

CHAPTER X.

The descendants of Maj. Henry Axtell through the line of his second son, by his second marriage, the Rev. HENRY AXTELL, D.D.

6th Generation.

Henry, fourth child and second son of Maj. Henry and Phebe C. Axtell, was born in Morris County, N. J., June 9th, 1773. He graduated at Princeton College in the year 1796. At that date he opened an academy in the village of Mendham, N. J., and married Hannah Cook of that town, about the year 1797. After successfully conducting the academy for 10 or 11 years, he concluded to seek a wider field for his labors, and removed to Geneva, Ontario Co., N. Y., in 1806 or 7. At that time the central part of the State of New York was a new region known as "The Lake Country," and was attracting much attention in that part of N. J., many families removing from Morris Co. to different localities in that section. At Geneva he established an institution of learning, which was afterwards known as "Geneva College." In 1812 he was ordained to preach to a Presbyterian congregation, which he did with so much success and acceptability that they built for him a handsome church. Princeton College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity about the same time. In personal appearance he was six feet in height, spare in flesh, of a dark complexion, black, curly hair and large black eyes. He died at Geneva after a short illness on the 11th of Feb., 1829, aged 56 years. His widow died in 1840, aged 65.

The children of Rev. Henry and Hannah Cook Axtell were :

7th Generation.

1st, Rebecca Owen, born in Mendham, 1798. She died unmarried in Geneva Feb. 15th, 1829, aged 31 years, and was buried in the same grave with her father.

2nd, Daniel Cook, born in Mendham, N. J., 1800.

3rd, Henry, " " " " 1802.

4th, Phebe Ann, born in Geneva, N. Y., 1808.

" " " died in 1824, aged 16 years.

5th, Mary Jane, born in Geneva, N. Y., 1810.

" " " died unmarried Dec. 1849, aged 39 years.

6th, Harriet Hannah, born in Geneva, N. Y., July 24th, 1816.

7th, Charles, " " " " July 28th, 1818.

Daniel Cook, second child of Rev. Henry and Hannah C. Axtell, was born in Mendham in 1800. He studied Theology and