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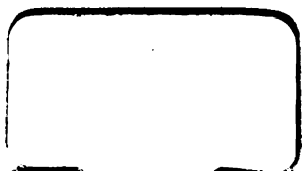
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A SHORT ACCOUNT  
OF THE  
FAMILY OF ORMSBY  
OF  
PITTSBURGH  
BY  
OLIVER ORMSBY PAGE

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To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree  
without a root.—CHINESE MAXIM.

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## PREFACE.

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## Pen Picture of John Ormsby.

By the Hon. THOMAS MELLON.

**A**S no portrait of John Ormsby of Pittsburgh is in existence, the following graphic pen picture of him will be appreciated. It is contributed by the Hon. Thomas Mellon of Pittsburgh, ex-judge of the court of common pleas of Allegheny county:

“In reply to your note requesting my reminiscences of your great great grandfather, John Ormsby, I regret to say that I had no personal acquaintance with him as he died several years before I came to Pittsburgh, yet I have been in a position to hear so much about him from a reliable source that I feel constrained to give you such information as I have.

“My informant was my mother-in-law, Mrs. Anna B. Negley, *née* Winebiddle. She spent the last years of her life in my family and delighted, as most clear-headed old people do, in telling about events and neighbors and friends of her youth. The Ormsby family were her neighbors and intimate friends when she was in her ‘teens,’ as she related, and according to her narrative John Ormsby, the head of the family, was quite a character. He was among the leading men of the town and was looked up to with deference, but was rather too aristocratic to be a favorite

with the rough and ready inhabitants of the frontier. The town was of small dimensions then, as she described it. All east of Wood street and north of 10th street would have been assessed as rural and agricultural if the present law of taxation had been in force then.

“In regard to Mr. Ormsby and his peculiarities I have heard her describe them so often that I can almost fancy I see him: a fine-looking man of medium size with a military air, rather haughty of manner but exceedingly kind and obliging to his neighbors and friends. He was always addressed as ‘Colonel,’ not out of mere courtesy but because he had held that office in the British army prior to the Revolutionary war. He was regarded as a high-toned gentleman of the old school even then, about the beginning of the present century. As a military man he was very particular about his dress, whether in citizen’s clothes or with any of the insignia of his profession about him. His military taste appeared in the fashion of his hat and otherwise when he appeared in full dress at parades or on other public occasions. He would then have his dress sword in his belt and was noted for his immaculate breast and sleeve ruffles and the brightness of his shoe and knee buckles; but excepting elegance in quality and texture there was nothing peculiar about this for such was the fashion of dress at that time among those who were able to afford it and wished to be regarded as gentlemen, and even the dress sword at his side was not regarded as for display. The fighting spirit was then still in the ascendant and it was well understood that Mr. Ormsby was quite willing and ready to meet an antagonist with a similar weapon if occasion required it, but according to her account of him he was too much of a gentleman to

give an insult and his opponents in politics or otherwise had too much respect for 'Sweet Lips,' as they called his sword, to provoke a quarrel.

"Whilst he lived in town, his landed interests here lay mainly on the south side of the Monongahela. He had several plantations over there, comprising between two thousand and three thousand acres, lying between the south end of the present Smithfield street bridge and Six Mile ferry, and extending southward over the hills, in some places two miles, covering, in part, the whole of the former boroughs of South Pittsburgh, Birmingham, East Birmingham and Ormsby, and the greater portion of the township of Lower St. Clair, and, as we know, a good deal of this property yet remains in the possession of his descendants. He procured a portion of the bottom land to be cleared and cultivated as his landed estate,\* and was regarded at the same time as a large landowner east of the mountains, on the Juniata.† He considered landed possessions essential to the position of a gentleman, as was then, and still is, the sentiment of the English aristocracy. Such was the way he appeared to one who saw him frequently at home and in public and fully knew the estimation in which he was held by his fellow citizens; for, in a town of moderate size, such as Pittsburgh then was, its prominent citizens are always well known to one another."

\* Homestead Farm.

† Originally limited to the farm of three hundred acres near Bedford, where he lived immediately after his marriage, but later comprehending many hundred acres; one recorded transfer alone being for twelve hundred acres.

The Ormsby estates were largely augmented in the time of Oliver Ormsby, who owned, besides, large tracts in Beaver, Mercer, Venango, Crawford and Erie counties, Pennsylvania; in the towns of Cincinnati, Chillicothe and Hamilton, Ohio; in Greene county near Yellow Springs, Ohio, and between Circleville and Columbus, same state; in Lawrenceburg and near Madison, Indiana; and about fifteen hundred acres nearly opposite Big Bone lick in Indiana, twenty-two miles by land from Cincinnati.







## ORMSBY.

**J**OHNS ORMSBY, the original of the name to settle in western Pennsylvania, was born in Ireland in 1720; he was the son of Oliver Ormsby by his wife Deborah Barry, daughter of Colonel Barry. He came of an ancient and honorable family, the first of the name of whom we have record being,

Sir Richard de Ormesby, Kt., who held the lands of Ormesby in the county of Lincolnshire, England.\*

The king gave him, after the Conquest, all the lands he possessed before. He had son,

Sir William de Ormesby, Kt., who had two sons, one of whom was,

Sir Oswald de Ormesby, Kt., who was the founder of the priory of Ormesby in the time of Henry II, and had son,

Sir Oswald de Ormesby, Kt., who, by his wife Anastatia . . . . . had son,

Richard de Ormesby, who had son,

Ansketill de Ormesby, who, by his wife Agnes Langton, had son,

William de Ormesby, who, by his wife Anne Meeres, had son.

Sir John de Ormesby, Kt., who, by his wife Anne, daughter of Sir Nicholas Lamworth of Leake, Kt., had son,

\*Harl. MS., B. M., No. 1408.

Roger Ormesby, said to have been third son, who had son,

Richard Ormesby, who had son,

Robert Ormesby, of Portown, who had son,

William Ormesby, who had son,

John Ormesby, who, by his wife . . . . . Heron, had son,

William Ormesby, second son, who had son,

Philip Ormesby, of Portney, in Lincolnshire, who had son,

Thomas Ormesby, a younger son, who came over to Ireland early in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. He was living in the year 1569. He married a daughter of Henry Malby, son of Sir Nicholas Malby, chief commander of the English forces in Connaught in the time of Queen Elizabeth.\*

His eldest son,

Edmond Ormesby purchased the lands of Cloumonieghan in co. Sligo in the reign of James I. His third son by his first wife, Susanna Kelke, was,

Malby Ormsby of Cloghan, co. Mayo, Esq., who married Rose O'Naghten, and was succeeded by his eldest son,

John Ormsby of Cloghan, co. Mayo, Esq., who married Winifred Jordan, and was succeeded by his eldest son,

Robert Ormsby of Cloghan, co. Mayo, Esq. Will dated 6 December, 1700; proved same year. He married Mary, daughter of Robert Blakeney. The extensive estates of Cloghan, situated near Newton, Gore and Ballina, by which this branch of the family is designated, descended to the eldest son, John, and

\*In "The English in Ireland in the 18th Century" (p. 57), the author, James Anthony Froude, in speaking of the condition of Ireland subsequent to the Desmond rebellion, says: "Connaught, after a severe discipline from Sir Nicholas Malby, was overawed into outward quiet by a garrison at Athlone." For more extended reference see the same author's *History of England*, vol. XI, chap. XXVII, pp. 216-270.

on his death to his son, Henry, through whom they descended to his daughter and heiress, Alice Mary, wife of Edmund Henry Pery, Earl of Limerick, Viscount Limerick, and Baron Glentworth in the Peerage of Ireland; Baron Foxford of Stackpole Court, co. Clare, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom. Of the other issue of Robert Ormsby,

Oliver Ormsby was the third son, according to the published pedigree,\* or the fourth and youngest son, on the authority of personal memoranda left by John Ormsby of Pittsburgh, and still in the possession of his family. He married Deborah, daughter of Colonel Barry, "descended from a junior branch of Lord Barrymore, who lost his leg in the wars in Flanders," and had son John Ormsby of whom we write.

John Ormsby was educated at Trinity college, Dublin, as were many others of the name. He came to America in 1752 as we learn from a letter which he wrote to Sir William Johnson, "colonel, agent and sole superintendent of the affairs of the Six Nations and other northern Indians," dated 23 September, 1764, in which he says: "I have often wished, Sir, for an Opportunity of being known to you but unhappily have not had that pleasure, though very intimate with several of your Relations, particularly that glorious Hero, the late Sir Peter Warren, and your sister Reily in the county of Meath. *In May, '52, I took my leave of her and her lovely little daughter Polly at Trim.* Mrs. Reily was afflicted with a Dropsie so am afraid she is no more."† From a partial autobiography, written in a very clerkly hand during the latter years of his life, we find that he

\*Pedigree of the Family of Ormsby, formerly of Ormsby in Lincolnshire, now of Ireland. Compiled by J. F. Fuller, F. S. A. London: Mitchell & Hughes, 140 War-dour street, W., 1886.

†Sir William Johnson's Papers, New York State library, vol. XI, p. 128.

was teaching school in Philadelphia in 1753 when, as he states, "the young people came to my Seminary in numbers so that I had uncommon success;" in 1754 he taught in Lancaster and York, Pa., and Alexandria, Va.; he had seen previous service in the British army and was offered a captain's commission in the colonial contingent of General Braddock's army in 1755 but was prevented from accepting by an attack of malarial fever which lasted nearly three years; in 1758 he joined the expedition against Fort Duquesne under General Forbes, as commissary of provisions, his strength not permitting of his accepting a more active commission as offered him by several states. In 1759-60, General Stanwix being in command at Fort Pitt, he was commissary of provisions and paymaster for the erection of the new fort which is said to have cost the British crown £60,000 sterling;"\* later embarked in the Indian trade and sustained severe losses at his stores "at Salt Licks, Gichaga and Fort Pitt" amounting to over £3,500 currency of Penna, through the depredations of the Indians during Pontiac's war in 1763,† when, besides being plundered of his horses and goods and his property destroyed, those in his employ were murdered and he himself compelled to seek shelter in Fort Pitt which he assisted to defend, the Indians endeavoring for nearly three months to effect its reduction by cutting off the supplies, at the same time keeping up a continual firing and harassing of the garrison, until, finally, the "Copper Gentry," as John Ormsby terms them, succeeded so well in their endeavors that, as he relates, "there was not a pound of good flour or meat to serve the garrison and a num-

\*Gazette Publications by H. H. Brackenridge, p. 11.

†See his letter to Sir William Johnson and bill of losses, Sir William Johnson's Papers, New York State Library, vol. XI, p. 128 sq.

ber of the inhabitants who joined me to do duty," which desperate situation was happily relieved by the arrival of the English troops under Colonel Boquet, with a large quantity of provisions and munitions of war. As indemnity for their losses, the chiefs of the Six Nations, at the treaty of Fort Stanwix, 3 November, 1768, made over to twenty-two gentlemen, one of whom was John Ormsby, a large tract of land bordering on the Ohio river above the Little Kanawha, comprising about one-fourth of the present state of West Virginia, to which grant the traders gave the name of Indiana;\* but owing to the disaffection of the colonies, which culminated in the Revolutionary war, the grant was never confirmed by the king.

In July, 1764, John Ormsby married Jane McAllister, b. 1747, d. Pittsburgh, 13 June, 1799; of fine old Scotch stock, prominent in colonial affairs and active patriots during the Revolutionary war. She was daughter of Archibald McAllister, who emigrated from Scotland to America in 1732 and settled at Big Spring, Cumberland county, Pa., by "his dearly and well-beloved wife Jean." † The other children of Archibald McAllister were: John, of Middleton township, Cumberland county, Pa.; quartermaster in the Revolutionary war. Richard, proprietor of McAllisterville, Juniata county, Pa., which he laid out; ‡ colonel in the Revolutionary war. David, of Cumberland county, Pa. James, of Martinsburg, Berkeley county, Va., later of Springfield, Hampshire county, Va. Archibald; captain in the Revolutionary war. Daniel, who lived on his farm about two miles from Carlisle, Pa. Mary, who married John McKnight, of Middleton township, Cumberland county, Pa., who took part in the French and Indian war, and was an early justice of Cumberland county. § Andrew,

\* See original deed in the western room of the old State House, Philadelphia.

† See will of Archibald McAllister, Will Book B, p. 284, Register's Office, Cumberland county, Carlisle, Pa.

‡ See History of Northumberland, Huntington and Other Counties, by I. D. Rupp, p. 34.

§ See, for instance, History of Northumberland, Huntington and Other Counties, by I. D. Rupp, app. pp. 506-7.

who lived on his farm adjoining that of Daniel McAllister. After his marriage John Ormsby opened a trading store at Bedford, Pa., and lived there on his farm of three hundred acres until 1770, when he returned to Pittsburgh with his family, where he had retained his landed and other interests; was a firm adherent of the government of Pennsylvania, although Lord Dunmore, the governor of Virginia, when he visited Pittsburgh, stopped with John Ormsby\* and endeavored, all to no purpose, to interest him in schemes to establish the claims of Virginia to southwestern Pennsylvania; but failing to do so, found a ready tool in Dr. Connolly, and in consequence, as John Ormsby relates, "my Lord made him a deed of gift of 2,000 acres of land at the Falls of the Ohio, and 2,000 more to Mr. John Campbell, late of Kentucky," who was also supposed to be a party to these schemes, which comprehended murdering those opposed to their purpose. John Ormsby appears as a signer of a memorial to Governor John Penn, dated Pittsburgh, 14 June, 1774, asking for better protection against the Indians,† and of another memorial, dated Pittsburgh, 25 June, 1774, in regard to the tyrannical proceedings of Dr. Connolly; ‡ during the Revolutionary war, was a staunch Whig and was one of the seven members of Augusta county (Va.) standing committee of correspondence appointed at a meeting held in Pittsburgh, 16 May, 1775, only four weeks after the battle of Lexington, at which strong Whig resolutions were passed.§ This bold stand was taken by the inhabitants of this section of country in spite of the fact that they were involved in hostilities with the Indians, and were almost on the verge of civil war

\* See the latter's account of Dr. Connolly's plot, *The Olden Time*, by Neville B. Craig, vol. II, pp. 93-4.  
† *History of Western Pennsylvania*, by I. D. Rupp, app. p. 305.  
‡ *American Archives, Fourth Series*, vol. I, pp. 483-4; *Penna. Archives*, vol. IV, p. 526.  
§ *American Archives, Fourth Series*, vol. II, pp. 612-5; *History of Augusta County* by J. Lewis Peyton, pp. 206-8.

among themselves, owing to the disputed boundary lines between Pennsylvania and Virginia. There was a similar meeting held at Hannastown on the same day, composed, most probably, entirely of Pennsylvanians, while the meeting at Pittsburgh was, with several notable exceptions, made up of Virginians.

John Ormsby owned the first ferry over the Monongahela river,\* from his house on Water street, one door south of *Ferry* street to his estates on the south-west side of the river, renewal of patent granted by the supreme executive council of Pennsylvania, 1 May, 1780.† John Ormsby's name appears as heading the list of signers of an address dated 30 September, 1783, from the inhabitants of Pittsburgh to Brig. General William Irvine on the occasion of his retiring from the command of Fort Pitt.‡ He was one of the four "trustees of the congregation of Episcopalian Protestant church, commonly called the Church of England," to whom John Penn, Junior, and John Penn of the city of Philadelphia, Esquires, late proprietors of Pennsylvania, deeded the land for the present Trinity Episcopal church, the cathedral church of Pittsburgh, on 24 September, 1787. The original deed, still in existence, names these trustees as "the Honorable John Gibson, Esq., John Ormsby, merchant, Devereux Smith, gent., and Doctor Nathaniel Bedford."§

John Ormsby was identified with the government side in the Whiskey insurrection and was prominent at the town meeting held in Pittsburgh in 1794, dur-

\*Washington-Irvine Correspondence by C. W. Butterfield, p. 204.

†Colonial Records, vol. XII, p. 317, where it is termed "ferry over the rivers Allegany and Monongahela at the confluence of said rivers."

‡Washington-Irvine Correspondence by C. W. Butterfield, pp. 151-2.

§See also pp. 9 and 27-30, The Sermon preached at the Farewell Service in old Trinity Church 3 October, 1869, by the Rector, the Rev. John Scarborough. Pittsburgh: J. R. Weldin & Co., 1869. Also King's Handbook of Notable Episcopal Churches, p. 143.

ing the height of the excise excitement;\* during the latter years of his life retired from active business, devoting his attention to his estates, which, in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, comprehended surveys called in the original patents, Barry Hall, Bergen op Zoom, Ormsby's Villa, Mount Oliver and many other extensive tracts; died 19 December, 1805, at the town-house of his son, Oliver Ormsby, corner of Water street and Chancery lane, Pittsburgh, with whom he had resided for some time prior to his decease, having given up his own establishment after the death of his wife. He lies buried with his wife and others of the family in Trinity churchyard. Their epitaphs, fast becoming undecipherable, are given thus in Penna. Maga., 1880, vol. IV, no. 1, p. 124:

"In memory of Jane Ormsby  
late wife of John Ormsby who departed this  
life the 13th day of June A. D. 1799, aged 52 years.  
Mrs. Ormsby was a virtuous wife, a fond  
mother, and an agreeable and  
affectionate neighbor,  
whose loss is greatly lamented by her family and friends."

"On the 19th day of December, A. D. 1805  
the remains of the venerable John Ormsby, aged 85  
years, was interred agreeably to his  
desire with the ashes of his  
beloved Wife.

"Mr. Ormsby may truly be styled the Patriarch of  
the Western Ormsbys; he migrated to Fort DuQuesne  
about the time the British took possession of it; at  
which time he was Commissary of Provisions, and  
Paymaster of Disbursements for the erection of Fort  
Pitt; subsequently he entered largely into the Indian

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\*"Allegheny County's Hundred Years," by George H. Thurston, p. 31.



trade; and in the year 1763 was plundered of all his property, his people murdered, and himself shut up in Fort Pitt during the Siege.

"Mr. Ormsby was a large stockholder in the Indian(a) Grant, which would have remunerated him for all his losses by the Indians, had not the Revolution taken place; notwithstanding, he was a Staunch Whig and gloried in our Independence."

Issue:

1. John Ormsby, Junr.
2. Oliver Ormsby, m. Sarah Mahon.
3. Jane Ormsby, m. Doctor Nathaniel Bedford.
4. Joseph Blakeney Ormsby, unm.
5. Sidney Ormsby, m. Isaac Gregg.

#### ORMSBY.

1. John Ormsby, Junior (John'), b. Bedford, Pa., 1765; d. August, 1795. Judge H. H. Brackenridge, in his "Incidents of the Western Insurrection," relates that, as he and others were riding to General Neville's house, which they wished to dissuade the insurgents assembled there from burning, they met Col. Pressly Neville, Major Lenox (the marshal) and young John Ormsby all armed and on horseback and addressing himself to the young man, with whose family he was on terms of friendship, said, "What! armed!" "Yes," said he. "You will not go with us armed?" "You may go as you please," said Ormsby, "we will go armed." These three then took a different road from the others and arrived at the house about the time it was being fired, experiencing great difficulty afterwards in escaping from the insurgents, a party of whom started in pursuit of John Ormsby, whose family were known adherents of the government, and would

certainly have killed him had he not been warned in time and sought shelter in the old fort at Pittsburgh.

2. Oliver Ormsby (John<sup>1</sup>), b. Bedford, Pa., 25 February, 1767; d. at his country seat, Homestead Farm, now in Pittsburgh, South Side, 26 July, 1832; educated with the sons of the family at one of the Harrison estates in Virginia, as a consequence of the friendship existing between the heads of the two families; in continuation of his father's business, established a line of trading stores as far north as Erie and Niagara and west as Cincinnati; his store in Pittsburgh furnished large supplies for Perry's squadron, and Perry and his associate officers were frequently entertained by Mr. Ormsby during their stop in Pittsburgh; owned steam flour mill in Cincinnati, operated by his agent Daniel Conner, by the burning of which he lost one hundred thousand dollars; owned cotton factory and rope walk at Chillicothe, Ohio; owned the Brighton industries at what is now Beaver Falls, Pa., comprising grist and saw mills, forge and charcoal iron furnace, operated by his agents, James Glen and John Dickey; \* was on board of managers Monongahela Bridge Co., and was director of United States Branch Bank at Pittsburgh; was sometime member town council of Pittsburgh; was vestryman Trinity Episcopal church when chartered 3 September, 1805, and warden in 1819.†

Married at the residence of Samuel Creigh (who married, 2dly, Jane Mahon, sister to Mrs. Ormsby), in Pittsburgh, 3 September, 1802, to Sarah Mahon, b. 1781; d. Pittsburgh, 5 March, 1825; dau. David Mahon, b. 1745; d. 5 October, 1813; gentleman

\*History of Pennsylvania by Wm. H. Egle, M.D., M.A., p. 343 sq.

†See pp. 10, 12 and 31, Bishop Scarborough's Farewell Sermon; also p. 292, Allegheny County's Hundred Years.

farmer and slave owner of Shippensburg, Pa., by his wife Sarah Dougherty, b. 1747; d. 23 December, 1834; both buried Middle Spring, Pa., lower graveyard. David Mahon was son of Archibald Mahon, whose father removed from Wales, their native country, to Nuck, co. Londonderry, Ireland, where he married, from whence his son came to America with the McNitt family and married Jane McNitt shortly after landing here, and settled on the Connedoguinet creek, near Herron's branch, Cumberland co., Pa. Issue:

1. Jane Ormsby, m. Robert Graham Ormsby.
2. Sarah Mahon Ormsby, m. Major Asher Phillips, U. S. A.
3. Sidney Ormsby, m. John Harding Page.
4. Caroline Ormsby, d. young.
5. Mary Mahon Ormsby, m. Lieut. Elias Phillips, U. S. A.
6. John Ormsby, d. young.
7. Caroline Ormsby, d. unm.
8. Oliveretta Ormsby, m. Lieut. Col. Clifton Wharton, U. S. A.
9. Josephine Blakeney Ormsby, m. Commandant Edward Madison Yard, U. S. N.
10. Oliver Harrison Ormsby, m. Jane Eliza Hoffa.

BEDFORD.

3. Jane Ormsby (John<sup>t</sup>), b. Bedford, Pa., 1769; d. 8 July, 1790; m. Doctor Nathaniel Bedford, b. Birmingham, England; d. Pittsburgh, 21 March, 1818; a surgeon in the British army; later, about 1765, came to Pittsburgh and was first physician in what is now Allegheny county; laid out the original town of Birmingham, now incorporated in Pittsburgh, South Side, in the fall of 1811 and named it

after his native city; the main thoroughfare, Carson street, being named after a friend of his, an old sea captain, living in Philadelphia.\* He is buried at Pittsburgh, S. S., where his grave is marked by an urn erected by the Free Masons, of which order he was a prominent member, being an officer in Ohio Lodge No. 113, the second regular lodge in Pittsburgh.† No issue.

“Ideas at the interment of Mrs. Bedford, the wife of Doctor Nathaniel Bedford of Pittsburgh, July 9, 1790.”

“Whether the spirit, doth survive  
The body; and doth live,  
In the Elysium of the Greeks,  
Or Heaven of which the Christian speaks  
I know not; but, if there be,  
Such immortality ‡ to thee or me,  
Fair shade; this thing call'd death,  
And the mere stoping of the breath,  
Not being to oblivion brought,  
Is a light matter in the scale of thought,  
And not the proper subject of a tear.”

“Why then such shape of Melancholy here,  
And chrystal distillation of the eye?  
Is it because the form that there doth lie,  
Was passing pleasing in her life,  
And none so fair and virtuous doth survive?”

“Fair ladies, I will not say none;  
Nor even with the dead induce comparison?  
But this will say;  
The soul that animated that same clay,  
Was wise and Good,  
With every excellence, endued,  
That could the sex exalt:  
Without a foible or a fault:”

“Uncensur'd and uncensurable;  
Her exit answerable:  
For pure as Innocence and love,  
She felt the will of Jove,  
With proper fortitude complied  
And like an unstain'd lily drop'd her head and died.”

GAZETTE PUBLICATIONS: H. H. BRACKENRIDGE, pp. 278-9.

\* History of Allegheny County. Phila., L. H. Evarts & Co., p. 140; also Pittsburgh Directory for 1826, p. 9.

† Allegheny County's Hundred Years, by George H. Thurston, p. 310.

‡ “The despondent mind will doubt at times; but where there is hope, there must be faith.”

ORMSBY.

4. Joseph Blakeney Ormsby (John<sup>1</sup>), b. Pittsburgh; d. 20 December, 1803. Studied for the law. The circumstances of his death are thus related by his father: "My youngest son Joseph unfortunately went upon a trading voyage to New Orleans and from thence to Jamaica where he took in a cargo of coffee in a vessel bound for Norfolk in Virginia, and took a passage for himself in another ship bound for the same place. But to my unspeakable sorrow my dear boy was shipwrecked and drowned on that coast." His will\* gives a touching insight into his character:

*"My dear, Honor'd, much beloved Parent:*

Your son has left you by the mandate of him who governs all; it is perhaps for the best, I hope so & trust fully that I shall be saved; my dear Father do not lament the loss of me but let my dear Worthy excellent Sister & Brother with their sweet offspring console you.

May I request that my dear Father will grant, will pay attention to the best wishes of his son in Giving John Ormsby Gregg all that Property which was destined by you for Joseph Blakeney Ormsby, viz. : the piece of land on the Monongahela & the lot in the Town of Pittsburgh & wish also all the advantage I might derive from the sales of this cargo may be extended to you my dear Father and that you may live to enjoy it.

Any advantages of any kind whatever I might have derived in living that can be transferred I wish extended to my dear John Ormsby Gregg, but wish he may not dispose of the Property so

\* Will Book, vol. 1, p. 199, Register's Office of Allegheny Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

given at any time, but to derive every advantage from it & could wish him an elegant education especially in French & Spanish. I wish all my wearing apparel, books, Flute, Bureau, and in fact everything I am possessed of may be delivered to John Ormsby Gregg, with the following encumbrances, viz. : Ten Dollars to Mr. Henry Woods & Twenty Dollars to Hugh H. Brackenridge which is all the money I owe unsettled & which I wish paid.

JOS. B. ORMSBY.

*New Orleans May 30th, 1803.*

Witness to the signing of the above.

JAMES HUSTON."

#### GREGG.

5. Sidney Ormsby (John<sup>1</sup>), b. Pittsburgh, 1774; d. Pittsburgh; m. Isaac Gregg, who, with their son, laid out the town of Sidneyville in the spring of 1812, on land originally patented to John Ormsby. It was named for Mrs. Gregg and was afterwards absorbed in Birmingham.\*

#### ORMSBY.

1. Jane Ormsby (Oliver<sup>a</sup> John<sup>1</sup>), b. 1803; d. Louisville, Ky., 20 July, 1839; m. Pittsburgh, 13 March, 1820, by the Rev. William Richmond, rector Trinity Episcopal church, to Robert Graham Ormsby, originally of co. Sligo, Ireland, later of Louisville, Ky. Issue:

1. Henry Graham Ormsby, b. Louisville, 18 May, 1822; d. Pittsburgh, 1830.

2. Sarah Mahon Ormsby, b. Louisville, 29 February, 1824; m. 23 January, 1845, to Wil-

\*History of Allegheny County. Phila., L. H. Evarts & Co., p. 140; also Pittsburgh Directory for 1826, p. 9.

liam McKnight, b. Pittsburgh, 10 February, 1818; d. 28 September, 1881; son of William McKnight, originally of Delaware near the Brandywine, later of Pittsburgh, by his wife Catherine McClurg; director Bank of Pittsburgh. Issue:

1. Catherine McKnight, m. Pittsburgh, 22 September, 1870, to the Hon. Joseph Kay McCammon, b. Philadelphia, 13 October, 1845; son of David Chambers McCammon by his wife Josephine Kay Drummond; grad. Princeton college, class of 1865; admitted to the bar in December term, 1868, at Philadelphia; candidate for the legislature in 1869; appointed United States register in bankruptcy in 1870; appointed special counsel for the government before the court of claims in Washington in 1871; appointed assistant attorney general of the United States in 1880; also appointed commissioner of railroads in October, 1881, holding the two offices at the same time. Issue, all b. Washington, D. C.:

1. Ormsby McCammon, b. 23 July, 1872; student Princeton college.
2. Joseph Kay McCammon, b. 23 March, 1874; d. 2 March, 1883.
3. Abbie Bristow McCammon.
4. Edith Nassau McCammon.
2. William McKnight, b. 10 August, 1847; d. 22 October, 1876; ed. Kenwood school, Pa.
3. Robert Ormsby McKnight, b. 24 July, 1849; d. 5 April, 1853.
4. Wharton McKnight, b. 25 February,

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1852; m. 7 November, 1878, to Eliza Thomas Hirsh, dau. William M. Hirsh, of Pittsburgh, by his wife Cornelia Thaw. Issue:

1. Cornelia Hirsh McKnight.
2. William McKnight, b. 18 June, 1882.
3. Sarah Ormsby McKnight.
4. Eliza McKnight.
5. Louise McKnight.
5. Charles Phillips McKnight, b. 20 June, 1854; ed. Mt. Pleasant military academy, Sing Sing, N. Y.
6. Henry McKnight, b. 14 February, 1856; d. 20 February, 1857.
7. Jane Ormsby McKnight.
8. Sarah McKnight, m. 16 April, 1884 to William Morgan Watson, b. Washington, Pa., 3 April, 1855; son of James Watson of Washington, Pa., by his wife Maria Woodbridge Morgan, sister to Dr. William McKennan Morgan; B.A. Washington and Jefferson college 1875; LL.B. Harvard law school 1878; admitted to the bar of Washington county, Pa., on 22 August, 1878, and to the bar of Allegheny county, Pa., on 19 June, 1879. Issue:
  1. Ormsby Watson, b. Swissvale, Pa., 6 June, 1888.
  2. Maria Morgan Watson.
9. Emmeline Addison McKnight, m. 4 November, 1891, to the Rev. Samuel Maxwell.
10. Edward McKnight, b. 2 September, 1864; ed. Cheltenham military academy, Cheltenham, Pa.
11. Thomas Reed McKnight, b. 2 August,



1866; ed. Cheltenham military academy, Cheltenham, Pa.

12. Florence McKnight.

3. Oliver Ormsby, b. Louisville, Ky., 29 November, 1828; d. Vevay, Ind.; m. Patriot, Ind., to Anna Lemon. Issue:

1. Kate Ormsby, b. Patriot, Ind.; d. 19 years old.

2. Robert Graham Ormsby.

3. Joseph Augustus Phillips Ormsby.

4. Sarah Mahon Ormsby.

5. Jane Ormsby, d. young.

4. Jane Ormsby, b. Louisville, Ky., 2 February, 1832; m. 6 April, 1852, to Dr. William McKennan Morgan, b. Morganza, near Canonsburg, Pa., 19 January, 1823; d. Pittsburgh, 12 March, 1854; son of George Morgan of Prospect (now within the limits of Princeton, N. J. and the present home of the presidents of Princeton college), by his wife Elizabeth Aldrich Thompson; read medicine with Dr. LeMoyne, the father of latter-day cremation; grad. in medicine, university of Penna. Issue:

1. Eliza Aldrich Morgan, m. 23 October, 1873, Germantown, Pa., to Dr. Lawrence Bainbridge Hoff. Issue:

1. William Henry Hoff, b. 7 December, 1875.

2. Thomas Mütter Hoff, b. Germantown, Pa., 19 August, 1877; d. there 19 January, 1878.

3. James Morgan Hoff, b. Germantown, Pa., 15 April, 1879.

4. Fredric Bancroft Hoff, b. Washington, D. C., 14 April, 1882.
5. John Bustard Ormsby, b. Louisville, Ky., 5 February, 1837; d. Pittsburgh, 11 June, 1845.

#### PHILLIPS.

2. Sarah Mahon Ormsby (Oliver<sup>s</sup> John<sup>r</sup>), b. Pittsburgh, 8 July, 1803; d. Hasell Hill, Pittsburgh, 22 October, 1885; m. to Major Asher Phillips, U. S. A., b. Lawrenceville, N. J., 19 April, 1790; d. Louisville, Ky., 21 May, 1843; eldest son of Major John Phillips (who served as private, non-commissioned officer and ensign in the New Jersey continental line during the Revolutionary war, subsequently commissioned captain and major in the New Jersey militia and was sheriff of Hunterdon county; he belonged to a family distinguished for their military services and descended from the Rev. George Phillips [son of Christopher Phillips of Lainham, St. Martins, near Longham, county Norfolk, England], who graduated from Cambridge 1613, became a clergyman, joined the Puritans and emigrated to America 1630, settling at Watertown, Mass.,) by his wife Mary Phillips.

Asher Phillips entered the volunteer service in the war of 1812, was afterwards commissioned in the regular army and was appointed major and paymaster; resigned in 1832. Issue:

1. Mary Phillips, d. Hasell Hill, Pittsburgh, 1 January, 1882; m. Pittsburgh, 22 November, 1849, to Hill Burgwin, b. at The Hermitage, near Wilmington, N. C., 21 February, 1825; son of George William Bush Burgwin by his

wife Maria Nash; ed. university of North Carolina; admitted to the bar of the state at Raleigh in January, 1846; settled in Pittsburgh in 1851. Issue:

1. George Collinson Burgwin, b. 17 August, 1851; B. A. Trinity college, Hartford, 1872; LL.B. Columbia college, New York, 1875; admitted to the bar of Allegheny county, Pa., 7 September, 1875; m. 15 November, 1882, to Mary Blair, dau. John Cust Blair of Pittsburgh, by his wife Anne Rebecca Robinson. Issue:

1. Anne Robinson Burgwin, b. Pittsburgh.

2. Hill Burgwin, b. Pittsburgh, 25 July, 1885.

3. Gwendolen Burgwin, b. Pittsburgh.

4. Mary Blair Burgwin, b. Pittsburgh.

5. George Collinson Burgwin, b. Pittsburgh, 19 January, 1892.

2. Henry Phillips Burgwin, b. Pittsburgh, 23 April, 1854; m. 21 February, 1884, to Euphemia Bakewell James, dau. David A. James of Clifton, Cincinnati, by his wife Elizabeth Page Bakewell, dau. Thomas Woodhouse Bakewell by his wife Elizabeth Rankin Page, dau. Benjamin Page by his first wife Elizabeth Rankin (b. Cambridge-shire, Eng., 1771; d. New York city, 30 October, 1803; whom he m. 10 May, 1791, at St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, London, the celebrated "Bow church," designed by Sir Christopher Wren.) Issue:

1. Hasell Hill Burgwin, b. Pittsburgh, 29 September, 1887.

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2. Howard James Burgwin, b. Grasmere, Fla., 9 January, 1890.
  3. John Henry King Burgwin, b. Pittsburgh, 19 June, 1856; B. A. Trinity college, Hartford, 1877.
  4. Sara Ormsby Burgwin, b. Pittsburgh.
  5. Augustus Phillips Burgwin, b. Pittsburgh, 1 December, 1860; B. A. Trinity college, Hartford, 1882; admitted to the bar of Allegheny co., Pa., 1885.
  6. Mary Burgwin, b. Pittsburgh.
2. Ormsby Phillips, b. Jefferson Barracks, Mo., 2 October, 1829; d. 12 November, 1884; ed. Western university of Penna., Pittsburgh; was commissioned captain of Company C, Fifteenth regiment of state militia, in 1862, and served until the regiment was mustered out; became director Western penitentiary in November, 1867, acting first as secretary, then as president; director Morganza house of refuge, and also served many years in connection with the Western Pennsylvania hospital and Dixmont insane asylum; one of the promoters of the Sanitary Commission fair; was trustee of Dollar Savings Bank for seventeen years, also director Boatman's Insurance Co.; vestryman and Sunday school superintendent of St. Andrew's Episcopal church; in 1874 elected mayor of Allegheny as an independent candidate, and it was largely owing to his vigilance and prompt action that the Railroad riots of Pittsburgh, in 1877, were not repeated in the sister city. M. 18 October, 1853, to Annie Steevenson Bakewell, dau. John Palmer Bakewell of Pittsburgh (who was son Benjamin

Bakewell of Pittsburgh, by his wife Ann White, by his wife, Ann Place Steevenson (who was dau. Thomas Steevenson by his wife Ann Harding, dau. John Harding). Issue :

1. John Bakewell Phillips, m. 1883 to Eliza Shallcross, dau. Joseph Shallcross of Philadelphia, by his wife Mary Morris Caldwell. Issue :

1. Morris Shallcross Phillips, b. 20 August, 1884.

2. Henry Ormsby Phillips, b. 22 October, 1885.

3. Patty Phillips.

2. Sarah Ormsby Phillips, m. Professor Francis Clifford Phillips, son of William Smith Phillips of Philadelphia, by his wife Sarah Frederica Ingersoll. Issue :

1. Clifford Steevenson Phillips, b. 5 July, 1887.

2. Frederic Ingersoll Phillips, b. 13 June, 1890.

3. Anne Steevenson Phillips.

4. Henry Asher Phillips.

5. Margaret Edwards Phillips.

6. Ormsby Phillips, d. young.

3. Joseph Augustus Phillips, b. Louisville, Ky., 23 December, 1832; educated Western university of Penna., Pittsburgh, and scientific school of Yale college, Hartford; graduated in medicine in 1855 at University of Penna., Philadelphia; resident physician Kings county hospital, N. Y.; in 1861, surgeon 9th Penna. reserves for three years and assistant surgeon-general and surgeon-general of Penna. during last two years of the Rebellion. M.

St. Mark's Episcopal church, Pittsburgh, South Side, 15 October, 1868, to Kate Ormsby, dau. Dr. Oliver Harrison Ormsby by his wife Jane Eliza Hoffa. Issue :

1. Joseph Augustus Phillips, b. Pittsburgh, 28 July, 1869; ed. Phillips academy, Andover, Mass.
2. Harrison Ormsby Phillips, b. Pittsburgh, 27 June, 1871.
3. Alice Ormsby Phillips, b. Pittsburgh, 7 March, 1874; d. young.
4. George Burgwin Phillips, b. Pittsburgh, 24 September, 1876.
5. Mary Burgwin Phillips, b. Pittsburgh, 13 May, 1878; d. young.
6. Ormsby Phillips, b. Pittsburgh, 31 October, 1884.
4. Henry Asher Phillips, b. 1834; d. 20 March, 1848.
5. Sarah Ormsby Phillips.

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3. Sidney Ormsby (Oliver<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), b. 18 July, 1806; d. 3 October, 1880; m. 25 October, 1825, by the Rev. John H. Hopkins, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, at her father's country-seat, Homestead Farm, now in Pittsburgh, S. S., to John Harding Page, b. Pearl street, No. 162, New York city, 6 November, 1804; ed. Bethany college, W. Va.; d. at The Dingle, now in Pittsburgh, S. S., 29 August, 1871; half-brother to Captain Benjamin Page, U. S. N., and to the Rev. Dr. David Cook Page, a prominent Episcopal clergyman, and son of Benjamin Page

by his second wife Martha Harding (dau. John Harding of Leicester, England, by his wife [widow] Mrs. Clark), to whom he was mar. 2 February, 1804, in New York city, by the noted Rev. Dr. John M. Mason. (Benjamin Page was b. in Norwich, co. Norfolk, England, in 1765; d. at his country-seat, Branch Grove, Hamilton co., near Cincinnati, Ohio, 9 June, 1834; buried Spring Grove cemetery, Cincinnati, O.; resided for a time in London, where he received his mercantile education in the counting-house of Messrs. Maltbys, called "Norwich manufacturers" in the London directory for 1786; removed to New York city in 1797; owned considerable property at Greenwich, then a separate village, and was a shipping merchant in the city and one of the first importers of English goods after the Revolutionary war, in which business he continued to engage extensively until about 1814, when he removed permanently to Pittsburgh, where he had previously, in 1808, with Benjamin Bakewell and Thomas Kinder of New York city, organized what was the first glass house within the then limits of Pittsburgh, which, infinitely more, was also the first successful flint glass works in the United States, in which enterprise Mr. Page liberally embarked of his ample means. They received the silver medal awarded by the Franklin institute, in 1825, for the best specimens of cut glass, over many competitors.\*) Issue:

1. Sarah Mahon Ormsby Page, m. 25 March, 1852, to William Oden Hughart, b. 8 June,

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\* For further reference to this historic works, see *Reminiscences of Glass-Making*, by Deming Jarvis; *Letters from the West*, by Hon. Judge Hall; *Lyford's Western Directory*; the volumes of *Niles' Register*, and *Jos. D. Weeks' Special Report to the Tenth Census on the Manufacture of Glass*, as also the early Pittsburgh directories.

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1826; son of James Hughart of Paris, Ky., by his wife Laetitia Katherine Oden. Issue, b. Pittsburgh:

1. Sidney Ormsby Hughart, d. young.
2. John Harding Page Hughart, b. 1 December, 1854; m. 27 April, 1892, to Mary Morrison, dau. James Morrison of Green Hill, Clifton, Cincinnati, O.
3. Annie Blanche Hughart, m. Grand Rapids, Mich., 27 April, 1881, to William Spencer Howard, son of the Hon. William Alanson Howard, at the time of his death governor of Kansas, by his wife Ellen Jane Birchard. Issue, b. Grand Rapids:
  1. William Alanson Howard, b. 14 February, 1882.
  2. Sara Page Howard.
  3. Oden Hughart Howard, b. 6 February, 1887.
  4. William Oden Hughart, b. 1 March, 1859; m. 31 December, 1889, to Ada Byron Morton, dau. George Byron Morton of Grand Rapids, Mich., by his wife Laura Jackson Smith.
  5. Oliver Ormsby Page Hughart, b. 24 March, 1861.
  6. Katherine Oden Hughart.
  7. James Markham Hughart, b. 19 November, 1865.
2. Martha Harding Page, b. 28 August, 1828; d. 19 February, 1886; m. June, 1848, to William Clinton Pears, b. 11 March, 1824; d. 29 December, 1849; son of Thomas Pears of Pittsburgh, by his wife Sarah Palmer. Issue:



1. Sidney Clinton Pears, b. 22 March, 1849; d. 5 March, 1864.

3. Benjamin Page, Junr., b. Louisville, Ky., 20 November, 1830; ed. Lawrenceville school, N. J.; during the war of the Rebellion was master's mate U. S. S. Valley City, N. A. squadron, 1862; acting assistant paymaster U. S. S. Commodore Barney, 12 June, 1862; transferred to tenth district Mississippi squadron, U. S. S. Victory, 1863; resigned at the close of the war, 30 December, 1865; one of the incorporators of the Y. M. C. A. of Pittsburgh, 8 July, 1869; d. at The Dingle, 23 January, 1874. M. 13 June, 1854, at her father's country-seat, Maple Grove, now in Allegheny, Pa., to Ellen Strong Campbell, b. 29 June, 1832, dau. of the Rev. Allan Ditchfield Campbell, D.D., by his wife Nancy White Bakewell (dau. Benjamin Bakewell of Pittsburgh, by his wife Ann White), niece of the Rev. Dr. William Henry Campbell, president Rutgers college, New Brunswick, N. J., 1863-1882, and grand-dau. of William Campbell by his wife Ann Ditchfield. Issue:

1. Thomas Bakewell Page, b. Maple Grove, 11 April, 1855; d. Sunny Side, 28 October, 1864.

2. Nannie Page, b. Pittsburgh.

3. Sidney Page, b. Pittsburgh.

4. Sarah Roanoke Page, b. Pittsburgh.

5. Oliver Ormsby Page, b. Pittsburgh, 2 July, 1866; grad. Allegheny high school, 1883.

6. Benjamin Page, b. Pittsburgh, 17 July, 1868.

4. Oliver Ormsby Page, b. Rising Sun, Ind.,

1833; ed. Lawrenceville school, N. J.; d. 1 November, 1856.

5. Caroline Ormsby Page, b. May, 1834; d. 1836-7.

6. Jane Elizabeth Page, b. 16 January, 1841; m. 29 January, 1863, to Clifton Wharton (whom see, p. 41).

7. John Harding Page, b. Pittsburgh, 26 May, 1842; m. Philadelphia, Pa., 6 February, 1868, to Fannie Lytle, b. at Oak Lawn, in Blair co., Pa., 5 March, 1847, dau. of Edward Hiley Lytle of Cincinnati, country-seat at Williamsburg, Ohio, by his wife Elizabeth Shoerberger. Issue:

1. Margaret Page, b. Philadelphia, 31 November, 1868; d. 29 July, 1869.

2. John Harding Page, b. Pittsburgh, 2 August, 1870.

3. Oden Hughart Page, b. Pittsburgh, 23 March, 1873; d. 13 November, 1886.

4. Edward Hiley Lytle Page, b. Pittsburgh, 20 April, 1874.

5. Elizabeth Shoerberger Page, b. Grand Rapids, Mich.

6. Sidney Ormsby Page, b. Pewaukee, Wis., 12 October, 1878; d. Palestine, Tex., 20 May, 1879.

7. Fannie Noel Page, b. Milwaukee, Wis., 7 December, 1880; d. 31 March, 1881.

8. William Hiley Lytle Page, b. Rebecca Furnace, Pa., 10 October, 1883; d. 27 July, 1884.

8. Josephine Blakeney Ormsby Page, b. 28 October, 1844; m. 13 November, 1873, to George Washington Wharton of Philadelphia,

b. 27 June, 1835; grad. Philadelphia Central high school, 1852; son of George Washington Wharton, who was bro. Lieut. Col. Clifton Wharton, by his wife Emmeline Davis Stout. Issue, b. Philadelphia:

1. Elizabeth Wharton.

2. Sara Page Wharton.

9. Sidney Ford Page, b. Pittsburgh 29 February, 1848; m. 10 February, 1870, to James Laughlin, Junr., of Pittsburgh, b. 18 June, 1847, son of James Laughlin of Pittsburgh, by his wife Ann Irwin; grad. Princeton college, 1868. Issue:

1. Martha Page Laughlin.

2. Leila Irwin Laughlin.

3. John Page Laughlin, b. 26 August, 1875; student The Belmont school, Mass.

4. Henry Hughart Laughlin, b. 3 July, 1878; student The Belmont school, Mass.

5. James Laughlin, b. 6 August, 1883.

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5. Mary Mahon Ormsby, (Oliver<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>;) b. 1808; d. 11 August, 1878; m. Pittsburgh, 28 September, 1831 by the Rev. S. Brunot, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, to Lieut. (by courtesy, captain) Elias Phillips, U. S. A., b. Lawrenceville, N. J., 1799; d. Pittsburgh, Pa., 10 September, 1856; second son of Major John Phillips by his wife Mary Phillips; 1 July, 1819, appointed cadet in West Point military academy by President Monroe; 1 July, 1823, commissioned second lieutenant in the Fourth regiment infantry; 30 March, 1831, commissioned first lieutenant in the same regi-

ment; later resigned, tiring of the inactivity of army life and settled at Pittsburgh, S. S. Issue:

1. Mary Muskogee Phillips, b. Fort Mitchell, Ala., 22 July, 1832; d.; m. Pittsburgh, 1856, to the Rev. Jubal Hodges, son of Dr. Edward Hodges of New York city, formerly of England. Issue:

1. Elias Phillips Hodges, b. Ormsby, now in Pittsburgh, S. S., 6 April, 1857.

2. Margaret Robertson Hodges, b. Ormsby; m. Winfield Lloyd Scott. Issue:

1. Margaret Mary Scott.

2. John Ormsby Phillips, b. Louisville, Ky., 3 April, 1835; d. 17 November, 1891; m. 23 November, 1865, to Mary Harris Briggs, b. 25 June, 1845, dau. John Harris Briggs of Harrisburg, Pa., by his wife Julia Ann Tod. Issue:

1. Julia Briggs Phillips.

2. Mary Ormsby Phillips, m. 14 January, 1891, to Louis Semple Clarke, son of Charles J. Clarke of Pittsburgh, by his wife Louise Semple.

3. Belle Tod Phillips.

4. Ormsby Phillips, b. 11 June, 1876; d. 29 October, 1879.

5. John Harris Briggs Phillips, b. 11 June, 1876; student Trinity hall, Washington, Pa.

6. Josephine Ormsby Phillips.

3. Duncan Clinch Phillips, b. at The White House,\* now in Pittsburgh, S. S., March, 1838; ed. St. James college, Md., and Brown university, Providence, R. I. During the Rebellion,

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\* Also called The Cot, one of the Ormsby establishments, situated on Carson street, between Second and Third streets.

was commissioned first lieutenant of Company M, Fourth Penna. cavalry, 9 September, 1862; was commissioned captain Company F, same regiment, 21 November, 1862; was commissioned major of same regiment, 1 January, 1865; was detailed military inspector in purchasing horses at Elmira, N. Y., July, 1864; resigned 16 February, 1865; m. 1st, West Chester, Pa., 18 October, 1866, Florence Ebbs, dau. William Ebbs, d. St. Paul, Minn., 4 February, 1870. Issue:

1. Arthur Ormsby Phillips, b. Pittsburgh, July, 1867; d. West Chester, Pa., 19 October, 1867.

2. Florence Ebbs Phillips, b. Pittsburgh, 12 April, 1869; d. Atlantic City, N. J., 17 September, 1878.

M. 2dly, Pittsburgh, 14 June, 1883, to Eliza Irwin Laughlin, dau. James Laughlin of Pittsburgh, by his wife Ann Irwin. Issue:

1. James Laughlin Phillips, b. Pittsburgh, 30 May, 1884.

2. Duncan Clinch Phillips, b. Pittsburgh, 26 June, 1886.

4. Oliver Ormsby Phillips, b. at The White House, 22 August, 1840; ed. Brown university, Providence, R. I.; m. 13 April, 1871, to Margaret Shoenberger Crosman, b. 21 January, 1852, dau. Colonel and Brevet Major General George Hampdon Crosman, U. S. A., by his wife Hannah Blair Foster. Issue:

1. George Crosman Phillips, b. 31 January, 1873; d. 3 August, 1873.

2. Oliver Ormsby Phillips, b. 11 April, 1880; d. 24 March, 1881.

3. Margaret Crosman Phillips.

5. Josephine Yard Phillips, b. at the White House, 10 July, 1843; d. at Ormsby, 20 April, 1880; m. 14 January, 1864, to Lieut. Frederick Eaton Crosman of the Seventeenth regiment U. S. infantry, b. Roxbury, Mass., 1841; son of Colonel and Brevet Major General George Hampdon Crosman, U. S. A., by his wife Hannah Blair Foster; entered the regular army as lieutenant in October, 1861; d. 20 August, 1864, of wounds received at the battle on the Welden R. R., Va., on the 19th inst., while acting as adjutant. Issue:

1. Frederika Crosman b. Ormsby.

6. Jane Ormsby Phillips, b. Ormsby.

7. Clifton Wharton Phillips, b. Ormsby, 4 May, 1851; grad. Trinity college, Hartford, Conn., 1871; m. 1st, November, 1881, Carrie Nicholson Gould, b. October, 1858; d. 21 October, 1882, dau. Thomas Nicholson Gould of Baltimore. Issue:

1. Clifton Nicholson Phillips, b. 21 October, 1882.

M. 2dly, 18 June, 1884, Florence Nicholson Gould, second dau. Thomas Nicholson Gould. Issue:

1. Emily Ormsby Phillips.

2. Elias Phillips, b. 21 February, 1887.

#### WHARTON.

8. Oliveretta Ormsby (Oliver<sup>a</sup>, John<sup>t</sup>), m. Louisville, Ky., 21 August, 1838, to Lieutenant Colonel Clifton Wharton, U. S. A., b. 22 October, 1801; commissioned second lieutenant in the regiment of light artillery 28 October, 1818; first lieutenant

Third regiment of artillery, 6 July, 1825; captain in the Sixth regiment of infantry 22 April, 1830; captain in the First regiment of dragoons 4 March, 1833; major, same regiment, 4 July, 1836; lieutenant-colonel, same regiment, 30 June, 1846; d. Fort Leavenworth, Kan., 12 July, 1848; son of Lieut. Col. Franklin Wharton, commandant of the Marine corps, appointed under the administration of President Madison, by his wife, Mary Clifton, dau. William Clifton of Philadelphia.\* Issue:

1. Clifton Wharton, b. 19 August, 1839; ed. St. James college, Md.; m. 29 January, 1863, to Jane Elizabeth Page, dau. John Harding Page of Pittsburgh, by his wife Sidney Ormsby. Issue:

1. Clifton Wharton, b. 16 January, 1864; m. 17 October, 1889, to Carrie Louise Jackson, dau. James W. Jackson of Plainfield, N. J. Issue:

1. Susan Clifton Wharton.
2. Etta Ormsby Wharton.
3. Sidney Page Wharton.
4. John Harding Page Wharton, b. 27 December, 1869.
5. Oden Hughart Wharton, b. 26 January, 1872.
6. Oliver Franklin Wharton, b. 23 December, 1873.
7. Mary Ormsby Wharton.
2. Oliver Franklin Wharton, ed. St. James college, Md.
3. Mary Etta Wharton, d. young.

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\* See *Genealogy of the Wharton Family of Philadelphia, 1664 to 1880*, by Anne H. Wharton. Published by the Historical Society of Penna.

4. Edward Wharton, d. young.
5. John Quincy Adams Wharton, d. young.
6. Josephine Burgwin Wharton, d. 25 April, 1891; m. 30 June, 1875, to Pressly Neville Chaplin. Issue:
  1. Etta Ormsby Chaplin.
  2. Neville Amelia Chaplin.

## YARD.

9. Josephine Blakeney Ormsby, b. Pittsburgh, 1823; d. Pittsburgh, 14 February, 1854; m. by the Rev. Joseph P. Taylor, rector of Christ Episcopal church, New Brighton, Pa., 3 March, 1853, at Riverside, now in Pittsburgh, S. S., to Commandant (by courtesy, captain) Edward Madison Yard, U. S. N., b. Lawrenceville, N. J., 1813; d. Trenton, N. J., 2 May, 1889; son of Edward Yard, who was native of Exeter, Devonshire, England, later of Trenton, N. J., by his wife Abigail Phillips, who was dau. Major Joseph Phillips, first surgeon in the war of 1812; educated for the law at Lawrenceville, N. J.; later entered the U. S. navy as midshipman, 1 November, 1827; passed midshipman, 10 June, 1833; lieutenant, 28 February, 1838; commandant, 14 September, 1855; resigned, 3 May, 1866. Issue:

1. Josephine Ormsby Yard, b. 4 February, 1854; m. Trenton, N. J., 28 December, 1875, to Captain James Buchanan Breese, U. S. M. C., b. 1847; d. 7 February, 1887; son of Chief Justice Samuel Sidney Breese of Illinois, by his wife Eliza Morrison, dau. Col. Morrison, U. S. senator from Illinois; ed. West Point military academy; left the army after the Rebellion and



entered the U. S. Marine corps, resigned as captain; last command Paris exposition, 1880. Issue:

1. Edward Yard Breese, b. Trenton, 16 March, 1877.
2. Elise Morrison Breese, b. Havre, France.
3. James Buchanan Breese, b. Trenton, 16 September, 1881.
4. Mary Ormsby Breese, b. Trenton.

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10. Oliver Harrison Ormsby, b. at Homestead Farm, now in Pittsburgh, S. S., 12 October, 1818; d. Spruce street, Philadelphia, 16 January, 1872; m. Pittsburgh, 184-, by the Rev. Dr. Riddle, of the Third Presbyterian church, to Jane Eliza Hoffa, b. St. Louis, Mo., 10 April, 1820; d. West Philadelphia, 10 January, 1873; dau. William Hoffa by his wife Catherine Lee. Ed. Washington and Jefferson college; studied medicine as a special pupil under Dr. William Homer, professor of anatomy, university of Pennsylvania, but never practiced his profession. Issue, all b. Fayette Knoll, as Homestead Farm was then called, except first:

1. Kate Ormsby, b. Pittsburgh, 23 October, 1843; m. at St. Mark's Episcopal church, Pittsburgh, S. S. (to which church her aunt, Caroline Ormsby, had given the property and which was largely built by the family), 15 October, 1868, to Dr. Joseph Augustus Phillips (whom see, p. 31).

2. Alice Ormsby, b. 16 August, 1846; d. Bedford, Pa., 19 August, 1865.

3. Oliver Harrison Ormsby, b. 22 February, 1848; m. Rebecca Furnace, Pa., 8 June, 1871, to Florence Lytle, b. 2 August, 1849; dau. Edward Hiley Lytle of Cincinnati, country-seat at Williamsburg, Ohio, by his wife Elizabeth Shoenberger. Issue:

1. Elizabeth Lytle Ormsby, b. Rebecca Furnace.

2. Oliver Harrison Ormsby, b. Rebecca Furnace, 5 July, 1875; d. Martinsburg, Pa., 6 July, 1880.

3. Guy Morville Ormsby, b. Martinsburg, 23 September, 1877.

4. Edward Hiley Ormsby, b. Martinsburg, 22 April, 1880.

5. Paul Elmer Ormsby, b. at The Farms, 29 May, 1882.

6. Florence Lytle Ormsby, b. Martinsburg.

7. Harrison Ormsby, b. Pittsburgh, 3 April, 1888.

4. Harry Wharton Ormsby, b. 3 February, 1850; d. Fayette Knoll, 1852.

5. Joseph Gazzam Ormsby, b. 16 February, 1852; m. at Oak Lawn in Blair county, Pa., 17 August, 1875, to Caroline Lytle, b. Oak Lawn, 6 November, 1853; dau. Edward Hiley Lytle of Cincinnati, country-seat at Williamsburg, Ohio, by his wife Elizabeth Shoenberger. Issue:

1. Ida Lytle Ormsby, b. Allegheny, Pa.

2. Ellen Estabrook Ormsby, b. at Highlands in Blair county, Pa.

3. Joseph Gazzam Ormsby, b. Pittsburgh, 4 August, 1886.
6. Sarah Mahon Ormsby, b. 23 February, 1855; d. Trenton, N. J., 15 January, 1887; m. 25 January, 1877, to Charles Gustavus Roebling, b. Trenton, N. J., 9 December, 1849; son of John Augustus Roebling, the noted engineer, by his wife Johanna Herting, both formerly of Muhlhausen, Prussia, later of Trenton, N. J.; grad. Rensselaer polytechnic institute, Troy, N. Y. Issue, all b. Trenton, N. J.:
  1. Harrison Ormsby Roebling, b. 7 November, 1877; d. Trenton, N. J., 12 January, 1883.
  2. Emily Margareta Roebling.
  3. Washington Augustus Roebling, b. 25 March, 1881.
  4. Helen Roebling.
7. Sidney Gore Ormsby, b. 24 September, 1856; m. 16 September, 1884, to Estelle Rodman Alden, b. 3 September, 1866; d. 7 March, 1889; dau. Farrelly Alden of Pittsburgh, by his wife Anna Rodman Jones, dau. of the Hon. J. Glancy Jones, U. S. minister to Austria from 1858 to 1862. Issue:
  1. John Glancy Ormsby, b. 24 November, 1886.
8. St. Clair Ormsby, b. 13 February, 1858; m. Laura Lewis.
9. Jeanie Earle Ormsby, b. 4 November, 1859; m. Trenton, N. J., 12 March, 1883, Clarence Preston Eyre, b. 18 June, 1858; son of Isaac Preston Eyre of Philadelphia, by his wife Sibyl Ogden; ed. Swarthmore college, Pa. Issue:

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1. Sibyl Ogden Eyre, b. 18 May, 1884; d. 4 June, 1884.
2. Ogden Eyre, b. 5 July, 1886; d. 15 July, 1886.
3. Ormsby Eyre, b. 22 February, 1888.
4. Ethel Eyre, b. 13 February, 1889.
10. Caroline Ormsby, b. 16 January, 1862; m. 1880, to John J. Thompson.
11. Mary Ormsby, b. 16 January, 1862; d. Fayette Knoll, March, 1865.



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