## Captain William<sup>1</sup> Terrett of Stonington, Connecticut, and Some of His Descendants

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**2. Capt. William² Terrett** (*Capt. William¹*) was born 17 May 1772, almost certainly in New York City. [79] He died in Granville (west parish) 14 January 1847, aged 75, and was buried in West Granville Cemetery. [80] He married in Stonington by 30 April (probably within the preceding week; not in May) 1799, **Hannah Fish Rossiter**, [81] baptized there 10 October 1773 (not 13 March 1774), [82] daughter of John Cotton<sup>5</sup> Rossiter (*Rev. Ebenezer*<sup>4</sup>, *Hon. Josiah*<sup>3</sup>, *Dr. Bryan/Bray*<sup>2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup> [Dorchester, 1630]) and Phebe<sup>5</sup> (Palmer) (*Nathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Daniel*<sup>3</sup>, *Nehemiah*<sup>2</sup>, *Walter*<sup>1</sup> [Charlestown, 1629]). [83] She died in New York City 2 May 1848, aged 74, and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Stonington. [84]

A small child when his family moved from New York City to Stonington, William<sup>2</sup> spent most of his life in the latter place. A Hampden County history relates that "[s]ome years of [William<sup>2</sup>'s] life were spent upon the sea, and there he acquired the title of captain. He also conducted business as a merchant for some time in Stonington, Conn. He was a well-to-do man, and during the Revolutionary War [sic] had a hard struggle to keep his property together, being at one time compelled to pack his valuables and gold coin in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> Leading Citizens of Hampden County [note 3], 834; Conn. Gazette [note 12], 20 Oct. 1775.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican, 18 January 1847, p. 3; family monument, West Granville Cemetery (photograph at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 78708630).

Richard A. Wheeler, *History of the First Congregational Church, Stonington, Conn.*, 1674–1874 (Norwich, Conn.: T. H. Davis, 1875), 265, m. April —; *Journal of the Times* (Stonington, Conn.), 30 April 1799, p. 3 (marriage notice; date not given); *Index, Stonington First Congregational Church* ("The Road Church") 1674–1925 (Hartford, Conn.: Connecticut State Library, 1961), 399 (citing orig. 4:60), married May [], in *Connecticut, Church Record Abstracts, 1630–1920*, online at Ancestry.com; Wheeler, *History of Stonington* [note 71], 558 (middle name).

Wheeler, Stonington First Church History [note 81], 248; Wheeler, History of Stonington [note 71], 558, baptized 13 March 1774 (date mistakenly taken from record of Benjamin Davis, immediately below Hannah's [see previous source]).

Wheeler, Stonington First Church History [note 81], 248, 255; R. D. Smyth, "Dr. Bryan (or Bray) Rossiter of Guilford, Conn., and His Descendants," Register 55 (1901):149–154; Meredith B. Colket, "Edward Rossiter, Colonist, of Dorchester, Massachusetts Bay Colony, and the Rossiter English Lineage," Register 138 (1984):4–13; Wheeler, History of Stonington [note 71], 504, 508, 509, 512, 514–515; Elmer Hall Palmer, Genealogical Record of the Descendants of Walter Palmer . . . , vol. 1 (n.p.: Walter Palmer Society, 2002), 1, 8, 17, 33–34, 75; Robert Charles Anderson, The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620–1633, 3 vols. (Boston: NEHGS, 1995), 3:1379–1383 (Walter Palmer), 1600–1601 (Edward Rossiter).

<sup>84</sup> Gravestone, Evergreen Cemetery, Stonington (including place of death); photograph at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 59220217.

a chest and hide them from the British soldiers."<sup>[85]</sup> In 1800, the year after his marriage, William became owner and master of the sloop *Nancy*, outfitted for coastal trade and previously owned by his father. From at least 1804 (probably much earlier), the two apparently supplied their general store with goods they purchased mainly in New York City and brought to Stonington by sea. From April 1810 to the following November, William Territ [Jr.] owned (with Jabez Shaw) the 56-foot, 74-ton schooner *Buck*, in which his brother Charles had had an interest for the previous five years.<sup>[86]</sup>

On 2 October 1819, William Terrett of Stonington, gentleman, purchased a 450-acre farm and half of a cider mill, mill house, and press in the "middle [recte west] parish" of Granville, for which he paid John W. Babcock \$6,000; it was agreed that Babcock need not vacate the premises until the following 1 April. [87] It is said that this relocation grew out of Hannah's insistence that her sons not "take to a sea-faring life," as had their father, paternal grandfather, and at least five uncles (two paternal [above] and three maternal). [88]

On 6 March 1825, the West Granville Congregational Church "received anew [without recommendation from her previous church] Mrs. Terrott, wife of Mr. W. Terrott." Perhaps in connection with the death of her son William L. Terrett, in March 1839, Hannah and her daughter, Catherine, had returned to Stonington by that month, when the town's Second Congregational Church admitted them by letter. Rather than returning soon thereafter to West Granville, however, Hannah, with Catherine, apparently remained in Stonington until 1845. On 15 March of that year, the Second Church dismissed them with a recommendation to a Presbyterian church in Bloomingdale, on Manhattan's Upper West Side. [90] Hannah lived in Lower

<sup>85</sup> Leading Citizens of Hampden County [note 3], 834. Either "Revolutionary War" should be "War of 1812," or the person involved was William.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>86</sup> New London customhouse abstracts [note 20].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>87</sup> Hampden County Deeds, 64:503. While William² and his family had settled in West Granville by 1820, his mother, Nancy, was then still living in Stonington (probably with her son Charles and his wife) and presumably did not join them until 1821, when Charles bought a farm in Colebrook, Connecticut, or 1822, when the Terretts' two Stonington houses were sold (1820 U.S. Census, Stonington, New London County, Connecticut, 566). Nancy was of Granville on 21 August 1822, when she acknowledged receipt of her share of her husband's estate (Stonington District Probate File 3250 [note 18]).

Terrett, "Terrett Family" [note 2], 5; Rollin Hillyer Cooke, ed., Historic Homes and Institutions and Genealogical and Personal Memoirs of Berkshire County, Massachusetts, 2 vols. (New York: Lewis Publishing Co., 1906), 2:497–500, at 499; Connecticut Marriages and Deaths, 1792–1837, online at AmericanAncestors.org, Capt. Asa Rossiter, native of Connecticut, died in Antigua 14 Dec. 1808; Registers of Seamen's Protection Certificates [note 56], certificate issued New London, 20 April 1799, to Gilbert Rosseter, age 15; New-York Commercial Advertiser, 12 August 1844, p. 2, Captain Edward Rosseter, died in 58th year, "long and favorably known as a ship-master from this port."

<sup>89</sup> Rollin Hillyer Cooke, transcr., West Granville, Massachusetts[,] & Middle Granville [Parish] Records [1775–1891] of Congregational Church (1901), 104, online at FamilySearch.org.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>90</sup> Index, Stonington Second Cong[regational] Church, 1809–1929 (Hartford, Conn.: Connecticut State Library, 1957), 68 (citing orig. 1:151, 2:1:6, 85), in Connecticut, Church Record Abstracts, 1630–1920 [note 81].

Manhattan with her sons Dudley and Horatio until her death, three years later. [91]

William² sold his farm to his son George in 1843 for \$4,000<sup>[92]</sup> and died intestate four years later. "He [had been] a successful business man but an indifferent farmer. . . . Captain Terrett was a good citizen and stood high in the esteem of his townsmen." [93] At least when money was concerned, however, his behavior was not always exemplary. His sister Eliza and her husband, Benadam Denison, found it necessary to sue William for her share of their father's estate, of which William was administrator (1818–1822). William also attempted, unsuccessfully, to defeat Abraham Secor's appeal of a court order instigated by William, which had reduced by \$310 the inheritance due Secor's minor daughter, Eliza Ann, whose deceased mother had been William's sister Catherine. Only by suing William did Secor recover \$70 in court costs. [94] In 1822 Abraham Secor's brother Joshua sued William over a three-dollar debt that he had repaid with a counterfeit bank note, for which he subsequently refused to compensate Secor. [95]

Children of Capt. William<sup>2</sup> and Hannah (Rossiter) Terrett, all born in Stonington:

- 3. i. George Washington<sup>3</sup> Terrett, b. 18 Feb. 1800; m. Prudence Chesebrough Denison.
  - ii. WILLIAM L[OZIER?] TERRETT, b. ca. 1802; d. apparently unmarried, New York City or Stonington 10 March 1839, aged 37, bur. Evergreen Cemetery, Stonington.<sup>[96]</sup> After farming in Granville for several years, he had by 1837 joined brothers Charles and Gilbert in Manhattan, where William was a grocer.<sup>[97]</sup>
  - iii. Charles S[ecor?] Terrett, b. ca. 1804; d. apparently unmarried, Bristol, Vt. (residence Manhattan), 18 June 1841, aged 37, bur. Evergreen Cemetery, Stonington. [98] By 1831 Charles had become a merchant in Williamstown, Mass., [99] where his brother John was then a college student. By 1833 Charles had established himself as a commission merchant in Manhattan, where he founded C. S. Terrett & Co. the next year. [100]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>91</sup> Doggett's New-York City Directory for 1846 & 1847 and 1847 & 1848 (New York: John Doggett Jr., 1846 and 1847), 384, 400, respectively.

<sup>92</sup> Hampden County Deeds, 114:343 (see also 84:321; 86:581; 88:137).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>93</sup> Leading Citizens of Hampden County [note 3], 834, which further describes William<sup>2</sup> as "liberal in his religious views," in contrast to "Mrs. Terrett[,] . . . a strict Presbyterian."

<sup>94</sup> Stonington District Probate File 3250 [note 18].

<sup>95</sup> Stonington District Probate File 3251 [note 18].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>96</sup> Gravestone, Evergreen Cemetery, Stonington (author's photograph).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>97</sup> Hampden County Deeds, 73:500–501; 83:412; 84:320–321; 86:581; 88:137; *Longworth's New-York City Directory* [note 39] 1837–1838 (Thomas Longworth, 1837), 575, 602.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>98</sup> Gravestone, Evergreen Cemetery, Stonington (including place of death; photograph at FindaGrave. com, memorial no. 59220013); Evening Post, New York, N.Y., 23 June 1841, p. 2, "at Bristol, Vt., Charles S. Terrett, Esq., of the firm of C. S. Terret & Co. of this city."

<sup>99</sup> Hampden County Deeds, 86:581; 88:137.

<sup>100</sup> Longworth's New-York City Directory [note 39] 1833–1834 and 1834–1835 (New York: Thomas Longworth, 1833 and 1834), 586, 665, respectively.

iv. Gilbert Rossiter Terrett, b. ca. 1806; d. Manhattan 12 Feb. 1880, aged 74, bur. Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y.;<sup>[101]</sup> m. Manhattan 25 April 1837, Eleanor Sice,<sup>[102]</sup> b. New York City ca. 1812, daughter of Michael and Catherine (Hubbard) Sice,<sup>[103]</sup> d. Manhattan 3 Dec. 1895, aged 83, bur. Green-Wood Cemetery.<sup>[104]</sup>

Gilbert was admitted to the Williamstown Church of Christ in 1830 but by 1832 was a merchant in Albany, N.Y. [105] He shortly preceded, accompanied, or soon followed his brother Charles to Williamstown and then Manhattan [106] and was probably his business partner in both places. Gilbert became a "large importer of tea" [107] and for many years conducted business (as did his brothers Dudley and Horatio) on Front Street, a block from the East River and about that distance from the Manhattan end of the eventual Brooklyn Bridge. He moved to Williamsburg, Brooklyn, about 1847 but returned to Manhattan late in life. [108]

- v. Catherine Eliza Terrett, b. on or about 31 Aug. 1807;<sup>[109]</sup> d. unmarried, Pittsfield, Mass., 12 April 1898, aged 90 years, 7 months, 12 days, bur. Evergreen Cemetery, Stonington.<sup>[110]</sup>
- vi. Rev. John Cotton Terrett, b. 5 July 1809;<sup>[111]</sup> d. Sharon, Conn., 9 Sept. 1885, aged 76, bur. Evergreen Cemetery, Stonington;<sup>[112]</sup> m. Manhattan 10 June 1845, Eliza Read/Reed Rogers,<sup>[113]</sup> b. Albany Co., N.Y., 8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>101</sup> Burial record, Green-Wood Cemetery (separate family plot; no marker); New York Herald, 13 February 1880, p. 9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>102</sup> Evening Post, New York, N.Y., 26 April 1837, p. 3; Margaret Hubbard Bergen, A Genealogical and Historical Sketch of One Branch of the Bergen Family (Brooklyn, N.Y.: Brooklyn Daily Eagle, 1898), 32.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>103</sup> New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795–1949, indexed at FamilySearch.org; Bergen, Bergen Family [note 102], 31–32.

<sup>104</sup> New York City Municipal Deaths [note 103]; burial record, Green-Wood Cemetery [note 101]; New York Herald, 8 December 1895, p. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>105</sup> Members of the Church of Christ of Williamstown, Massachusetts, online at AmericanAncestors. org; Hampden County Deeds, 88:137.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>106</sup> Hampden County Deeds, 86:581; 88:137; Longworth's New-York City Directory [note 39] 1834–1835 (New York: Thomas Longworth, 1834), 665.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>107</sup> Bergen, Bergen Family [note 102], 32.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>108</sup> Doggett's New-York City Directory for 1847 & 1848 [note 91], 400; 1870 U.S. Census, Brooklyn Ward 6, Kings County, New York, 28B (Torret); New York Herald, 13 February 1880, p. 9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>109</sup> Gravestone, Evergreen Cemetery, Stonington, reads 1807–1898; photograph at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 59219392.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>110</sup> Gravestone, Evergreen Cemetery, Stonington; Massachusetts Vital Records from 1841, 481:106. These Massachusetts state copies of vital records are online at AmericanAncestors.org, FamilySearch.org, and Ancestry.com under various titles.

Eben Burt Parsons, Obituary Record of Williams College, 1885–1895 (Williamstown, Mass., 1895), 13; Calvin Durfee, Williams Biographical Annals (Boston: Lee and Shepard, 1871), 477; Benjamin W. Dwight, "Rogers Lineage," The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record 16 (1885):72; Connecticut Deaths and Burials, 1772–1934, online at FamilySearch.org; gravestone, Evergreen Cemetery, Stonington (including birthdate; author's photograph [a much less legible one is at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 59219770]).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>112</sup> Parsons, Obituary Record of Williams College [note 111], 14; Connecticut Deaths and Burials [note 111]; gravestone, Evergreen Cemetery, Stonington; New York Tribune, 15 September 1885, p. 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>113</sup> Parsons, Obituary Record of Williams College [note 111], 14; Dwight, "Rogers Lineage" [note 111], The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record 16:72 (year only).

March 1818, [114] daughter of Jedediah and Milly (Read/Reed) Rogers, [115] d. Saratoga Springs, N.Y., 12 April 1887, bur. Evergreen Cemetery. [116]

Upon graduating from Williams College in 1833, John entered a New York City law office but soon left for the West and South, teaching school and studying law in Ann Arbor, Mich.; Hillsboro, Ill.; Paris, Ky.; and Vicksburg, Miss. He practiced law in Vicksburg for a time and also in New York City, after returning there in 1839. A spiritual calling drew him to Union Theological Seminary in 1842, and he was ordained a Congregational minister in 1845. Poor health and insufficient salary caused him to resign his first pastoral assignment by the end of 1846, and for the next eleven years, he engaged in teaching (1847–1851), the book business, and occasional preaching.

In 1858 "acute brain trouble" led him to remove from Manhattan to the more bucolic Sharon, Conn., where he pursued farming and commerce. Despite continued erosion of his health, he was superintendent of schools for sixteen years and a deacon of the Congregational church for more than twenty. A devotee of history with an extensive library, he also headed a lyceum that was highly regarded for the caliber of its guest lecturers. In later life, Rev. Terrett lost his eyesight almost completely and spent his last ten years as an invalid. The U.S. censuses for Sharon show that between 1860 and 1870, the value of his real estate shrank from \$10,000 to \$5,000 and his personal estate from \$10,000 to zero. [117]

Rev. Terrett's son, one of two surviving offspring, was the eminent and well-loved minister, educator, orator, and poet Rev. Dr. William Rogers Terrett (1849–1902).<sup>[118]</sup>

vii. Dudley Rossiter Terrett, b. 13 Nov. 1811;<sup>[119]</sup> d. Brooklyn 27 Nov. 1875, in his 64th [*sic*] year, bur. Green-Wood Cemetery there;<sup>[120]</sup> m. Manhattan 22 Nov. 1849, Sarah Ann Washburn,<sup>[121]</sup> b. there 28 (27?) Nov.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>114</sup> 1875 New York State Census, Amenia, Dutchess County, ED 1, p. 4 (Terrett); gravestone, Evergreen Cemetery, Stonington (including birthdate; author's photograph [a much less legible one is at FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 59219891]); Dwight, "Rogers Lineage" [note 111], The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record 16:72.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>115</sup> Parsons, Obituary Record of Williams College [note 111], 14; Dwight, "Rogers Lineage" [note 111], The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record 16:72; James Swift Rogers, James Rogers of New London, Ct., and His Descendants (Boston: the compiler, 1902), 238.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>116</sup> Terrett, "Terrett Family" [note 2], 7; Amenia (N.Y.) Times, 14 September 1885, p. 3; gravestone, Evergreen Cemetery, Stonington.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>117</sup> Parsons, Obituary Record of Williams College [note 111], 13–14; Durfee, Williams Biographical Annals [note 111], 477–478; Amenia (N.Y.) Times, 14 Sept. 1885, p. 3; Sharon, Connecticut, Deeds, 30:414; 1860 U.S. Census, Sharon, Litchfield County, Connecticut, roll 82, p. 1053; 1870 U.S. Census, Sharon, roll 106, p. 435A (Territt; indexed at Ancestry.com as Ferritt).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>118</sup> See, for example, Eben Burt Parsons, Obituary Record of the Alumni of Williams College, 1901–1902 (Williamstown, 1902), 261–263; Post–Standard, Syracuse, N.Y., 5 May 1902, p. 1; Utica (N.Y.) Herald-Dispatch, 5 May 1902, p. 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>119</sup> Family monument, Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn (including birthdate; author's photograph).

<sup>120</sup> Ibid.; New York Herald, 30 November 1875, p. 5.

<sup>121</sup> Evening Post, New York, N.Y., 26 November 1849, p. 3 (married by Rev. John C. Terrett); Ada Clementine Acker Haight and Frank Clark Lewis, The Richard Washburn Family Genealogy

1828, [122] daughter of Oliver Secor and Harriet Hart (Secor) Washburn, [123] d. Brooklyn 10 June 1900, bur. Green-Wood Cemetery. [124]

As with all his brothers but the eldest, Dudley migrated to Manhattan; directories of 1841 and 1842 list him as a grocer there. By 1843 he was listed as a merchant and, with his brother Horatio, copartner in H. N. Terrett & Co., importers and dealers of wine and liquors. During the mid-1850s, Dudley and his family lived in Dobbs Ferry, then an affluent village on the Hudson River in Westchester County, but returned to Manhattan about 1858. They later lived in Ossining (about 10 miles up the Hudson from Dobbs Ferry) and finally Brooklyn. Like his brother Gilbert, whose tea importing business was about a block from the Front Street offices of H. N. Terrett & Co., Dudley was highly prosperous. In 1860 the value of his real estate was \$20,000 and personal estate \$10,000. Tespectively.

viii. Horatio Nelson Terrett, b. 15 Oct. 1813;<sup>[130]</sup> d. Brooklyn 30 Oct. 1862, in his 49th [*sic*] year, bur. Green-Wood Cemetery there;<sup>[131]</sup> m. 14 Feb. [1849], probably Newtown (now Woodside Village, Elmhurst), Queens Co., N.Y., Ann(a) Maria "Minna" Kelly,<sup>[132]</sup> b. Manhattan 31 May (bp.

<sup>(</sup>Ossining, N.Y.: A.C.A. Haight, 1937), 338; Edwin R. Deats, *Underhill Genealogy, vol. V*, Harry Macy, ed. (Baltimore: Underhill Society of America, 1980), 322, 470.

<sup>122 1875</sup> New York State Census, Brooklyn Ward 20, ED 7, Kings County, 36 (Territt; indexed at Ancestry.com as Levitt), S. A. Territt born New York County; family monument, Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn (including birthdate; author's photograph); Haight and Lewis, Washburn Family [note 121], 338, b. November 27.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>123</sup> Secord, *Descendants of Ambroise Sicard* [note 39], 6:n.p.; Haight and Lewis, *Washburn Family* [note 121], 338.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>124</sup> New York Herald, 11 June 1900, p. 1; family monument, Green-Wood Cemetery [note 122].

<sup>125</sup> Longworth's New-York City Directory [note 39] 1841–1842 and 1842–1843 (New York: Thomas Longworth, 1841 and 1842), 601, 691, respectively; The New-York City and Co-Partnership Directory for 1843 & 1844 (New York: J. Doggett, 1843), 332, 397; 1850 U.S. Census, New York Ward 16, ED 2, New York County, New York, roll 553, p. 300A (Washburn, Terrette); The New York [State] Mercantile Union Business Directory . . . for 1850–51 (New York: French & Platt, Henshaw, 1850), 400–401.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>126</sup> The New-York City Directory for 1854–1855 (New York: Charles R. Rode, 1854), 693; Trow's New York City Directory [1857–1858] and [1858–1859] (New York: John F. Trow, 1857 and 1858) 815, 788, respectively.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>127</sup> 1870 U.S. Census, Ossining, Westchester County, New York, roll 1115, p. 32A (Terrett indexed at Ancestry.com as Ferrett); New York Herald, 30 November 1875, p. 5.

<sup>128 1860</sup> U.S. Census, New York Ward 9, ED 3, New York County, New York, roll 797, p. 996.

<sup>129 1870</sup> U.S. Census, Ossining [note 127], p. 32A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>130</sup> Family monument, Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn (including birthdate; author's photograph).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>131</sup> Ibid.; Evening Post, New York, N.Y., 1 November 1862, p. 3.

<sup>132</sup> Terrett-Kelly marriage notice, unidentified newspaper clipping, photocopy in the possession of the author, "[o]n Wednesday evening, Feb. 14th, by the Rev. John C. Terrett"; Catherine Gregory, Woodside, Queens County, New York: A Historical Perspective, 1652–1994 (Woodside, N.Y.: Woodside on the Move, 1994), 39. Horatio's year of marriage is inferred: 14 February fell on Wednesday in 1849 (Robert J. Patrick, "Cut & Paste Any Month Calendar," online at javascriptkit. com/script/script2/anymonthcal.shtml); the couple's first child, Letitia Romilina, was born 2 February 1850 (gravestone, Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn). Ann Maria, having turned 18 the previous 31 May, was 17 in February 1849; Horatio was then 35.

14 July) 1831,<sup>[133]</sup> daughter of John A. and Anna Maria (Friedle) Kelly of Charleston, S.C., and New York City,<sup>[134]</sup> d. Woodside 18 Jan. 1917, aged 85 years, 7 months, 17 days, bur. Flushing Cemetery, Flushing, N.Y.<sup>[135]</sup> She m. (2) Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Manhattan, 8 March 1866, Warren P. Crandall.<sup>[136]</sup>

Horatio first appeared in New York City records in an 1840 directory listing as a grocer. <sup>[137]</sup> By the next year, he had formed H. N. Terrett & Co., grocers, with his brother Dudley. <sup>[138]</sup> By mid-decade and thereafter, they were importers and distributors of wine and liquors. The 1850 U.S. census shows Nelson H. and Ann Terrett in the Newtown household of her stepfather, Caleb Howell. <sup>[139]</sup> City directories of that period, however, have him living in Manhattan.

In 1853 Horatio purchased a pair of lots in 250-miles-distant Corning, N.Y., on which stood a hotel thereafter named the Terrett House. [140] Shortly after midnight on 27 Dec. 1853, a fire swept through the Manhattan neighborhood where Horatio's business was located. Among the buildings "destroyed or greatly damaged" was "251 [Front Street], H. N. Terrett and Co." [141] Before long, however, the business resumed at the same address. [142]

Two years before Horatio's death, the 1860 U.S. census showed his household on 35th Street in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, where he remained. His total assets were then reported as \$12,000, half of which was in real estate. In settling his estate, however, his executors put its net value at over \$62,000, with almost \$9,000 additional

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>133</sup> United German Lutheran Churches (New York, N.Y.), Baptisms 1808–1835, p. 42 (including birthdate) [FHL 1,901,795, item 3].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>134</sup> Ibid.; Gregory, Woodside [note 132], 37; Teresa E. Wilson and Janice L. Grimes, Marriage and Death Notices from the Southern Patriot, 1815–1848: Volume I, 1815–1830 (Greenville, S.C.: Southern Historical Press, 1982), 73 (Kelly–Friedle); "Pioneers of Woodside," New York Times, 1 August 1897, p. 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>135</sup> Burial record, Flushing Cemetery; *Daily Star*, Brooklyn, N.Y., 19 January 1917, p. 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>136</sup> New York Commercial Advertiser, 10 March 1866, p. 3; Daily Star [note 135], 19 January 1917, p. 3; 1870 U.S. Census, New York Ward 19, ED 17, New York County, New York, roll 1004, p. 212B ("Crandell"); Gregory, Woodside [note 132], 39.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>137</sup> Longworth's New-York City Directory [note 39] 1840–1841 (New York: Thomas Longworth, 1840) 617

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>138</sup> Longworth's New-York City Directory [note 39] 1841–1842 (New York: Thomas Longworth, 1841), 691. Dudley's explicit listing as a partner is first found in an 1843–1844 business directory (see note 125).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>139</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Newtown, Queens County, New York, roll 583, p. 125B (Howell, Terrett; the latter indexed at Ancestry.com as Lenett); *Newtown (N.Y.) Register*, 6 June 1878, p. 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>140</sup> Steuben County, New York, Deeds, 68:76–77; 76:537–538; 79:294; 121:495–496; *Corning (N.Y.) Journal*, 19 September 1873, p. 3; Harlo Hakes, ed., *Landmarks of Steuben County, New York* (Syracuse, N.Y.: D. Mason & Co., 1896), 46. The Terrett House narrowly escaped destruction by fire in 1859 (*Tioga County Agitator* [Wellsboro, Pa.], 20 January 1859, p. 2). In 1868 the hotel was leased for use as a carriage factory (Steuben County Deeds, 121:495–496). The premises were still owned by Horatio Terrett's heirs in 1873, when a fire consumed the uninsured building (*Corning Journal*, 19 September 1873).

<sup>141 &</sup>quot;Great Fire in New York," Brooklyn Daily Eagle, 27 Dec. 1853, p. 2.

<sup>142</sup> New-York City Directory for 1854-1855 [note 126], 693.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>143</sup> 1860 U.S. Census, Brooklyn Ward 13, ED 1, Kings County, New York, roll 772, p. 888 (Terrett; indexed at Ancestry.com as Horatius Genett); Evening Post, New York, N.Y., 1 November 1862, p. 3.

in uncollected debts.<sup>[144]</sup> Horatio left sufficient wealth to his only surviving issue, Horatio Nelson Terrett Jr. (1853–1918), that he was well fixed for life. The latter man's obituary relates that "[h]e purchased, immediately after his marriage, an extensive estate in [Woodside], and erected a handsome family mansion . . . , where he . . . dispensed an elegant . . . hospitality . . . for many years. . . . Inheriting an ample fortune from his father, he always lived a retired life, never entering any active business." [145]

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>144</sup> New York, Wills and Probate Records, 1659–1999 (Horatio N. Terrett), Kings County, Final Accountings, 1865, image 1038346751 at Ancestry.com.

Newtown (N.Y.) Register, 29 August 1918, p. 5. The obituary mentions French Huguenot ancestry on the Terrett side of the family, undoubtedly referring to the immigrant Francois Le Sueur (see p. 137 above), from "Challe-Mesnil," near Dieppe, France (Lozier, Lozier Descendants of Francois Le Sueur [note 7], 3–5, 90–91; Marriages in the Dutch Reformed Church [note 7], 24, "Francoÿs Le jere Van Scalmenÿ bÿ Diepen in Vranckrÿck"). So-called Challe-Mesnil or Scalmenÿ was (is) actually Charlemesnil, a hamlet in Anneville-sur-Scie, a small town and parish eight miles south of the port of Dieppe (Bibliothèque de l'École des Chartes 36 (1875):311, online at gallica.bnf.fr/ark:/12148/bpt6k12411d/f311.item.r=charlemesnil; Bulletin de la Société Normande d'Études Préhistoriques 15 (1907):26, online at gallica.bnf.fr/ark:/12148/bpt6k5457531s/f28.item .r=charlemesnil; Dictionnaire Topographique de la France: Comprenant les Noms de Lieux Anciens et Modernes, Charlemesnil, online at cths.fr/dico-topo/affiche-vedettes.php?cdep=76&cpage=218).