenitor of the Dorland line in America.

She then goes on to say that the original Gerrit had only the three children: Jan, born in Holland, another son born about 1655, Gerrit (the second child), and a daughter, born about 1658, named Styntje. So no Samuel and no second daughter. The question is where do we come in? Barth in her book explains where Samuel fits in and why he is not part of the Dorland ancestry. All this is carefully annotated with acceptable citations. To answer the question of where our Durland branch belongs in the Dorlandt saga she has put us with Gerrit, the second child, and hypothesizes that Cremer left out a generation entirely which she adds very convincingly. That means we are part of the picture of the Holland Dorlandts after all.

Another descendant that you are familiar with, Jerry Larkin, has prepared this illustration comparing Cremer to Barth and makes our ancestry clear. Note in Cremer Jan is the original Dorlandt on these shores, whereas note in Barth she proves Gerrit Dorland, father, is the original and Jan is his son. Then Jerry very clearly in the green shaded areas shows you that Samuel in Cremer was the son of Jan, and Barth negates that in her area in green, illustrating that we are from the second son Gerrit born here, to his son Gerrit Jr. and continuing on to the first William (Willem) Dorland born in 1725 to William Dorland born in 1749, which does correspond with Cremer. The rest of Larkin's illustration ends with both Cremer and Barth naming Robert Durland, Harry Elson Durland's grandfather. The only difference for us is the green area. Bravo to Jerry for making Barth's book clear, which solves my dilemma about Samuel. Samuel is no more a Dorland.



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