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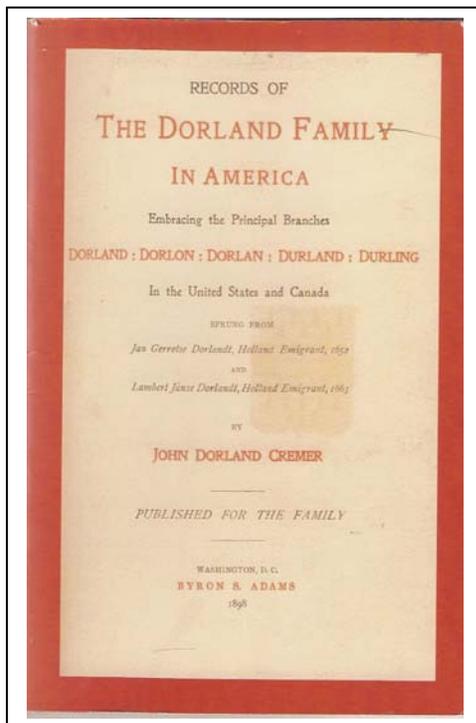
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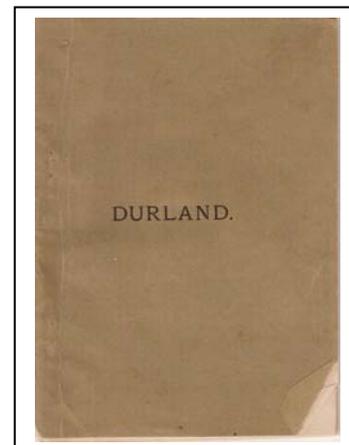


In the Cremer book of the Dorland family published in 1898 there was also a little pamphlet titled DURLAND. I archived the pamphlet for the future and instead reprinted a few pages of the 1898 Cremer book which contains a history of the family from the time two brothers arrived from Holland, one Jan Gerretse Dorlandt in 1652 and the other, Lambert Janse Dorlandt in 1663. Our branch is from the earlier one, a son named Samuel, but this story is not about our heritage at the time of Peter Stuyvesant of New Netherlands, but about a little known booklet which was included in the large book when it was passed down to me.

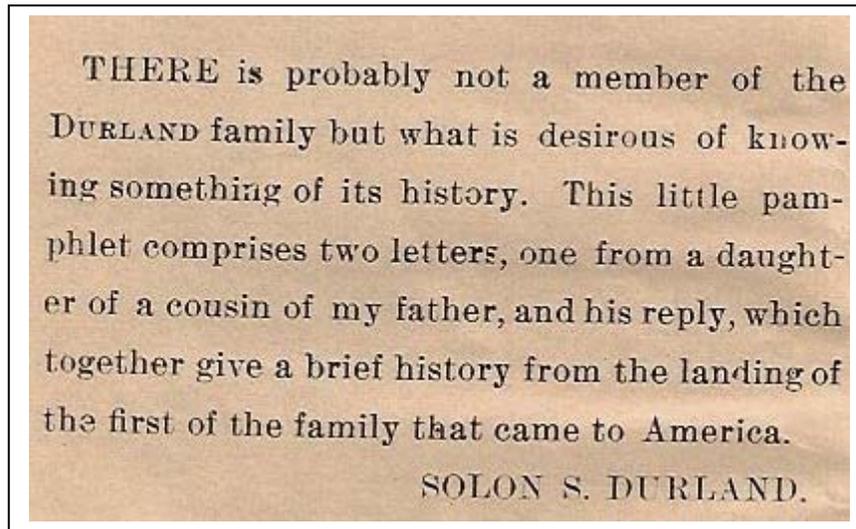
The Cremer book is a story in itself and will be told in the future how through it in The Hague in Holland it was possible to chronicle the Dorland family back to the beginning of the Dorland name in the year 1396. But as I said that is another story to

be told in the future.

This story is about the little pamphlet which was contained in the Cremer book. The booklet contains two letters written by two cousins about the family. One of the writers is Nelson Durland and the other is a cousin of Nelson's, Delphine Jack. I have no knowledge of how the letters were preserved and printed in this little booklet by the son of Nelson, Solon Durland, whose name appears on the frontispiece of the booklet. Solon was a teacher in a German school in Brownstown, Indiana and in 1872 he was written up in the Brownstown Banner newspaper as having much "skill and efficiency" as a teacher. Perhaps



that is the reason he decided that these letters were important enough to preserve and print for the family. As a prelude to the little pamphlet he wrote:



Both of the letters were written in 1890. Nelson Durland was born in New York as was the father of the other letter writer, Delphine Jack. The reason the little pamphlet was in the Durland book was because Nelson is a direct relation to our branch of the family. Nelson and our Robert were brothers and Robert was Harry Durland's grandfather. Robert is the one in the letters who married the farm girl Mary Ann Crane and moved to Flora, Illinois.

Nelson and Robert were from the William Dorland Jr. family of nine children. Some of the children were born in Steuben County, Bath, N. Y. and others in Morris County, New Jersey, but it was in Indiana that most of them died. Nelson must have been acquainted with Delphine's family in New York

However, surprisingly Delphine's family stayed in the New York area and this is probably the reason for the letters as communication at length was by mail. She was a trained nurse so was quite capable of writing so literally about her family.

Those of you who have the reprint of the Dorland book by Cremer will find the family of Nelson and his son Solon on page 154 of Samuel. When I made the reprint for the family I stopped at page 155. The book spine is very fragile and at that time it was necessary to flatten out the book to make copies so I only went as far as our family. Unfortunately Delphine's family was on the next page (page 156) which I omitted. However, modern technology is wonderful. Without having to flatten the book, I was able to make a copy of the page and Jerry Larkin has made it available (see this month's Mary's Message) so that those of you who have the Cremer reprint booklet can cut it out and include it in your copy.

Jerry has also made the two letters available for all of you to read. You can find them on a new page in Know Your Roots titled "SPECIAL DOCUMENTS." The link to this new page is in the menu at the top of the Know Your Roots home page, or you can [click here](#) to jump directly to that page now. These letters were written in 1890 – you can count the years of their age. What a wonderful treasure to have of the family.

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