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Mrs. John Brandow

After many days of patient suffering, Mrs. John [Marie] Brandow passed away, Sunday morning at Van Hornesville. She possessed a noble character and was held in high esteem by all. The funeral was held Wednesday at 11 o'clock, the Rev. G. [George] A. Gay [Universalist] of Fort Plain, officiating. Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Ralph, of Herkimer and two daughters, Mrs. Lamott [Lena] Loveland of Ilion and Mrs. [Emma] Elwood of Rochester. Interment was made at Springfield Center.—Our Van Hornesville Reporter.

She was a daughter of Walter and Eliza Sloughter Van Horn and a granddaughter of Richard and Cornelia Ten Eyck Van Horn, and through this line of noble, brave, God-trusting ancestry, her descent can be traced back many years to Holland.

The Van Horn family claims kinship to Count Horn of Holland, who fell a martyr to the tyranny of Philip II of Spain. General W. F. Lansing of Little Falls is a grandson of a sister of Walter Van Horne, father of Mrs. Brandow. The first settler of Van Hornesville was Thomas Van Horneⁱ, who served during the Revolution under Captain Henry Eckler, the Indian fighter of the (?) T. Richard Van Horn[e], and David, the brother, came from New Jersey in 1791. Richard was the father of Walter Van Horn[e], father of Mrs. Brandow and of C. T. E. Van Horn[e], first Republican county clerk of Herkimer County (1856-1861). Van Hornesville was at one time a very busy county locality and business center. An ante-Revolutionary settlement existed to the north of the Otsquago. A church, store and hotel were located here near the cemetery and were still existing in the memory of people now living. As the necessity of disposing of the crops to better advantage became more apparent, the centers of population were removed from the highlands to the water courses and Van Hornesville superseded the Otsquago. It is situated not far from the watershed which separates the tributary of the Mohawk (Otsquago Creek) from the sources of the Susquehanna. The first erections were of course a grist mill and saw mill. In 1836 Braman's factory, a cotton mill, was erected and Van Hornesville has also been the location of a distillery, a wool carding mill, a furniture factory and a cider champagne factory. The construction of the Erie canal, and afterward of the Central Railroad, creating better facilities for manufacturing and dealing in the valley towns, and the dwindling of the streams which followed the clearing of the land, proved effectual in checking the growth of the hill towns and villages.

Richard Van Horne[e] was one of the influential men of this section and at one time represented Montgomery County in the Assembly. He died in

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1823, at which period the town of Danube (erected in 1817 from Minden), included the present town of Stark (erected 1827). Cornelius Sloughten, Mrs. Brandow's maternal grandfather, resided in the "Bush" or Acker's Hill neighborhood in the town of Stark, and was for one term a member of the Assembly from Herkimer county. He was a lifelong Democrat. Mrs. Brandow, prior to her marriage, taught several terms of district school. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Van Horn [Brandow] resided at Craine's Corners, just east of Jordanville, where the firm of Brandow & Young conducted an undertaking business in addition to the Bronson wagon shop which they had purchased. The place is now the residence of James DeVoe. Mr. Brandow afterward removed to Jordanville, where he was engaged in business for a number of years before removing to his present residence at Van Hornesville. He was a son of John Worden Brandow, for many years a prominent resident of Springfield, Otsego county, where for an extended period the senior Brandow was active as justice of the peace, funeral director and auctioneer.

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1. All the descendants' names in the local cemetery are spelled "Van Horne."