

**CONCLUSION.**—Although the Van Sickle Family is all descended from the same stock, yet they have scattered widely in settling, and many of them are as remote from each other, and as perfect strangers, as if unconnected by blood and lineage. It may, therefore, be a matter of interest to all concerned to learn certain general facts in regard to those of the same name and ancestry, though as yet unacquainted, and some of these facts may be briefly stated as follows: Most of the Van Sickles are in good circumstances; many of them are wealthy; and but few of them are indigent. Over as much territory as the author has traveled, in collecting information, he has never met among them an imbecile or an inebriate—volumes could not speak more—and for such a large family, there are but few worthless and dishonest members. As a race, they are honest, frugal, hospitable, and industrious. Speaking in general terms, the members of the Van Sickle Family have never courted political distinction, or notoriety of any kind; but for the most part, they have been, and are, contented dwellers upon their own lands, surrounded by flocks and herds, plentiful harvests, and the comforts of progressive civilization; while they are generally considered the first agriculturists in the communities where they reside. They are characterized, with few exceptions, by a liberal spirit, industrious and frugal habits, a social and jocose disposition, and an overflowing hospitality; and as one has said,—“he who is not hospitable, is not a Van Sickle.” The type of the original stock was blonde; but intermarriages have given rise to diversity of type, varying from the blonde to the deep brunette. They are generally robust, healthy, and long-lived; not inclined to corpulency, but tall and commanding, and possessing great physical strength. Many of them have lost their lives in their country’s service. But few of them have ever received a collegiate education; while those who have are among the first in their respective professions. That the future generations will be incited to maintain the high character and prestige of their Ancestors, is the earnest desire of their humble servant,

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