

The first ancestors of which the descendants have any knowledge was one Robert De Rouville, born in France, and who fled from Paris in the year 1535, on account of the religious persecutions. He escaped to Holland. No record of the family of Robert De Rouville exists from the time of his departure down to the year 1715, when John De Rouville was born. He died in the year 1743. He had two sons, John and William De Rouville. The descendants of the first named are now in Holland, in the Hague. The latter is father of the present stock. He was married on Nov. 8, 1750, and had seven children. The father died Jan. 4th, 1825, and his wife Dec. 28, 1811. One of the children was killed in battle in the war with Spain. Only one of the children had a family. He was the father of Herman Hendricks De Rouville, whose birthday was also commemorated last evening. He was married Feb. 4, 1800, and had two girls and two boys.

John De Rouville, one of the descendants of these children was the first of the family to come to this country. He arrived in New York in April, 1854. In September, of the same year, the whole family, consisting of Herman H. De Rouville, wife and ten sons and one daughter, came to New York and arrived in Albany, Oct. 24, 1854. At present there are living of the descendants of this family 102 persons, who represent 29 homes.

At the reunion last evening there were present about 75. The oldest of whom was Johannes, aged 63 years, and the youngest was Earl De Rouville, aged two years. Since the circle was organized in 1894, there have been two deaths.