

25 East 9th Street,
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Mr. Samuel L. Green,
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Dear Mr. Green:

Your letter of Feb. 21st has come this morning. I am extremely grateful to you for digging into the past and getting me the information you have. It is very helpful although a bit disappointing to me.

In the 'Life of Henry George' by his son is the statement that "Henry Pratt, a wealthy merchant" gave to each of the seven Vallance girls a small brick house, after the death of their father, John Vallance in 1823. My brother does not use the word "willed".

Henry Pratt and Margaret Pratt (Mrs. John Vallance) were first cousins and therefore the "seven Vallance girls" would have been Henry Pratt's first-cousins-once-removed.

He died in 1838. (Henry Pratt, I mean.)
Catherine ~~Matilda~~ Pratt Vallance (married to Richard S.H. George) was born about 1810. She was married in about 1836, I judge. She was the fourth of the seven Vallance girls.

Henry George was born in the little house (#413 South 10th St.) on September 2, 1839 and according to the records you show that the house was owned by George F. Smith at that time - therefore it was not the house her cousin Henry Pratt either gave or willed to Henry George's mother.

I cannot find the date of Margaret Pratt Vallance's birth but I gather she was several years younger than her cousin Henry Pratt, who was born in 1761. Her father, Thomas Pratt was the youngest brother of Matthew Pratt and was eleven years younger than Matthew.

It is all very fascinating, albeit confused. I don't suppose it matters where the house is that Henry Pratt gave to his little girl cousin; it evidently was not the house that H.G. was born in 1839 - and that was the clue I was after.

Again and again my thanks.

Sincerely -

Anna George de Mille.