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DESCENDANTS OF

ADAM BÜDINGER





## Dedication.

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To the memory of my father, the Reverend Joseph Baugher Bittinger, D. D., this account of his ancestors and their descendants is dedicated by his daughter, **LUCY FORNEY BITTINGER.**



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## Prefatory Note.

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The plan upon which this family history is arranged is one frequently used, and should be clear after a short examination; those persons to whom a special section is allotted are designated by an Arabic numeral aside of their name, and the section relating to them by the same (Roman) numeral; the line of their ancestry back to the emigrant, in a parenthesis following the name. The diagram index is (it is believed) a new idea, and I hope it will prove intelligible and helpful. The sources of the history contained in this pamphlet are court, church and family records, and published local histories; in particular, the histories of York and Adams Counties, Pennsylvania, contain so many items that the mere references would materially increase the bulk of the work. I have used many letters, and interviews with members of the family, so numerous that it would be impracticable to give the authority for every statement. Thanks for help are due to so many of my kinsfolk, near and remote, living and dead, that I cannot particularize them, and must ask those living to accept this general acknowledgment.

LUCY FORNEY BITTINGER.

New Years Day, 1904.



## BITTINGER AND BEDINGER FAMILIES.

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I. ADAM BÜDINGER (born 1698, died about 1768) was a native of the village of "Dorschel in the principality of Lichtzstine," (Lützelstein?) near Strasburg—a spot which cannot now be identified. His father's name is said to have been Peter. The family name, now transliterated as Bedinger and Bittinger, is probably derived from that of a town and principality in Hesse. Adam B. married in Dorschel ANNA MARGARETHE —; they had four children born to them before "Hans Adam," (as his name appears in the passenger-list) emigrated with a certain Peter B. to Penna. They arrived at Philadelphia August 30, 1737, on the ship *Samuel*, sailing from Rotterdam; the ship on its return voyage took back John Wesley from his unsuccessful missionary efforts in Georgia. Adam B. is said to have first resided in Lancaster Co., then to have emigrated to the "Conewago Settlements" (afterwards Hanover), York Co. His name appears in the church records of the latter place about 1744. The land embracing the present "Homestead Farm" in Berwick Township, Adams Co., was patented to "Adam Beetinger" by Thomas and Richard Penn, May 7, 1753, under the name of the "Shauman Tract," a family of this name having occupied it for three years previous, probably as squatters. Apparently, Anna Margarethe B. died about 1750, and Adam B. married SABINA — at an unknown date. She survived him, with ten children:

2. i. *Nicholas*, born June 11, 1725.
3. ii. *Henry*, born 1730.
- iii. *Michael* (or George Michael) seems to have re-

- mained in Berwick Tp., up to the Revolution; in 1799 Michael B., a blacksmith, held property in Franklin and Menallen Tps., Adams Co. He is said to have died there.
- iv. *Peter* moved to Shepherdstown, (now W.) Va., after 1762. He did not attain the wealth of his two elder brothers, but, according to Samuel Lane, "was a poor man."
  - v. *Marillis* (No records).
  - vi. *George* had a daughter Christina, born 1759; he probably died in Adams Co.
  - vii. *Adam* had children baptized in 1754 at St. Michael's of Conewago. His wife, Anna Maria Magdalena, died 1760, aged 34, and he erected to her an almost illegible stone in the old graveyard. ("Winebrenner's") near the Carlisle turnpike, Hanover.
  - viii. *Christian* enlisted in Capt. Dowdel's company of riflemen from York Co. in 1775; he survived the war, as his name appears upon the list of Revolutionary pensioners.
  - ix. *Frederick* (No records).
  - x. *Eva* is said (by Samuel Lane) to have "married a man named Macelbine or Maselheim of Hanover."

II. NICHOLAS BIETTINGER (Adam<sup>1</sup>) born June 11, 1725, died May 2, 1804, was 12 years old when brought to this country. When grown to manhood, he cleared the tract upon which "Bender's Mill" (between Hanover and Abbottstown) now stands and built a mill—not the present edifice—on which was a stone, now lost, bearing his name and the date of the erection. "It is reported that he made the acquaintance of his wife picking brush, while he cleared the tract; this was often the subject of remark, because he afterwards attained so great wealth." He mar-



ried MARIA CHRISTINA REINBOLDT about 1747; her son-in-law, Samuel Lane, described her as "a very smart woman." In 1753 Nicholas B. was elected deacon of St. Michael's church. Ten years after we find him sent to the conference of Lutheran ministers in Philadelphia to plead that a minister be sent to the church; it was impossible to do so, and the conference appointed him to read sermons and keep the congregation together until better times. He was, as his son-in-law said, "a terrible Lutheran," a generous subscriber to St. Michael's, and subsequently to St. John's at Abbottstown. He was naturalized in Philadelphia in 1760, and at York in 1768; why twice, is unknown. In 1771, after his father's death, Nicholas B. purchased the Homestead Farm from the other heirs, but probably never lived there; he resided and died upon the "Geiselman (now Nagel) farm" near Abbottstown. When, at the outbreak of the Revolution, the Committees of Observation were formed in every county, Nicholas B. was appointed on that of York Co., December 16, 1774, serving one year. "He was one of the first that took up arms against the tyranny of the King of England and his ministers," and raised a company of minutemen at his own expense, being commissioned a Captain, August, 1776, in the third battalion of York Co. These militia were formed into the organization known as the "Flying Camp," were for a time stationed in "the Jerseys," and then made up part of the unfortunate garrison of Fort Washington, who were captured, and many of the prisoners bayoneted by the British, while Washington, viewing from the other side of the river the tragedy he could not prevent, wept "with the tenderness of a child." Capt. B. was severely wounded and "taken prisoner, fighting at the head of his company," and being sent to the infamous British prisons in New York, "endured a long and hard captivity which induced the disease which terminated his life." After an imprisonment of six months, during which he kept

himself from starving by shoemaking, he "was finally exchanged thro' the influence of his son-in-law, Maj. Clark, and would have been promoted, but on account of his wounds was retired." Meanwhile Christina B. was also serving and suffering for her country, for she had "great trouble when her husband was away in the army, with a large family of children and unmanageable slaves to take care of, always in terror of the British and Indians." Capt. B. resided for the rest of his life on his farm near Abbots-town, where he lived in considerable style, educated his children and was a man of great wealth and influence in his day. It is said that his daughters were the only persons who at that time wore silks; he had the first and only gig in that neighborhood. The family were nicknamed "der Adel" (the nobility) in the country-side. "He was a prodigious Whig," says Samuel Lane, "as were they all." In person he was tall but spare, and "a very unfashionable man." He had a large amount of property, owning "1,000 acres in Franklin Co., two mills in Adams Co., with 300 acres to each mill, besides a great deal of other property." He died from the consequences of his imprisonment, leaving a "widow, two sons and seven daughters to mourn the loss of an affectionate husband and father." "I have always heard him spoken of with pride and reverence," writes a great-granddaughter. Maria Christina B. (born June 10, 1728, died May 23, 1812) survived her husband. Their children were:

4. i. *Maria Christina*, born August 14, 1748, married Seth Duncan.
- ii. *John*, eldest son of Nicholas B., assisted him in the management of the mill, and was one of his administrators; he died a bachelor in Baltimore.
5. iii. *Margaret*, married John Clark.
6. iv. *Mary Magdalena*, born 1754, married William Hamilton.

7. v. *Anna Barbara*, born 1758, married Samuel Lane.
8. vi. *Elizabeth*, born August 20, 1760, married Andrew Baum, M. D.
- vii. *Mary*, born 1761, died February 20, 1849, married — Harman or Harmon of Abbottstown, in which neighborhood her descendants still reside.
- viii. *Susanna*, born February 28, 1763, died July 15, 1849, married Tobias Kepner, Esq., who was for forty years a justice of the peace, and treasurer of the Hanover & Berlin Turnpike Co. He resided outside of Abbottstown on a farm which Nicholas B. gave to his daughter Susanna. 'Squire K. was killed by his horse running away while he was out collecting the money from the tollgates. After her husband's death Susanna removed to Abbottstown. They had six children (surname Kepner); i. Joseph; ii. John (who is said to have served in the War of 1812); iii. Mrs. Wheeler of Baltimore; iv. Mrs. Bushman; v. Benjamin, died in Ohio; vi. Mrs. Null (?). There is no information of their remoter descendants, save in the case of John, who married Mary Heefner, and had three sons: William, Tobias (both now dead) and Levi, who married Sarah Ann Davis and had six sons: John, Franklin, James, George, Super, and Reuben (dec'd); all are married and have children.
- ix. *Catharine*, married George Rudy, predeceased her father. In 1805 George R. is mentioned as having "come in from Kentucky" in connection with the settlement of Nicholas B.'s estate, but nothing further is known of any descendants.

9. x. *Joseph*, b. February 26, 1773, married Elizabeth Baugher.

IV. MARIA CHRISTINA BITTINGER, (Nicholas<sup>2</sup>, Adam<sup>1</sup>) born August 14, 1748, died September 25, 1821, married SETH DUNCAN (born 1730, died August 3, 1793). He was a native of Donegal, emigrated about 1750, located in Lancaster Co., married and later removed to Abbottstown. His first wife dying in 1777, he married Christina B. They had three children (surname Duncan): *John*, *Polly* and *Adam*. The last named was the only one who married; he died 1840, leaving seven children (surname Duncan): i. Martha, married George Smith; she is dead, leaving three daughters, Mary, Clara and Lunetta; ii. Anna, married Wm. Moulder of Philadelphia and died childless; iii. Joanna, died in youth; iv. John; v. Calvin M. of Chambersburg, Pa., died 1894, a lawyer by profession, State Senator 1865-71, and an earnest advocate of the Border Raid claims; married December, 1858, Mary Grace Metzger and had five sons: C. Mark, Robt. S., Frank M., John M., and Wm. (died 1893); vi. William, died 1884 in Gettysburg; he was a member of the Forty-ninth Congress and elected to the Fiftieth at the time of his death; he married Catharine M. Schmucker, daughter of the Rev. S. S. Schmucker, one of the founders of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg; she survives him with four sons; John (now dead), Charles S., a graduate of the law department of the University of Pennsylvania, and District Attorney of Adams Co., 1889-97; Schmucker, a graduate of Yale, now residing in Gettysburg, and William, president of Citizens' Bank, Eureka Springs, Ark.; vii. Augustus, the last survivor of Adam D.'s family, a widower since 1860, has had three children, two of whom died in infancy, and Anna, died 1873, aged 15 years.

V. MARGARET BITTINGER (Nicholas<sup>2</sup>, Adam<sup>1</sup>) (born—, died March 2, 1833), was married during the Revolution to Major JOHN CLARK (born about 1751, died December 27, 1819). “The story is that she was engaged to a brother-officer of Capt. Clark’s to whom he often talked about her. Capt. C. met her when on a furlough and pressed his claims so vigorously that they were married before his return.” (A. H. Lane.) John Clark was a native of Lancaster Co., Pa. He studied law under Sam’l Johnson, Esq., of York, and had just commenced its practice when the Revolution broke out. He was one of the York riflemen of Capt. Dowdel’s company, formed July 1st, 1775, who marched to the relief of Boston; was afterwards made 3rd Lieutenant; when, at the opening of the year 1776, the riflemen were formed into the First Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line, he became 2nd Lieutenant. In June of the same year he was made Major in Col. McAllister’s regiment of the “Flying Camp.” In February, 1777, he was appointed one of the auditors of the army. Subsequently he served as aide-de-camp on the staff of Gen. Greene, as we learn from a letter of Washington, most flatteringly expressed, which recommended Major C. for some civil appointment, as he felt that in justice to his family he could no longer afford to serve in the unpaid Continental army. Some years after the close of the war, “General” C., as he was commonly called, resumed the practise of law in York, and “continued in it until the time of his death. On that day he attended court and pursued his business as usual. He went to bed at half-past eight and at nine his race on earth was run.” He was a prominent Mason; the aprons worn by him as Master and Royal Arch Mason were presented to the York lodge by his daughter, Juliana. His children all died childless, and the family became extinct in the second generation. These children were: (surname Clark.)

- i. *Mildred*, died March 13, 1833, married Jacob Bedinger (See Sec. III.)
- ii. *George Washington*, died December 23, 1835.
- iii. *Mary*, died December 2, 1853.
- iv. *Harriet A.*, died January 6, 1862.
- v. *Lavinia*, died December 6, 1867.
- vi. *Juliana*, born January 18, 1788, died April 12, 1874.

VI. MARY MAGDALENA BITTINGER (Nicholas<sup>2</sup>, Adam<sup>1</sup>) born 1754, died December 17, 1842, was married September 14, 1775, to WILLIAM HAMILTON, born March 20, 1751, died September 22, 1823. William Hamilton was the son of John H., a Scotch-Irishman, who landed in this country in 1729, married Florence Morrow and passed most of his life in York Co. William and Magdalen H. lived on what is known as the "Hankey farm," three miles west of Gettysburg, the title to which he purchased from the heirs of William Penn; the old homestead was standing at the time of the battle, and was used by the Confederates as a hospital. William H. was in the 4th Battalion of the Flying Camp; he was orderly sergeant, afterwards promoted to 2nd Lieutenant. He was taken prisoner at Fort Washington, and at the time of the birth of his oldest child, Margaret, he, as well as Magdalen H.'s father, were prisoners in the hands of the British. He was one of the commissioners appointed to supervise the erection of the first county buildings at Gettysburg, when Adams Co. was formed. He and his wife reached advanced age. Sketches of some descendants will be found in "History of Washington Co." Philadelphia, 1882. Their children were: (surname Hamilton.)

- i. *Margaret*, born September 21, 1776, died 1872, married David Hamilton, Esq., of Washing-



ton Co., Pa.; they were childless. She was described as "a lady in whom were singularly combined the refined manners of the East, and the hardihood of the West. She crossed the mountains to and fro between Washington and Adams Counties seventeen times, and always on horseback except on her last trip." Her husband, "Squire Hamilton," as he was called, was prominent in the troubles of the Whiskey Insurrection, though he endeavored to prevent violence. At the destruction of the collector, Gen. Neville's house, Squire Hamilton took the commander of the guard upon his horse and enabled him to escape. Afterwards, the sheriff's officers seized Hamilton's still; he pretended to submit, plied the officers with Jamaica ginger until they were drunk and then, with the assistance of neighbors carried away and hid the still and whiskey; from this occurrence is said to be derived the name of his homestead, "Ginger Hill."

10. ii. *John*, born September 3, 1778.
- iii. *Florence*, born May 25, 1780, died in infancy.
- iv. *Jane*, born May 25, 1780, died January 5, 1863, married James Black (b. 1780; d. 1859); their children were: (surname Black), Robert, William, John, Maria, Margaret, Matilda (Mrs. Fred. Diehl), James and Franklin.
- v. *William*, born April 1, 1782, died in Ohio, 1859, married in 1804 Elizabeth Lafferty of Washington Co., Pa. M. Clifford Hamilton, formerly of Pittsburg, is a grandson.
11. vi. *Joseph*, born September 1, 1784.
- vii. *Enoch*, born July 1, 1786, married Mrs. — Russell; his daughter, Harriet C., married in

1847 Joseph Bayly; they have four sons (surname Bayly): William Hamilton, a lawyer of Washington, D. C.; Joseph T., Samuel Russell, a farmer, and Vanwick. During the battle of Gettysburg, Mrs. B. was alone with her children in her house, which was within the Confederate lines; she went out on the field, dressing the wounded of both armies and for weeks after the battle, baked bread for the soldiers and the hospitals. Her experiences were told in an article entitled "Three Days of Rebel Rule: A Woman's Story," published in the *New York Tribune* of August 26, 1888; also in "Stories of Pennsylvania," 1897, under the title of "In the Rear at Gettysburg."

- viii. *James*, born June 23, 1788, "was dissipated; never married, and in middle life committed suicide."
- ix. *Robert*, born January 25, 1791, died s. p. 1831.
- x. *George*, born October 9, 1792, died 1860; married, March 17, 1817, Nancy, daughter of Jas. Dowley of Adams Co., Pa., (died 1857). George H. came West in 1827. His children were: (surname Hamilton), William, Sarah, Jesse, James, George B., Harriet, Maria, David, John, Margaretta, Angeline and Robert H.; all living except William, who died in Cincinnati in 1878.
- xi. *David*, born January 4, 1795, died December 10, 1886; married Harriet (died July 19, 1849) daughter of his uncle, Hon. John Hamilton, of Washington Co., Pa. Of their children (surname Hamilton) Margaret A. and John P. died in childhood, Mrs. Eliza Cornelia Longwell and Mrs. Amanda J. Callow in ma-



ture life, while Mrs. Maria L. Henry and Mrs. Camilla Henry are still living.

- xii. *Jesse*, born October 15, 1797, married — Vance, and had one child, now Mrs. Bluebaugh.

X. JOHN HAMILTON (Magdalen Hamilton<sup>3</sup>, Nicholas<sup>2</sup>, Adam<sup>1</sup>) born September 3, 1778, died—. Married MARGARET SHEAKLEY, and they had two sons: (surname Hamilton.)

- i. *William Sheakley*, born 1810, Clerk of the Courts of Adams Co. (1846-49); married Eveline Bayly; they had eight children: (surname Hamilton.) i. Joseph, served three years in Company K, First Pennsylvania Reserves, was wounded in McClellan's Peninsular campaign, married Martha McCullough, and resides on a farm near Gettysburg; ii. Calvin, born November 29, 1841; a student in Pennsylvania College, he left in 1862 before graduation and enlisted in Company K, First Pennsylvania Reserves, being wounded at the battle of Gettysburg while defending his native town; was subsequently a teacher in Gettysburg and other places, is now Secretary of the Battlefield Memorial Association, and Superintendent of the National Cemetery; married Annie K. Hanway, and has one daughter, Ruth; iii. Mary J., married Rev. S. A. Diehl, resides at Bendersville, Pa.; iv. Margaret, married David McGrew (died 1894), their two sons died in boyhood; v. Susan, died aged sixteen; vi. William, was killed by a fall from a tree when twenty-eight years old; vii. John B., married Delia Armor and lives in Gettysburg; viii. Martha E., born November 17,

1852; married May 29, 1873, Rev. J. W. Finkbinder, D. D.; lives in Colorado Springs; they have three sons: (surname Finkbinder): Bayley Hamilton, born September 10, 1879; Robertson Rambo, born October 29, 1881; Nilsson McQueen, born June 3, 1888.

- ii. *John*, born 1815, died January 3, 1894, a sturdy and upright citizen; he married in 1838 Sarah Eline; they had four sons and two daughters. John and Marcus, his two elder sons, entered the army early in the war and made for themselves honorable records in their country's service.

XI. JOSEPH HAMILTON (Magdalen Hamilton<sup>3</sup>, Nicholas<sup>2</sup>, Adam<sup>1</sup>) came west soon after reaching manhood; he married MARGARET FERGUSON, and resided in Williamsport (now Monongahela City) where he wrought at his trade of carpenter and also kept an inn. He was for many years Treasurer of the Williamsport Turnpike Company and did much in the way of settling up estates. He and his wife were life-long members of the Presbyterian church. Their children were: (surname Hamilton.)

- i. *Sarah*, born October 24, 1813, died December 18, 1889, married Henry Wilson; two of their sons, Joseph and Robert, served full terms in the Union Army.
- ii. *Mary Jane*, born March 11, 1816, married Nimrod A. Gregg, and died in Iowa, leaving three children (surname Gregg): Aaron T., Mrs. McCauley and Mrs. Beck.
- iii. *Margaret*, born May 23, 1819, died young.
- iv. *Harriet*, born September 11, 1821, died March 10, 1887, married T. R. Hazzard, Esq. Two of their sons served in the army, Col. C. W. Haz-

zard, editor of the Monongahela City Republican, and Capt. J. D. V. Hazzard; the latter lost an arm at the battle of Perrysville. Thos. L. Hazzard is a physician in Allegheny.

- v. *William Ferguson*, born March 24, 1824, deceased; a graduate of Washington College and the Western Theological Seminary, ordained in 1860 to the Presbyterian ministry, pastor at Centre, Uniontown, Salem and Livermore, Pa.; wrote on historical and other subjects, and supplied most of the information of this section; married January 28, 1858, L. Louisa Beeson, and they have seven children (surname Hamilton): Isaac B., a physician in Los Angeles, Cal.; Mary K.; Margaret F.; William B., a missionary in Chinanfu, China; Eliza L., married July 10, 1900, Harry S. Grayson; Joseph, a home missionary in West Virginia, and Louis P.
- vi. *David Ralston*, born June 26, 1826, unmarried, resides at the homestead of Ginger Hill, as does
- viii. *John*, born September 25, 1828, married February 12, 1867, Elizabeth T. Purviance; they have one daughter, Elizabeth.
- ix. *Martha Isabel*, born February 3, 1831, married M. Porter Patton, died in Denver, September 15, 1896, leaving four children (surname Patton): John, William, Andrew and Martha Isabel.

VII. ANNA BARBARA BITTINGER (Nicholas<sup>2</sup>, Adam<sup>1</sup>), born 1758, died January 11, 1831, married about 1787 SAMUEL LANE (died 1852), son of Peter Lehn. The L. family, who were Lutherans, emigrated from Lorraine to Holland sometime in the seventeenth century, and settled in York Co. about 1755. Mrs. Harriet Lane John-

ston, who presided so brilliantly at the White House during the administration of her uncle, President Buchanan, belonged to the same family. Samuel Lane came to Franklin Co. from Philadelphia in the last decade of the eighteenth century, and erected mills in Quincy Township. Under his supervision Mont Alto furnace was first built. Barbara Lane was very handsome, a few years older than her husband; a small woman with red hair; "she was," says her granddaughter, Mrs. Adelaide Grey, "a superior woman in every sense of the word, a wonderful housekeeper, as all her daughters were, and of rare intelligence for those times; and more than all her piety was great. I was told of the strict observance of Sunday that was enforced in her home—every task was concluded by sunset of Saturday." Her daughter, Elizabeth, often said in her last illness, "My mother was a woman who had the fear of God before her eyes." Her obituary says: "Mrs. Lane possessed a vigorous intellect, and but a short time before she expired, evinced with great composure, her resignation to the will of her Heavenly Father." Anna Barbara and Samuel Lane had four children: (surname Lane.)

12. i. *Nicholas Bittinger*, born 1802.

ii. *Juliana*, married William Hayman; after her marriage she resided in Georgetown, D. C., until her husband's death, when the family returned to Mont Alto. She had seven children (surname Hayman): i. William (deceased); ii. Mary, residing with her sisters in Chambersburg; iii. Anna Barbara, a teacher in various Episcopal schools, but now living with her sisters; we are indebted to her for the preservation of much family tradition; iv. Julia; v. Kate; vi. Samuel Lane, who was killed as a captain in the Confederate service in the battle of the Wilderness;

vii. Adelaide (Mrs. Grey, residing in Fredericksburg, Va.)

iii. *Mary*, married James Gettys, of the family after whom Gettysburg was named; they were childless; Mrs. Gettys resided during her married life in Georgetown, D. C., but in widowhood returned to Mont Alto.

iv. *Elizabeth*, who died unmarried.

XII. NICHOLAS BITTINGER LANE (Barbara Lane<sup>3</sup>, Nicholas<sup>2</sup>, Adam<sup>1</sup>) born 1802, died April, 1853. He was born in a log house near Funkstown, in which his parents lived while the Mont Alto mansion house was building. As a youth he learned the art of surveying, but in 1818 when he was only sixteen years old he began the study of medicine with Dr. S. D. Culbertson in Chambersburg. He was said greatly to resemble his grandfather, for whom he was named; "if so," wrote Mr. A. H. Lane, "our ancestor, if he *was* unfashionable,' was a fine-looking man." He graduated at the University of Pennsylvania before he was twenty-one; his graduating thesis was published at the request of the faculty. He is said to have been the leading physician of Chambersburg, where he lived. He also acquired skill in dentistry. His homestead, with his library and papers, was burned when the town was destroyed during the war. For thirty years he practiced dentistry and physic in Chambersburg, dying in the cholera epidemic in 1853. His wife was Eliza Hetich, the daughter of Thomas Hetich, a prominent citizen of Chambersburg, and Catharine Rudisill, a member of the noted York county family of that name. They had eleven children (surname Lane):

i. *William Culbertson, M. D.*, born March 22, 1825, died 1890, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, practised successively in Greensburg, Pa., Menden, Ill., and Mercersburg, Pa., and its

vicinity. He was surgeon of the 122nd Pennsylvania during the war, and afterward of the Board of Enrollment. He was a graceful and gifted writer, especially interested in matters of local history. He is survived by his wife (formerly Miss Araminta Wakeman) and five children: (surname Lane) i. Thomas W., married Anna Smith; ii. William A.; iii. George H., married Rachel Shryock; iv. Samuel L.; v. Cornelia.

- ii. *Samuel Gettys, M. D.*, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania (1849), practised for a short time in Bucyrus, O., with his uncle, Dr. Andrew Hetich; at his father's death he returned to Chambersburg and succeeded him in his practice. He married in 1860, Emily McLenegan (died November 14, 1885); they were childless. At the outbreak of the war Gov. Curtin appointed Dr. Lane surgeon in the 5th Pennsylvania Reserves. He was subsequently made Assistant Surgeon-General of Pennsylvania and breveted Lieutenant Colonel by act of Congress. A fellow-surgeon says: "Active and humane were weak terms, as his career on many a bloody field proved; as with the Reserves at 2nd Bull Run, South Mountain, and Fredericksburg. At Antietam he willingly risked his life by going into action with his brigade. At Gettysburg, in the second day's fierce battle, he showed his courage by charging the enemy with his brigade at Round Top, encouraging officers and men by his presence. It was not excitement that made him regardless of death, but a cool, calm courage—moral courage—that made him stand amid the din and danger of battle, doing his duty to those falling around him." After the war Dr. Lane resumed his practice in Chambersburg,



where "he was pre-eminently and rightly regarded as the first citizen; he possessed the finest private library in this section of the state, and therein was his greatest pleasure. He was a forcible writer; as a physician and surgeon he had few superiors in the country. The noted men with whom he was connected during the war, still delight to speak of him as the most skillful surgeon they knew in the army." "We mourn our departed friend and fellow-Christian and comrade, the loyal soldier, the eminent physician, the accomplished scholar, who has gone to God." Another friend says: "Well born, well bred, accomplished, versatile, gentle and chivalrous, with a fine sense of humor, a sound judgment, and a soul above anything that was mean or sordid—such was Samuel G. Lane."

- iii. *Thomas H.*, a resident of Pittsburgh during most of his life, a member of the hardware firm of Wolff, Lane & Co., an active member of the Grant street Lutheran church, and superintendent for forty years of its Sunday-school.
- iv. *Catherine A.*, married to James Hamilton, M. D., who was associated in practice with Dr. S. G. Lane. He died from privations suffered in southern prisons, leaving a widow and four children: (surname Hamilton) i. James, married Ellen White; ii. Samuel L., married Mary Fackiner; iii. Anna H. (deceased); iv. Sarah L. (deceased).
- v. *Paul Hetich*, born Nov. 17, 1834, died September 21, 1836.
- vi. *Sarah Hetich*, "a woman of sweet and exalted character," who died in Pittsburgh, January, 1889.
- vii. *Mary Gettys*, born December 4, 1836, died June 5, 1837.

- viii. *Augustus H.*, died January 23, 1896, was for more than 40 years a resident of Pittsburgh, engaged in the hardware business. We are indebted to him for the discovery and preservation of most of this history, not only of the Lane, but of the Bittinger family. He married Mary R., daughter of William Price, one of Pittsburgh's early residents, and had four children: (surname Lane) i. Eliza H. (deceased); ii. George B.; iii. Mary P.; iv. Frances W.
- ix. *Maria Elizabeth* was, says her brother Thomas, "a member of the Subsistence Committee of Pittsburgh from its inception, and served upon it with great devotion, and as we believed, to the detriment of her health. The members were subject to summons at all hours of day and night, and consequently liable to exposure and also to protracted demands upon their services." She died in Pittsburgh in 1880.
- x. *Margaret Hayman*, born December 9, 1842, died February 28, 1845.
- xi. *Edwin Church*, born March 6, 1845, died May 4, 1845.

VIII. ELIZABETH BEDINGER, as her descendants spell the name, (Nicholas<sup>2</sup>, Adam<sup>1</sup>) born August 2, 1760, died June 13, 1833, married, 1787, ANDREW BAUM, M. D., who died in Demerara, where he had purchased property and intended to locate. They had two children: (surname Baum.) i. David, a physician, who married Catherine Dick. He died in Pottsville, Pa., leaving one child, Andrew D., who was brought into his uncle's family after the death of his parents; he also was a physician and died s. p.



in Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa. ii. Sarah, born December 21, 1793, married October 28, 1817, at Amity, Berks Co., Pa., to her cousin, John F. Baum, M. D. (born May 21, 1791, died January 28, 1850) a surgeon in a Berks County regiment during the war of 1812. Their children were: (surname Baum.)

- i. *Hiram C.*, born September 15, 1819, died May 2, 1874, married December 28, 1854, Lydia A. James, died April 14, 1899. They resided in Philadelphia, and their children were: (surname Baum) i. William Miller, born October 1, 1855, died s. p. May 10, 1881; ii. Richard West, born June 6, 1857, died November 11, 1879; iii. Sarah, born June 22, 1861.
- ii. *Elizabeth B.*, born January 10, 1822, married March 25, 1852, John G. Stetler, M. D. (died May 31, 1853); their only child died in infancy.
- iii. *William M., D. D.*, born January 25, 1825; died February 6, 1902; married May 8, 1851. Maria L. Croll of Middletown, Pa., (born February 13, 1833, died April 20, 1891). Graduated at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa., 1846, ordained to the Lutheran ministry 1850. Pastor, St. Peter's, Middletown, Pa., 1848-1852. St. Peter's, Barren Hill, Pa., 1852-1858; Grace, Winchester, Va., 1858-1861; St. Paul's, York, Pa., 1862-1874; St. Matthew's, Philadelphia, Pa., 1874-1902. Trustee of Pennsylvania College continuously since 1861, director of Theological Seminary at Gettysburg continuously since 1858, president of the Lutheran Board of Publication since 1874, president of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church from 1873 to 1875, president of the Board of Trustees of the Northern Home for Friendless Children of Philadelphia

- since 1887, president of the Pennsylvania Bible Society since 1893, contributed at different times articles to Theological Reviews and the like. For a long time he was a working member of fourteen different boards of church or benevolent societies, institutions, etc. His children are: (surname Baum) i. Rev. John Croll, born September 19, 1852, d. s. p. October 26, 1886; he was pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Canajoharie, N. Y., until his health failed; ii. Charles, M. D., Ph. D. U. of P., born January 1, 1855; iii. Rev. William M., Jr., D. D., born June 30, 1858, succeeds his eldest brother as pastor in Canajoharie. iv. Eliza Croll, born September 25, 1861, married November 5, 1900, Harry Clayton Conrad of New York City; v. Mary Small, born December 5, 1866; vi. Maria Louisa, born September 30, 1869; vii. George Croll, born July 15, 1872, is an architect living in Pittsburgh; viii. Rev. Frederick John, born May 6, 1876, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Coatesville, Pa., married Roberta E. Ames, April 22nd, 1903.
- iv. *George W.*, born May 27, 1827, died May 2, 1863, married, Dec. 20, 1855, Julia C. Nones; he served in 118th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, and died in the service; his child died an infant.
- v. *David A.*, born June 6, 1830, is unmarried and lives in San Francisco.
- vi. *Mary A.*, born Sept. 20, 1832, died Aug. 29, 1898, married, Nov. 1, 1865, William B. Small, M. D., of Philadelphia. They had two children: (surname Small) William B., M. D., and Mary L. B., born Nov. 17, 1873, died Dec. 29, 1876.

IX. JOSEPH BITTINGER, (Nicholas<sup>2</sup>, Adam<sup>1</sup>) born Feb. 26, 1773, died July 26, 1804, married, 1792, ANNA ELIZABETH BAUGHER (born Jan. 31, 1768, died April 11, 1850) daughter of Rev. John Geo. Bager, one of the earliest Lutheran ministers sent over by the Pietists of Halle to work among the Germans of Pennsylvania. Joseph B. lived and died upon the tract of "Fishing Hill" or the "Myers farm," which Nicholas B. bought from the Hull family, the original patentees, in 1791, and gave to his son. "Capt. Nicholas" was not pleased with his son's marriage to Pastor Bager's daughter, on account of political differences, the Bittingers being Democrats and the Bagers Federalists; but he became very fond of his daughter-in-law, and it was into her hands that he gave the deed of the Homestead Farm when he presented it to his son in 1798. Joseph B. died soon after his father, his death being caused by drinking cold spring water on a hot July day when overheated. His widow subsequently married William Young of Hanover, and her sons by Joseph B. were brought up in that town. They were five in number (besides three daughters who died in infancy):

- i. *John*, born Jan. 26, 1793, died July 2, 1873, married, Sept. 21, 1817, Mary Coskery (born in Pennsylvania, Jan. 25, 1789, died in Georgetown, now West Washington, D. C., 1848). He resided many years in Virginia and died at Shadeland, Fairfax Co. They had six children: i. Edmund Coskery, born in Pennsylvania, March 21, 1819, d. s. p. Aug. 7, 1889; was a chaplain in the U. S. Navy, 1850-1881, accompanied Com. Perry's expedition to Japan, and was at the time of his death the oldest chaplain in service; ii. Joseph, d. s. p. aged 21; iii. Benjamin Franklin, D. D., born in West Washington, Aug. 10, 1824, is now

and has been for forty years the pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Washington, Stated Clerk of his Presbytery and author of a standard work on "Presbyterian Law and Usage;" he has had three children, John Libby, d. s. p., Edward Miller, d. s. p., and Charles (died Aug. 31, 1879), married Jan. 25, 1877, Isabella M. Wilson; he left two children: Joseph Wilson, died Jan. 2, 1884, and Charles, born June 27, 1879, now studying architecture in Paris; iv., Rev. Michael Henry, who has served a Presbyterian church near Greenville, Monroe Co., W. Va., for fifty years: he married, April 13, 1858, Martha R. Moffet, and their children are William Moffet, b. August 11, 1859, married Electa Heath Hill, residing in Washington, D. C.; Rev. John Baugher, b. Mar. 13, 1861, who married Belle Price, and is serving a Presbyterian church at Rich Valley, Va.; Mary Coskery, b. Oct. 15, 1862, d. Feb. 14, 1888; Jane R., b. Feb. 25, 1865; Martha Helen, b. Sept. 12, 1867, d. Dec. 3, 1888; Henry Edmund, b. April 10, 1871, married to Mary C. Leishart, and living in Washington; v., Margaret, widow of Dr. Henry Jacobs, and residing with her sister in Virginia; vi. Ruhamah, married Daniel O. Munson, of Falls Church, Va. She has one daughter, Mrs. Mary Jasper Harrison.

13.   ii. *Joseph*, born Nov. 1, 1794.  
      iii. *Henry*, born Feb. 21, 1798, died —, married, Oct. 6, 1829, Julian Sheffer (born Nov. 5, 1809, died 1837) daughter of Daniel Sheffer, for many years Associate Judge in York Co., and member of Congress (1837-39) for

Adams and Franklin Cos. Henry and Julian B. had three children: i. Elizabeth, married Geo. C. Barnitz, of Middletown, O., dec'd., and has had five children: (surname Barnitz) Louisa Naomi, John Swope, Harry D., William C., and Ella Kate, of whom only the two last are living; ii. Augusta Louisa, married Reuben Young, of Hanover; their two sons (surname Young) Harry B. and David M., are both dead; iii. John Wierman, born Nov. 10, 1834, was District Attorney of York Co., 1863-69, Judge of the Courts of same from 1900, President Judge of same. 1896; sketches of his life may be found in Gibson's "History of York Co., Pennsylvania"; German Society Records and Historical Cyclopedia, 19th Congressional District; married Anna Brenneiman, and has five children: Ida M., John (dec'd), Julian, Daniel S., Charles E., and Louise A.

14. iv. *Frederick*, born October 12, 1799.  
v. *George*, born 1804, died 1879, married, Feb. 25, 1838, Matilda Lichty (born March 1, 1816, died —); they had four daughters: i. Ann Elizabeth (Mrs. Peter Gettier) who had four children: (surname Gettier) William, married Miss Crider, Susan (Mrs. Strevig), Emma (Mrs. Carbaugh) and George; ii. Mary, married, March 1, 1860, Jacob Grass, who has three daughters: (surname Grass) Alice, Williamanna (Mrs. Stambaugh) with two daughters, Grace and Helen, the latter dead; and Beulah, who died an infant; iii. Sarah Jane, successively Mrs. Bushy, Mrs. Strickler and Mrs. Henry, by the last marriage she had two children, both married, Katie

(Mrs. Saville) and Joseph; iv. Maria (Mrs. Nelk) who is dead as well as her child.

XIII. JOSEPH BITTINGER (Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Nicholas<sup>2</sup>, Adam<sup>1</sup>) born Nov. 1, 1794, died Sept. 7, 1850, married, Nov. 30, 1819, LYDIA BAIR (born Aug. 22, 1800, died Aug. 26, 1850) daughter of John B., a store-keeper of Hanover, who served in the war of 1812. They moved to the Homestead Farm, where they lived all their lives. Joseph B. was an excellent farmer, quite a reader and much interested in current events; he had been very anxious for an education and was strongly desirous that his children should have what he had missed. Lydia B. is described by those who knew her as a woman lovely both in person and character. They died within a fortnight of each other of a fever epidemic in the neighborhood. They had twelve children:

- i. *William*, born Nov. 21, 1820, died March 3, 1888; resided most of his life in Abbotstown; married, May 1, 1842, Eliza Hafer, born Sept. 3, 1819, died Sept. 19, 1899;) they had four children: Prudence Amelia, born Nov. 30, 1844, died Oct. 24, 1850; Emma Jane, born Dec. 8, 1847, died June 5, 1852; Josephine, born July 8, 1850, died July 28, 1884, married, Aug. 23, 1870, Daniel Eberly; Mary, born Oct. 7, 1852, died March 30, 1858.
- ii. *Henry*, born Nov. 13, 1821, died April 22, 1879; after his father's death became part owner of the Homestead Farm, where he lived during his active life, then moved to Hanover. He married, Jan. 4, 1846, Amanda Allewelt; they had four children: i. Joseph H., M. D., graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, practicing in Hanover; married Clara Bucher; they have had six children: Lida, died, Jan. 20, 1895; Bryant, died January 10, 1895;



Ralph Emerson, born Feb. 8, 1889, Bertha, died December 24, 1894; Clara, died December 3, 1894; Mary Allewelt, born May 16, 1896; ii. the Hon. John R., member for two terms of the Pennsylvania Legislature; present owner of the Homestead Farm, upon which he and his son Maurice conduct the Bittinger Lime Co.; the post office of Bittinger has been recently established there. He and his wife Florence Stine have four children living: E. Maurice, married, April, 1902, Katie Noel; Charles H., married October 1, 1901, to Minnie L. Hostetter; Luther Leroy, and Edna. iii. Mary, married, May 23, 1877, to Milton Kohler; they lived for a short time at Pomeroy, Ohio, now reside in Hagerstown, Md., they have six children (surname Kohler); Ethel, Leroy, Elsie, Harry, Helen and Earl. iv. Ruhamah married Samuel Basehoar; they are childless. After the death of his first wife Henry B. married her sister, Harriet Allewelt, they had two children; v. Georgianna Barbara, married Temple Little; they have three children (surname Little): Helen Harriet, born February 15, 1889; Grace Bittinger, born October 1, 1891, and Mary Bittinger, born November 27, 1900. vi. William Lewis, born April 18, 1865, died May 29, 1898, married Daisy O. Powell, June 16, 1892; he left two children, Harriet Allewelt, born October 6, 1893, and Henry Powell, born December 13, 1895, living in Hanover.

15. iii. *Joseph Baugher*, born March 30, 1823.  
iv. *Eleanor Catherine*, born Aug. 13, 1824, died March 23, 1875, married, Nov. 10, 1844, J.

George Wolff. They first resided on a farm near Abbottstown, then moved to Gettysburg to educate their children: (surname Wolff) : i. Charles Milton, practicing law in Hanover, Pa., married to Amelia Miller and has two sons, Richard and Robert; ii., Joseph Bittinger, since 1877 pastor of the Lutheran Church, Glen Rock, Pa., married July 18, 1877, Priscilla Ella Cashman; they have two children, Harold and Eleanor; iii., Edward Morris, a member of the firm of J. Geo. Wolf's Sons & Co., in Gettysburg, married to Amanda Miller and has one son, Charles Milton; iv., Lucilla Jane, married October 6, 1880, George J. Weaver, resides in Gettysburg and has three children, Carrie, Rufus and Bessie; v. Howard Nicholas, married to Agnes Stump, is a contractor in York, Pa., and their children are George, Carrie, Emily, Beulah, Luther and Charles; vi., Luther Benaiah, D. D., born Nov. 19, 1857, graduated at Pennsylvania College and Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pa., married, July 3, 1883, Alice Catherine Benner; missionary at Guntur, India, since 1883; President Mission College there since 1885; has published a history of the Mission, "After Fifty Years." His wife is at present residing at Lutherville, Md., for their children's education. Their children (surname Wolf) are George Benner, born June 10, 1884, died July 22, 1889; Edith Norris, born Sept. 1, 1885, married Oct. 7, 1903, the Rev. John Fielding Crigler, Lutheran pastor at Lutherville; Eleanor Bittinger, born Oct. 23, 1886; Anna Dryden, born June



- 25, 1890; Paul Benner, born April 12, 1902;
- vii. Solomon Anderson, married to Hermine Bulwinkle, is principal of Gaston College, N. C., and has three children; viii., David Melancthon, head of the firm of J. Geo. Wolf's Sons & Co., Gettysburg; is married to Ella Lamotte, and has two children.
- v. *Edward P.*, born November 14, 1825, died September 21, 1859, married February 7, 1859. His widow and infant child did not long survive him.
- vi. *Rebecca*, born August 21, 1827, married February 24, 1852, J. A. Brenneman, M. D. He was subsequently engaged in banking, and now in orange growing. For some time they resided in Freeport, Ill., but now live in Riverside, Cal. Their children are: (surname Brenneman) P. Emma, born June 8, 1853, now dead, and Clayton, born May 30, 1861; besides two daughters, who died in infancy.
- vii. *George Washington*, born May 13, 1829, early removed to Chicago, where he carried on an extensive wholesale fruit business until burnt out by the great fire. He married August 10, 1862, Kate Shuyler; after her death he married (1866) Sarah Pistana; of this marriage two sons survive; George Eisendraht, married and residing in Riverside, Cal., trustee of the Carnegie Library there; for eight years past cashier of the State National Bank in Riverside, and now elected to the same position in the Los Angeles National Bank; he has one son, Merritt A.; ii. Edward of Colorado Springs. Geo. W. B. removed to

Leadville, Colorado, where his second wife died and he married Mrs. J. C. Hutchinson; now resides in Riverside.

16. viii. *John Quincy*, born March 20, 1831.  
ix. *Daniel*, born April 10, 1833, died June 8, 1848.  
x. *Anna Maria*, born January 10, 1835, a graduate of Abbott Academy, Andover, Mass., worked in the hospitals at Gettysburg after the battle; has been engaged in teaching in New England, and now makes her home with her sister, Mrs. Brenneman, in Riverside.  
xi. *Howard Nicholas*, born April 12, 1839, died 1885, whose middle name was given in honor of his Revolutionary ancestor, "Capt. Nicholas," was the first man of Adams Co. to enlist in the Union Army (Company E, 2nd Pennsylvania Regiment). He subsequently lived in Des Moines, Iowa, married February 28, 1866, Mary Mace, afterwards removed to Omaha and thence to Florida, where he died, leaving a widow and three children: i. Guy, died July 26, 1895; ii. Ralph; iii. Alice (Mrs. Mandville).  
xii. *Charles Lewis*, born May 25, 1841. He says: "enlisted Aug. 26, 1861, in Company D., 76th Pennsylvania Regiment; we were sent to Ft. Monroe in November, and in December were ordered to Hilton Head, S. C., where we remained in service until July, 1863; we then embarked for Morris and Sullivan's Islands, near Charleston, and participated in the assault on Fort Wagner, where I was wounded, July 11, '63, made a prisoner, taken to Charleston and then to Columbia, S. C.; there I remained in Richland jail and in the

Asylum grounds until Sherman's march on Columbia caused us to be sent to Raleigh, N. C.; we were paroled near Wilmington, N. C. I was ordered to Washington to settle my accounts and mustered out of the service; this occurred after Lee's surrender." He was subsequently in business with his brother George in Chicago, and after the great fire went to the Black Hills when that country was opened up; he is now owner and editor of the Daily and Weekly *Star* of Ocala, Fla. He married August 7, 1869, Luceba Hobbs; 2nd, Helen Nichols; they have had two children, Josephine H. (dead), and Mabel Adele.

XIV.—FREDERICK BITTINGER (Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Nicholas<sup>2</sup>, Adam<sup>1</sup>) died December 31, 1881; married Catherine House (born December 16, 1798, died October 9, 1878); they lived first in Charlestown, Va., then returned to Pennsylvania, and remained there until their deaths. They had twelve children.

- i. *Lucinda*, born in Charlestown, Va., married Jan. 1, 1846, the Hon. Ephraim Myers (born Sept. 29, 1823, died July 5, 1900.) He was a leading merchant in Littlestown, interested in the building of the Littlestown railroad, its President for twelve years, at which time the road was extended to Frederick, Md.; in 1861, elected County Commissioner; he was an ardent supporter of the Union cause. He was the founder of Mt. Carmel Cemetery, interested in the movement to incorporate the town, to start the Littlestown Savings Institution, and a liberal giver to St. Paul's (Lutheran) Church. He was elected a member of the state Legislature,

1885-6, being the first Republican elected to this office in this county for 25 years. Mr. and Mrs. Myers have four children living, all married (surname Myers): George B., of Baltimore (d. Nov. 5, 1903) Elizabeth, married C. P. Gettier, M. D., and residing in Littlestown; Sarah J., married to Geo. W. Stoner, M. D., Surgeon, United States Marine Hospital Service, residing in New York City; Harry, of Littlestown; Emma Lucinda, married Edmund Sindall, of New York City.

- ii. *George William*, married Leah Basehoar.
- iii. *Susannah E.*, married October 22, 1846, James H. Colehouse (born, 1823; died 1903.) For forty years he was engaged in business at Littlestown, conducting a general store. He served as Burgess and was also a charter member and stockholder of the Littlestown Savings Institution and a director and stockholder of the Littlestown Railroad, until that company was absorbed by the Pennsylvania Railroad. About 16 years ago, having retired from business, he moved to Hanover. Here he assisted to organize the People's Bank, and served as an elder of St. Mark's Lutheran Church for a term of years. He is survived by his wife, two sons—R. A. Colehouse, of Hanover, and W. H. Colehouse, of Littlestown, and one daughter, Mrs. George S. Kump, of Littlestown.
- iv. *Lydia*, born, 1828; died, April 15, 1903, married, Nov., 1851, Jacob G. Basehoar, died, (1887;) their surviving children are: (surname Basehoar) Charles H., of Taneytown, Md.; Mrs. Mary C. Gitt, Mountjoy Tp.,

Adams County; John B. of Union Tp., Adams Co., and Edward D., of Union Mills, Md.

- v. *Catherinc*, married Rufus Duttera.
- vi. *Sarah*, married Isaiah Mehring.
- vii. *Julia A.*, married, December 17, 1857, Levi T. Mehring; he lived on a farm in Carroll Co., Md., for eight years, then moved to Littlestown, Pa., and went into the hardware business; their children (surname Mehring) are:
  - i. Flora B., married to Lewis W. Kobler and living in Philadelphia; they have five children (surname Kobler) Violet E., Prudence S., H. Bittinger, L. Jordy, Maurice M.;
  - ii. Mary L., married to Charles Kohler of Braintree, Mass.
  - iii. Harry W., married Edith Disbro and lives in Waltham, Mass.; he has one daughter, Vinnie L. Mehring.
  - iv. Daniel, married Mary Slifer and lives in Littlestown; they have two sons, Arnon L. and Herman S.
  - v. Howard H., married Bessie Howd, and lives in Hebronville, Mass.; they have one son, Ernest L.
- viii. *Simon*, (dec'd) served in the Union Army, married Lavina Deardorff.
- ix. *Belle*, married to Samuel Study, of Tyrone, Pa.
- x. *Alexander*, died, aged seventeen.
- xi. *Emma*, (dec'd) married Augustus Crouse.
- xii. *James Henry*, deceased.

XV. JOSEPH BAUGHER BITTINGER (Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup> Nicholas<sup>2</sup>, Adam<sup>1</sup>) born March 30, 1823, died April 15, 1885, was a graduate of Pennsylvania College (1844) and of Andover Theological Seminary; for a short time principal of Abbott Academy, Andover, then professor of rhetoric in Middlebury (Vermont) College, pastor of the

Euclid Ave. Presbyterian church, Cleveland, O. (1853-62) and of the Sewickley Presbyterian church, Sewickley, Pa., until his death, (1864-85). He was an eloquent speaker and wrote a remarkably simple and forcible style; a list of his published writings is found in the "Pennsylvania College Book." He was deeply interested in humanitarian movements, as the anti-slavery agitation (he was a "conductor" on the Underground Railroad in Cleveland) and afterwards in prison reform, being commissioned to represent the State of Pennsylvania at the Prison Congresses of London and Stockholm. He was pronounced the best Biblical scholar the Cleveland ministry ever had, but in spite of his studious tastes, he was a brilliant conversationalist, full of humor and knowledge, and deeply and affectionately interested in the welfare of his parishioners. He married, Dec. 23, 1851, CATHERINE NACE FORNEY (born Nov. 10, 1828) who survives him; they have one child: Lucy Forney, who has prepared "Memorials" of her father, a "History of the Forney Family of Hanover, Pa.," was president of the Sewickley Valley Emergency Society during the Spanish war; has published "The Germans in Colonial Times" (Lippincott, 1900), "Prayers and Thoughts for the Use of the Sick" (Lippincott, 1902) and this history of the family.

XVI. JOHN QUINCY BITTINGER (Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Nicholas<sup>2</sup>, Adam<sup>1</sup>.) born Mar. 20, 1831, died April 5, 1895, a graduate of Dartmouth College (1857) studied theology at Andover and was pastor of the Congregational churches of Yarmouth, Me., St. Albans and Hartland, Vt., and Haverhill, N. H. While at St. Albans his health failed from rheumatism, which caused him great pain and compelled him to sit; standing and walking being equally hard for him. "He was obliged to deliver his sermons sitting, but they were no less acceptable on this account. He was a frequent and valued contributor to the church periodicals and



to leading newspapers; and was for some years editor of the New Hampshire Journal. He also found time for the composition of a history of Haverhill, (N. H.), a valuable contribution to local literature. His masterpiece was his "Plea for the Sabbath;" this was his last great effort. Disease put new and heavier fetters upon him; he was confined to his bed and for a year or two previous to his death was blind. Still he kept his interest in current events and to the last was as patient, trustful and heroic as in his prime. The earth has seldom closed over a braver, truer man than he." He married, Oct. 4, 1860, at Hanover, N. H., SARAH JONES WAINWRIGHT, and they have four children:

- i. *Frederick William*, born April 28, 1864, graduated from Dartmouth College Class of 1886; married, Aug. 3, 1886, Lillian M. Ayer, of Pike Station, N. H.; they have five children, Muriel Melissa, Fritz John, Philip Edward and Paul William (twins), and Katrina Wainwright. In partnership with his brother Joseph Francis he publishes the *Old Colony Memorial* at Plymouth, Mass.
- ii. *Joseph Francis*, born May 5, 1866; graduated from Dartmouth College, class of 1886; married, March 6, 1889, Katherine Aubrey Teague, of Memphis, Tenn.; they have three children; Marjorie V., Alene W., and Richard B.
- iii. *Helen Katherine*, born Aug. 3, 1870, married, July 30, 1903, Guy Clifton Smith.
- iv. *Charles Edward*, born Nov. 3, 1874, married, 1899, Harriette S. Buck, of St. Albans, Vt.; now foreman of a newspaper office in Bradford, Vt.

III. HENRY BEDINGER, (Adam<sup>t</sup>) born 1730, died Jan. 22, 1772, was brought to this country at the age of seven and lived with his parents at the Homestead Farm, Adams Co., Pennsylvania, until he married, 1752, MARY MAGDALENA SCHLEGEL. His four eldest children

*Magdalena Schlegel*

were born in Pennsylvania "on his own land near his father's residence; several died in infancy." In the spring of 1762 he removed to Shepherdstown, Frederick (now Jefferson) Co., W. Va., a town then recently founded, under the name of Mecklenburg, by the Pennsylvania-German, Col. Shepherd (Schaefer). Henry B. was naturalized at York, Pa., May 20, 1769. He became quite wealthy and built himself a stone house on the south side of Shepherdstown, near two beautiful springs; he died at this homestead. His wife survived him some time; at her home was held, May 25, 1775, the gathering of the Virginia riflemen, who, under the leadership of Hugh Stephenson, marched to the succor of Boston, where they greatly astonished the New-Englanders with their long rifles, their hunting-shirts and their unerring aim. Three of Henry B.'s sons, Henry, George Michael and Daniel, enlisted in this company. Henry Bedinger and his wife had seven children who grew up:

17.    i. *Henry*, born Oct. 16, 1752.
- ii. *Elizabeth*, married Abel Morgan, who died young and left her a widow with four children. "She managed her household and farm with admirable prudence and success," writes her niece, Mrs. Edmund Lee, "her homestead was called Falling Spring. She was a grand-looking old lady, tall, straight and well-formed; her teeth were very beautiful and perfect, her skin was spotless, and her features strongly marked and handsome. Her high, white cap, snowy kerchief of whitest muslin laid in folds across her bosom, her black dress looking always fresh and unsullied, and her refined and stately bearing impressed us children with the fact that she would brook no liberty. She spoke German in all its purity and perfection." The chil-



- dren of Elizabeth B. and Abel Morgan were:
- i. Daniel, married Mary Lowrie; ii. Olivia, died unmarried; and two others.
  - iii. *Sally*, married Abram Morgan (brother of Abel Morgan); early in the century they moved to Kentucky, where their descendants now reside.
18. iv. *George Michael*, born Dec. 10, 1756.  
v. *Solomon*, died unmarried previous to 1818.
19. vi. *Daniel*, born 1760.  
vii. *Jacob*, born in Virginia. He owned two farms near Shepherdstown, one in Maryland, and the other just opposite in Virginia; on the latter, called "the Hermitage," he resided. He was in his youth a very handsome man. He married Mildred Clark (see Sect. V); they were childless.

XVII. HENRY BEDINGER. (Henry<sup>2</sup>. Adam<sup>1</sup>), born Oct. 16, 1752, died May 14, 1843, enlisted, June, 1775, in the Continental service in Hugh Stephenson's regiment of riflemen and was appointed sergeant before he left the recruiting rendezvous at Shepherdstown. He marched with his company to the relief of Boston, where they remained until July, 1776, when they were ordered to Bergen, N. J.; there the troops were re-organized, Henry B. being appointed 2nd Lieutenant of his former company, now commanded by Capt. Abram Shepherd, Hugh Stephenson being made Colonel. Henry B.'s commission, signed by John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, is in the possession of his grandson, Henry B. Davenport, of Charlestown, W. Va. The entire regiment was captured, Nov. 16, 1776, at Ft. Washington. The capture included Henry B. and his two brothers, George Michael and Daniel, who were privates in his company. The latter were soon released, but Capt. Henry B. was held a prisoner on Long

Island four years, lacking sixteen days, having been released Nov. 1, 1780. Gen. Samuel Findley of Ohio, in a letter to Mr. Davenport, says that he, Nat. Pendleton of Virginia and Henry B. were all released from prison at the same time; they walked to Philadelphia, there bought a horse and mutually rode and walked from there to Richmond, Va. In 1781 Capt. Henry B. raised another company, of which he was captain, and marched south to join the army, but on reaching Fredericksburg, he heard of Cornwallis's surrender. He remained in the army until it was disbanded, Nov. 3, 1783. He was one of the original members of the Cincinnati; his diploma, signed by Washington, is in Mr. Davenport's possession. On leaving the army he became a merchant in Shepherdstown. In 1794 he was commissioned a major in the Virginia militia, and hence was called "Major B." In the same year he was a member of the legislature of Virginia. In 1800 he removed to Martinsburg, having been elected Clerk of the Court, and resided in that vicinity until shortly before his death. He was very tall and soldierly in his bearing, extremely wealthy and hospitable. He married RACHEL STRODE, a daughter of Capt. James Strode, an officer under Lord Dunmore, the last royal governor of Virginia and a sister of Mrs. Col. Shepherd. Henry and Rachel (Strode) Bedinger had four daughters who grew up (beside two who died in infancy):

- i. *Nancy*, married to her cousin, James Strode Swearingen (born Feb. 3, 1782, died Feb. 3, 1864), an army officer who served through the War of 1812, and who established the post of Ft. Dearborn, afterwards Chicago. After the close of the war, Col. and Mrs. S. resided at Chillicothe, O. She received from her father a tract of land in Pickaway Co., O., called the "Bedinger Tract," on which some of her descendants still reside. A full account of them will be found

in the "Family Register of Gerrit Van Swearingen and Descendants."

- ii. *Sally*, born 1790, died unmarried, 1840.
- iii. *Elizabeth*, married Braxton Davenport, of Virginia.
- iv. *Maria*, married Col. Samuel Miller, of the Marine Corps, (see "Hamersley's Navy Register, Marine Corps," p. 693.) They left one daughter, Maria, married to Frank Peters, son of the reporter to the U. S. Supreme Court. She inherited from her mother "Protumna," Maj. B.'s homestead.

XVIII. GEORGE MICHAEL BEDINGER (Henry<sup>2</sup> Adam<sup>1</sup>) born in Penn., Dec. 10, 1756, died at the Blue Lick Springs, December 7, 1843; was named for his father's brother, who was his sponsor. He was taken to Virginia when a child. George Michael Bedinger served with the Virginia riflemen in the siege of Boston, then became a courier to Gen. Washington. In an account, in his own handwriting, of his military experiences, he said: "When Capt. Wm. Morgan's company got to Philadelphia, which I think was about the first of January, 1777, I found my brother Daniel, with a few others of those soldiers who had been taken with him at Fort Washington, all of them sick and so much reduced that I think few of them ever got well. I took him a few miles out of the city to a Quaker's house, where I left him until he should be able to be hauled home. Next day, I think, I overtook our company of riflemen. Our company had voluntarily entered the service for three months. Gen. Washington by a messenger of the company had requested us to stay eight days longer, and as our captain was then absent, I spoke to the men, pressing them upon their honor not to leave us, which the most of them complied with. In that three months time we were

stationed near the enemy's quarters and kept them from pil-  
laging and foraging as far as we were able. In New Jer-  
sey in the winter of '77, early in March, we had a sharp tho'  
short conflict with the enemy, which was called the battle of  
Piscataway; under the command of Col. (Chas.) Winston,  
where we were overpowered by a vastly superior number." Shortly after the time when this fragment ends, his grand-  
son, the Rev. Dr. Bedinger says: "My grandfather after  
his term of service had expired was employed by the Gover-  
nor of Virginia to take some recruits to Gen. Clarke, then  
in command at Louisville, Kentucky. He came to Ken-  
tucky, and while there Bowman's expedition against the  
Indians at old Chillicothe, (Xenia, Ohio) was undertaken.  
They crossed the river at the mouth of the Licking where  
Cincinnati now stands,—there was nothing there then,—and  
went out to Xenia. Grandfather was made Adjutant, and  
Gen. Bowman was leader, his plan being to attack the In-  
dians in camp from three quarters, one in command of  
Logan, another under Bowman, and a third under my  
grandfather. Grandfather was to take a squad of eight  
men and secrete himself, and when the attack was made by  
the other parties, to begin firing from ambush. He took  
his men and hid there close to the Indian council house be-  
hind a fallen tree—he waiting expecting the attack to be  
made, until the day began to break. He had heard the In-  
dian dogs barking, and saw runners starting out to the  
other Indian towns. After it got to be broad daylight, Col.  
Bowman rode up within hearing distance and called to him  
that their plans had failed, that the command was disorgan-  
ized, and he could do nothing for him, he would have to  
get away the best he could. The Indians had gathered in  
the council house and were watching to shoot them down.  
One man raised up and was immediately killed,—a bullet  
through his brain; another put his cap on a stick and raised  
it above the log, and it received two or three bullets. My

grandfather then said, 'the only hope is for all to jump at once and get away as fast as we can, don't run in a straight line, but go zig-zag so they can't take aim. I will give the word, now', and he gave the word and sprang, going as he said, zig-zag, and escaped unhurt. After he had drawn the fire the other men jumped up and ran off without being shot at. When he reached Col. Bowman, the Col. told him their plans had failed because the men had come across some horses and each man began to sieze horses and broke ranks, and the officers could not control them, and he could do nothing with them. The Col. appealed to him, if he could do anything, to do it. Grandfather called a number of the men together and told them, 'It is not a question of how much we can get, but a question of our lives. The Indians are gathering in force there, and I saw them send off runners to other towns, and in a little while there will be an overpowering force of Indians about us; the only hope is to get back to the river as fast as ever we can, and we must obey orders or all will be killed.' The men saw the reasonableness of it, and they organized. Forming a hollow square in which they put the wounded and horses, they started on their retreat. The Indians followed closely and fought through the day without making very great progress. When night came on the Indians from other towns were about them and they heard the voice of the chief, urging them forward and directing how they could attack. My recollection is this chief was 'Cornstalk.' My grandfather said, 'unless we can kill that man we are lost.' A number volunteered to attack where they could hear his voice, and they succeeded in wounding or killing him. That disorganized the Indians, and the men struck out for the river and reached the Ohio a little after daylight. They got in boats, and swimming their horses which they had captured, they got to the middle of the river, and saw the Indians swarming on the bank; but they were out of rifle shot. I

remember a story of his going with a single man, and as he was travelling along in front he heard a gun click as the man cocked it, and distrusting his companion he sprang one side, and as he did so the gun went off and missed him. The man claimed that it went off accidentally; but he took the gun from him and marched him in front until they came to a settlement." He is said to have served as major at the Battle of the Blue Licks, but his grandson, Rev. Dr. E. W. Bedinger, remembers that his grandfather took him up behind him on his horse and showed him the battlefield and that Major Bedinger said he himself was not present at the battle, but arrived on the scene next day and helped to rally the men. On Christmas day, 1786, he married NANCY KANE, daughter of Newton Kane, of Virginia; she died shortly after the birth of her daughter, Sarah. George Michael B. served as major in Darke's Regiment in 1791 and commanded the Winchester battalion of sharpshooters on the disastrous expedition of St. Clair, the same year. Major B. also commanded the 3rd Sub-Legion of U. S. Infantry, from April, 1792, to Feb., 1793, and became a member of the State House of Representatives in 1795. In 1792 he met and married, at the Blue Lick Springs, of which he was then the owner, HENRIETTA CLAY, of Kentucky; she was a cousin of the statesman and the tenth child of Henry Clay, M. D., Jr., and his wife, Rachel Povall, of Mecklenburg Co., Va., and afterwards of Bourbon Co., Ky. Her father opposed the marriage, not liking the appearance of Maj. Bedinger at his house in uniform. Henrietta Clay had made herself a homespun wedding dress. She made this into a bundle, threw it out of the window, and Maj. Bedinger waiting below on horseback, then got out herself and they eloped, she riding behind her bridegroom. After the wedding, Maj. Bedinger and his body servant built a log cabin for the bride to live in. George M. B. was elected a representative from Kentucky to the VIIIth Congress and re-elected



to the IXth, serving from Oct. 17, 1803, to March 3, 1807; this was the period of the famous 'Embargo,' which was so disastrous to our commerce; Major B. was defeated for re-election on account of his opposition to this measure. A night session, then a very unusual thing, was called to pass the act, thinking its opponents could not attend. Maj. Bedinger got wind of it, came and opened his speech by saying, "What means this gathering in such unseemly haste, under cover of darkness? Is it that you propose that which will not bear the light?" He went on to deliver a scathing speech. When he finished, John Randolph of Roanoke rose and said in his peculiar squeaky voice, "I am glad to see there is one honest man in this house." Rev. Dr. Bedinger says, "My grandfather came down to deliver the address at the laying of the cornerstone of the Observatory in Cincinnati, and John Quincy Adams was there also. Grandfather rode down on horseback from the Blue Licks, and I think he was then 84 years old. They started from Morgan Springs to Boston, the company agreeing that whoever was alive fifty years from that time should come to that spring and have a reunion. My grandfather was living in Kentucky, but he rode in on horseback, then 68 years old. They had a great barbecue, he there met his brother Henry, they being the only survivors who were able to be present, and I think there was but one other living." "He was," says his great-grandson, Daniel Lucas B., "a singularly modest and retiring man, who had become so much disgusted at the self-laudation and advertisement of some of his contemporaries and colleagues, that he never made an attempt to make a permanent record of his individual adventures. There was once presented to Congress a memorial on his behalf, setting forth in detail his various public services and deeds of heroism, but what became of it I have never been able to learn." His greatgrand-

daughter, Olivia Morgan Bedinger says: "He had black hair and blue eyes, was not unduly tall." In his extreme old age Maj. B. addressed to the people of Kentucky a broadside advocating an amendment of the state constitution abolishing slavery; he said: "I am a citizen of Bourbon County, Kentucky. I am by profession a farmer, and have no other means of supporting my family. I occupy a middle station in society, being neither very rich nor very poor. I have lived within a few years of a century. And though a friend of morality, piety and religion, I have never attached myself to any denomination of religious professors. I entertain a fixed belief in the existence, and rejoice in the omnipotence of an overruling Providence of infinite goodness who delights in justice as he does in mercy, and frowns upon injustice and oppression, and all manner of wickedness. And as a rule by which to govern my conduct through life, I admire, yes, I love, the Christian precept that direct us to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. I hold no office; I seek none. With this brief notice of myself I proceed with the subject in contemplation.

Yes, you are ready to say our imaginations are often visited by these melancholy reflections. They engage our serious thoughts by day; and they haunt our dreams by night. We see the evil; we feel the evil; we dread the evil. We look upon its disastrous consequences with the same terror and the same certainty that we do upon death. And like death, we have hitherto in our hopes placed their arrival at a distance. But we now begin to feel that their approach is near. We see it in the fanatic abolitionism of the north; and in the reckless nullification of the south. On either side we know by the smoke and dust that fill the atmosphere that a storm is gathering which threatens to burst with all its horror upon this ill-fated land." Miss Olivia M. Bedinger says: "The convention was called. He was himself a member, but it



left the clauses relating to slavery unchanged. I know nothing concerning his feelings on the matter. At his death, which took place shortly afterward, he endeavored to carry out his ideas with reference to his own slaves"—by gradual emancipation and colonization in Liberia. Brief mention is made of him in Collins' History of Kentucky; also in Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography, p. 215, and a more extended account of some of his experiences in a History of Kentucky, by Perrin, Battle & Kniffin, pp. 167 and seq. (Louisville, Ky., 1887). By his first marriage with Nancy Kane, Major George Michael B. had one daughter.

- i. *Sarah Kane*, died July, 1822, married John Bedford; she had a daughter, who married ———Coleman, lived near Colemansville, Ky., and afterwards removed to Missouri.

The children of George Michael and Henrietta Clay B. were:

- ii. *Henry Clay*, born Nov. 24, 1793, died about 1850, married, first, Lavinia Drake (died May 18, 1822), daughter of Dr. Drake, the most prominent physician of Cincinnati in early times. She left one daughter; i. Lavinia, married to George William Ranson; Henry Clay B. married, second, Judith Singleton, and they had three children: ii. Sarah, married, first, ——— Parker, second, Dr. Ellis, and lived in Missouri; iii. Henry Clay, born Sept. 5, 1832, married, May 22, 1857, in Missouri, Susan Ellsworth Washington (now dead), he now lives in Portales, N. Mex., they have had eight children: George Washington, born Feb. 28, 1858; Lillian Thornton, born Dec. 25, 1859; Emma Bird, born Feb. 23, 1862, died Aug. 25, 1878; Susan Augusta, born June 14, 1867; Henry Clay, born Sept. 18, 1869; Solomon Singleton, born Oct. 3, 1871; Eleanor Lawrence, born Dec. 26, 1873, died

- Oct. 7, 1874; Mildred Berry, born July 8, 1876;
- iv. Solomon Singleton, died Feb. 8, 1873, married Mildred Berry Washington, they had five children: Henrietta Gray, born Nov. 17, 1854; Lavinia, born May 29, 1857, married Edward Henry Morrell; Henry Clay, born Sept. 23, 1859, married U. S. Meeks; Arthur Singleton, born March 7, 1862, died Nov. 9, 1869; Singleton Berry, born Nov. 7, 1871. They reside in Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi.
- iii. *Daniel Paine*, born March 18, 1795, died about 1865, married, April 20, 1826, Letitia Clay, his first cousin, she being the daughter of Henry, third son of Henry Clay, M. D., Jr. They had one daughter, i. Olivia, married Richard Lindsay, leaving three children (surname Lindsay): Rosa, married William Buckner, of Paris, Ky.; Frank, of Blue Lick Springs, Ky., a widower with two sons surviving; Elizabeth, married Asa Lewis, of Blue Lick Springs, Ky. Daniel P. Bedinger married second, June 1, 1854, Anna E. Ranson, who survives him, residing at Blue Lick Springs, Ky.
20. iv. *Benjamin Franklin*, born June 14, 1797.
- v. *Elizabeth Morgan*, born Dec. 30, 1798, died ———, married, Jan. 29, 1824, Robt. Bedford. "Betsey Bedinger," as she was called, read the Encyclopedia Britannica through, her father having the only copy in Kentucky at that time, and was considered a marvel of erudition. She tried to educate her only child, Robert, Jr., in the same way, but he had no intellectual taste, so she said she "would gild him," and made a good deal of money for him; but his marriage disappointed her; she felt herself neglected by her brothers in her last illness, and so she left all her wealth to the Common School Fund of the state. Her son died childless.

- vi. *Solomon*, born March 10, 1801, d. s. p. April 12, 1828.
- vii. *Olivia Morgan*, born April 6, 1803, died 1823, married Henry Clay, brother of Letitia Clay (Mrs. Daniel P. Bedinger); Olivia Clay had one child, which died the same year as herself.
- viii. *George Michael, Jr.*, born March 8, 1805, died Sept. 5, 1833, married, April 24, 1828, Lucy V. Throckmorton; they had one child, Frank, who died unmarried.
- ix. *Joseph Morgan*, born Feb. 1, 1810, died July 14, 1890, married, Sept. 5, 1833, Nancy Moore. Their children, with the exception of Anna E., who lives at Erlanger, are residents in and around Bloomington, Ill. They are William H., Joseph P., Mary M. (Mrs. Reeves); Henrietta and Benjamin Franklin, Jr., are dead.
- x. *Henrietta P.*, born Oct. 30, 1819, d. s. p. June 20, 1833.

XX. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BEDINGER, born June, 1797, died September 7, 1872, married June, 29, 1820, Sarah Everett, daughter of David Everett Wade, one of the early emigrants from New Jersey to Cincinnati. Benjamin Franklin B.'s name was selected for him by his uncle Jacob, who at first wanted the child given *his* name. George Michael Bedinger objected that the patriarch Jacob was not a good man, the uncle then suggested George Washington, but the father said, President Washington was good and great, but still living and there was no knowing what he might do. To this Jacob Bedinger replied by advising that the child be named Benjamin Franklin, as he combined all the virtues, "he was good, was great and he was dead." Benjamin Franklin Bedinger studied medicine, but never practiced, much to the disappointment of his connection, Dr. Drake, who had a high opinion of his talents. Dr. Bedinger was much interested in politics,

tho he never took office, in pursuance of a promise made to his wife. He was a friend of Abraham Lincoln and his son (E. W. B.) was present at an interview with Lincoln at Bloomington, Ill., in 1858, in which Dr. Bedinger warned the future president of the probable consequences of his political course. His son, Rev. Dr. B. says: "He was very active in getting the charter of the Covington-Lexington Turnpike Co. He was ever desirous of good roads and was president of the company for many years at different times, and connected with it as a director as long as he lived. He was raised under Deistical influences, a great reader and had at his tongue's end all the arguments against the Christian religion; but he was urged to investigate the claims of the Christian religion, and the Bible as a revelation from God, and after many years' careful study he became convinced that the Bible was God's word, and when he was about 63 years old he made a profession of religion and united with the Presbyterian church at Richmond, Boone county, and was afterward made an elder. My father on his death bed called to him his sons who were not members of the church, and said, "My sons, I don't know whether you believe the Bible to be God's word or not. If you do, you are guilty of great sin in not obeying it. If you do not I beg you to investigate it carefully for I am sure you will find it is." This was just a few hours before he died. Miss Olivia Bedinger describes the family of Dr. Bedinger and says: "The numerous sons, though by no means over-strenuous, and averse to blacking their own boots or saddling their own horses, were not above working with their own hands; my father, though bred to the law, was a skillful cheese-maker. You will readily perceive that my grandfather's financial interest in slavery was but small. He had imbibed his father's emancipation ideas, and was much disliked by his neighbors for his abolitionism. When one of his men, Humphrey R., married

a woman belonging to a neighbor named C., my grandfather offered to buy her; C. refused to sell her, to an abolitionist. During the war Humphrey was drafted and came in terror to 'Marse Franklin' promising that he would stay and work for him always if he would only get him off. Dr. B. purchased a substitute for him at a cost of \$1,000. Humphrey forthwith left for Ohio, where I frequently saw him when I was a child. I remember my grandfather waking my wonder by saying he never regretted anything he had done for Humphrey. Notwithstanding his anti-slavery principles, Dr. B. and his sons went completely and thoroughly with the South." Miss Bedinger says of the Kentucky branch of the family: "They are a large race, most of the men exceed six feet, and the women are in proportion. They have a fair average of intelligence, many are college graduates, and nearly all have had at least a high school course. None are distinguished; most are honest and sober. Most of the present generation are orthodox in religion; many are puritanical, the puritanism coming in with the Wade blood. A few are inclined to agnosticism, a few indifferent, a few *cranks*."

Their children are:

- i. *George Michael, Jr.*, born May 19, 1826, married September 3, 1850, Hannah More Fleming, (born October 31, 1831) and lives in California; their children are: Sarah Everett, b. June 29, 1851, librarian of the Beale Memorial Library, Bakersfield, California; Eleanor Fleming, b. August 20, 1853, d. September 16, 1875; George Michael, b. October 21, 1856, d. June 26, 1883; Olivia Morgan, b. Feb. 23, 1859, a teacher in the public schools, Kern Co., California; Lavinia, b. October 11, 1861, m., June 11, 1896, Alfred Wm. Bannister; they have three children: Henry Arnold, b. July 22, 1897, George Richmond, August 19, 1898, d. January 22, 1901,

and Alfred William, b. November 9, 1903; Thomas Fleming, b. November 20, 1863, d. January 2, 1864; Benjamin Franklin, b. October 19, 1865, a rancher at Bakersfield; Alexander Porter, b. August 11, 1869, d. September 3, 1895; Julia, b. July 12, 1872, owner and manager of a dairy herd at Bakersfield.

- ii. *Olivia Morgan*, married, first, — Todd, second, George William Ranson, the widower of her cousin, Lavinia B. (see above). She is dead, one son survives her, Geo. William Ranson, Jr., of Richwood, Ky.
- iii. *Everett Wade, D. D.*, a graduate of Yale, class of '51; was ordained to the Presbyterian ministry, 1857, preached at Paris and Richwood, Ky., during the Civil War, had many thrilling experiences, went to Canada when the Union forces took possession of the state, then returned, got through the lines and took his family to Virginia; was chaplain to the 18th N. C. Regt. while it was at Gordonsville and Shepherdstown, Va.; after the war ministered at Erlanger and Anchorage, Ky., then chairman of the committee for evangelistic work of the Synod of Kentucky, and now (1903) doing home-missionary work in the mountains of Alabama. His interesting reminiscences may be found in the "History of the (Yale) class of 1851," printed for the class, Boston, 1893. He married Sally Eleanor Lucas, (d. July, 1867), daughter of William Lucas and Virginia Bedinger of "Rion Hall," Charlestown, W. Va. (see Section xxi.) their children are: Virginia, who was married to Rev. J. Harry Moore, resided at Washington, Ky., and died childless; Rev. B. Franklin, married first Mattie Piatt, second, Mary Snow, has seven sons and one daughter, and lives at Hampden-Sidney, Va.; Rev.



Wm. Lucas, married Mary Young, has one daughter and resides at W. Appomatox, Va.; Everett Wade, Jr., married Laura B. Brooke, has six daughters living, and resides at Anchorage, Ky.; he is the author of *Bedinger's Digest of West Va. Supreme Court Reports*, and has done editorial work in Charlestown and Roanoke, Va.; George Michael, married first Josephine Blandon, and second, Lucy Blandon, lives at Adriance, Mich.; Daniel Lucas, for twelve years U. S. Pension Examiner, now practising law in Louisville, married to Eleanor Campbell (dec'd) and has one child, Josephine; Sarah Everett, a Presbyterian missionary at Monte Morales, Mexico. Dr. Bedinger married second, Anna Moore Bilmyer of Shepherdstown; of their six children, Myra Van Doren, a graduate of Bryn Mawr, is teaching at the Bryn Mawr preparatory school, Baltimore; Anna Moore, also a graduate of Bryn Mawr, teaching at Red Springs, N. C.; Katharine Conrad and Olivia Morgan, at Bellwood Seminary, Anchorage, Ky., and Henry Garrett is a student at the State University, Columbia, Mo., and John Van Doran at Princeton.

- iv. *Daniel*, (dec'd).
- v. *David* (dec'd).
- vi. *Benjamin F., Jr.*, (dec'd). The last three married daughters of Bradbury and Harriet Cilley of Venice, O.

XIX. DANIEL BEDINGER, (Henry<sup>2</sup>, Adam<sup>1</sup>) born 1760, died, March 17, 1818. He ran away from his home at Shepherdstown in the summer of 1776 to join the patriot army, was taken prisoner at the Brandywine and treated with

great harshness. Once "on the occurrence of some difficulty between himself and the officer having him in charge, who demanded who the impertinent young rebel was, he replied, 'I am, sir, a soldier, a Virginian and a gentleman.' He was detained a prisoner of war until the British army evacuated Philadelphia, in the summer of 1778, when he was left, as was supposed, in a dying condition, in a miserable hospital. There his brother, George Michael, found him. Overcome by his feelings, Michael knelt by the side of the poor, emaciated boy, took him in his arms and bore him to a house where he could procure some comforts in the way of food, etc. After this he got an armchair, two pillows and some leather straps; he placed his suffering charge in the chair, supported by the pillows, swung him by the leather straps on his back and carried him some miles into the country, where he found a friendly asylum in a farm-house. There he nursed him until he partially recovered strength. After Daniel was exchanged, he rejoined the army and served through the remainder of the war, participating in many engagements; he continued in active service until the dismissal of the army in South Carolina in 1783. He reached the rank of Lieutenant. His certificate of membership in the Society of the Cincinnati, bearing the signature of Washington and the date of Mount Vernon, March 1, 1787, is now in the possession of the Rev. Henry Bedinger. He was familiarly called "Major" B. After the Revolution he opened a bookstore in Norfolk, Va. In April, 1791, he was married to SARAH RUTHERFORD, daughter of the Hon. Robert R., (a native of Virginia, of Scotch descent, and a relative of the mother of Sir Walter Scott; he was a very wealthy man, had served several terms in Congress, and was married to the widow of a brother of Lord Howe). In 1802 "Major" B. was appointed by President Jefferson, Navy Agent at Norfolk, holding the position until 1808. His health failing, and



having accumulated a small fortune, he returned to Shepherdstown, where he built his residence "Bedford." Its portico was supported by four large pillars, the caps and bases of which were made from the broken masts of the old warship, Constitution; this house was burnt by the Federal troops during the Civil War. Daniel B. died early from a disease of the lungs, the effect of his long imprisonment. His daughter, Mrs. Lee, says of him: "He was a cultivated, refined, Virginia gentleman, genial, kind and witty, with a high and delicate sense of honor." His grandson, Col. Thornton Washington, wrote: "I can state of my own knowledge that Daniel B. was long remembered and referred to by his associates as a superior order of man; he was endowed with a versatile and varied genius as a writer." The children of Daniel and Sarah (Rutherford) Bedinger were thirteen in number, as follows:

- i. *Margaret Rutherford*, born in Norfolk, Va., Jan. 30, 1792, died at "Bedford," May 10, 1819, married Dr. Seth Belfield Foster, December 11, 1808.
21. ii. *Elizabeth Conrad*, born in Norfolk, 1793.
- iii. *Benjamin Franklin*, born in Norfolk, 1795, died in Shepherdstown, 1799.
- iv. *Robert*, born in Norfolk, 1795, died there 1797.
- v. *Sarah Eleanor*, born in Norfolk, 1798, died at "Bedford," 1816.
- vi. *Mary*, born at "Bedford," May 5, 1800, died at Bedford, April 4, 1825, married April 29, 1819, John Love Bryan.
- vii. *Susan Peyton*, born at "Bedford," May 20, 1802, died at Woodbury, Conn., August 31, 1871. She married, May 17, 1826, Frederick Ellsworth, (d. at Frederick, Md., June 7, 1827), and, second, Rev. N. E. Cornwall.
- viii. *Daniel*, born in Gosport, Va., March 25, 1804,

died at "Bedford," May, 1839. In 1837 he married Katherine H. Berry.

- ix. *Eleanor Sarah*, born at Gosport, 1806, died at "Cedarlawn," 1821.
- x. *Virginia Ann*, born at Suffolk, Va., April 8, 1808, died at Charlestown, W. Va., December, 1839. She was married July 30, 1830, to the Hon. William Lucas (died. 1877), who represented his district in Congress for two terms. Their daughter, Sally, married Everett Wade Bedinger, D. D., a grandson of George Michael B. (See Section XX.) Their son, Daniel Bedinger Lucas, Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals (W. Va.), distinguished as a jurist and a poet, has published among other things, "The Wreath of Eglantine," containing also poems of his sister Virginia. His best known poem is "The Land where we were Dreaming," written after the surrender; these are its concluding verses:

"As wakes the soldier when the alarm calls,  
As wakes the mother when the infant falls,  
As starts the traveller when around  
His sleeping couch the fire bells sound—  
So woke our nation with a single bound  
In the land where we were dreaming.

Woe! woe is me! the startled mother cried,  
While we have slept our noble sons have died!  
Woe! woe is me! How strange and sad  
That all our glorious vision's fled  
And left us nothing real but the dead  
In the land where we were dreaming!"

- xi. *Henrietta*, b. Feb. 7, 1810, d. Oct. 7, 1898, m. September 7, 1835, to Edmund Jennings Lee, 2nd, (d. 1877), son of E. J. Lee of Alexandria, Va., and grandson of Richard Henry Lee, and a cousin of Gen. Robert Lee. "She

was gifted with fine intellect, clear judgment, abounding wit and sparkling vivacity. But above all other characteristics, she was distinguished for her humble devoted godliness. In all relations of life she was admirable, tenderly beloved: her own children and her step-children called her blessed. The difficult duties and responsibilities devolving on the mistress of a number of slaves, were met by Mrs. Lee with Christian fidelity and good sense. All the negroes in her household were collected every evening in her private sitting room for family prayers; Sunday afternoon was given up to a Sunday-school for them, and all others who wished to attend. This school was continued some years after they ceased to be slaves. At 'Bedford' Mrs. Lee passed three lonely years, during the war, her two oldest sons being in the Confederate army, and her husband a refugee; in 1864 'Bedford' was burned by the Federal troops, leaving Mrs. Lee and her children homeless and well nigh destitute. A small home was built, 'Leeland,' where she was the friend, the counselor and comforter of the whole community." As the last survivor of this large family, we are indebted to her for the preservation of much family tradition, which would otherwise have been lost. Her eldest son, Gen. Edwin G. d. 1870, a victim of the hardships and exposure of the Civil War. Her second son, Edmund L., d. 1897. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Dr. Chas. W. Goldsborough and Mrs. Ida L. Rust, and one son, the Rev. H. B. Lee.

22. xii. *Henry*, born 1812.  
xiii. *Edwin Gray*, born at "Bedford," 1814, died 1835, by a fall from his horse.

XXI. ELIZABETH CONRAD BEDINGER, (Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Henry<sup>2</sup>, Adam<sup>1</sup>) born Sept. 27, 1793, died Oct. 31, 1837, married, September 2, 1808, JOHN THORNTON AUGUSTINE WASHINGTON (born May 20, 1783, died Oct. 7, 1841.) He was the eldest great-grandson of Col. Samuel Washington, President Washington's eldest full brother. John T. A. Washington's descendants are, therefore, the nearest relatives of the "Father of his Country." John T. A. W. served in the war of 1812, and was also in the Virginia legislature. He resided at "Cedarlawn," Jefferson Co., West Virginia. His children were: (surname Washington.)

- i. *Lawrence Berry*, born November 26, 1811, d. s. p., September 21, 1856.
- ii. *Daniel Bedinger*, born February 14, 1814, died December 28, 1887, married October 24, 1843, Lucy Ann (Washington) Wharton.
- iii. *Virginia Thornton*, born May 22, 1816, d. s. p., November 13, 1838.
- iv. *Sally Eleanor*, born April 7, 1818, d. s. p., January 21, 1858.
- v. *Benjamin Franklin*, born April 7, 1820, died January 22, 1872, married Georgiana Hite Ransone.
- vi. *George Anna Augusta*, born March 3, 1822, married November 20, 1851, John W. Smith.
- vii. *Mary Elizabeth*, born March 4, 1824, married, August 17, 1858, Squire Asbury.
- viii. *Thornton Augustin*, born January 22, 1826, died 1894, married March 8, 1860, Olive Ann Jones. Col. Washington, who served on General Lee's staff during the Civil War, prepared for family circulation an admirable account of that branch of

the Washington family, the descendants of Col. Samuel Washington, to which he belonged. The pamphlet also contains full and admirably accurate histories of the descendants of John T. A. and Elizabeth (Bedinger) Washington.

- ix. *Mildred Berry*, born September 3, 1827, died in infancy.
- x. *Mildred Berry*, born March 8, 1829, died November 8, 1871, married February 8, 1854, Solomon Singleton Bedinger (died February 8, 1872). He was a grandson of George Michael B., under which section further information may be seen.
- xi. *George*, born December 9, 1830, died November 20, 1890, married April 11, 1871, Mary Virginia Dempsey. He served in the Confederate Army.
- xii. *Susan Ellsworth*, born April 1, 1833, married May 22, 1857, Henry C. Bedinger, also a grandson of George M. B.
- xiii. *Henrietta Gray*, born September 10, 1835, died in childhood.

XXII. HENRY BEDINGER (Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Henry<sup>2</sup>, Adam<sup>1</sup>) b. near Shepherdstown, W. Va., Feb. 3, 1812, d. November 26, 1859, received a classical education, practised law in Shepherdstown, and afterwards in Charlestown, W. Va.; in 1845 he succeeded his partner and brother-in-law, A. T. M. Rust, as member of Congress, where he represented Virginia, 1845-49, and was distinguished for his eloquence as a debater. In 1853 he was appointed United States minister to Denmark, and while at Copenhagen he negotiated a treaty which settled the question of the Sound dues. His daughter, Mrs. Dandridge, writes: "My father died of pneumonia caught at a political barbecue; he made a speech with uncovered head, took cold and died in a few days. He was a very genial man and greatly beloved by all who knew him. He wrote verse and repeated poetry

beautifully; was very literary in his tastes and upright, honorable and spotless in his political career." A sketch of his life may be found in Appleton's *Cyclopedia of American Biography*, p. 215. He married, June 5, 1839, MARGARET RUST, daughter of Gen. George Rust. She died May 21, 1843. They had three children:

- i. *Virginia*, married to H. B. Michie, a lawyer of Staunton, Va.
- ii. *George Rust*, a Captain in the Confederate service, killed at the battle of Gettysburg (1863), far in advance of the company, and his body was never recovered.
- iii. *Margaret*, died in infancy.

August 17, 1847, the Hon. Henry B. married CAROLINE BOWNE LAWRENCE, daughter of Hon. John W. Lawrence, of Flushing, L. I. Their children are:

- i. *Mary*, born at "Bedford," near Shepherdstown, August, 1850, died March 22, 1896, married John F. B. Mitchell of Flushing, L. I., by whom she had four children. She was very gifted and very beautiful; she wrote for Scribner, Century and other magazines under the pen-name of "Maria Blunt."
- ii. *Henry*, born July 21, 1853, in Flushing, educated at the University of Virginia and the New York Theological Seminary. He is a clergyman of the Episcopal Church, living in Salem, Mass. He is married to Ada Doughty, of L. I., and has three children living.
- iii. *Danske*, born in Copenhagen, Denmark, while her father was United States minister there; married, 1877, Hon. A. S. Dandridge, of Jefferson Co., W. Va.; they have three children: (surname Dandridge) i. Violet, born March 15, 1878; ii. Stephen, born July 29, 1879; iii. Dorothea Spottiswoode,



born January 29, 1896. Mrs. Dandridge has collected her poems into two volumes, "Joy" and "Rose-Brake," which have been highly commended by critics such as Howells, Louise Chandler Moulton and Whittier, who signed himself "Thy aged friend," and said, "Sing on, there are those who love to hear thee." Mrs. Dandridge's best known poem is that written on Good Friday, 1898, just before the war with Spain, and entitled, "On the Eve of War."

O God of Battles, who art still  
The God of Love, the God of Rest,  
Subdue thy people's fiery will,  
And quell the passions in their breast!  
Before we bathe our hands in blood,  
We lift them to thy Holy Rood.

The waiting nations hold their breath  
To catch the dreadful battle-cry;  
And in the silence as of death  
The fateful hours go softly by.  
Oh, hear thy people where they pray  
And shrive our souls before the fray!

Before the sun of peace shall set,  
We kneel apart a solemn while;  
Pity the eyes with sorrow wet,  
But pity most the lips that smile.  
The night comes fast; we hear afar  
The baying of the wolves of war.

Not lightly, oh, not lightly, Lord,  
Let this our awful task begin;  
Speak from thy throne a warning word  
Above the angry factions' din.  
If *this* be thy Most Holy will,  
Be with us still—be with us still!















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