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PREFACE.

HAVING, while engaged in gathering materials for a genealogy of the Bergen family, procured much information relating to others of the early settlers of Long Island, at the request of some members of the VAN BRUNT family, I have been induced to put in shape and prepare for publication a genealogy of said family. There are gaps in the work, which from the lack of information and time I am unable to fill, branches of the family having removed and become scattered over the middle and western states of this Union, consequently difficult of access. It is to be hoped that this effort of mine will induce some one or more of the members of the family to take an interest in the matter, and make more full and complete what I have begun. As time progresses, old papers and records by accidental and other causes are destroyed and lost knowledge which our ancestors possessed passes away; and this will continue to be the case in the future, unless the present generation make efforts to prevent it by gathering up and recording this knowledge, and by multiplying their records for the information and benefit of posterity. The contents of these pages are

derived from family and church records, old papers, tomb-stones, public documents, and the early history of the country. They are intended to be accurate and reliable; but in a work of this kind errors are apt to creep in, and no doubt have crept in, in spite of all efforts to prevent it. Their imperfection is therefore admitted, and forgiveness and pardon asked for all unintentional errors and omissions.

To the members of the family and others who have kindly allowed the examination of their records and papers, and afforded me the information they could gather or possessed, I would return my sincere thanks.

As a general thing the genealogy of the family is intended to be carried out to the year 1862, to which date researches were made.

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Bay Ridge, Kings Co., N. Y.,

September 1, 1867.

CORRECTIONS.

Page 4, 16th line, for " Harmenson " read " Harmensen."

- " 5, 6th line from bottom, for "Rutgert " read " Rutgert,"
- " 7, 22d line, for " Hendrickson " read " Hendricksen."
- " 7, 22d line; for " Teunison " read " Teunison."
- " 7, 31st line, for " Joost " resd " Joost. 1 "
- " 8, 15th line, for " Jacobna J." read " Jacobna L"
- " 8, 19th line for "Nicholas " read "Nicholas."
- " 12, 9th line, for "Hendrick " read "Hendrick. "
- " 12, 10th line, for "Nicholas" read "Nicholas."
- " 12, 15th line, for "Nicholas" read "Nicholas."
- " 18, 19th line, for " Peterson " read " Petersen."
- " 13, 16th line, for "Joost" read "Joost.1 "
- " 16, 16th line, for " Williamson " read " Williamson."
- " 25, last line, for "Dec. 17, 1840," read "Dec. 17, 1740."
- " 26, last line, for "April 17, 1727," road "April 17, 1827."
- " 29, 28d line, add after " Gertrude " " Louis."
- " 29, 10th line from bottom, for "Cornellé" read "Cornelia."
- " 30, 9th line, for "Feb. 4, 1888," read " Feb. 21, 1868."
- " 30, 9th line, after "Cornelius" add "B."

ABBREVIATIONS,

b. for born.

wid. for widow.

m. " married. d. " died.

N. North.

dan. " daughter.

S. " South. B. " East.

bap, " baptized.

W. " West.

The superior figure at the end of Christian name denotes the number of the person by that name, so Rutgert's significs the 9th Rutgert.

GENEALOGY

OF

THE VAN BRUNT FAMILY.

First Generation.

RUTGER JOESTEN VAN BRUNT, or Rutger the son of Joost or George, the common ancestor of the Van BRUNT family in this country, emigrated from the Netherlands in 1653, and was among the first settlers in New Utrecht, on Long Island in the present state of New York, in 1657. From whence the name is derived is involved in uncertainty, there being no place in the Netherlands named Brunt, the nearest approach being "Bruntinge, a hamlet in the province of Drenthe, threefourths of an hour's travel south of Westerbork, containing seven houses and fifty inhabitants." The Honorable H. C. Murphy, while U. S. Minister at the Hague, on diligent inquiry and examination of the directories of the principal cities, failed to find a single individual of the name in the country. He, however, obtained a copy of an arithmetic published by J. Brunt, of which five editions had been issued, the title of the third being "continuation of the rudiments of arithmetic, composed in questions and answers for the use of schools, by Jan Brunt, in his lifetime schoolmaster at Leyden, by M. & S. Bevel, master in the liberal arts, and doctor in philosophy, printed in 1824 at Leyden." From Jan Brunt not having the prefix of Van to his name, it may be inferred that Brunt is a proper surname, and not derived from the place from which Rutger Joesten emigrated.

RUTGER JOESTEN was an agriculturist, holding large tracts of land, and one of the most influential citizens of the newly begun village of New Utrecht where he continued to reside until his death which occurred prior to