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Greetings, Aunt Tot:

Father's Day is almost over. Other than being the leader of the parade of communion servers this morning, I have been more or less left at peace. M.F. brought a clock radio over to give to E. as a kitchen radio - clock on the Fritz - and that set me off to waste an hour or so trying to fix it, but that was my own weakness.

I haven't bought the watermelon or ice cream yet, but probably will do something of the sort in a fortnight. I am going to a scientific meeting near Monterey, and E. is coming along for the ride. We fly to Vancouver on the 24th, stopping off a couple of days to visit Gladys in White Rock (last Milley cousin) & Uncle Harve (Pearcy) in Vancouver. Then on the 26th to San Francisco to see Buzz Baldwin (U. of Wisconsin in 1950 & Stanford U. in 1962) at Palo Alto, then friends in Oakland before heading down to the conference, July 1-5. It is in a state recreation centre called Asilomar near Pacific Grove, Cal.

When we were down for David's convocation, I tracked down Mrs Reeves (delightful old gal; she and Territt are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary on the 28th). She had little VanWyck stuff that I did not, but at least she knows her descent, she is the daughter of

Jemima VanWyck (m. John James White), daughter of Thomas Van Wyck (and Christina Campbell), son of Gilbert V.W. (and Nancy Brooks of Lundy's Lane), eldest son of Samuel V.W. (and Sarah Bartow, she had more facts of about Samuel & Gilbert's parts in the war of 1812, and had both Gilbert's family bible and a piece of Brock's original coffin.

Through her I got a hold of Dr. D.J. VanWyck and a copy of the Anne V.W. book of 1912. Unfortunately, the book has very little about the Canadian branches, and a good deal of what she has is wrong. Dr. D.J. is a son (the other <sup>Ken</sup> is in Hamilton & both went to UTS before I did) of Dr. H.B. and nephew of the Rev. J. Roy, who were sons of Rev. James. Daniel, youngest son of Samuel, had a son James as well ~~at~~ the ~~the~~ Adam of the mill in Parkhill and Norval of the Owen Sound family, but Dr. D.J. does not seem to be sure that is the same James. Barent, second son of Samuel, also may have had a son James.

The Anne V.W. book says Gilbert had a son John, but ~~it~~ was not in the family bible. She also says this John was father of Daniel, but Daniel was actually Gilbert's brother! Then Daniel was supposed to have a son John, but his wife was listed as Mary Thomas. Another John was in the book as son of the first Canadian Samuel, i.e. a brother of Gilbert, but he was not in Samuel's bible, now in Harold V.W.'s (Owen Sound) possession. This John, according to the book, was married to Jane Shaw. The book has Daniel as his son, too, so

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you can see that the book is befuddled.

The book says nothing about Samuel's son Cornelius, thought by Harold to be your grandfather. There is nothing in the book about Cornelius except that he was born 26 June 1800 and married Matilda Forsythe. However, Dr. D.J. has a letter of 1968 from a Willbert V.W., Cumberland, B.C. with more about ~~or~~ Cornelius. He was an ammunition boy at Queenston Heights with two brothers, one killed (Veart??) by his musket blowing up. Father Sam had a boat on Lake Ontario, served in the Lincoln Regt, and among his land grants was a part of Toronto as well as part of Chincouagousy. Cornelius moved north of Owen Sound early in the 1800's - buried in VW cemetery on the "Van Wyck Farm". Cornelius had three sons Veart (Orangeville), Hiram (stayed on farm, grandfather of Willbert), and Gilbert (Meaford). Hiram married a Miss Sloune of Annan, and begat Cornelius (father of Willbert), John Wesley, Samuel, Hiram, James Alfred, and four daughters. John Wesley V.W.'s children were all sons (Arthur, John, Tom <sup>born</sup> & twins <sup>Bill</sup> Edwin & Edgar). (Hiram and James had no sons, Samuel had a son Willie, and Arthur a son George). No mention of a John married to a McNeil. Perhaps all this will give you a hint - I'm totally confused!

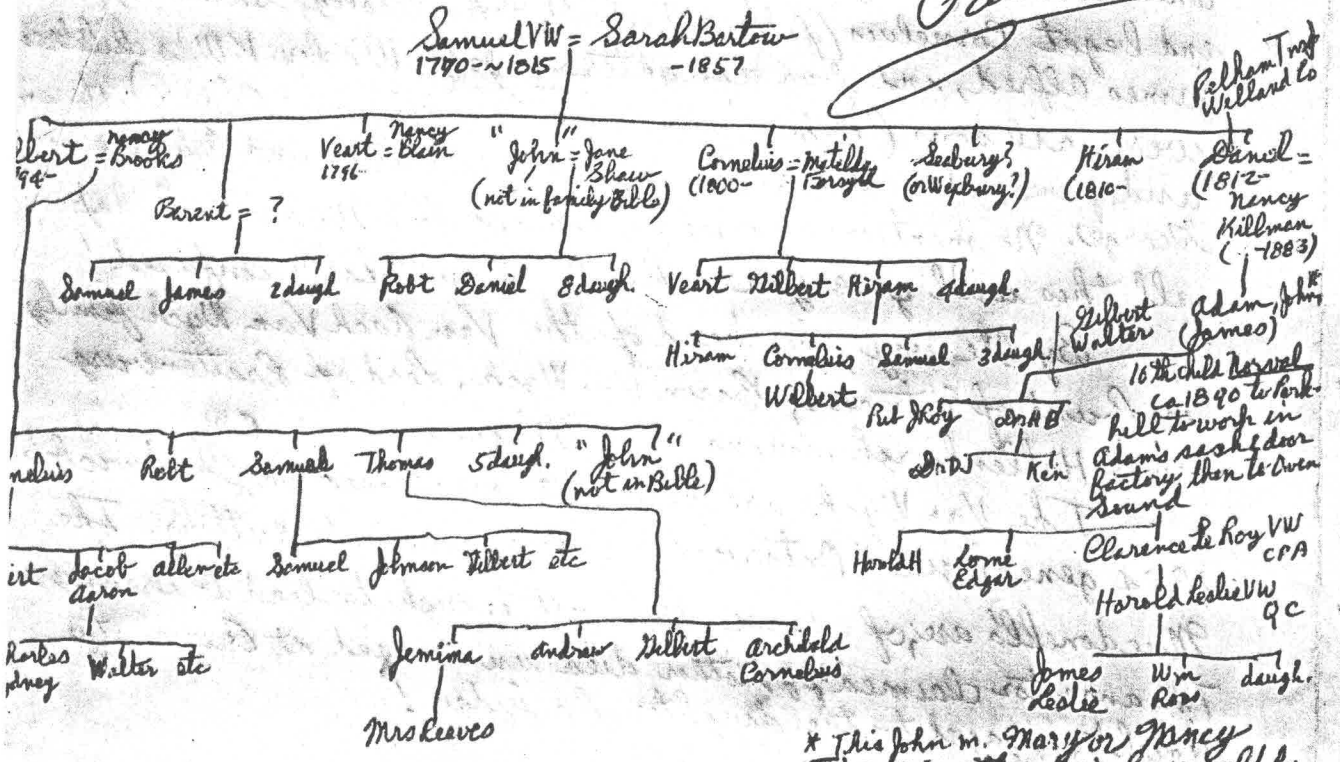
By the way, the head of the Van Asch Van Wyck family is Count of Utrecht, Baron Van Wyck, Lord of Prattenburg and Hallenburgh, among other things. E.M.

The Van Wycks are, alas, not mentioned in Chadwick's 1894 genealogies "Ontarian Families", nor are the Huttons. The Macdonell's are, of course, but not enough to lead to Dranny. The ancestor claimed by Mother died unmarried at Queenston Heights, engaged to the daughter of a judge!

David has been puttering at NRC this week, waiting for his supervisor to come back from a conference. Brian is at loose ends, hoping to join the Cameron Highlanders for the summer. He still has not heard from R.M.C. Keith is still at school, loafing along as usual. Mary Frances has just dropped her job as Primary (Sunday) School Superintendant and next year will take over the Nursery, the wee tines of the order of 2 to 5.

It's 0025 now, so will sign off before I collapse. Thanks again for your card & contents. Will keep you posted, and you do the same!

Love,  
Paul



\* This John m. Mary or Nancy Thomas, otherwise he would be the next generation, Mar. 20 1810, 1811