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THE DESCENDANTS

OF

JAMES BROWN

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BY

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OF

BLOOMSBURG, PA.





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To my father

ELISHA BIBBINS BROWN

and my mother

MARTHA BOWMAM BROWN

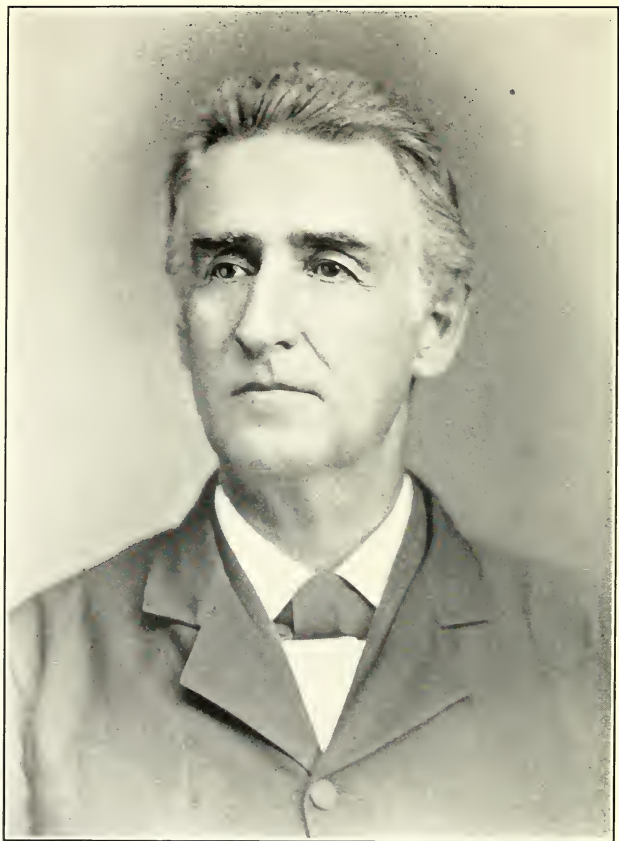
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Elisha Bibbins Brown



**Martha Bowman Brown**

## Forewords

**M**ORE than thirty years have been spent in assembling the information contained in the following pages. Some that was gleaned from family legends has been confirmed by the records of the courts. An effort has been made to verify each statement.

Greater stress has been laid on the genealogical phase, than in efforts to eulogize. More consideration has been given to the eldest child of James, and to his descendants, than to his brothers and sisters. The author being one of them, and having lived among them, has had greater facilities for getting facts concerning this branch of the family.

No effort has been spared in getting all facts, from all sources, about all the family. What is unsaid is unattainable. The greatest care has not prevented mistakes. Much correspondence has eliminated some of them. The author has been more anxious to get the records of those whose names are omitted, than they are to be recognized. But information concerning them was unobtainable. It would have been a pleasure to have included their names.

It is the purpose to preserve information concerning our progenitors that is being lost. Most of the old have passed, others are passing. It is to be hoped that this effort will inspire another to use what is here preserved, as a nucleus for a better work, that will avoid its shortcomings, and correct its mistakes.

All portraits are of persons who are deceased, save, four.

## Some early History of Northern New Jersey.

Much of the life of James Brown, as well as the lives of many of his descendants is so interwoven with the history of this section of the state, that a sketch from the pen of the late William H. Vail, M. D., may be of interest.

In the year 1714 the county of Hunterdon was formed, and comprised the territory now occupied by the four counties of Sussex, Warren, Morris, and Hunterdon. In 1738 Morris County was set off from Hunterdon County; and Morris County as then constituted, included within its bounds the territory now occupied by Sussex, Warren, and Morris Counties.

In 1753 Sussex County was set off from Morris County, and Sussex contained the territory now occupied by Sussex and Warren Counties.

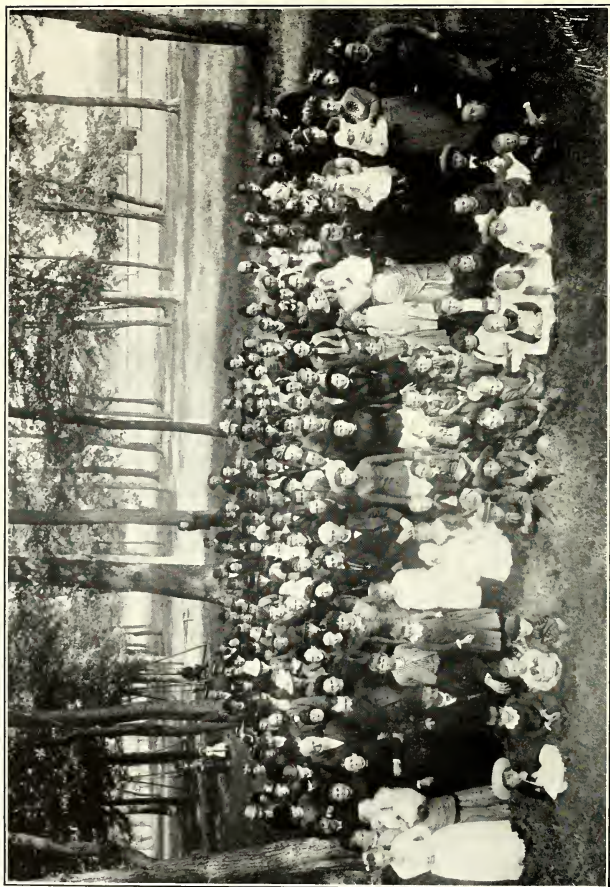
In 1824 Warren County was set off from Sussex County, leaving the four counties occupying their present boundaries.

It will be seen that at different times Warren County was included within the territory of Hunterdon County, Morris County, and Sussex County successively.

Paulins Kill is the principal stream traversing the counties of Sussex, and Warren, it being the only outlet of the watershed, which includes Awossing, Culvers, Swartswood, and Sucker lakes, as well as for the numberless springs, and small ponds which lie along its course as it wends its way to the Delaware River, just below Columbia.

The Indian name of the river was Tockhockonetcong. The present name is said to have been derived from Pauline, the daughter of a Hessian soldier, who was taken prisoner by Washington, and who, after the close of the Revolutionary War, continued to live in the neighborhood of Stillwater, along its banks.

In the year 1839 the name of the village of Gravel Hill, some six miles above Hainesburg, New Jersey, was changed, and given the name of Blairstown. In 1845 Blairstown township was set off from Knowlton township. In 1848 the Blairstown Presbyterial Academy was founded.



The Brown Reunion at Oak Grove, Bloomsburg, Pa., 1888



## JAMES BROWN

**J**AMES Brown the founder of our family in America was born in England, November 2, 1716. Our knowledge of his progenitors comes from Gustave Anjou the Secretary of the British Record Society. The name is found as early as the eleventh century. It is carried down to the emigration period. From the middle of the fifteenth century the line is clearly shown and fully proved.

A blazon of the armorial bearings is given from official sources. When James Brown came to America he settled on Long Island. In his Bible he wrote this fact, "England is my nation, Long Island is my home". This Bible is still in the possession of the family of the late John L. Brown, of Delaware, New Jersey. The inscription was written in 1752, when he was thirty-six years of age.

Subsequently he purchased from Joseph Pancoast three hundred acres of land in northern New Jersey. It was located in what is now Warren County in the valley of the Tockhockonetcong river. This stream is now called the Paulins Kill. The land is between the Delaware River and near the village of Hainesburg. At a later period he purchased three hundred acres more, adjoining the original tract. Traveling along the main road leading from Columbia to Hainesburg a point is reached where the road passes through a concrete subway under the crossing of the Delaware Lackawanna Railroad.

To the right of this a few rods, near the banks of the stream, is a two story stone house. This is the place where James Brown built his New Jersey home.

Two railroads pass through these lands. The well known "cut off" of the Delaware Lackawanna and Western, and the New York, Susquehanna and Western.

A few miles in the distance towards the west, and distinctly visible is the celebrated Delaware Water Gap.

There are no available records giving the date of Mr. Brown's emigration to this locality.

On the 25th day of July 1745, James Brown married Miss Sarah Allison. He was 29 years of age, she 24.

The children of James and Sarah Allison Brown were:

John, born June 25, 1746, died September 24, 1819.

James, born May 5, 1750.

Martha, born November 15, 1753 died April 23, 1831.

Sarah, born April 10, 1757.

Daniel, born May 3, 1762.

Charity, born April 15, 1765.

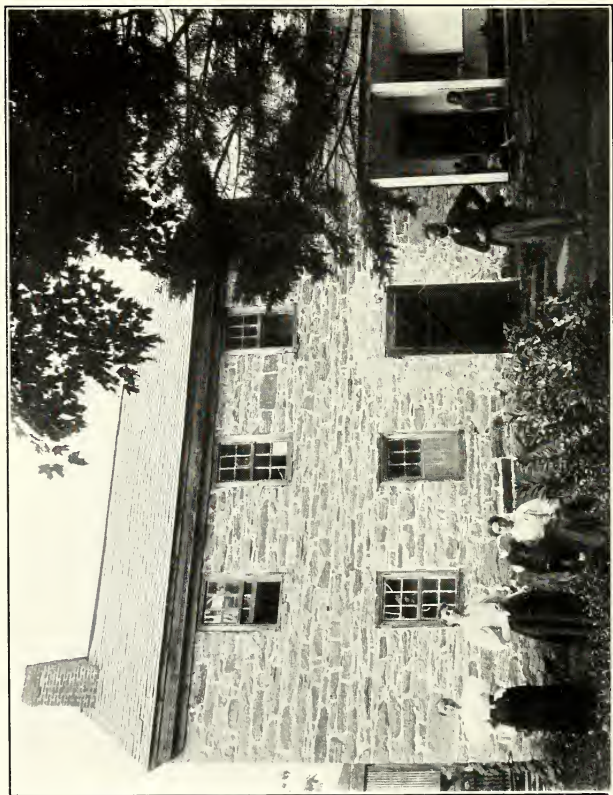
Two hundred years ago educational advantages were meagre. The penmanship in his Bible indicates that James Brown's education was not neglected.

The greater part of his life was spent in the land of his adoption. This was in the pre-revolutionary period. His closing days witnessed the triumph of the Colonies and the establishment of American independence. The date of his death is unknown. On October 16, 1793 his will was recorded. It is printed in full in the latter pages of this book. It was written April 8, 1775.

His wife Sarah, died August 9, 1784. The bodies of James and Sarah Brown, rest on the brow of the hill in the cemetery at Hainesburg, New Jersey. Adjoining these graves is that of the wife of their son John, Mary Brugler Brown, who died October 3, 1793.

The graves of James and Sarah Allison Brown were marked by native slate tombstones. These were disintegrated by the frosts of scores of years. Now there is nothing remaining to mark their location.





Stone house built by John Brown near Hainesburg, N. J., 1799

## JOHN BROWN, Sr.

JOHN Brown was the eldest son of James and Sarah Allison Brown. He was born on the 25th day of June 1746. Six years later his father made the record in his Bible that "Long Island was his home". This indicates that his son John was born on Long Island. The records at Newton, Morristown, and Trenton give no information as to the time James Brown purchased property in New Jersey. This leaves us without knowledge as to the date of the emigration of the family to that state. John Brown was brought up on his father's farm along the stream now called the Paulins Kill. He also learned the blacksmith trade. When he entered the Revolutionary army, this trade enabled him to repair the guns, and shoe the horses of the American soldiers. He married Miss Mary Magdeline Brugler. Their children were:

James, born September 10, 1773.

Samuel, born April 2, 1778, he died October 12, 1823.

Mary, and her sister Elizabeth were born March 30, 1782.

These were twins. Elizabeth died in March 1850. March 1850.

Sarah was born April 13, 1787, and died September 12, 1869.

In 1789 John Brown built, on the farm which he received from his father, a two storied stone house of a respectable size, probably the most pretentious in all that region. It was indicative of the man. He made it the best, regardless of labor or expense. The window sills and frames were of solid walnut lumber. The hardware was all made in his own smith shop, the nails even made by hand. On

the latches of the doors, and the hinges of the same, were imbedded the initials of the maker, I. B. The letter "I" in those days was used instead of "J". They spelled John, Iohn. On one large limestone above the front door of this is carved this date, 1789. At this writing the house is still standing. When the writer visited the place, about the year 1900, it was still being occupied by a family.

On the third day of October 1793 Mary Magdeline, the wife of John Brown, died. She was forty one years of age. She is buried in the Cemetery at Hainesburg, New Jersey. Her husband placed a substantial tombstone at her grave. This is still well preserved.

At the time of the making of his will Henry Haines made John Brown one of his executors. Henry Haines died September 22, 1793. He had a large estate. In its settlement, the widow, and the widower executor must needs be in consultation. Events proved that the conversation was not strictly confined to matters of business. The dry details of pounds, shillings, and pence were relieved by something sentimental. They were united in marriage on the 26th day of October 1794.

October 3, 1796, John Brown bought of Jacob Strembeck of Philadelphia, Pa., three hundred and forty acres of land in Mifflin township, Columbia County, Pa. This was located on the south side of the Susquehanna River, south of, and, bordering the town of Mifflinburg, the post office of which is now Mifflinville, Pa. The deed says that he paid one thousand, four hundred and forty five pounds cash, in gold and silver. This is more than seven thousand dollars in United States money. The soil was like a garden. None more choice in this region.

It was in two tracts, one of which was called Rosebud, the other Boneventure. In the autumn of this same year he cleared some of the land and sowed it in wheat.

His New Jersey farm was sold. The purchaser was allowed to take possession two months in advance of the time stipulated by the article of agreement. This generosity was rewarded by the buyer ordering Mr. Brown to leave on the first of April. He turned his cattle out on the public highway. During the preceding two months Mr. Brown had been feeding this ingrate's stock without any charge.

In the spring of 1797 Mr. Brown arrived at his Pennsylvania home. Standing on the brow of the hill, a short distance from the old wagon house, stood the dwelling. Some years later this was removed and a more commodious frame house built on the site of the present brick building. It was as large, substantial, and commanding as any in the locality. It was in keeping with the character of the man.

Eight years prior to the purchase of these lands by Mr. Brown there was an Indian massacre on this place. An old resident gave these facts to J. C. Brown.

About the year 1779 a family named Winpiggler emigrated from one of the lower counties and stopped at the present site of Catawissa, Pa. The father, mother, and one son preceded the party by the hill road to a cabin that was located in a small clearing, now included in the orchard of the Brown farm, and about two hundred and fifty yards south of the buildings. The other members of the family with some furniture, followed the next day. When they came to the point of the hill overlooking the Mifflin flats, they saw the cabin in flames. They divined the cause, and returned at once to Catawissa. An investigating party was formed in a few days. The father and mother were found aside the cabin scalped and dead. At the edge of the woods the body of the boy was found. He too was scalped and killed. He was overtaken when attempting to escape. The bodies were collected and buried. Their graves were marked

by rude stones. There they remained until modern farm machinery made their removal imperative. The writer has a distinct recollection of seeing the graves and the stones marking the location.

This same band of Indians passed the night after the massacre, in a cabin near where the Jacob Yohe mill was located. At the same time the owner of the cabin was hiding in a cave used as a potato cellar. George Yohe knew this man whose life was thus saved.

The Wyoming Massacre occurred on July 3, 1778. The distance from the Brown farm to Wyoming is thirty-five miles. These may have been some of the same Indians who participated in that battle.

Mrs. Margaret Haines Brown brought with her into the Brown home her niece, Dorothy Nice. She was the daughter of a sister of Mrs. Haines. Dorothy being one of triplets her mother was unable to properly care for the three children. Mrs. Haines never had a child. She asked for, and received Dorothy. In his will Mr. Haines gave Dorothy fifty pounds. Mrs. Haines received the income of the one-third of the estate of Henry Haines during her natural life. After the death of Mr. Haines the widow married John Brown. During the twenty-five years that she lived with Mr. Brown this we believe amounted to twenty-five hundred dollars. She also received three hundred and seventy-five dollars from the estate of her mother-in-law. Her niece Dorothy received about two hundred and fifty dollars from the estate of Henry Haines. This totals over three thousand dollars which Mr. Brown received from Mrs. Haines and her niece. It was the custom of the times for the husband to take all the monies received by the wife. It became a part of his fortune. It is just for money to follow blood. When Mr. Brown made his will he gave the money received from his wife Margaret and her niece, to the hus-



band of the latter, Samuel Brown. Samuel received his equal share of his father's estate, also that which came through his wife, Dorothy Nice. This is the version given by aunt Sarah Bowman. The will of Henry Haines confirms this judgment. Had all the heirs of John Brown understood the cause of their brother receiving more than any of the other heirs, they might have been better satisfied. Mr. Brown satisfied justice by conveying the money of the stepmother to her niece and her husband.

The Methodist Itinerant always found a hearty welcome in the home of John Brown. His house was one of their preaching places. His wealth and influence gave character to their cause. This locality was largely settled by Pennsylvania Dutch. The smaller number of the settlers came from northern New Jersey. The latter were English speaking people. The former persecuted the latter in their manner of worship. This culminated in a disturbance in the home of Mr. Reynolds in Mifflinville, Pa., in 1808. A class meeting was being held. Those who considered it their religious duty to prevent such methods of worship, broke into the room, and broke up the meeting. The disturbers of the peace were arrested and taken to the county seat at Sunbury. A trial ensued, they were convicted, ordered to furnish bonds, or to be committed to jail. Their friends who came with them, expecting a vindication, deserted them in their hour of need. At this juncture John Brown, their prosecutor, came forward, furnished the needed bonds, and saved them from being incarcerated in the jail.

The Brown home becoming too small for a place of worship, plans were laid to build a church. About 1812 Mr. Brown donated a plot of ground on his farm for church and graveyard purposes. On this plot there was built a frame church building in about 1816, largely through the efforts of the Browns. It was one and one half stories in height. The writer who has been in the building many times, esti-

mates that it was thirty feet square. The seats were of slabs, flat side up. There were no backs. Sitting there at a service the writer, a little tot, attempted to lean backward, and fell on the floor. On three sides of the audience room there were galleries. These were reached by a ladder. The roof of shingles served as a ceiling. The whole was heated by a ten plate stove.

In 1831 a more pretentious Methodist Church was built in Mifflinville, Pa., to which place the membership were transferred.

The graveyard is preserved in good condition. It has been permanently endowed, the Girard Trust Company of Philadelphia, Pa., having been made the Trustee. It is still called Brown Graveyard. The plans that have been consummated will give it advantages that will eventually make it the burying place for all the country around about.

In 1808 Mr. Brown was elected a Justice of the Peace. The first entry was made July 4, 1808, the last April 8, 1817. The penmanship is excellent. The pages are clean. The work methodical. It evinces the business ability of the author. This book, the walnut desk, with its secret drawers, pigeon holes, and convenient receptacles for papers, together with the chair on which he sat are in the writer's possession.

The contrast between the honesty of one hundred years ago and now, is marked. In that lone country farm home Mr. Brown kept his bank. Its vault was a substantial walnut chest. An ordinary lock and key was all that prevented burglars from securing the \$2,750.00 in gold and silver which it contained at the time of his death.

These days chilled steel vaults and time locks are the play things of burglars. At the time of the death of George Washington in 1799 his fortune was the largest in America. It amounted to seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Thirty-two years later when Stephen Girard died, his fortune was seven million, five hundred thousand dollars, the greatest in the nation. These savings seem small compared to this billion dollar period. These facts are stated to show that the fortune of John Brown at the time of his death was respectable.

Mr. Brown had foresight. Business ability that was marked. A man who was just. He was thorough. His ideals were high. He succeeded.

Mr. Brown's brother-in-law, Henry Brugler, preceded him to Pennsylvania. This may have been the cause of his coming to Columbia County.

John Brown died September 24, 1819. He is buried in the Brown graveyard near Mifflinville, Columbia County, Pa., by the grave of his wife Margaret.

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Office of the Adjutant General

Trenton, June 3rd 1915

Mr. J. J. Brown,  
311 Market Street,  
Bloomsburg, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith certificate of the service of John Brown, Private, Morris County, New Jersey Militia, Revolutionary War.

It is believed this is the record that you desire, as it has been determined by comparing the present map of New Jersey with the one on file in this office dated 1777 that Hainesburg, Knowlton Township, at the time of the Revolution, was located in Morris County, rather than Sussex County.

Very truly yours,

W. T. Reed

Major, Adjutant General,  
Acting the Adjutant General

The above is a copy.  
Original in hands of  
the author of this book.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Office of the Adjutant General

Trenton, June 3rd, 1915

It is certified that the records of this office show that

JOHN BROWN

served as private, Captain Israel Ward's Company and Captain Kitchell's Company, Colonel Silvanus Seely's Eastern Battalion, Morris County, New Jersey Militia, 1778; received certificate No. 260, amounting to L—2:9:6, dated May 3rd, 1784, for the depreciation of his Continental pay in the Morris County New Jersey Militia, -- Revolutionary War.

(SEAL)

W. T. Reed  
Acting the Adjutant General

The above is a copy.  
The original is in the  
hands of the author.

JAMES BROWN, son of John Brown, Sr. and Mary Brugler Brown.

**J**AMES was born September 10, 1773. Died June 4, 1820. He came to Pennsylvania with his father at the age of 23. He inherited the farm adjoining the old homestead on the south side. He was killed near Mauch Chunk where he was thrown from a wagon. He married:-Elizabeth Their children were :-

John P., born 1798, died 1866.

Robert Burch, born November 8, 1806, died June 24, 1828.

Daniel, born

Samuel,

Martha, born 1801, died October 14, 1877, married George Huffnagle.

Hester,

Silas,

Henry,

Grant,

Susan,

JOHN P. BROWN, son of James, moved to Ohio when a young man. He married.

Their children were:—

Hester Ann,

Elizabeth,

John Robert,

James,

Abigail,

Vashti,

William Oliver,

ELIZABETH BROWN, daughter of John P. and

Their children were:

Mary,

Amos,

Irene,  
Alice,  
Ora. All these have died.

JOHN ROBERT, son of John P. Brown married:

Their children were:

Alice, married Mr. Richard Dorward of Delaware,  
Ohio.

Eva, married a Mr. Beard of Spencerville, Ohio.

Ina, married Mr. Sullivan of Lima, Ohio.

Ethel, married a Mr. Booze.

MRS. ALICE BROWN DORWARD had three children.

They were:

Robert Richard,  
Rowland,  
Nina Bartnett.

MRS. EVA BROWN BEARD had three children.

They were:

Lois Foster. Deceased.  
Ruth,  
Maurice,

MRS. INA BROWN SULLIVEN had four children.

They were:

Irwin,  
Donald,  
Robert,  
Abigail,

MRS. ETHEL BROWN BOOZE, daughter of John Robert,  
who was a son of John P. Brown.

Ethel married a Mr. Booze of Celina, Ohio.

Their children were:

Elizabeth,  
Rachel,  
Georgia,  
Geraldine,

WILLIAM OLIVER, son of John P. Brown.

Their children were:

John P.,  
Robert,  
Mabel,

JOHN P. BROWN, son of William Oliver had two children.

They were:

Mabel, who married H. C. Cooper of Cooper, Conrad & Co., New York City.

ROBERT RICHARDS DORWARD, son of Alice, daughter of John Robert, son of J. P. Brown, had two children.

They were:

Howard,  
Rowland,

MRS. INA BARNETT, daughter of Alice, had five children.

Their children were:

Eyutha,  
Elva,  
Elsa,  
Wella,  
Alice,

DANIEL BROWN, son of James, son of John Sr., son of the first James. Daniel emigrated to McKean County, Pennsylvania. He bought a farm in Farmers Valley, adjoining that of Joseph Otto. His uncle Joseph Otto gave him such moral and financial help as was possible. But Daniel would have made more of a success of life had Mrs. Brown been more considerate.

SILAS BROWN, son of James, a brother of Daniel, married Mary Pancoast. Her sister was the mother of Mrs. Abigail A. Geisinger of Danville, Pa., the founder of numerous munificent charities.

MARTHA BROWN HOFNAGLE, daughter of James and



Elizabeth Brown. James Brown, the father of Martha, was a son of John who was a son of the first James Brown.

Martha was born in 1801. She died Oct. 14, 1877. Martha married George Hofnagle.

Their children were:

Frank, lives at Nescopeck. Married a Miss Catherine Rupert.

Nathan, married Sarah Smoyer, lives at Nuremberg.

Henry, lived at Roaring Creek.

Elizabeth, married Peter Miller, lived at Nescopeck.

Rose, lived at Nescopeck. Married Thomas Bitler, one son, William.

Silas, lived and died at Brandonville. Married Elizabeth.

William, killed at Beach Haven.

Sarah, married Mr. Allen. Lives at Philadelphia, Pa., 1320 N. 7th Street.

Amanda, married N. G. Williams. One son Hiram, at Hanover Hotel Berwick.

A daughter of Nathan Hofnagle married Philip Harder, an undertaker of Nuremberg, Pa. He is deceased.

HENRY HOFNAGLE, son of Martha Brown and George Hofnagle. Henry married.

Their children were:

William, lived at Roaring Creek, Pa.

George, married. Had one son, Charles.

ELIZABETH HOFNAGLE MILLER, daughter of Martha Brown Hofnagle. Mrs. Elizabeth Miller lived at Nescopeck. Mrs. Jennie Dipple is her grandchild.

HIRAM S. WILLIAMS, son of N. G. and Amanda Hofnagle Williams. Hiram S. Williams was a grandson of

George, and Martha Brown Hofnagle. He was born at Nescopeck, Pa. He married Katherine Jacoby.

Their children were:

Mary E., born September 30, 1894.

Harold S., born November 23, 1895.

At this writing Mr. Williams is the proprietor of the New Hanover Hotel, 338 West Front Street, Berwick, Pa.

SAMUEL BROWN, son of John and Mary Brugler Brown.

SAMUEL was born April 2, 1878. His father had just returned from his active duties as a soldier in the war of the Revolution. The neighboring counties of this part of New Jersey were the scenes of many of the activities of this conflict. The dark days of Valley Forge occurred during the preceding winter.

Mr. Brown's boyhood days were spent on his father's farm near Hainesburg, Sussex County, New Jersey. It was located on the south bank of a stream called by the Indians the Tockhocknoetcong River. It is now known by the name of Paulins Kill. It is about four miles northeast of the village of Portland on the D. L. & W. R. R. on the bank of the Delaware River.

In 1797 Mr. Brown accompanied his father's family to the newly acquired home in the state of Pennsylvania. It was in Mifflin township in the county of Columbia.

When Mr. Brown was twenty-three years of age he married Dorothy Nice. She was a girl of only seventeen summers. It was a wise choice. She was a niece of Mr. Brown's step mother, Margaret Haines Brown. Her aunt Margaret raised her. When her aunt Margaret came into the Brown family, Dorothy came with her. No family ties were severed by this union. After the retirement of his father, Samuel assumed the responsibilities. He remained under the same roof until the death of his father in 1819. He married Dorothy Nice in 1800.

After the death of the latter, Samuel came into possession of the homestead and mill properties. He instituted a plan to improve the water power of the mills. This was

never fully executed. He died on the twelfth day of October 1823. He was but little more than 45 years of age.

The children of Samuel and Dorothy Nice Brown were :

John, born January 13, 1801, died February 21, 1855.

Mary Margaret, born March 13, 1803, and died February 20, 1889.

Sarah, born April 29, 1805, died August 15, 1856.

William, born February 15, 1807, died September 17, 1876.

Matthew, born June 11, 1809, died June 26, 1854.

James, born October 18, 1811, died January 5, 1833.

Elizabeth, born March 5, 1815, died February 12, 1890.

George B., born September 13, 1816, died May 17, 1896.

Elisha B., born May 13, 1819, died September 23, 1885.

Four books the property of Samuel Brown are in existence. A new testament printed in 1799. It was purchased May 22, 1801. A Methodist Pocket Hymn-Book published by Ezekiel Cooper and John Wilson for the Methodist Connection in the United States in 1805. It was bought in 1806. The Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It was published by N. Bangs and T. Mason for the church in 1821. July 22, 1822 was the date of the purchase of this book by Mr. Brown. On February 13, 1811 Mr. Brown bought of Isaac Puffer a dictionary. It is five and one half inches square and two inches thick. These four books are bound in leather. They are well preserved.

Samuel Brown married Dorothy Nice.

### DOROTHY NICE BROWN

A romance surrounds the childhood of Dorothy Nice. When she was born her brothers, John and Jacob came with her, making triplets. Dorothy was so small that she could have been placed in a quart measure. Her health so feeble as to cause her parents to despair of her life. There were other children in her parent's family. Her mother's sister Margaret had married Henry Haines. They were childless. The babe awakened their love and sympathy. They coveted Dorothy. They won the consent of her parents for her adoption. The child so won the affections of her foster parents that when on the eighth of April 1791 the health of Mr. Haines failed, and the time for the writing of his will came, he incorporated in the latter these words, "To my wife's sister's girl, six years old, which she and I brought up from a little child, shall stay with my beloved wife on my place, and should it come to pass that said Dorothy should marry Godfried Clines my sister's son, William Clain, or any other son of my sister's, from that time Dorothy and her husband, and that must be one of my sister's sons, shall have my plantation forever. That is to say they shall pay to my wife, the third of all fruits and grain, on the place, and in the ground, shall be paid to my wife Margaret every year, so long as she calls herself after my name and no longer. And if she should marry again, then she shall have the third, and no more according to law. If not, then she shall live on my place as aforesaid".

After her death Dorothy and her man shall pay to my sister's, the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds lawful money. But if said Dorothy stays with my wife, after my

decease, and does not marry one of my sister's sons, then she shall have fifty pounds further. The sequel was that within thirteen months after the death of Henry Haines, his widow forfeited the greater portion of her interest in the estate of her late husband by marrying one of the executors of his will, John Brown. When she entered the family of the latter, Dorothy came with her. There were no children from the second marriage of Mr. Brown.

In the spring of 1797 John Brown with his family emigrated to Columbia Co., Pennsylvania. Dorothy and her aunt Margaret were inseparable.

One of John Brown's sons was named Samuel. In the after years when Samuel became a young man and Dorothy had grown to womanhood, Samuel wooed and won Dorothy. She surrendered the larger portion of the wealth of Henry Haines, for the heart of Samuel Brown.

After the death of her aunt's husband, Mr. Brown, she and her aunt were together until the death of the latter. They were like Ruth and Naomi.

When her own mother died, her father was anxious to have her return to his home, but she decided to remain with her uncle and aunt Haines.

She was small in stature, mild in manner. She and her husband lived on the old Brown homestead which they owned. After the death of her husband she continued to live there for some years when she moved to the village of Mifflinville, Pa. She was the mother of nine children. She died February 23, 1847 aged sixty three years, three months, and seventeen days.

She was born November 6, 1783. She had one brother named George. Mrs. Bessie Lowry was informed by her mother's aunt, Elizabeth Brown Thompson, that the names of her triplet brothers were John and Jacob.

Cousin Sue Martyn says that one of these triplets was smothered after he was grown to manhood. Her mother, aunt Elizabeth Thompson, learned this of her mother, Dorothy Nice Brown.

### THE FAMILY OF NICE

The descendants of Samuel Brown, who married Dorothy Nice, may be interested in the following letter written by the Rev. Henry Nice of Baltimore, Maryland.

3604 Fairview Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland,

October 27, 1919.

Dr. J. J. Brown:-

Your letter of the 20th, inst. received. The De Neus, Nice, Nyce etc. are variations of the same name. This is a Huguenot family driven out of France into Holland in the 16th and 17th centuries, so the legend of the family says.

In the colonial records of Philadelphia you will find that John De Neus his sons Mathias and Cornelius, were naturalized the 29th day of September, 1709.

John De Neus's will in the Register of Wills office, in book D. page 138 No. 164. He died 1719. Hans De Neus died 1736. His will is in book E. page 375 No. 469. His wife, Jane De Neus's will, book F. page 315, No. 286, died 1742.

John Nyce son of Hans and Jane, died 1743. Will in book S. page 44 No. 29. Cornelius son of Hans, and Jane Neus died 1761, book M. page 249, No. 139.

I am informed that William De Neus died in Philadelphia 1698, and he came from Holland.

The Nices at Nicetown, it was always said, were connected with the Nices of Frederick, Pa., who are descendants of Hans De Neus, and John De Neus.

Mrs. Julia A. Nyce of 260 Linden Avenue, Baltimore, now dead, called upon me several years since, and told me that she was of the same family as the Frederick, Pa., family of Nices. Rev. G. P. Nice of Philadelphia, Pa., formerly of Baltimore, is of the family of Nicetown Nices. He is now dead.

The records of the old Swamp Reformed church in New Hanover Township, Montgomery County, Pa., reveal the following children of Jacob and Elsie Nyce, of Pipeland Township, Chester County, Pa.

Their children were:

Jabez, born October 31, 1778.

Amos, born March 18, 1809.

Richard, born March 29, 1804.

Elizabeth, born November 20, 1807.

George S. Nyce of Frederick, Pa., began a history of the family, collected much data valuable in keeping its genealogy, but died before he could finish it.

Much of the above data I received from him. His nephew is cashier of the 1st or 2nd National Bank of Norristown, Pa.

Fraternally, H. Nice.

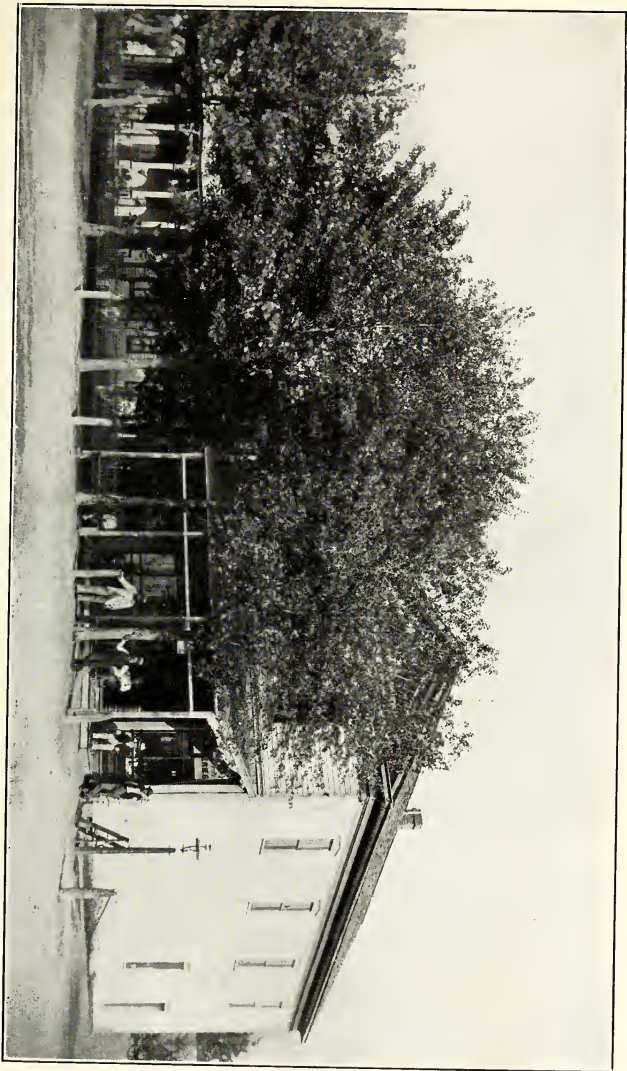
Mr. George S. Nice says that William DeNeus died in Philadelphia in 1698 and that he came from Holland. He further says that he believes that all the Nices in America descended from this William Nice. Also that he has a record of two thousand Nices.

Mr. George S. Nice lived in Frederick, Montgomery County, Pa.

Hon. Harry W. Nice who is now States Attorney of Baltimore, Maryland, is a son of the Rev. Henry Nice. In 1919 he was the gubernatorial candidate for Governor on the Republican ticket in Maryland. His competitor won with a margin of less than two hundred votes.



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Brown & Creasy's Store, Mifflinville, Pa.  
(Now John W. Creasy)

JOHN BROWN Jr., son of Samuel and Dorothy Nice Brown.

JOHN Brown Jr. was born January 13, 1801. Samuel, his father, died October 12, 1823. At that time John was but a little more than 22 years of age.

There were eight younger brothers and sisters. The youngest, Elisha but five years old. The mother of the family was but thirty nine. There were large property interests to be conserved. The mills with the adjoining lands, and the homestead farm, were purchased at the appraisement price by John and his brother William. William was a boy of sixteen. The widow and her children remained together in the old home. Later the interests of John and William were divided, John taking the mills and one farm. William retained the homestead.

John married Mercy, the daughter of John and Sophia Freas of Briar Creek township. Mr. Freas was one of the wealthy citizens of his community. Their marriage occurred December 9, 1823. On April 5, 1832 she died at the age of 29 years, four months and four days.

Their children were:

William, born January 23, 1832.  
Samuel, born December 18, 1825.  
Freas, born April 21, 1827.

On March 5, 1833 John married again. His choice being Jane Hutchison, also of Briar Creek, Pa. She died September 30, 1872, aged 71 years, three months and five days. A good wife. A kind neighbor. A firm friend. Like the most of the Hutchisons, she was intellectual.

Their children were:

Margaret M., born June 30, 1834.  
Hiram H., born June 29, 1837.  
Mark was born July 14, 1841.  
Elizabeth was born, August 30, 1839.

In 1837 John Brown, Samuel Creasy, and E. B. Brown purchased of McCurdy and Stiles, the store building and the store goods, located on the South West corner of 3rd and Race Streets, Mifflinville, Pa. They paid seven thousand dollars.

The death of John Brown in 1855 brought this prosperous partnership to a close.

In 1839 Mr. Brown remodeled and enlarged the flouring mill he purchased of his father's estate. It was equipped to do a general merchandising flouring trade. Wheat was bought, floured, barreled, and loaded on arks. These were floated down the Susquehanna river to Baltimore, Maryland. Here it was marketed.

On one of these trips the boat struck the rocks at McKees Half Falls. The boat was wrecked. The cargo lost. This misfortune caused Mr. Brown much financial anxiety.

His sons, Samuel and Freas, having married in 1847, succeeded him in active business. Samuel moved on the farm. Freas purchased the mill.

In 1849 Mr. Brown moved to Mifflinville, Pa. In 1850 he built the brick house on the south side of 3rd Street Mifflinville. Here he lived until his death, which occurred February 21, 1855.

John Brown had good judgment. Was far sighted, clear headed, strong willed, persevering, and resourceful. He had strong convictions. His life was a moral and financial success.

SAMUEL BROWN, son of John, and Mercy Freas Brown.

Samuel Brown was born December 18, 1825. He died

January 17, 1850. His age was twenty-four years and twenty days. He was educated in the neighborhood schools. He married Miss Matilda Parr on the eleventh day of November 1847. They located on a farm purchased from his father south of and adjoining the town of Mifflinville, Pa. His untimely death after a wedded life of but two years, two months, and sixteen days, destroyed a happy home. A promising career was blighted. The bride of but two years ago, returned heavy hearted to her parental home. During this brief period she won the esteem of the relatives of her husband and the respect of her neighbors. She was good and true.

FREAS BROWN, son of John Brown Jr. and Mercy Freas Brown.

Freas Brown was born April 27, 1827. He died January 30, 1891. He was aged 63 years, 9 months and 9 days. He married Miss Sarah John, October 21, 1847. After his marriage Mr. Brown purchased from his father the Brown Mills. The water power of these mills became inefficient. The clearing of the lands at the head waters caused the volume of water to diminish. Mr. Brown supplemented this by the introduction of steam.

In 1855 Mr. Brown sold the plant to William N. Brown. Mr. Freas Brown retired to the village of Mifflinville, Pa.

In 1856 he purchased a store in the village of New Columbus, Pa. Mr. Addison Brown, a cousin, went with him as a clerk. Later Mr. Addison Brown obtained an interest in the business. Mr. Bowman, the father-in-law of Mr. Addison Brown, subsequently purchased the remaining interest of Mr. Freas Brown in the store.

Freas Brown built a fine residence on East Street, Bloomsburg, Pa. Here he located in 1861. He engaged in the business of Insurance. This, like all his business ven-

tures, was a success. Two years before his death he sold, upon his retirement, his agencies to Mr. M. P. Lutz.

His business ability placed him among the financial leaders of Bloomsburg. His widow became his sole heir.

Mrs. Sarah J. Brown died March 17, 1897, at the age of 71 years, 7 months, and 25 days.

WILLIAM BROWN, son of John and Mercy Freas Brown.

William was born January 22, 1832. He died July 27, 1832. His age was six months and five days.

MARGARET M. daughter of John, and Jane Hutchison Brown.

Margaret was born near Mifflinville, Pa., June 30, 1834. She died in Chicago, March 3, 1913. November 25, 1852 she married Hiram B. Freas.

After the death of Mrs. Frease's brother, Samuel Brown, they purchased his farm south of and adjoining the village of Mifflinville, Pa. After disposing of this place, Mr. Freas entered into business, locating at Shenandoah and Ringtown, Pa.

The West lured Mr. and Mrs. Freas from Pennsylvania. Chicago became their home. Here Mr. Freas died some years ago. He was much beloved by all his acquaintances. Their children were:

Mark Brown, born October 29, 1853.

Milton H., born February 19, 1857.

Clemuel B., born January 8, 1860.

Jennie A., born August 21, 1862.

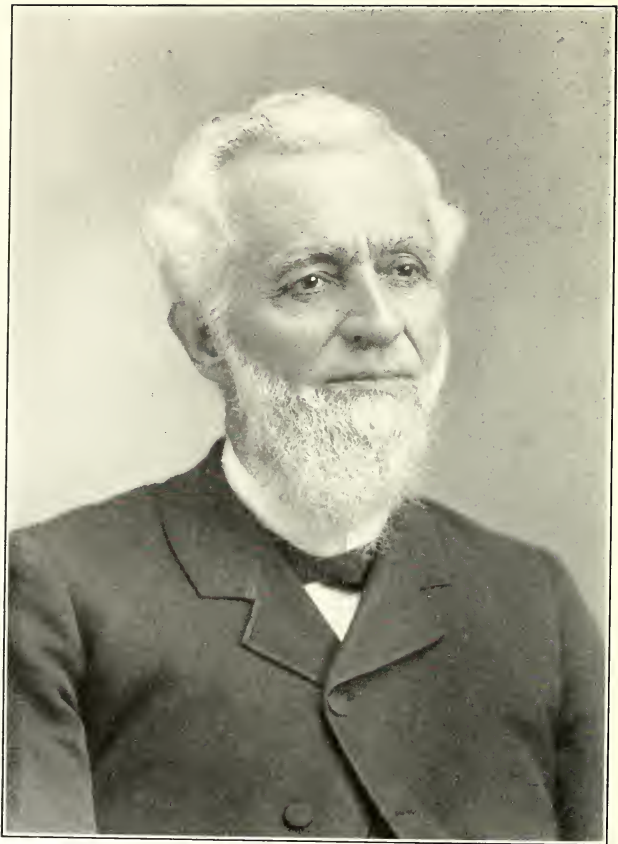
Cora A., born October 25, 1866. 508, 1st. Ave.,  
Sterling, Illinois.

John J., born March 16, 1872. Deceased.

Mattie P., born May 5, 1874.

Emma Elizabeth, born April 28, 1870, married  
Fred A. Hathaway.

Annie M., born April 21, 1877.



Freas Brown

MARK BROWN, son of Hiram B. and Margaret Brown Freas.

Mark was born October 29, 1853 at Mifflinville, Pa. He married Miss Hannah M. Rupert. After being in business at Nescopeck, Pa., he went to Milledgeville, Illinois, where he now resides. Here he and his son have an extensive modern, steam bottling works. Modern machinery, auto trucks, together with other labor saving devices, all contribute to make this plant one of the most successful Soft Drink Factories. Mr. Freas inherits his business energy and success from his grandfather, John Brown. He was Mayor of Milledgeville 6 years.

Their children were:

Samuel Ray, now living in milledgeville, Illinois.  
Daisy Maud, living at Milledgeville, Illinois.

SAMUEL RAY married Miss Phebe Johnson.

Their children are:

Ida M.,  
Margaret,

DAISY M. Freas, daughter of Mark B. and Hannah Rupert Freas.

Daisy married Thomas Schell, of Milledgeville, Ill. Here is their home. Mr. and Mrs. Schell have one child.

Wilma,

MILTON H. FREAS, son of Hiram B. and Margaret Brown Freas.

Milton was born at Mifflinville, Pa., February 19, 1857. He married Miss Alice R. Mitchell. She died December 20, 1918.

Their children are:

Guy E.,  
Waine M.,

GUY E. FREAS was mustered in the service Sept. 5, 1918. Discharged Feb. 4, 1919. Served with the A. E. F. in France

from Oct. 6, 1918 to Feb 11, 1919. He was First Sergeant Co., F. 116th Engineers, a unit of the 41st Division. Went to Camp Forrest, Ga., was mustered out at Camp Grant, Illinois.

CLEMUEL B. FREAS, son of Hiram B. and Margaret Brown Freas.

Clemuel was born January 8, 1860 at Mifflinville, Pa. He emigrated to the West with his father's family. During the Klondike craze Clemuel disappeared. It is supposed the gold fever led him to Alaska. His fate is unknown.

JENNIE A. daughter of Hiram B. and Margaret Brown Freas.

Jennie was born at Mifflinville, Pa., August 21, 1862. She moved to Illinois where she met and married Mr. Frank Myers. Some years after the decease of Mr. Myers she married Mr. Ferdnandu Jacobs a wealthy stockman who has large holdings in farm lands in Illinois. They have retired from active business and are living at 508 First Avenue, Sterling, Illinois. Their marriage occurred November 4, 1900.

CORA A. daughter of Hiram B. and Margaret Brown Freas.

Cora was born at Shenandoah City, Pa., October 25, 1866. She went to Illinois with her family. She married Mr. W. J. Miller. Their address is 508 First Avenue, Sterling, Illinois.

JOHN JORDAN son of Hiram B. and Margaret Brown Freas.

John J. was born at Ringtown, Pa., March 16, 1872. He died May 16, 1916. He married Miss Ora Thill who survives.

Their children are:

Athleen,  
John Jr.,



Irene,  
Dorothy,  
Earl,  
Clarence,  
Orrin,

These children are now living in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Freas was the editor and proprietor of a newspaper. His daughter paid him a compliment by saying that he was a nice man.

ATHLEEN, daughter of John J. and Ora Thill Freas.

Athleen married Mr. Dean Luckey.

Their children are:

Dorothy, born February 1917.

Dean, born August 1919.

Mr. and Mrs. Luckey are living in Chicago, Illinois.

MATTIE P. daughter of Hiram B. and Margaret Brown Freas.

Mattie insists that her name is not Martha, but Mattie. We will leave it unchanged. She was born at Ringtown, Pa., May 5, 1874. She went to Chicago, Ill., where she married Mr. Leon G. Garrow. He is Chief Examiner on the Book of Rules on the North West Rail Roads. They are living at 3034 Walnut Street, Chicago, Ill.

They had one child:

Frank B. He is deceased.

ANNIE M. daughter of Hiram B. and Margaret Brown Freas.

Annie M. was born at Ringtown, Pa., April 27, 1877. After going to Chicago she married Mr. Michael F. Brosman, a Conductor in the Chicago Terminal. They live at 1048 Park Avenue, Chicago.

EMMA, daughter of Hiram B. and Margaret Brown Freas.

Emma married Mr. Fred Hathaway. Their home is at Ottawa, Illinois.

HIRAM HUTCHISON BROWN, son of John and Jane Hutchison Brown.

Hiram H. Brown was born on his father's farm in Mifflin township, Columbia County, Pa., June 29, 1837. Here he lived until his father moved to the town of Mifflinville in 1849. He received his education in the public schools, a select school in Bloomsburg, and at Williamsport Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, Pa. In 1857 he located at Lime Ridge, Pa., where he was engaged in the manufacture of lumber until 1865. Logs were purchased in the northern counties, floated down the canal to the mill at Lime Ridge.

On March 21, 1861 Mr. Brown married Elizabeth, a daughter of Thomas Conner, a widely known and prosperous family of this county. Mrs. Brown died June 29, 1900. Their children are:

Eber A., born April 25, 1862. Married Ann E. Beers.

Morse, born October 1868, and died in infancy.

Hannah Jane, born April 17, 1874. Married Harry Black.

Mr. Brown was largely instrumental in the establishment of the P. O. S. of A., at Light Street, Pa. He is one of the oldest members of Washington Lodge No. 265 F. & A. M. He is a prominent Odd Fellow, and also leader in grange circles.

On December 29, 1874 Mr. Brown with others organized the Briar Creek Fire Insurance Company. In 1875 he was made its Vice-President. Fourteen years later he was elected its secretary. His advanced age compelled him to relinquish this office in 1917. At that time his company carried insurance amounting to twelve million, three hundred thousand dollars. An increase of eleven million dollars during the management of Mr. Brown.

In addition to the supervision of his farm, the duties and responsibilities of the Insurance Company, Mr. Brown,

as a diversion, gave attention for many years to the care and study of honey bees. He gave special attention to the Italian variety. He raised and shipped queens of this species all over the land. In his early life Mr. Brown taught several terms in the public schools.

Mr. Brown's talents are diversified. He is a clear thinker. Always an optimist. In his eighty second year he is still vigorous in body and mind.

EBER A. BROWN, son of Hiram and Elizabeth C. Brown.

Eber A. Brown was born April 25, 1862. On February 1, 1888 he married Miss Annie E. Beers of Bloomsburg, Pa. They made their home in Light Street, Pa., where Mr. Brown received the appointment as a carrier on the Rural Mail Route. He is a member of the Washington Camp of the P. O. S. of A. No. 17.

Their children were:

Claud C., born October 7, 1898.

Mrs. Annie E. Brown died January 5, 1916.

HANNAH JANE BLACK, daughter of Hiram H. and Elizabeth C. Brown.

Hannah was born April 17, 1874. She married Harry Black.

Their children were:

Edith May, born September 30, 1898.

Ethel Genevieve, born January 29, 1900.

Scott H.,

Jennie Margaret, born September 19, 1905.

Lena Elizabeth, born March 18, 1908.

William Hiram, born February 14, 1911.

Leroy George, born September 29, 1912.

Ralph Hurley, born April 1, 1914.

Cletus Raymond, born July 1, 1916.

Franklin James, born April 20, 1919.

There were four children died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Black have one granddaughter, Mildred Catherine Young.

Edith May, daughter of Mrs. Hannah Jane and Harry Black, married George A. Snyder, April 17, 1920.

ELIZABETH BROWN HILL, daughter of John and Jane Hutchison Brown.

Elizabeth was born on her father's farm near Mifflinville, Columbia County, Pa. Her girlhood days were spent in Mifflinville. After the death of her father her home was with her mother until her marriage to William Hill. They purchased a farm in Centre Township, Columbia County, Pa., with the inheritance she received from her father. After selling this place, they emigrated to Kansas. Returning to Pennsylvania they purchased a farm near Fow-ler-ville, Pa. Here they lived until her death.

Their children were:

CLARA JANE HESS, daughter of William and Elizabeth Brown Hill.

Clara Jane, born April 5, 1863, married J. J. Hess of Berwick, Pa.

Ulyses Grant, born August 20, 1865, died August 11, 1866.

Eva May, born June 9, 1867, died March 15, 1912.

Mertie Alice, born February 14, 1870, died January 3, 1921.

John Brown, born September 3, 1873, died March 16, 1913.

Sarah Elizabeth, born February 27, 1876. Married Ellsworth Miller.

Franklin Hiram, born July 7, 1883, died November 27, 1886.

Clara was born April 5, 1863. She married Mr. Isaac Jacob Hess March 4, 1867. They now live at 1336 Fairview Avenue, Berwick, Pa. Mr. Hess is a successful business man. Since writing this Mr. Hess died March 6, 1915.

EVA MAY MACK, daughter of William and Elizabeth Brown Hill.

Eva was born June 9, 1867. She married Mr. William H. Mack.

Their children were:

- Cora Elizabeth, married Mr. Bower.
- George William, married Mary Lynn. One child,  
Eva Audrey, born December 25, 1916.
- Maud May, married Mr. Kindt. Live at Millville,  
Pa.
- Charles Ray, married Miss Yoder. Live in Phila-  
delphia, Pa.
- Helen Grace,

MERTIE ALICE COLE, daughter of William and Eliza-  
beth Brown Hill.

Mertie was born February 14, 1870. She married  
Augustus Montgomery Cole. They are now living at Or-  
angeville, Pa. For some years they owned and farmed the  
homestead where Mrs. Cole's parents lived in Centre Town-  
ship, Columbia County.

Their children are:

- Charles Franklin, born February 24, 1888. Married  
Maud Robbins.
- Arthur Sterling, born September 27, 1891, died  
September 9, 1909.
- Blanch Elizabeth, born September 27, 1891.
- Ralph William, born May 30, 1892. Married Pearl  
Robbins.
- Clara Evaline, born June 14, 1894. Married Ernest  
Keller.
- Paul Wesley, born May 12, 1895. Married Mildred  
Zeiser.
- Myron Ezra, born May 2, 1898. Live at Berwick,  
Pa.

Mrs. Cole died January 4, 1921.

PAUL WESLEY HILL, grandson of William and Eliza-  
beth Brown Hill.

Paul was born May 12, 1895. He entered the service of  
the United States Army during the late war in Europe. He  
lost an arm at the battle of Verdun.

Mr. Hill married Miss Mildred Zeiser.

They had one child:

Paul Jr. He died in February 1920.

CHARLES FRANKLIN, son of Mertie Alice and Augustus M. Cole.

Grandson of Mrs. Elizabeth Brown Hill. Great grandson of John Brown.

Charles Franklin Cole was born February 24, 1888. He was educated at the Bloomsburg State Normal School. Upon the completion of his school course he taught in the public schools of Pennsylvania for eight years. On July 25, 1911 he married Miss Maud, daughter of Mr. Dice Robbins.

Their children are:

May Elizabeth, born January 25, 1913.

Katherine Evalyn, born January 1, 1917.

Robert Franklin, born September 11, 1919.

Donald Ralph, born May 30, 1921.

The post office address of Mr. and Mrs. Cole is Briar Creek, Columbia County, Pennsylvania. They are living in their new home which they recently built at Briar Creek. Mr. Cole has inherited that mechanical ability which so many of the Brown's possessed through the two preceding generations.

CLARA EVALYN, daughter of Mrs. Mertie Alice and Augustus M. Cole.

Grand daughter of Elizabeth Brown Hill.

Clara Evelyn was born June 14, 1894. She married Mr. Ernest Keller.

They have one child:

Kenneth Eugene, born December 30, 1918.

PAUL WESLEY, son of Mertie Alice and Augustus M. Cole.

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Paul Wesley was born May 12, 1895. He married Miss Mildred Zeizer.

They have one child:

Paul Jr., who was born December 19, 1919, died January 31, 1920.

SARAH ELIZABETH MILLER, daughter of William and Elizabeth Brown Hill.

Sarah was born February 27, 1876. She married Mr. James Ellsworth Miller April 23, 1908. They are living at Sweet Valley, Pa., R. D. 1.

Their children were:

Ernest Carl, deceased.  
Clair Elizabeth,  
Blanch Eva,  
Mary Ellen,  
Maud Edith,  
William N.,  
Archie Ellsworth,



GEORGE B. BROWN



MRS. MARGARET BROWN CREASY



MRS. ELIZABETH BROWN THOMPSON



MARY MARGARET, daughter of Samuel and Dorothy Nice Brown.

**M**ARY M. was born March 13, 1803, and died February 20, 1889. She was twenty-one years of age when she married Samuel Creasy on the fifth day of October 1824. The first thirteen years of their married life were spent on a farm in Mifflin township, Columbia County, Pa. They moved to Mifflinville in 1837. Mr. Creasy in conjunction with Mrs. Creasy's brothers, John and Elisha, having purchased a general store in that village from McCurdy and Stiles. At a later period he purchased some eighty acres of town lots and other farming land in and near the town. Mr. Creasy became successful in business. He was widely known throughout his section of the state. He took the census of Columbia and Montour Counties in 1840. He became the treasurer of Columbia County. He was the executor or the administrator of more than twenty estates. He was a Justice of the Peace for thirty odd years.

Their children were :

Henry Wesley, born October 17, 1825, died October 28, 1868.

Nathan Brown, born July 8, 1827, died April 7, 1888.

Samuel Horace, born June 12, 1830, died March 6, 1839.

Elizabeth Ann, born September 14, 1841, died September 22, 1831.

Daniel A., born September 16, 1832, died October 27, 1909.

William N. Creasy, born September 25, 1834, died August 22, 1859.

Fannie, born November 17, 1838, died August 13, 1841.

Jordan Elisha, born November 23, 1843, died July 13, 1847.

Margaret Brown Creasy was a strong character. A woman of ability. With it all, she was a lady in every sense of the word. A true friend. The writer had no grandmother. Aunt Margaret Creasy filled this place. She was a beloved woman.

She was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church from childhood. She lived up to all she professed, and died a sincere christian.

Samuel Creasy was born September 20, 1802 and died March 14, 1876. Mr. Creasy's thrift and business ability enabled him to acquire a fortune, at the time of his death, unsurpassed by that of any other in the township in which he lived. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and was a sincere Christian.

HENRY WESLEY CREASY, son of Margaret and Samuel Creasy.

Henry Wesley was born October 17, 1825, died October 30, 1868. Wesley was a born merchant. His early experience in this business was acquired at Berwick, Pa. About 1853 he launched a store of his own at the Half Way House, a point midway between Berwick and Bloomsburg, Pa. Before the Civil War he and his brother William entered into a copartnership establishing a mercantile business in Light Street, Pa. This developed into one of the largest stores in the county. Their sales ran in one year over one hundred thousand dollars. Patronage came from all portions of northern Columbia County. Many of these people made their purchases here instead of passing through to Bloomsburg to trade. One day an up creek merchant called up and purchased a bill of eight hundred dollars. Mr. Creasy was not only a live wire but he was also a dynamo.

On the 22nd of August 1859 his brother William died. Another brother, Daniel succeeded William in the partner-

ship. At a later date they purchased the Bettle store in another part of the town. The plan was to conduct two stores. Daniel was to have charge of the new venture.

In October of 1868 Wesley went to Philadelphia, Pa., to purchase the usual fall stock of goods. He died while there of diabetes, of which disease he had been a sufferer for some months. This resulted in the closing of the new store. The interest in the old stand was purchased by Daniel who conducted the business until his removal to Bloomsburg in 1876.

Wesley married Miss Martha E. Sloan. The Sloan family being among the old leading families in the county.

Their children were:

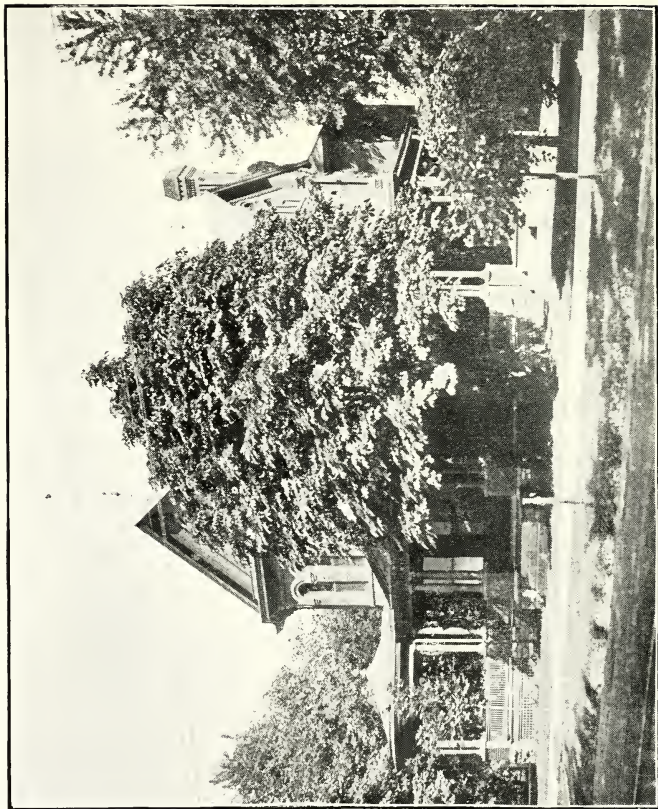
Alice, died September 8, 1860.

Wilbur, these were twins. Wilbur died September 8, 1860.

Samuel C.,

George Edwin, died September 28, 1868.

Maggie A., died November 9, 1871.



Home of Samuel Clifton Creasy, Bloomsburg, Pa.

SAMUEL CLIFTON CREASY, son of H. W. and Martha Sloan Creasy.

Samuel C. Creasy was born at Light Street, Pa., November 21, 1861. His education was acquired at the public schools, the Bloomsburg State Normal School, and at Wyoming Seminary. He accepted a clerkship for three years. He then engaged in the lumber business at Bloomsburg, Pa. Later Mr. E. C. Wells obtained a partnership in the business. The new firm was named Creasy and Wells. Since the death of Mr. Wells the business has continued under the old firm name, but the business belongs to Mr. Creasy exclusively. Through the years of its existence, Creasy and Wells has done a wholesale and retail trade in lumber. Timber tracts in all the surrounding country have been purchased, mills placed on the grounds, lumber been sawed, and transported to the central plant at Bloomsburg, Pa. Here it is retailed to local contractors or shipped by rail to distant points. Since the local supply of lumber has become limited, the Southern and Pacific coast states are being drawn upon for a supply. Mr Creasy has built a greater number of dwellings in Bloomsburg, Pa., than any other man. Only one individual owns more homes in Bloomsburg than Mr. Creasy and his family. He is among the leading wealthy men of this county.

Behind Mr. Creasy's business achievements are four generations of unbroken financial success on his father's side. His great, great, great grandfather James Brown was one of the wealthiest men in northern New Jersey in the days antecedent to the American Revolution. His great, great grandfather John Brown was one of the richest men of his day in this section of the State of Pennsylvania. His great grandfather Samuel Brown died at the age of 43 years. His life plans were prematurely closed before their full fruition, but he had already acquired several good farms, and a flouring mill. Mr. Creasy's grandmother, Mary Mar-

garet Brown married Samuel Creasy. Margaret Brown and Samuel Creasy became the wealthiest people in the town and township in which they lived. Henry Wesley Creasy died at the age of 43. It was but the summer time of his business career. He was ready to accomplish greater business deeds. But he had built up one of the largest mercantile establishments in Columbia County, prior to his early death. These facts confirm the statement that "blood tells".

Mr. Creasy's townsmen have honored him with positions of trust. He was elected President of the Town Council. He was elected a director of the First National Bank of Bloomsburg, Pa. He is a member of the various masonic bodies of his town. He was a leader in the movement for the building of the First Methodist Episcopal Church building. Mr. Creasy is an active member of this church, a member of its Official Board, and one of its Trustees.

Mr. Creasy is a Trustee of the Y. M. C. A. of Bloomsburg. At one time he was the President of the organization.

Mr. Creasy is one of the best authorities on Forestry in Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Forestry Board, of this state. The Pennsylvania State Lumberman's Association, some years ago, elected Mr. Creasy its President.

In 1919 Mr. Creasy had his business incorporated. The name assumed was Creasy and Wells. The capital is two hundred thousand dollars.

On July 23, 1884 Mr. Creasy married Miss May, a daughter of the late E. C. Wells of Bloomsburg, Pa. Mrs. Creasy traces her ancestry through the Revolutionary period to the landing of the Mayflower.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Creasy are:

Anna Wells, born May 12, 1885.

Martha Sloan, born December 1, 1886.

Edward Clark, born May 24, 1888.

Clifton, born December 25, 1889, died in infancy.

Ethel Louise, born June 12, 1892.

Donald, born July 3, 1893, died

Ruth, born July 7, 1898.

Jean, born June 1, 1902.

ANNA WELLS, daughter of Samuel Clifton and Mrs. May Wells Creasy.

Anna Wells Creasy was born May 12, 1885. She graduated at the Bloomsburg State Normal School, class of 1903. She attended the Womans, now the Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland. Also attended the Peabody Conservatory of Music in the same city, three years. At that school she took special lessons on the harp. Afterward she taught the same. She is president of the Ivy Club.

On March 21, 1914 she married Mr. Earl John. Mr. John's education was received at the Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa. After this he entered the employ of the bank at Hughesville, Pa., later Teller in the Farmers National Bank, Bloomsburg, and now in the firm of Creasy and Wells. They are living on West Third Street, Bloomsburg, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. John are both descendants of the original James Brown. One of James' sons was John, who was Mrs. John's progenitor. Another son of James Brown was Daniel, who was the progenitor of Mr. John.

They have one child:

Kathryn Brown. She was born March 10, 1915.

MARTHA SLOAN, daughter of Samuel Clifton, and Mrs. May Wells Creasy.

Martha Sloan Creasy was born December 1, 1886. She graduated at the Bloomsburg State Normal School with the class of 1904 in the college preparatory course. In 1909 she graduated from the Goucher College of Baltimore, Maryland. She took a course in Vocal Music at the Peabody Conservatory of Music in the city of Baltimore. She is a leading member of the Choir of the First Methodist

Episcopal Church of Bloomsburg, Pa. She is the president of the Century Club of Bloomsburg, Pa. For a while she was the Secretary. She was the Secretary of the Civilian Relief of the Red Cross. Is the President of the Sarah Frysinger Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Bloomsburg.

She is active in the various philanthropic movements of this community.

EDWARD CLARK CREASY, son of Samuel Clifton and Mrs. May Wells Creasy.

Edward Clark Creasy was born May 24, 1888. He was educated at the Bloomsburg State Normal School and at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. After leaving college he engaged in the lumber business with Creasy and Wells. He is now the Treasurer of the Incorporated firm of Creasy and Wells.

On August 6, 1914 he married Miss Lydia Andres of Bloomsburg, Pa.

They have one child:

Helen Louise, born October 1, 1915.

ETHEL LOUISE CREASY, daughter of Samuel Clifton and Mrs. May Wells Creasy.

Ethel Louise, was born June 12, 1892. In 1908 she graduated at the Bloomsburg State Normal School and in 1909 at Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa. She was stenographer in the Creasy and Wells Corporation. She is the president of the Children of the American Revolution. President of the Standard Bearers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Bloomsburg, Pa. She is a teacher in the Sunday School of the same church. She is active in church work. On June 28, 1917 she married Mr. Dennis D. Wright of Laceyville, Pa.

Mr. Wright is the Secretary of the new corporation of Creasy and Wells.



Mr. and Mrs. Wright are living on Fifth Street, Bloomsburg, Pa. Mrs. Wright is a member of Fort McClure Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

Their children are:

Martha Creasy, born June 17, 1918.

Horace Clifton Wright, born August 13, 1920.

RUTH CREASY, daughter of Samuel Clifton and Mrs. May Wells Creasy.

Ruth was born July 27, 1898. Her education was received in the High School of Bloomsburg and also at the Bloomsburg Normal School. The Children of the American Revolution honored her by electing her to the presidency, of their body. She is active in Church and Sunday School work. She succeeded her sister Ethel as the Typist, and Stenographer of the Creasy and Wells Incorporation. She is a member of Fort McClure Chapter D. A. R. One of her lines descending from John Brown who fought in the American Revolution.

JEAN CREASY, daughter of Samuel Clifton and Mrs. May Wells Creasy.

Jean is still in her school days. At this time she is attending the Bloomsburg State Normal School. Like the other members of her family she is much interested in Church Work. In the Primary Department of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Bloomsburg, Pa., she is the leader of the music.

NATHAN BROWN CREASY, son of Samuel and Margaret Brown Creasy.

Nathan Brown Creasy was born July 8, 1827. He died April 7, 1888. Mr. Creasy learned the mercantile business in the store of Brown and Creasy. He purchased a store at Black Creek, Pa. Here he continued in business until the death of John Brown, one of the partners of Brown and Creasy. Mr. N. B. Creasy purchased the interest of Mr.

John Brown. The firm name was changed to that of Creasy and Brown. Upon the death of his father Samuel Creasy, he purchased the interest of the latter in the store. Upon the retirement of E. B. Brown from business, Mr. Creasy purchased his interest. This gave Mr. N. B. Creasy the whole store.

He later purchased his father's farm, which he conducted in conjunction with the store. Mr. Creasy married Catherine Wolfe, the daughter of a successful farmer of Mifflinville, Pa. She died August 29, 1905.  
ville, Pa. She died August 29, 1905.

Their children were:

- Lloyd S., born July 21, 1853.
- Allison B., born October 11, 1855.
- Clarence Augustus, born April 28, 1858, died
- John W., born August 13, 1862.
- Almedia, born June 30, 1864, died August 7, 1919.
- Williaw W., died July 7, 1863.
- Margaret S., born July 31, 1864.
- James I., born June 30, 1874.

L. S. CREASY, M.D. was a son of Nathan B. and Catherine Creasy.

Dr. Creasy was born July 21, 1853, died June 13, 1916. He attended the public schools in his boyhood, and clerked in his father's store in Mifflinville, Pa. He was educated at the Wyoming Seminary. He taught in the schools of Columbia and Luzerne Counties several terms. He read medicine with Dr. J. J. Brown, and entered Jefferson Medical College, graduating therefrom in March 1875. He located at Glen City, Pa., where were anthracite coal mines. Upon the suspension of these works he established himself at Rock Glen, Pa. He was a surgeon of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

On May 30, 1878 he married Miss Mary, daughter of Stephen Turnbach.

Their children are:

Raymond Claude, born December 19, 1885.  
Byron Harold, born November 17, 1887.  
Carlton Turnbach, born August 28, 1892.

RAYMOND CLAUDE CREASY, M. D., son of Dr. L. S. and Mary T. Creasy.

Dr. Creasy was born at Rock Glen, Luzerne County, Pa., December 19, 1885. He was educated at the Bloomsburg State Normal School, graduating in June 1906. He entered the Medico Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, Pa., from which he graduated in June, 1910. In 1912 he located in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., for the practice of Medicine and Surgery. In 1912 he took a post-graduate course in Surgery at his alma mater.

On January 3, 1913 he married Leonora Augusta Waldon.

Their children are:

Helen Louise, who was born March 21, 1917.  
Marion Elizabeth, born July 8, 1920.

BYRON HAROLD CREASY, son of Dr. L. S. and Mary T. Creasy.

Byron Harold was born November 17, 1887 at Rock Glen, Pa. Attended the grammar schools at that town. Graduated at the Bloomsburg State Normal School 1906. Taught the grammar at Rock Glen two years. Entered the Chirurgical College in 1908. Member and Historian of Psi Omega Dental Fraternity. Secretary of the R. Walter Star Society of Stomatology, Member of the I Norman Bromwell Society of Dental Sciences. Awarded Faculty Gold Medal in Freshman year. He graduated in the year 1911 with the degree of D. D. S. He practiced in York, Pa., three years. Since that time he has been practicing at 203 S. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

On April 1, 1914, Dr. Creasy married Miss Helen E. Brenaman.

Byron H. Jr., born March 21, 1915.  
Marjorie Jane, born April 3, 1921.

CARLTON TURNBACH CREASY, son of Dr. L. S. and Mary T. Creasy.

Carlton was born August 28, 1892. He took the course at the Bloomsburg State Normal School where he graduated.

He entered the service of the United States and became a Lieutenant in the army.

ALLISON BROWN CREASY, son of Nathan B. and Catherine Wolf Creasy.

Allison B. Creasy was born October 11, 1855. He was educated in the public schools of Mifflinville, Pa., and at Williamsport Dickinson Seminary. He was afterwards employed in his father's store, and on his father's farm. This farm he purchased after the death of his father. He is now living in the old Creasy homestead in Mifflinville which he purchased. Mr. Creasy is a prominent citizen of Mifflinville, Pa.

his father. He is now living in the old Creasy homestead in Mifflinville which he purchased.

On August 24, 1887 he married Miss Sadie Pegg of Conyngham, Pa. She died August 28, 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Creasy had one child:

Frederick J., born August 16, 1981.

On July 7, 1892 Mr. A. B. Creasy married Miss Mary C. Karns of Benton, Pa.

Their children are:

Norvin B., born January 9, 1894.  
Ada A., born July 2, 1900.  
Catherine E., born February 21, 1902.

FREDERICK J., son of A. B. and Sadie Pegg Creasy.

Frederick J. Creasy was born August 16, 1891. He is a graduate of the Philadelphia Dental College. Dr. Creasy entered the army during the recent European War. He received the commission of First Lieutenant. He is practicing dentistry in Berwick, Pa. On October 20, 1920 Dr. Creasy married Miss M. Louella Fowler. She was educated at the Berwick High School and at the Wyoming Seminary.

NORVIN B., son of A. B. and Mary Karns Creasy.

Norvin B. was born January 9, 1894. He married Miss Lizzie Jane Steininger of Milton, Pa. She was born August 11, 1881 at New Columbia, Union Co., Pa.

Their children are:

Miriam Catherine, born September 16, 1916.

Dorothy Ada, born February 25, 1919.

Virginia May, born May 4, 1921.

JAMES I. CREASY, son of Nathan B. and Catherine Creasy.

Dr. James I. Creasy was born June 23, 1868 in Mifflinville, Pa. His early education was obtained at the public schools in his native town. When a boy he clerked in his father's store in Mifflinville. He attended the Pennsylvania Dental College in Philadelphia, Pa., graduating therefrom in 1895, with the degree of D. D. S. He established himself in Sunbury, Pa. Opening an office at 320 Market Street, where he has built up a large lucrative practice. He is active in church work. Being a trustee of the Catawissa Avenue Methodist Church in Sunbury. He is the assistant superintendent of its Sunday School.

He is active in Masonic circles. A member of the Blue lodge, Master of 632 in 1910, member of Northumberland Royal Arch Chapter No. 174, Chapter member of Mt. Herman Commandery No. 85 Knights Templar.

On the 27th of March, 1906 he married Miss Emma Florence Shipe. Their home is at 131 Fairmount Avenue, Sunbury, Pa.

MARGARET S., daughter of N. B. and Catherine Wolf Creasy.

Margaret was born July 31, 1864 at Mifflinville, Pa. She married Mr. Jordan G. Miller on December 7, 1886. Their present residence is 201 E. 8th Street, Berwick, Pa.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Miller are:

Anna Irene, born January 9, 1889.

Romain Willard, born October 4, 1890.

Catharyn Frances, born October 25, 1897.

Mary Elizabeth, born December 31, 1905, died August 7, 1914.

ANNA IRENE, daughter of Jordan G. and Margaret Creasy Miller.

Anna Irene was born January 8, 1889. On April 4, 1914 she married Mr. Costello Bubb.

CATHERINE FRANCES, daughter of Jordan G. and Catherine Creasy Miller.

Catherine Frances was born December 31, 1905 and died August 7, 1914. Had she lived until December 31st she would have been nine years of age.

ROMAIN WILLARD, son of Jordan G. and Margaret Creasy Miller. ffl

Romain Willard was born October 4, 1890. He graduated at the Philadelphia Dental College in 1914. He practiced dentistry at Lancaster, Pa. with Dr. Croll one year. Later with Dr. Bolton at York, Pa. He then opened up an office in Berwick, Pa. where he was successful. On May 28, 1918 he entered the United States Army as a dentist. He was sent to Camp Meade. Later transferred to Annapolis, Maryland. He received an honorable discharge on the 21st of April, 1919.

He returned to his old practice at Berwick, Pa. He is enjoying the confidence and patronage of the friends made prior to his entrance into the army.

At the time of his graduation his Alma Mater conferred upon him the degree of D. D. S. Upon entering the army he became Lieutenant.

DANIEL A. CREASY, son of Margaret Brown and Samuel Creasy.

The fifth child of Margaret Brown and Samuel Creasy they named Daniel A. He was a sickly child until he became a young man. Dr. Francis Harrison a noted surgeon of his day discovered a large polypus in his throat which

impaired his ability to breathe comfortably. It also interfered with his taking sufficient food. Dr. Harrison removed the growth, after which Mr. Creasy promptly regained his health.

His earlier years were spent on his father's farm. He learned the mercantile business in the store of Brown's and Creasy at Mifflinville, Pa. Upon the death of his brother William he succeeded him in a partnership in their store at Light Street, Pa. with his brother Wesley. Upon the death of Wesley he succeeded to the whole business. This he retained until he established himself in his new store in Bloomsburg, Pa. in 1876. Previous to his removal he built a three story brick building in Bloomsburg in which was placed the store. His residence was in the same building.

On February 22, 1865 he married Miss Annie Fox.

Their children were:

Minnie Elmerta, married O. H. Yetter. Minnie,  
born November 17, 1867.

Samuel Boyd, born October 12, 1872, died

Mr. Creasy was a careful and conservative business man. He lived to a greater age than any of his brothers or sisters.

#### MRS. MINNIE ELMERTA CREASY YETTER.

Since the death of her husband, Professor Orval H. Yetter, she continues to reside in her beautiful home on Main Street, Bloomsburg, Pa.

WILLIAM N. CREASY, son of Samuel and Margaret Brown Creasy.

William N. Creasy was born September 25, 1834. He died August 22, 1859. Mr. Creasy was educated in the public schools and at Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa.



He learned the mercantile business in his father's store. He and his brother Wesley purchased a store at Light Street, Pa. At the age of twenty-five, death closed his promising career.

SARAH BROWN BOWMAN. Mrs. George A. Bowman.

The name Sarah was a favorite in the family. The original James, married Sarah Allison. He called one of his daughters Sarah, who married Ralph Brugler. His son John Brown named a daughter Sarah, who married Henry Bowman. Samuel and Dorothy Brown named their third child Sarah, \*the subject of this sketch. She was born April 29, 1805, and died August 15, 1856. She lived on the Brown farm in Mifflin township, Columbit County, Pa. until her marriage to George A. Bowman on the 20th of March 1823. This was about seven months prior to the death of her father. Mr. Bowman purchased a farm of two hundred acres adjoining the town plot of Mifflinville, Pa., from the estate of his father, Jesse Bowman. In 1849 Mr. Bowman built a brick residence on Market Square in the village of Mifflinville. After the death of his mother who occupied the dwelling, Mr. Bowman, some years later, moved into this home.

The children of George A. and Sarah Brown Bowman were:

Margaret, born January 15, 1824, died January 21,  
Dorothy Ann, born January 12, 1827, died May 5,  
1910.

Catherine, born February 27, 1829, died July 22,  
1907.

George Forest, born and died in October 1830.

Norman Wesley, born November 24, 1831, died  
October 2, 1852.

Martha Bowman, born April 2, 1834, died March  
16, 1862.

Elizabeth Ann Bowman, born March 25, 1836, died  
September 3, 1852.

Frances Jane, born May 2, 1838, died October 10,  
1841.

Clementine Delpartta, born July 31, 1840, died

Elisha Aten Bowman, born June 13, 1843, died  
June 28, 1853.

Alfred Steck, born November 19, 1845.

Mary Virginia, born September 28, 1848, died March 13, 1850.

Of the ten children that are deceased, seven are buried in the Brown Graveyard near Mifflinville, Pa. Margaret is buried at Mifflinville, Pa., Dorothy, at Berwick, Pa., and Clementine at Stroudsburg, Pa.

Mr. Bowman was of the Bowman family described on another page of this volume, many of whom acquired an extended reputation. He and his family were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They were leaders and large supporters of the local organization. He was a representative man in his community. He had great influence. He was universally respected.

He was born April 25, 1799 and died December 10, 1881.

\*Elizabeth Brown Hess named her second daughter, Sarah, making five.

MARGARET BOWMAN KELLER, daughter of George A. and Sarah Brown Bowman.

Some one has said that if you would know the daughter, study her mother. To say that Margaret Bowman Keller was like her mother would have been praise. The mother had a right to be proud of her daughter. Margaret was brought up on her father's farm near Mifflinville, Pa. William F. Keller was raised on the adjoining farm. On the 17th of April 1845, they were married. They settled on the farm adjoining the farms of both parents. This they bought. Here they lived until they retired to a home they built in Mifflinville, Pa. Here they died.

All this fails to convey to the mind a picture of Margaret Keller. Neither does it describe her to say that she was a good wife, the best of mothers, or one of the most kind and charitable neighbors. When the birds sing, when the sun shines, when the flowers bloom, it is easy to be happy,

and good. The true test of Christian character is to be able to hold your faith when passing under the rod. Margaret Keller's true nature was manifested when she passed through her seasons of deepest gloom. When her son Thomas passed in triumph to the glory land, she simply said "let us pray". There around that lifeless body her family and friends knelt. She prayed a prayer of wonderful resignation, trust, and hope. She shed no tears. From a child she was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Not a nominal, but an active, working, faithful Christian. She lived all she professed. She suffered excruciating pain for months from *tic douloureux* at the close of her life. She never murmured. Her trust in her heavenly Father was implicit. Then she was not, for God took her

The children of Margaret Keller and William F. were:

Thomas Harrison, born January 26, 1846, died December 19, 1871.

Sarah Jane, born December 17, 1848, died December 15, 1887.

Malinda Catherine, born September 17, 1851, died April 25, 1875.

Dorothy Ann, born June 8, 1853, died June 4, 1911.

George A. Bowman, born November 7, 1855.

Carrie Elizabeth, born January 28, 1859.

Harriet Susan, born September 3, 1862.

Lulu May, born May 25, 1866, died September 5, 1894.

CARRIE ELIZABETH HESS, daughter of William F. and Margaret Keller.

On November 1, 1886 Carrie married Mr. Harvey Wilburten Hess. He learned the Jeweler trade with Mr. Angle in Hazleton. Then he was a salesman. After this he became a lumber merchant. This brought him an independent fortune. He was one of the founders and directors of the

Bloomsburg National Bank. He died October 18, 1909. He was about 51 years of age.

Mrs. Hess is now living in Mifflinville, Pa. in one of the most beautiful homes on the south side of the river. She is interested in charitable works.

Carrie was born January 28, 1859. The children of Harvey W. and Carrie Hess were:

Infant daughter, born August 26, 1891, died in infancy.

Margaret Esther, born September 9, 1893, died July 21, 1894.

HARRIET SUSAN ERWIN, daughter of William F. and Margaret Keller.

Hattie, as she is best known by her near friends, is a companion for her sister Carrie. She married Barton Eugene Erwin, February 20, 1902. The store confined him so closely to business that it undermined his health. He died May 28, 1917. He was a man of sterling worth. His departure left a void in the community and in his church.

LULU MAY KELLER, daughter of William F. and Margaret B. Keller.

Lulu May Keller was born May 25, 1866. She died September 5, 1884. September 1, 1897 Charles W. Miller of Mifflinville, Pa. and Lulu May Keller were married. This was a happy union. Mr. Miller was a man of fine parts. He was successful in business. He is now making his home in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller were the parents of one child. A bright little girl:

Mary Margaret, was born April 2, 1889.

MARY MARGARET, daughter of Charles W. and Lulu May Miller.

Mary Margaret was born April 2, 1889. On September

19, 1914 she married Mr. Melville Granville Robbins. Mr. and Mrs. Robbins are the happy parents of two children:

Charles Miller, born October 24, 1916.

Melvan Granville, born February 11, 1919.

GEORGE A. BOWMAN, son of William F. and Margaret B. Keller.

George A. B. Keller was born November 7, 1855. On February 26, 1879, he married Miss Clara Citora Andreas. They purchased his grandfather's farm west of the town of Mifflinville, Pa. This he sold and retired to private life. He makes his home in Mifflinville, Pa. He is a leading citizen and a prominent official member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in his native town of Mifflinville, Pa.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Keller are:

Cleaver Atherton, born August 4, 1880.

Osmand Andreas, born March 3, 1882, died March 26, 1918.

Floyd Deaver, born February 22, 1885.

George Harvey, born April 11, 1889, died January 13, 1892.

Russel Diebel, born December 19, 1894.

Mrs. Keller died Monday May 31, 1920.

CLEAVER ATHERTON KELLER, son of George A. B. and Clara Keller.

Cleaver Atherton was born August 4, 1880. He married Miss Anna Reisenberg February 3, 1914.

FLOYD DEAVER KELLER, son of George A. B. and Clara Keller.

Floyd Deaver was born February 22, 1885. On Thurs-

day, September 25, 1919, Mr. Keller married Miss Helen Maud, daughter of Mrs. C. W. Freas of Berwick, Pa.

OSMAND ANDREAS KELLER, son of George A. B. and Clara Keller.

Osmand was born March 3, 1882. He died March 26, 1918. On June 23, 1915 he married Miss Frances Freas. Mr. and Mrs. Keller had one child:

Frances Freas, born March 23, 1918.

DOROTHY ANN BOWMAN, daughter of George A. and Sarah Brown Bowman.

Dorothy married Henry C. Freas. Their children were:

John Wesley, born December 21, 1857, died

Anna Bowman, born July 23, 1860.

Sarah Amelia, born May 18, 1862, died

Barton D., born August 10, 1864.

Verde Gere, born March 5, 1868.

ANNA BOWMAN, daughter of Dorothy Ann and Henry Freas.

Anna married Mr. F. A. Witman October 24, 1889.

Their children were:

Edwin Henry Harold Ewing, born February 6, 1891.

He graduated at Williamsport Dickinson Seminary June, 1909. In 1913 he graduated at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. He also graduated at Drew Theological Seminary in 1916. Later he took a special course at Union College in New York City. At the time of his death, August 21, 1917, he was in the service of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He went to Chicago in the interest of that organization the first of August, 1917. Suffering from a sun stroke, he died in that

city on Friday morning August 3. He was less than 27 years of age. He became a member of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in March, 1916.

It has been said that blood tells. From all sides there is a long line of able ancestry. The Witman's, Bowman's, Frease's, Brown's, families that have been leaders in Methodism for more than a century. People who have been successful socially and financially. Some have been men of letters. Some have made reputations that are broad. All this centered in Harold Ewing Witman. Maturing into one of the finest intellects, on which no educational advantages were spared, produced by any of the families which he represented. "A useful vessel foundered in the calm, Her freight not given to the world."

Edwin Henry, son of Anna and F. A. Witman, was born March 19, 1895. He graduated at Wesleyan University in the class of 1917. He has entered the ministry. Having joined the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church March, 1919. His future is auspicious. He has the family blood.

Alfred, another son of Anna and Frank A. Witman, died in infancy.

SARAH AMELIA, daughter of Dorothy and Henry C. Freas, married Mr. William Dickson in October, 1881, she died in October, 1895.

Their children were:

Edna Janett, born 1883.

James H., born April 13, 1885. James is Inspector of Locomotives at the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, Pa.



Barton Freas Dickson, born April 22, 1886. He is a salesman.

Pauline Dickson, born April 19, 1888. Is a trained nurse.

Dorothy Dickson, died in infancy.

BARTON D. FREAS, son of Dorothy Ann and Henry C. Freas.

He was born August 10, 1864. For some years he has been the cashier of the Berwick National Bank. He is interested in all the affairs that make for greater Berwick. He is a trustee in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Berwick. He is prominent in Masonic circles. He is one of Columbia Counties popular business men. On October 16, 1890 he married Miss Elizabeth M. Mears. They have one son, who graduated at Wyoming Seminary. He attended the Wharton Business School at Philadelphia, Pa. He is now in the Berwick Bank. There are possibilities in Frederick Mears Freas.

Mr. Freas has a distinguished American ancestry of seven generations. In Europe there is a record of the family extending to the fourteenth century.

VIRDIE GERE FREAS, daughter of Dorothy Bowman Freas and Henry C. Freas.

Virgie was born at Berwick, March 5, 1868. Her earlier life was spent at Berwick, where at the public schools her education was obtained.

On October 18, 1891 she married Mr. Charles Brown Keller. Mr. Keller is a native of Stroudsburg, Pa. He chose banking for his profession. At this writing he is the cashier of the Stroudsburg National Bank at Stroudsburg, Pa. He is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Stroudsburg. He was active in the building of

the magnificent new church building of that organization.

Their children are:

Harry Melick, born June 19, 1893.

Dorothy Freas, born June 22, 1897.

Donald Judson, born August 14, 1898. Died in infancy.

Harry Melick Keller graduated at Lafayette College with the class of 1916. He specialized in chemistry. The DuPonts of Wilmington, Delaware, recognized his proficiency in this line, and secured his services for the chemical department of their powder works at Wilmington. On February 28, 1920 he married Josephine Beaumont of Collingswood, New Jersey.

Dorothy Freas Keller preferred banking as a vocation. The Stroudsburg National Bank chose her as their stenographer.

CATHERINE, daughter of George A. and Sarah Brown Bowman.

Catherine was born February 27, 1829. She died July 22, 1907. On December 28, 1865 she married Robert Watts. They lived at Fowlerville, Pa. until his death, when she returned to Mifflinville, her father's home.

Later she married George Leamon of Williamsport, Pa. They lived in that city until the death of Mr. Leamon. She then returned to Mifflinville where she made her home with her sister, Margaret Keller. After the death of Mr. and Mrs. William Keller, she continued to live with the family, her nieces, until her death.

After the death of her sister Mrs. Martha Kester, Catherine reared the child of Mr. and Mrs. Kester, Reese Bowman, until Mr. Kester remarried. An account of the successful career of Reese, when arrived at manhood is recorded on another page.

CLEMENTINE D. BOWMAN, daughter of Sarah Brown and George A. Bowman.

Clementine was born on her father's farm which bounded the northeast border of the town plot of Mifflinville, Pa. She married Mr. William V. Brown of Stroudsburg, Pa. in 1861. Mr. Brown was engaged in the mercantile business in the town of Mifflinville for some years, after which he went to Stroudsburg.

Their children were:

Susan Rebecca, born April 16, 1863.

George was born in 1866.

Vernetta, born in 1868.

Fannie died in infancy. She is buried at Mifflinville, Pa.

George, son of Clementine, married Rachel Sprangle. They had one child, Thomas Wesley. The latter married Edith Smith. They live in Philadelphia, Pa.

Janetta, daughter of Clementine, married William F. Decker. They are living at East Stroudsburg, Pa. The children of Vernetta Brown Decker were:

Rosanna R. married Alonzo Keller. Is deceased.

Adell, married Rev. Elmer Walker, at Ewing, N.J.

Helen, married Prof. William Margurand of Lafayette College.

George, died when eight years of age.

Janetta, born in 1916.

Susan Rebecca, daughter of Clementine Bowman Brown, married John William Decker. Their children were:

Ruth Catherine, born in 1894.

Janetta F., born in 1896.

Clementine E., born in 1898.

Martha Elizabeth, born in 1914.

The Rev. Elmer Walker who married Adell, daughter of Clementine, is a Presbyterian Clergyman. They live at

Ewing, New Jersey. They have one child which is two years of age.

Helen, daughter of Clementine, married Professor Margurand of Lafayette College has one child, two years of age. It is a daughter.

MARTHA BOWMAN, daughter of George A. and Sarah Brown Bowman.

Martha Bowman was born April 2, 1834. She died in Ashland, Pa. March 16, 1862. She married the Rev. Aaron Kester.

Rev. Kester was a member of the East Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Much of this territory is now included in the Central Pennsylvania Conference. At the time of Mrs. Kester's death Rev. Mr. Kester was filling the Ashland station. Mrs. Kester's death was sudden, the result of a heart affection. She was fitted by experience, culture, education and taste for the wife of a Methodist minister. Her father's home was a home for Methodist preachers. The truly religious home in which she was reared prepared her spiritually for her chosen life work. She died in the prime of her young life. It was natural that one so sweet, so good, should have made many friends. One child blessed the home of Rev. and Mrs. Kester:

REESE BOWMAN KESTER, D. D., son of Aaron M. and Martha Bowman Kester.

Reese was left motherless when but a child. His mother's sister, Catherine Bowman, mothered him and brought him up in the home of his grandfather, George A. Bowman at Mifflinville, Pa. When his father again married he took his son into his new home. Later the family went to the state of Kansas. Through the aid and encouragement of his uncle, the Rev. A. S. Bowman, Reese

was led to enter Baker University, Kansas, where he graduated in 1886. His educational career was rounded out by a course at the Garrett Biblical Institute where he graduated in 1892. A subsequent visit to Europe gave him broad vision. He entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The churches which he filled have been principally in the city of Chicago, Illinois. He served the University Church at Baldwin, Kansas. Also the Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church, Minneapolis, Minn. His last appointment was that of District Superintendent for the Minneapolis District.

On January 4, 1893 he married Miss Carrie Roome. Dr. and Mrs. Kester have three children:

Katherine Roome, born November 6, 1893.

Edith Doris, born July 13, 1895.

Ernest Bowman, born January 9, 1897.

KATHERINE ROOME, daughter of Reese Bowman and Carrie Roome Kester.

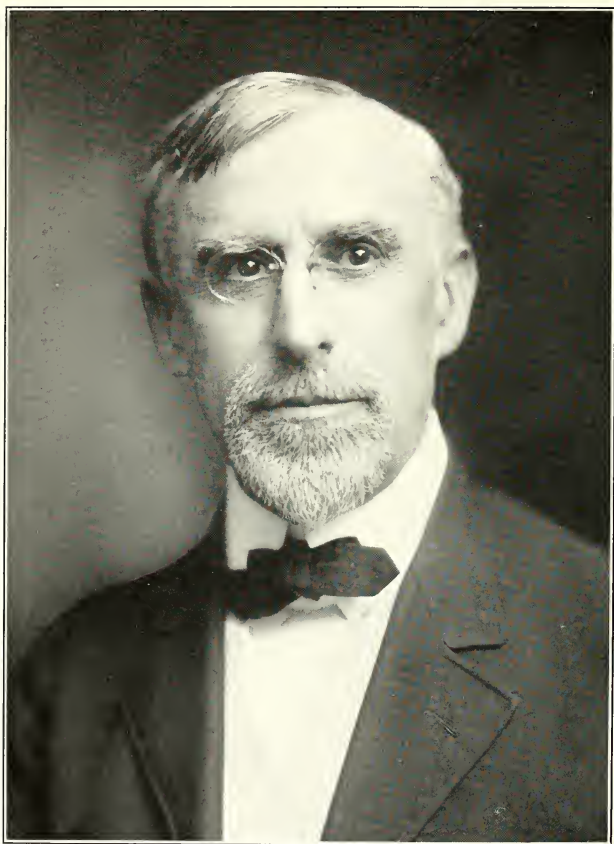
Katherine is a graduate of the University of Minnesota.

EDITH DORIS, daughter of Reese Bowman and Carrie Roome Kester.

Edith Doris is a graduate of the Stella Woods Kindergarten Normal School of Minneapolis.

ERNEST BOWMAN, son of Reese and Carrie Roome Kester.

Since his return from the recent war, Ernest is studying Chemical Engineering. During the World War, Ernest was in the Regular United States Navy. He was attached during most of that period to the Mine force of the Atlantic Fleet. It will be remembered that this was distinguished for laying a barrage of 70,000 mines between the Orkneys and Scandinavia.



Rev. Alfred Steck Bowman

ALFRED STECK BOWMAN, son of Sarah Brown and George A. Bowman.

Mr. Bowman was born on the nineteenth day of November, 1845. His boyhood days were spent on his father's farm adjoining the town of Mifflinville, Pa. His earlier education was obtained at the public schools. Later he attended a select school in Mifflinville conducted by Hiram H. Hutchison. In 1865 he entered the Williamsport Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, Pa., graduating in 1868. Immediately after his graduation he entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He joined the East Baltimore, now Central Pennsylvania, Conference. He remained in the active work almost fifty years. During this period he filled charges in Danville, Hollidaysburg, Williamsport and Harrisburg, Pa. These were all desirable pulpits.

Rev. Dr. E. J. Gray, the President of Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, conceived the idea of securing a permanent endowment for his school. He needed a man of experience, executive ability, and financial power. He saw in Mr. Bowman the combination of these qualities. He succeeded in inducing Mr. Bowman to become the Endowment Secretary, and special representative of the institution. The sum needed was \$50,000. A very modest amount in these days of Centenary drives and billion dollar appropriations. These figures were relatively larger, than three times that much money would be now. For five years Mr. Bowman traversed the country of the Central Pennsylvania and the patronizing conferences. He secured students and endowment for the seminary. By the end of the five years by personal solicitation, the entire amount of the \$50,000 was subscribed. The attendance of students at the school was raised to high water mark.

Mr. Bowman's paternal ancestors emigrated from Germany, prior to the war of the American Revolution. The

family is traced to near the days of Martin Luther. His immediate forbears came to Columbia County, Pennsylvania in 1792. They located in the Briar Creek valley within a few miles of Berwick, Pa. They were Methodists. In 1808 they built a stone church near their farm home. It was the pioneer Methodist Church in this section. As their loved ones died they were buried in the grounds adjacent to this church. In the later years there were but few if any of the relatives remaining in this neighborhood to care for the graves of their ancestors. The church fell into decay. The graves were neglected, the whole property was being exterminated. Veneration for his ancestors led Mr. Bowman in 1915, to form a project that led to the rescue of the property and to its restoration. By a personal canvas he secured seven hundred dollars with which to execute the plan. The Church building was repaired, grave stones reset, and a substantial fence of concrete posts and iron railings placed around the grounds. The prominent part played by this church in Methodism in its earlier days, and the eminence to which some of its members attained, made this enterprise one of wide note. An adequate endowment has been planned for the property.

Mr. Bowman was made the Historian of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The result of his researches were embodied in an interesting paper which was read to the Conference at its session of 1918. The paper was one of ability and of great historic value. It is preserved among the archives of the conference.

Mr. Bowman's home is now in Scotia, Schenectady Co., N. Y. Here he and his three children, Martha Brown, John Rockefeller, and George Alfred have purchased for themselves a delightfully comfortable home.

On March 3, 1874 Mr. Bowman married Miss Mary Alice Rockefeller of Danville, Pa. She died March 23, 1901



and is buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery of Danville, Pa. She was a most estimable woman. The children of Rev. A. S. and Alice Rockefeller Bowman were:

Martha Brown  
John Rockefeller  
George Alfred

MARTHA BROWN BOWMAN, daughter of Rev. A. S. and Mary Alice Rockefeller Bowman.

Early in his ministerial career the Rev. A. S. and Mrs. Bowman were stationed at Muncy, Pa. Here, on October 31, 1876, their daughter Martha was born. Her preparatory education was obtained at the public and private schools. She entered Williamsport Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, Pa., where she graduated in Piano in 1896.

One year later she graduated in the Classical Course. She took the Valedictory Honors.

She then took a special course at Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland in English Language and Literature. Subsequently she did special work in the Columbia University of New York City.

In 1907 to 1913 she was head of the English Department in Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa. Here her success was so marked, that when duty called her to take charge of the home of her father and brothers at Scotia, N. Y., the Seminary authorities accepted her resignation with great reluctance.

She is now presiding over their united home in Scotia, New York. The people of the churches and the community have discovered her superior abilities. The demands upon her time, for church, Missionary work, and public addresses is greater than she can command.

JOHN ROCKEFELLER BOWMAN, son of Rev. A. S. and Mary Alice Rockefeller Bowman.

John Rockefeller Bowman was born in Williamsport,

Pa., September 26, 1878. He graduated at Williamsport Dickinson Seminary in 1896. The degree of B. A. was conferred upon him, when he graduated with honors at the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Connecticut in 1900. Here he was elected to membership in the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternities.

In 1901 Mr. Bowman became connected with the First National Bank of Altoona, Pa. This banking experience has been of much advantage in all his subsequent business life.

In 1903 the General Electric Company of Schenectady, N. Y. secured his services. His worth with the company has been appreciated by them so greatly that additions have been repeatedly made to his salary. In addition to such recognitions he has been constituted a member of their purchasing staff.

Mr. Bowman is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of his city. He is a member of its board of Trustees. His counsel is sought in all the various enterprises of his church.

From his father Mr. Bowman inherits five generations of unbroken business success. All of these have been leaders in wealth in their respective communities. This disproves in this family, the adage that it is but three generations from shirt sleeves to shirt sleeves. Much of Mr. Bowman's business sagacity is due to these inherited abilities.

GEORGE ALFRED BOWMAN, son of Rev. A. S. Bowman and Mary Alice Rockefeller Bowman.

George Alfred was born in Mechanicsburg, Pa. September 27, 1881. In 1900, graduated from the Hollidaysburg High School. In 1902 he graduated from Williamsport Dickinson Seminary. Took a complete course in Pierce's Business College, Philadelphia, Pa.

He has been continuously with the General Electric Company of Schenectady since 1904. He resides in Scotia, N. Y. He is active in church work.

WILLIAM N. BROWN, son of Samuel and Dorothy Nice Brown.

WILLIAM N. Brown was born February 15, 1807, died September 17, 1876. At the time of his father's death he was sixteen years old. His brother John twenty-two. The mother was 39. All the children were younger excepting Margaret and Sarah. There were large property interests in addition to the welfare of the mother and the younger children. The greater burden fell upon John, he being six years older. But through it all William was with him. At a later period the two brothers divided the properties. William retained the homestead, while John took the mills with the adjoining farm.

Mr. Brown married Nancy, the daughter of John and Dorcas Freas of Briar Creek Township, Columbia County, Pa. Three of the Brown brothers secured their wives from this home. She died April 28, 1846. She was aged forty years, eight months, and twenty-six days. Mr. Brown married Loretta Yonker of Mifflinville, Pa. for his second wife. She was born November 20, 1817 and died January 1902.

About 1855 or 1856 Mr. Brown purchased the Brown Mills of Freas Brown for ten thousand dollars. He established a flour and feed store at Mahanoy City, which was placed in the hands of his son John. Another son, George conducted the mills. The flour and Feed were shipped to the store and sold. John entered the army during the civil war. This closed the store. The mills and farms were retained by the family until many years after the death of Mr. Brown. About 1870 he retired from the farm, built a home in Mifflinville, where he resided until his death.

He was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. For many years a trustee and class leader. He was largely instrumental in the building of the Methodist Church in Mifflinville in 1861. He was honored with an office in the Pennsylvania militia. The sight of his sword in its scabbard is distinctly impressed on the mind of the writer. Although a Whig, and later a Republican in politics, in a community that was overwhelmingly Democratic, his fellow citizens honored him with some of their local offices.

The children of William N. and Nancy Freas Brown were:

George, born December 6, 1832, died December 8, 1862.

Albert, born April 19, 1834, died February 16, 1907.

John F., born February 1, 1836, died

Almira, born September 25, 1837, died July 8, 1918.

Dorcas, born October 12, 1839, died September 18, 1842.

The children of William N. and Loretta Yonker Brown were:

James C., born April 29, 1848.

Martha, born September 14, 1850, died February 18, 1853.

Samuel C., born February 16, 1854, died November 9, 1912.

Melissa, born May 7, 1858, died December 18, 1864.

Victoria M., born January 14, 1867.

GEORGE BROWN, son of William N. and Nancy Brown.

George was born December 6, 1832 and died December 8, 1862. He was aged but thirty years and two days. At the time of his death he was conducting his father's flour and feed mill on the old Brown plantation near Mifflinville, Pa. He had marked ability. At the time of his decease he was giving great promise of being a success as a business man.

On March 25, 1858 he married Polly Lazerus, she was one of a prominent family of the Fishing Creek region.

Their children were:

Herman, born May 4, 1859, died 1866.

William, born February 4, 1860.

Gertrude Nancy, born April 19, 1863, is a matron at the State School for girls at Trenton, N. J.

Polly Lazerus Brown died February 14, 1919.

William Brown is living at Sedro Wooley, State of Washington. He has three children, James John, and Gertrude.

WILLIAM BROWN, son of George and Polly Brown.

William is a native of Mifflin Township, Columbia County, Pa. He was born on the old Brown Mill property. He is now living in the State of Washington. His Post-office address is Sedro Wooley, Washington. He is married. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have three children:

James,

John,

Gertrude.

SAMUEL C. BROWN, son of William N. and Loretta Yonker Brown.

Samuel was born February 16, 1854, and died November 9, 1912. He was in the employ of the Company store at Jeansville, Pa. when a young man. Later he became a Railway Postal Clerk. His promotion here was flattering. Samuel never married. He made Bloomsburg his home in his last years.

ALBERT BROWN, son of William N. and Nancy Brown.

Albert was born April 19, 1834, died February 16, 1907. Was married to Miss Alice Traugh, February 11 1864. He was educated in the public schools of the town of Mifflinville. Learned the trade of milling in his father's mill.

Later he went to Alexandria, Virginia and was in the employ of the large flouring mills located there. The approach of the Civil War compelled his return to the North. On his attempt to return, he found the railroad lines under the control of the secessionists. The communications were cut. After much difficulty he reached his home by a circuitous route.

While in charge of his father's mill he took out a patent for an improved flour packer. Its advantage was that when the receptacle was filled, the packer ceased automatically.

Peter Traugh of near Berwick secured him to operate his flouring mill. Here he met Mr. Traugh's daughter Miss Alice.

At a later period he manufactured flour in a mill in Beach Haven and also one in Pittston, Pa. From the latter place he moved to Kansas.

The children of Albert and Alice Traugh Brown were:

Almira Elmertie, born November 23, 1865.

Ira Clifford, who died September 22, 1917. Born August 28, 1867.

Bruce died in childhood and buried in Brown graveyard.

Almira Elmertie married Mr. John C. Hollis, February 22, 1894.

Their children are:

Harold C.

Avis Louise.

Dora Elizabeth, all living at Minneapolis, Ottawa Co., Kansas.

Ira Clifford Brown married Miss Etna Hollis, January 24, 1894.

Their children were:

Helen Ann.

Eugene Itti.

Bertha May.

Clifford Ira, lived in Delphos, Ottawa Co., Kansas.

Harold C. Hollis was called to the army on the 13th of November, 1918. Sent to Camp Funston, Kansas. The signing of the armistice cancelled the call, much to his disappointment.

At this writing Mrs. Alice Brown is with her daughter Mrs. John C. Hollis, Minneapolis, Ottawa County, Kansas. R. D. No. 7, Box 24.

#### JOHN FREAS BROWN.

John F. Brown was the son of William N. and Nancy Freas Brown. He was born February 1, 1836, died

On March 5, 1857 he married Martha M. Kline. She was a grand daughter of Elizabeth Brown Hess. John F. was a grandson of Samuel Brown, a brother of Mrs. Elizabeth Brown Hess.

Mr. Brown attended a select school at Mifflinville, Pa. taught by the late Hiram H. Hutchison. He learned the milling trade. He taught in the public schools in 1860 to 1861 and also 1863 to 1864. Early in the Civil War he conducted a flour and feed store at Mahanoy City, Pa. This was closed at the time he entered the army during the war of the Rebellion where he became a Sergeant in Company A. 173d Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia.

There was one child of John F. and Martha M. Brown:  
Miss Vida.

She graduated at the Bloomsburg State Normal School at Bloomsburg, Pa. 1896, then she taught a number of years in the public schools. The last of which was the Briar Creek High School.

July 22, 1914 she married James Luther Hoagland of Mifflinville, Pa. where they now reside.

ALMIRA BROWN, daughter of William N. and Nancy Freas Brown.

Almira was born September 25, 1837. She died July 8, 1919. When she was nearly nine years of age her mother



died. Her father fortunately secured a stepmother who filled the place of her own mother so well, that she seemed to love her as her own. She never married.

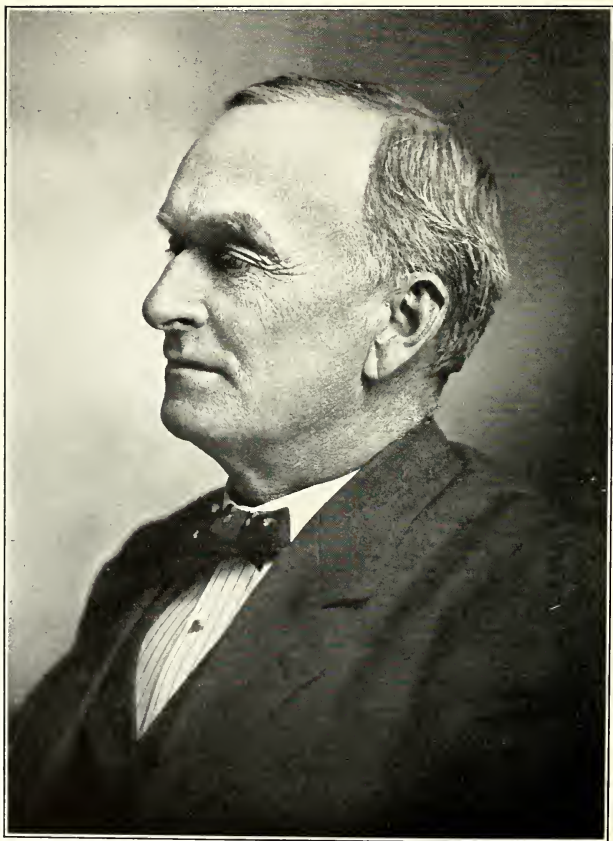
Almira became a Christian in early life. She joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. She was a musician. She had a beautiful alto voice. Until the infirmities of age prevented she was a member of her church choir.

She was domestic in her tastes. She was happy in serving others. She helped in the bringing up of her younger brothers and sisters. In her old age it was her delight to aid in the care of the grand children of her sister Victoria.

She always had the burden of souls on her heart. She was anxious that all should enjoy the better life. She died as she lived. Her death was triumphant.

JAMES C. BROWN, son of William and Loretta Yonker Brown.

At the age of eight he solved the problems in Davies Arithmetic. At fifteen he taught one term in the public school. At eighteen he was at the head of his classes at Williamsport Dickinson Seminary. At twenty, upon graduation of his class, he took the honors. At twenty-three he was the acting Principal of the Bloomsburg Literary Institute, and State Normal School, at Bloomsburg, Pa. In 1872 he resigned the principalship of the school and engaged in civil engineering in making the original survey of the North and West Branch Railroad. In 1882, after the completion of the road, he severed his connection therewith. He was one of the directors of the company. Subsequently he did similar work for various railroads. In 1875 he purchased the Columbia County Republican, the organ of the Republican Party in Columbia County. He was the editor and proprietor of this paper for twenty-five years. In 1884 he was made a delegate to the Republican National Convention which was held at Chicago in that year.



James Curns Brown

In a similar capacity he attended the National Convention at Philadelphia in 1900. In 1878 he was elected to the school board of Bloomsburg, and has been continuously re-elected since that date. He was Postmaster of Bloomsburg from 1902 to 1914. For thirty-two years he was the treasurer of the Columbia County Agricultural Society. For many years he has been a member of the board of trustees of the Bloomsburg State Normal School. He is the vice-president and secretary of the board. He was active in the establishment of the Bloomsburg Hospital. Was its treasurer, secretary, and one of its board of managers. He is a director of the White Milling Company. Also a director in the Bloomsburg Land Improvement Company. He was one of the founders, and for a time one of the directors of the Irondale Electric Light, Heat, and Power Company until its absorption by the holdings Company. He is president of the board of trustees of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Bloomsburg, Pa. He has been a member of this church many years and was active in the building of the present stone edifice. Mr. Brown never married. His home has been at the Exchange Hotel, Bloomsburg, Pa. since 1872. He was a son of William N. and Loretta Yonker Brown, and was born April 29, 1848. Mr. Brown was elected a delegate to the Republican National Convention which met at Chicago in 1920. This he attended and took part in the nomination of Senator Harding for the presidency.

On Thursday, January sixth, 1921, Mr. Brown was surveying for the Scotch Valley Coal Company. On the evening of this day while boarding at the Mountain Grove Hotel he became seriously ill. After receiving medical attention he appeared to be relieved. Instead of arriving home by train as was expected, word came of his sudden death. There was a large assemblage of his friends at the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Bloomsburg, Pa.,

where an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. A. L. Miller, Ph. D., the pastor of the church.

VICTORIA M. BROWN, daughter of William and Loretta Yonker Brown.

Victoria was born January 14, 1867. As a child she lived on her father's farm until her parents moved to the town of Mifflinville, Pa. She attended the public schools of the village. On September 19, 1889 she married George Hess, a jeweler. They located at Watsontown, Pa. Upon the disposal of this business they moved to Bloomsburg, Pa. Here they established the largest Jewelry store in Columbia County. Mr. Hess was a model Christian gentleman. A splendid business man. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Bloomsburg, Pa., and one of the Official Board. He died on the fifth day of September 1914. His age was 48 years, 4 months and 5 days.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hess were:

Aaron Brown, born March 30, 1894.

George William, born July 5, 1898, died February 22, 1899.

Jordan Victor, born May 29, 1901.

AARON BROWN HESS, son of Victoria M. and George Hess.

Aaron was born March 30, 1894. He attended the public schools of Bloomsburg, Pa. After the death of his father he took charge of the jewelry store. He was especially adapted for this responsibility. He is a natural mechanic. He had taken a special course in engraving at Rochester, N. Y. His work is of a high order. He has made his store the superior of any between Wilkes-Barre and Harrisburg, Pa. It is superbly attractive. He has made the business a success.

On August 18, 1915 Mr. Hess married Miss Florence

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Aleta Harmony of Bloomsburg, Pa. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Brown Hess are:

James Brown, born September 12, 1916.

William Harmony, born March 28, 1918.

George W., born March 1, 1921.

JORDAN VICTOR HESS, son of Victoria and George Hess.

Victor is still a young man living with his mother. He attended the public schools of his native town of Bloomsburg, Pa. He had a clerical position in the office of the Bloomsburg American Car & Foundry Company. At present is attending Pierce's Business College at Philadelphia, Pa.

MATTHEW BROWN, son of Samuel and Dorothy Nice Brown.

**M**ATTHEW BROWN learned the tanning trade. He had an ambition to master the business perfectly. Stroudsburg, Pa. has for many years been noted for this industry. Thither he went in his early manhood to learn the business. While sojourning here he met Susan, a daughter of Michael and Rebecca Brown, whom he married. They were not relatives. He purchased one of his father's farms in Mifflin Township, Columbia County, Pa. Here they made their home, until his death. A water power on this property he utilized in the service of one of the largest and most modern tanning plants in eastern Pennsylvania, which he built here. After the completion of his plant, and the launching of a successful business, an event occurred that led him peremptorily to abandon the project. One of his children accidentally fell in an exposed vat and was drowned. The vats were filled, the plant dismantled, and the business abandoned.

A new enterprise was now projected. He engaged in the manufacture of powder. A mill was built. The water power was used to run the mill. This proved to be the most successful of his ventures. The making of powder was profitable. Just at the period when his prospects for financial success were the brightest he became sick and died. His children were too young and inexperienced to continue operating the mill. The investment was a loss.

Matthew Brown was born June 11, 1809, and died June 26, 1854.

Mrs. Brown was born October 2, 1808 and died February 7, 1892.

The children of Matthew and Susan Brown were:

Hester, born March 26, 1831, died May 14, 1897.  
Michael, born June 3, 1832, died May 20, 1915.  
James, born November 17, 1833, died June 3, 1836.  
Addison, born June 30, 1835, died October 21, 1914.  
Dorothy, born February 7, 1837, died January 2,  
1903.  
Ezra, born March 30, 1838, died  
Rebecca, born September 30, 1839, died August 9,  
1900.  
Edna, born December 29, 1842, died May 23, 1843.  
Nina, born March 14, 1844.  
Emma, born August 20, 1846, died  
Alice, born February 23, 1849, died November 17,  
1914.  
Nora, born February 26, 1852, died August 4, 1900.  
William H., born November 30, 1840, died August  
29, 1841.

Mr. Brown was a man with broad vision. He planned and executed on a scale greater than the ordinary. Had he lived, he might have made a great success of his business ventures.

HESTER BROWN SNYDER, daughter of Matthew and Susan Brown.

Hester was born March 26, 1831, and died May 14, 1897. She married Samuel Snyder, November 5, 1850. Rev. B. B. Hamlin performed the ceremony. Samuel Snyder became prominent in the affairs of Columbia County. He held various offices of honor and profit. Among them that of Sheriff of his county. He taught in the public schools prior to his marriage. The children of Hester and Samuel Snyder were:

Violetta Ogden, born October 31, 1852.

White, born June 15, 1855.

VIOLETTA OGDEN SNYDER.

Violetta O. Snyder, daughter of Samuel and Hester Brown Snyder was born October 31, 1852. Married Hiram Eckroth, January 26, 1871.

Their children were :

Mae Brown, born April 8, 1879.

Ralph Snyder, born January 5, 1875.

One child died in infancy.

#### MAE BROWN ECKROTH.

Mae Brown was born April 8, 1879. She graduated at the Bloomsburg State Normal School.

For some years she taught in the public schools of Columbia and Luzerne counties. She made music a specialty. Taught this science for some years.

On May 29, 1909 she married Mr. H. L. Shannon. Mr. and Mrs. Shannon are active in church work. They are interested in everything that advances the welfare of their town.

#### RALPH ECKROTH.

Ralph Eckroth, the second son of Mrs. Violetta Snyder Eckroth, was born January 5, 1875. In March 1906 he married Harriet Palmer, at that time the assistant Postmistress of Stroudsburg, Pa. Her father being the Postmaster.

The children of Ralph and Harriet Palmer Eckroth are :

Violetta.

Dorothy.

LeGrand.

White.

John.

Elizabeth.

#### A. WHITE SNYDER, son of Samuel and Hester.

White Snyder was born June 15, 1855. March 8, 1880 He married Miss Clara Hess, daughter of Esther, and Aaron W. Hess. Mr. Snyder entered the mercantile business. He was the proprietor of the store on the southwest corner of Third and Market Streets, Mifflinville, Pa., until he retired from business later with a well earned competency. He



still has real estate interests in Mifflinville. Upon his retirement from business he made Berwick his home. Mrs. Snyder, is deceased. Their children were:

Belle, born November 7, 1881.

Vere, born June 3, 1884.

Homer, born May 6, 1886.

Irene, born May 4, 1892.

BELLE SNYDER, daughter of White and Clara Snyder.

Belle was born November 7, 1881. On September 14, 1907 she married Mr. Ralph Savadge. Their children are:

Donald Snyder, born August 28, 1908.

Bernice Blanchard, born May 17, 1910.

Bernette, born September 1, 1918.

Belva Adora, born March 20, 1921.

Mr. and Mrs. Savage are making their home in Berwick, Pa. He is with the American Car and Foundry Company of that town.

VERE SNYDER, daughter of White and Clara Snyder.

Vere was born June 3, 1884. October 28, 1908 she married Mr. Hugh Stebbins.

Their children are:

Edwin Snyder, born February 21, 1915.

Robert Allison, born February 24, 1919.

HOMER SNYDER, M. D., son of White and Clara Snyder.

Dr. Momer Snyder was born May 6, 1886. After graduating at the Hahnemann Medical College he established a practice in Scranton, Pa.

On November 30, 1917 Dr. Snyder married Miss Jane Coate. Have one child:

Robert Coate, born April 18, 1919.

IRENE SNYDER, daughter of White and Clara Snyder.

Irene was born May 4, 1892. She married Mr. Dayton

Ranck on August 2, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Ranck have three children:

Marion, born August 19, 1917.

Lee Snyder, born October 14, 1919.

Doris, born March 23, 1921.

Mr. and Mrs. Ranck live at Reading.

MICHAEL B. BROWN, son of Matthew and Susan Brown.

When Michael B. Brown was 22 years of age his father died. After completing his education at the public schools, Michael conducted his father's farm. His father's time being occupied with his powder and clover mills. Michael continued the care of the farm until his father's estate was settled. At the time of his death, his father was but 45 years of age. After experiencing some business vicissitudes, his father was on the road to financial prosperity, when his untimely death ended his career.

When Matthew Brown's property was divided among ten children and his widow, there was but a nominal amount to each of the heirs. Michael was handicapped from the beginning. Having devoted his early manhood to his father's affairs, his knowledge of men and things was limited. His native powers were undeveloped. He had not yet acquired self-reliance. These disadvantages overcast his subsequent career. The death of his wife, after enjoying her companionship eighteen years, contributed to his misfortunes.

Michael B. Brown was born June 2, 1832 and died May 20, 1915. On October 29, 1856, he married Hannah, a daughter of Charles H. Hess of Mifflinville, Pa. Mr. Hess was a successful business man. He was widely known throughout his county. Mrs. Brown died June 1, 1874.

The children of Michael B. and Hannah Hess Brown were:

Freas Matthew, born April 30, 1858, died December 25, 1860.

John Addison, born August 16, 1860.

Sarah A., born August 17, 1862, died October 8, 1862

Susan Rebecca, born November 7, 1863, died November 11, 1874.

Harvey Charles, born March 27, 1867.

Minnie Alice, born December 23, 1869, died January 1, 1870.

Ida Gertrude, born June 5, 1871.

Hannah C., born May 23, 1874, died August 8, 1874.

In 1877 Michael B. Brown married for his second wife, Katherine Sarah Lamberson.

The children of Michael B. and Katherine Lamberson Brown were:

Maud.

Homer.

Thadeus. He is deceased.

HARVEY CHARLES BROWN, son of Michael B. and Hannah Hess Brown.

After the death of his mother, Harvey made his home with his mother's brother, Daniel A. Hess at Mifflinville, Pa. In early manhood he made Binghamton, N. Y. his home. On October 20, 1898 he married Miss Mae Perkins. Harvey is a live wire and has made good. He is a traveling salesman. Mr and Mrs. Brown had but one child:

Winifred, born September 17, 1899, she died June 28, 1901.

Mrs. Brown received her education at Elmira College, Elmira, New York.

IDA GERTRUDE, daughter of Michael B. and Hannah Brown.

Ida, born June 5, 1871. On May 20, 1902 she married Lloyd Truman Haupt of Treverton, Pa. Their children were:

Herbert Samuel, born May 21, 1903, and died August 12, 1903.

Verna Lillie, born June 28, 1904.

Edith Elmira, born June 6, 1907.

Nina Alorsta, born November 3, 1908.

Lloyd Truman Haupt died March 12, 1912.

JOHN ADDISON BROWN, son of Michael B. and Hannah Hess Brown.

When Mr. Brown was less than fourteen years of age he lost his dearest friend. She was one who loved him beyond the power of tongue to tell or the pen to write. This was his mother. The tenor of his young life was changed. An uncle, a brother of his mother, gave him a new home. He found in his new environment an excellent opportunity to develop the physical man. This physical culture school was his uncle's farm. It was superior to the most expensive gymnasium. The supply of sunshine and ozone was unlimited. He had all the beauties of nature to delight the eye. His ear was charmed by the music of the lizard, the bird, and the croak of the frog. The measured cadence of the katydid lulled him to slumber.

Mr. Brown had other aspirations. To this end he sought an improved mental equipment. He entered the Wyoming Seminary at Kingston, Pa., graduating with the class of 1884.

While attending the Seminary he met a friend, who, recognizing the abilities of Mr. Brown, induced him to enter the employ of the First National Bank of Binghamton, N. Y. The bank and Mr. Brown have become so attached to each other that this connection has never been severed. He is its auditor.

On September 19, 1888 Mr. Brown married Miss Mary J. Read of New York City, N. Y. By the selection of this superior lady, Mr. Brown evinced an excellent judgment. Mrs. Brown received her education at the Normal College in New York City. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Brown are:

Newell Stark, born October 9, 1892, died March 28, 1893.

Read Hess, born October 9, 1892.

The above were twins.

Ruth Gennet, born August 1, 1897.

Olive Kathyrine, born December 28, 1900.

Olin Davenport, born December 28, 1900.

The last two are twins.

John A. Brown was born August 16, 1860.

READ HESS BROWN, son of John A. and Mrs. Mary Read Brown.

Read Hess Brown was fortunate in having parents who possessed the ability and the disposition to develop his intellectual talents. He graduated with the class of 1911 of the Binghamton Central High School. He then entered the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Connecticut. Here he graduated with his class in June 1915. He was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity. Made the Junior Society, Corps and Coffin. He was also made the Senior Society Mystical - Seven (7).

After his graduation at Middletown, the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut made him the cashier of their Branch office at Omaha, Neb. He was then promoted to their office at Springfield, Massachusetts. Now he has advanced to the Home office at Hartford, Connecticut, where he was made an underwriter of the Accident Department. He is responsible for their business on the Pacific Coast, Kansas City, and Newark, New Jersey. In 1921 he was made associate to Vice President J. J. Crowley of the Missouri State Life Insurance Company of St. Louis and Superintendent of the Accident Department.

OLIN DAVENPORT BROWN, son of John A. and Mary Read Brown.

Olin entered the United States service as a soldier in the late World War. He was made a Sergeant, First Prov.

Regiment, Regimental Headquarters, Camp Westcott, Ossining, N. Y. He graduated from the Binghamton Central High School Class of 1921. He matriculated at the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Connecticut, September, 1921.

ADDISON J. BROWN, son of Matthew and Susan J. Brown.

Addison J. Brown was born June 30, 1835, he died October 21, 1914. Addison spent his boyhood days on his father's farm in Mifflin township, Columbia County, Pa. His education was obtained in the public schools. At the time that Freas Brown went into the mercantile business at New Columbus, he took with him as a clerk the subject of our sketch. But Freas Brown was so impressed with the ability of his cousin Addison that at the end of two years he offered him an interest in the store. At a later period when Freas Brown retired and moved to Bloomsburg, Pa., the entire business was sold to Mr. Addison Brown and his father-in-law, Mr. Washington Bowman.

On December 8, 1859 Mr. Brown married Miss Mary Caroline Bowman. The latter died September 10, 1881. The children of Addison J. and Mrs. Mary C. were:

Charles F., born February 19, 1861 and died October 16, 1865.

Harvey S., born April 21, 1863 and died September 27, 1895.

Flora May, born July 26, 1865.

Freas E. was born October 16, 1867.

HARVEY STECK BROWN, son of Addison J. and Mary C. Brown.

Harvey was born April 21, 1863 at New Columbus, Pa. After teaching in the public schools from 1884 to 1888, he entered the Wyoming Commercial College. He graduated January 12, 1889. In 1890 he entered the Philadel-

phia Dental College. He graduated with the degree of D. D. S. March 2, 1892.

He located at Kingston, Pa. where he successfully practiced his profession until failing health compelled him to surrender his profitable practice. This occurred May 9, 1895.

He retired to the country with the hope that its invigorating atmosphere would enable him to conquer his tubercular trouble. It was in vain, for on September 27, 1895 he succumbed. He died in the triumphs of the Christian faith.

Mr. Brown married Miss May McHenry of Cambria, Pa. on June 1, 1892.

There were no children.

FLORA MAY BROWN, daughter of Addison J. and Mary C. Brown.

Flora was born July 26, 1865. On November 14, 1888, she married Mr. Walter Franklin of Town Hill, Pa. By adopting modern methods, they have made a great success of their farm. Their children are:

Hazel Caroline, born March 14, 1897.

An infant daughter, born July 21, 1900, died July 21, 1900.

Clifford Arthur, born March 14, 1897, died December 30, 1898.

HAZEL CAROLINE FRANKLIN, daughter of Flora May and Walter.

Their children are: Claud, Flora, Alice, and Clifford.

Hazel was born January 17, 1894. On November 23, 1914 she married Benjamin Franklin of Huntington Mills. They have two children:

One son.

One daughter.

FREAS E. BROWN, son of Addison J. and Mary C. Brown.

Freas was born October 16, 1867. On August 17, 1914 he married Miss Jennie Vaughn of Dushore, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are living in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. where he is in the carpet and rug business, since 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have no children.

DOROTHY BROWN, daughter of Matthew and Susan Brown.

Dorothy was born February 7, 1837 and died January 2, 1903. On January 1, 1856 she married David S. Brown. Dorothy's great-grandfather was John Brown. David S. Brown's great-grandfather was Daniel Brown. John and Daniel were brothers, sons of the original James Brown.

The children of Dorothy and David Brown were:

Edwin Augustus, born August 7, 1857, died November 2, 1859.

Jacob Arthur, born April 19, 1860, died September 20, 1866.

Cora Alice, born January 18, 1862.

Sarah Arminta, born September 15, 1864.

Henry Clay, born February 24, 1869.

Rebecca, born May 2, 1872, died August, 1872.

Susan Bertha, born October 22, 1874, died May 11, 1878.

Robert Fulton, born June 7, 1877, died October 8, 1878.

Nina Edith, born July 28, 1879.

CORA ALICE, daughter of Dorothy and David Brown.

Cora Alice was born January 18, 1862. She married Thomas Schweppenhiser, September 24, 1892. Their children are:

Iva Ethel, born September 26, 1893.

Norman Clyde, born July 24, 1896.

Iva Ethel, daughter of Cora Alice Brown and Thomas Schweppenhiser, married Leland Harmon in July, 1915.



The children of Iva Ethel and Lelland Harmon are :

Norman Orval, born January 18, 1916.

Zelda, born March 6, 1918.

Zelna, born March 6, 1918, twins.

Norman Clyde Schweppenhiser is in the United States service at this writing. M. T. C. 785 Franklin Cantonment, Camp Meade.

HENRY CLAY BROWN, son of Dorothy and David S. Brown, was born February 24, 1869. He married Elizabeth Moury. Their children are :

Orval Harry, born November 24, 1891. He is married.

Beatrice, born January 27, 1896.

Nina Edith, born May 6, 1898.

NINA EDITH BROWN, daughter of Dorothy and David S. Brown, born July 28, 1879, married David Hons November 28, 1901. Their children are :

Myron Clyde, born October 26, 1902.

Wilbur Edwin, born September 7, 1904.

Mabel Dorothy, born January 21, 1907.

Hester Elizabeth, born January 29, 1908.

Mildred Verna, born November 8, 1909, died January 21, 1914.

Phyllis Geneva, born November 18, 1910.

MRS. SARAH ARMINTA BROWN MILLER, daughter of David S. and Dorothy Brown.

When we say that Mrs. Miller was the daughter of Hon. David S. and Dorothy Brown, that she was born September 15, 1864, that she married Mr. William H. Miller, her record is incomplete. She has a good business judgment. She is entitled to a full share of the credit of bringing up as fine a family of children as any community can boast.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller own the farm on which they live. It is a portion of the same body of land purchased by the

great great grandfather of Mrs. Miller, John Brown Sr., in 1796. Mrs. Miller is a modest consistent Christian woman.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Miller are:

Edith Irene, born October 25, 1887.

Verna Alice, born July 31, 1889.

Robert Hurley, born February 12, 1891.

Alfred Clayton, born December 7, 1892.

Ellen Elizabeth, born November 30, 1894.

Mary Lulu, born July 17, 1897, died July 24, 1897.

Wilbur Hobson, born October 16, 1898.

Susan Pauline, born January 2, 1901.

Roland Brown, born October 28, 1902.

Margurite Ann, born June 25, 1905.

EDITH IRENE MILLER, daughter of Sarah A. and W. H. Miller.

Edith Irene was educated at Benton, Pa. and at the Bloomsburg State Normal School. She is now a teacher in the public schools of Pennsylvania.

VERNA ALICE, daughter of Sarah Armintia and William H. Miller.

Verna Alice was educated at the Schools at Mifflinville, Pa. and at the Bloomsburg State Normal School. She filled a responsible position in Washington, D. C. for the United States Government. On Wednesday, October 12, 1921 she married Mr. Arthur D. Hunsberger. They live at 1228 Oakland Ave., Norristown, Pa.

ROBERT HURLEY MILLER, son of Sarah A. and W. H. Miller.

Robert received his education at the Mifflinville High School, the Bloomsburg State Normal School, and at the Pennsylvania State College. May 28, 1918 he entered the United States Service Divisional Headquarters, Camp Meade. On May 6, 1918 he married Miss Laura McDonald,

of Driftwood, Pa. Mrs. Miller is a graduate of the Lock Haven State Normal School. Mr. Miller is now teaching at Brockton, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have one child:  
Robert Jr.

ALFRED CLAYTON, son of Sarah A. and W. H. Miller.

Alfred Clayton was educated at Mifflinville, the Bloomsburg State Normal School, and at the University of Pennsylvania. He specializes in athletics. He married Miss Martha Oyler, of Mans Choice. She is a graduate of the Lock Haven State Normal School. She was a teacher by profession. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have one child:

Jean Vivian.

ELLEN ELIZABETH, daughter of Sarah A. and W. H. Miller.

Ellen was born November 30, 1894. She has a High School education. She chose for her life work the profession of a trained nurse. She has superior talents and gives promise of great success.

WILBUR HOBSON, son of Sarah A. and W. H. Miller.

Wilbur was born October 16, 1898. Graduated from the Mifflinville and the Berwick High Schools. He is now a student at Dickinson College. Is in the class of 1921. He enlisted in the United States Army, September, 1918, was discharged, January, 1919.

After graduating at Dickinson College, Wilbur will attend the Medical School at the Johns Hopkins University, Maryland.

SUSAN PAULINE, daughter of Mrs. Sarah A. and W. H. Miller.

Her early education was received in the Mifflinville and the Berwick High Schools. She is now attending the Bloomsburg State Normal School, class of 1921.

ROLAND BROWN MILLER, son of Mrs. S. A. and W. H. Miller.

Roland was born October 28, 1902. He is in the Mifflinville High School class of 1920. Keep your ear to the ground. Some of these days we will hear from Roland.

MARGURITE ANN, daughter of Sarah A. and W. H. Miller.

Margurite Ann was born on the family farm near Mifflinville, Pa. June 25, 1905. She is now in the seventh grade of the public school at Mifflinville, Pa.

REBECCA BROWN, daughter of Matthew and Susan Brown.

Rebecca was born September 30, 1839 and died August 9, 1900. She married Mr. Ross J. Creveling.

Mr. Creveling is now living at 122 Marshal Street, Boone, Iowa. The children of Rebecca Brown and Ross J. Creveling were:

- Melissa Virgia, born August 6, 1867, died January 1, 1919. Buried at Audubon, Iowa.
- Theron Brown, born June 29, 1869.
- Iva Maud, born October 4, 1874.
- Lulu Grace, born September 18, 1879.

MELISSA VIRGIA CREVELING, daughter of Rebecca and Ross Creveling.

Melissa was born August 6, 1867. She died January 1, 1919. She married Mr. A. F. Leavens.

Their children were:

- Harry T. Was in Company C. 351 Infantry of the 88th Division.
- Dora, died in infancy.
- Ross C.
- Lulu.
- Lila, married Dale Shortreed and lives at Giddes, South Dakota.

Edward.  
Doris.  
Rae.  
Rea.  
Bart.

Theron Brown Creveling, son of Rebecca and Ross J. Creveling.

Theron Brown Creveling, married Miss Lou Dustin.

Their children were:

Mildred married Harold Thorson and lives at Boone, Iowa.

Irene married Henry Friedley. They live at Boone, Iowa.

Beatrice.

Harold Thorson became Corporal in Headquarters, Co. 133rd Infantry.

Iva Maud Creveling, daughter of Rebecca and Ross Creveling.

Iva Maud Creveling was born October 4, 1874. She married Mr. T. H. Erricson. They live at Boone, Iowa.

Their child was:

Fannie.

Lulu Grace Creveling, daughter of Rebecca and Ross J. Creveling.

Lulu Grace was born September 18, 1879. She married Mr. W. J. Fullerton. They live at 416 Marshal St., Boone, Iowa.

Their child was:

Bernadine.

Nina Brown, daughter of Matthew and Susan Brown.

Nina Brown was born March 14, 1844. Her education was obtained at the public schools of her native township of Mifflin. In 1871 she married Mr. W. C. Hefler of Dan-



Orval H. Yetter

ville, Pa. Here she made her home until the death of her husband.

After the death of Mr. Hefler she came to Bloomsburg, Pa. When her sister, Nora Brown Yetter died, took her place in the care of the younger children of Mrs. Yetter. She was always proud of the fact that she was the means of enabling her nephew, Harold Yetter to succeed.

Mr. and Mrs. Hefler were the parents of one child:

Estella, who was born June 20, 1872. She died July 21, of that same year.

EMMA BROWN, daughter of Susan and Matthew Brown.

Emma was born August 20, 1846. She died

She was married. Their children were:

Gertrude married Samuel Furman and is living at Scranton.

Edwin, who is deceased.

ALICE BROWN, daughter of Matthew and Susan Brown.

Alice was born February 23, 1849. She died November 17, 1914. She married William Moyer. Their children were:

Herbert, who is deceased.

Roy, who is now living at Danville, Pa.

HERBERT MOYER, son of Alice Brown and William Moyer.

Herbert Moyer married Hannah Elizabeth Rote who died October 2, 1898. Herbert Moyer died November 10, 1907. They had one child:

Evelyn, born November 17, 1897.

On November 27, 1918, she married Kirby Francis Willis. They live at 642 Bloom Street, Danville, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Willis have one child:

Harold Victor, born October 25, 1919.

NORA BROWN YETTER, daughter of Matthew and Susan Brown.

Nora was the youngest save one of the children of Matthew and Susan Brown. She was born February 26, 1852 and died August 4, 1900.

She married William H. Yetter. They live in Bloomsburg, Pa. Their children were:

Orval H., born February 28, 1870, died February 16, 1917.

Verda, was born 1871, died 1878.

Clyde, born April 3, 1875, died in 1919.

Irene, born January, 1889, died, October 13, 1890.

Bessie, born

Howard, born February 26, 1883.

Harold, born September 26, 1886.

Martha V., born April 3, 1897.

ORVAL H. YETTER, son of Nora Brown and William H. Yetter.

Mr. Yetter was born February 28, 1870 and died February 16, 1917. Concerning his death the Morning Press said "All Bloomsburg was shocked yesterday morning as it seldom has occasion to be, when Orval H. Yetter, one of Bloomsburg's best known men, was stricken by the hand of death. All Bloomsburg realized as the news of his death spread, that the town had lost a man whose niche in the town life would be hard to fill. An earnest Christian gentleman, in the full vigor of comparatively young manhood, for he was not yet quite forty-six years of age, he is the man who has made Bloomsburg stand musically far and above any other town of its size in the state. For almost twenty years he was instructor of music in the Bloomsburg public schools. He brought to the work the zeal and enthusiasm of a real lover of music. He had repeated offers of larger salaries to go elsewhere, but his home ties held him to his native town. Each year his services were in demand at county institutes through the state. But he was



able to fill but a limited number of engagements. In that work there were but few his equal."

"Mr. Yetter attended the Bloomsburg public schools as a youth. In 1887 he graduated from the Bloomsburg State Normal School. He taught in the public schools of Mifflin township, Berwick, as principal of the Market Street Building, Bloomsburg and Catawissa. In 1896 he returned to his home town, where he was instructor of music in its schools until his death. He was leader of the famous Y. M. C. A. Choir, in its day heard throughout the state. He was for years leader of the choir of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Bloomsburg, Pa. Also a director of the commandery quartet. He frequently took special courses in leading musical institutions. One who knew Mr. Yetter well, and who had occasion to be in many homes in Bloomsburg the day after his death, said, that he never saw a death in Bloomsburg cause such sorrow, as that of Mr. Yetter. Parents joined their tears with those of their children. No other man in the town life has been more closely in touch with the youth of the town than he. For twenty years he taught all who passed through the public schools and knew them by name. He was exceptionally modest, this was reflected in his distaste for any title to his name. He was a mason since 1903. He had all the degrees of the order save one - the 33d, which but comparatively few ever attain."

On July 26, 1894 Mr. Yetter and Miss Minnie Elmerta Creasy were married. Miss Creasy was a daughter of Daniel A. and Mrs. Annie Fox Creasy. Her father Daniel, comes of the long line of Browns elsewhere described. His mother was Margaret Brown, a sister of Matthew Brown. The latter was the grandfather of Mr. O. H. Yetter.

Mr. and Mrs. Yetter built on East Main Street, one of the beautiful brick homes of Bloomsburg. Here he lived at the time of his death.

HOWARD, son of William H. and Nora Brown Yetter.

Howard was born February 26, 1883. The United States Government secured the services of Mr. Yetter during the World War in an important and lucrative position at Eddystone. They are so valuable, that they are still retained.

He married Miss Bertha May Williams. Their children are:

Mildred Helen, born May 7, 1904.

Jean Elizabeth, born May 20, 1906.

Roland Howard, born September 3, 1908.

Louise Barkle, born February 15, 1909.

CLYDE C. YETTER, son of Nora Brown and William H. Yetter.

Clyde C. Yetter was born April 3, 1875 and died November 1, 1918. He acquired his education at the public schools of Bloomsburg and at the Bloomsburg State Normal School. He read law and was admitted to the bar on January 15, 1900. Although a Republican in politics, he was elected president of the town council of Bloomsburg in 1905. At one time he was the president of the Columbia County Bar Association. Also president of the Bloomsburg Chamber of Commerce.

He married Miss Mary Adams. She was the daughter of a Lutheran Minister.

Their children were:

Clyde Jr., born September, 1908.

Mary and

Frances, twins, born September, 1909.

MRS. BESSIE YETTER ECKROTH, daughter of Mrs. Nora and William Yetter.

Bessie is a graduate of the Bloomsburg State Normal School. She chose teaching as a profession, until her marriage to Dr. Howard Bowman Eckroth. Her husband's record may be found on another page among the Bowmans. Mrs. Eckroth's one child was a son.

**DONALD KESTER.**

Donald received his earlier education in the schools of New Jersey. Later he was sent to a Quaker institution near Philadelphia, the Georges School. He is a Public Accountant, and is with a large firm in Philadelphia, Pa.

Donald has an honored ancestry. Through his mother he traces his lineage seven generations to England. Also through her to the Huguenots prior to their exile from France nearly four hundred years ago.

Harold Ezra Yetter was born September 26, 1886. He is a draughtsman by trade. During the World War was shipbuilding for the U. S. Government. He now lives in Philadelphia, Pa.

**MARTHA V. YETTER**, daughter of Mrs. Nora and William H. Yetter.

Miss Martha was born in Bloomsburg, Pa., April 3, 1897. She was less than four years of age when her mother died. Her brother Orval and Mrs. Minnie Yetter took her into their home. They educated her and made her a permanent member of their family. She graduated at the Bloomsburg State Normal School in the class of 1916. At this writing she is one of the valued teachers in the public schools of Bloomsburg, Pa. She is a member of the choir of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Bloomsburg, Pa. Her melodious contralto voice thrills the large congregation who assemble at this beautiful place of worship.

**JAMES BROWN**, son of Samuel and Dorothy Nice Brown.

James was the fourth son of Samuel and Dorothy Nice Brown. He was born October 11, 1811. His earlier years were spent in the old home. When he arrived at manhood his ambition led him into a broader field. Public works at this time were forcing their attention upon the legislators of our state. The Lehigh Canal was in process of construction. James went to Mauch Chunk where he proffered

his services to the new company. Here among strangers he sickened and died. His relatives brought the body home and buried it in the Brown's graveyard on the hill. His mind was intellectual. His purpose was to enter the ministry. His untimely death on the fifth day of January, 1833 closed his career. His death was the first among his brothers and sisters. All the others lived to advanced years.

After the death of James Brown the following letter was found among his effects.

Rule of my wishes.

If I should be taken with the cholera and should expire with the same, or any other disease or accident, I wish in whose hands I might be, were Christian Wesleyan Methodists, and I want you as brethern to deposit my body in the earth, not costly, but decently in dry ground. Further I want you to make my coffin out of oak or some other wood that will not rot. My intent is that my friends shall remove my body in cold weather to my native land. My friends will pay you for your trouble after so doing. You will write to John Brown, Mifflinville, Columbia County, Pa. James Brown.

This was in the days of the stage coach and bi-weekly mails. Days must elapse before news of his death could reach his friends. More days pass in while reaching him.

The original letter is in the hands of Mrs. Victoria Brown Hess, his niece, who is living at Bloomsburg, Pa.

ELIZABETH, daughter of Samuel and Dorothy Nice Brown.

ELIZABETH was their third daughter. She was born March fifth, 1814. Reared on the old homestead in Mifflin township, Columbia County, Pa. When twenty-five years of age she married Alexander Thompson. The wedding occurred on January 31, 1839. The Thomp-sons were among the old and honored families of the com-munity. Alexander and his bride located on a farm near Berwick, Pa. Leaving this, they purchased an iron foundry at Tunkhannock, Pa. When they disposed of their iron business they returned to Berwick, Pa. Here they resided until the death of both. That of Mrs. Thompson having occurred February 12, 1890. They lived in Tunkhannock from 1854 to 1863. Mrs. Thompson was a woman of sound sense and natural ability. Their children were:

Susanna E., born February 4, 1840.

George B., born January 11, 1842.

John W., born October 4, 1843, died August 27, 1845.

Dorothy A., was born November 7, 1845.

Martha J., was born January 29, 1848.

Oliver Durbin, born March 17, 1852, died January 17, 1914.

Henretta, born October 18, 1853, died September 6, 1855.

Bessie, born August 4, 1858, died April 23, 1918.

SUSANNA E. THOMPSON MARTYN, daughter of Alex-ander and Elizabeth.

Susanna's early life was spent mostly in Berwick and its vicinity. Here she obtained her education. Here she taught for some years until she married Mr. John Martyn, a re-tired coal operator. They made their home in Beaver Meadow, Pa. In later years their winters were spent in

Florida, until advancing age made their annual trip inadvisable. Mr. Martyn was a strong character. A leader in his community. Prominent in temperance and church work. Since his death Mrs. Martyn continues to live in their home in Beaver Meadow, Pa.

Mr. Martyn died February 2, 1916. Mrs. Martyn was born February 4, 1840. She married Mr. Martyn on February 4, 1886.

DOROTHY A., daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth Thompson.

Dorothy was born November 7, 1845 in the town of Berwick, Pa. Here she lived during the years prior to her marriage, save the nine years intervening between 1854 and 1863 when her parents lived at Tunkhannock, Pa. On October 24, 1883 she married Joshua F. Opdyke. They immediately occupied their own home in Berwick. In the spring of 1891 they removed to Easton, Pa.

Prior to her marriage Mrs. Opdyke was a teacher of instrumental music. She was the organist in the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Berwick, Pa. After Easton became her home she was a member of the church choir in that city. She and her husband are prominent church workers.

In 1891 Mr. Opdyke, with his brother-in-law, Mr. Freas, bought the Pollock Brush Factory at Easton, Pa. They manufacture brushes and have a large wholesale and retail store in the same line. This venture has been a success.

MARTHA J., daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth Thompson.

Martha J. was born in Berwick, Pa. January 29, 1848. Here she lived until the death of her parents, excepting the nine years the family spent in Tunkhannock, Pa. When the old home was closed by the death of her mother, she became a member of the family of her sister Mrs. Opdyke. She

spends much time in the advancement of the interest of the Methodist Church of which she is an active and consistent member.

GEORGE B. THOMPSON, son of Alexander and Elizabeth Brown Thompson.

Mr Thompson's boyhood days were spent at Berwick and Tunkhannock, Pa. On the return of his father's family to Berwick, the Jackson & Woodin Car Co. discovered business ability in the young man and made him the manager of their Company store which at that date was located at the foot of the hill at the canal. When the Berwick Rolling Mill was established they selected Mr. Thompson as manager of this enterprise. After severing his connection with this industry, Mr. Thompson sought a wider field. He decided to locate in Pittston, Pa. The business here established was Real Estate and Investment Broker.

Mr. Thompson is public spirited. He is greatly interested in the Y. M. C. A. of Pittston. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in which he is a leader in all its affairs.

On December 22, 1870 Mr. Thompson married Alverda M., daughter of John A. Gere, D. D. Dr. Gere was a distinguished member of the old East Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Their children were:

Laura Gere.  
Elizabeth.  
Alexander. Deceased.  
Helen A.  
W. Neal.

LAURA GERE THOMPSON.

Laura graduated at Goucher College in the class of 1896. She taught in the Centenary Collegiate Institute at Hackettstown, New Jersey three years, 1896 to 1899. She

was the holder of a Goucher College Alumnae Fellowship in the Oxford University. In 1899 she went to England, attended the College there and the following year returned to the United States. She then taught in the Girls Latin School, Baltimore until 1901. From 1901 until 1908 she taught at Wyoming Seminary. In 1912 and 1913 she taught in the West Pittston High School. In 1915 and 1916 she taught at the Anglo-Chinese College, Foo Chow, China. Since 1918 she is Home Service Secretary of the Pittston Chapter of the American Red Cross.

#### ELIZABETH THOMPSON.

Rev. John Gowdy married Elizabeth July 1, 1902. That same year they went as missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church to China. Dr. Gowdy has been President of the Anglo-Chinese College in Foo Chow, China since 1904. He is a graduate of the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Connecticut. Also of Theological Seminary. Columbia University conferred upon him the degree of M. A. Wesleyan University that of D. D. She is a Wesleyan graduate. They had charge of the Chinese exhibits at the Columbus Missionary Centennial in 1919. A book is published entitled "A Gateway into English for the Chinese" by Elizabeth Thompson Gowdy of the Anglo-Chinese College Foo Chow, China, assisted by Laura Gere Thompson formerly Instructor in English at the Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pa. U. S. A.

#### W. NEAL THOMPSON.

Neal married Miss Jean Grey Law July 12, 1916. They have two children:

William Law, born June 13, 1917.

George Gere, born January 18, 1920.

Mr. Thompson is a graduate of Princeton University. He is a Real Estate and Investment Broker at Pittston, Pa.



## HELEN A. THOMPSON.

Since Miss Helen's graduation at the Goucher College of Baltimore, Maryland in 1902, she has resided with her parents at West Pittston, Pa. More could be said commending this worthy young lady but she is averse to having her virtues and achievements extolled.

## OLIVER DURBIN THOMPSON, son of Elizabeth and Alexander Thompson.

The name Oliver was received from his uncle, The Rev. Oliver Ege, who married his father's sister. Durbin from Dr. Durbin, a distinguished Methodist Episcopal minister. Oliver Durbin Thompson was born March 17, 1852. He died January 17, 1914. His education was received in the public schools. He went in business in West Pittston, Pa. where he conducted a retail shoe store. The atmosphere of that coal town seemed to aggravate his asthma. He sold the store and went to a higher altitude at Town Hill, Pa. Agriculture relieved him of much of his affliction, so he remained on his farm until his untimely death.

He married Miss Anna Stevenson of Philadelphia, Pa. Miss Stevenson and her mother were spending their summer vacation in that locality. The daughter decided to make her vacation permanent. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were:

Lida Stevenson, born December 28, 1890.

Paul Durbin, born May 19, 1892.

Rachel Elizabeth, born December 11, 1893. Died May 12, 1910.

George William, born February 26, 1902.

## BESSIE, daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth Brown Thompson.

Bessie was born at Tunkhannock, August 4, 1858. She died April 23, 1918. She received her earlier education in the Berwick schools. Later she completed the course at

the Irving Female College, Mechanicsburg, Pa. where she graduated. She was a musician. On May 2, 1883 she married Mr. William F. Lowry.

Mr. Lowry was educated at the Bloomsburg State Normal School. He entered the employ of the Jackson and Woodin Manufacturing Company in 1881. He was clerk, lumber buyer, chief bookkeeper, Secretary and Treasurer, Purchasing Agent, in turn, until the Company was merged with the American Car and Foundry Company in 1899. He was Assistant District Manager from 1899 to 1901. Then District Manager until this writing, in charge of the Berwick and Bloomsburg shops. Mr. Lowry was born February 20, 1857.

The children of William F. and Bessie Thompson Lowry were:

Arthur Thompson, born June 17, 1884.

Florence, born December 4, 1885.

Donald Randolph, born June 25, 1888.

Elizabeth, born November 8, 1890.

William Flemming, Jr., born April 17, 1895.

ARTHUR THOMPSON LOWRY, son of William F. and Bessie Lowry.

Arthur was born June 17, 1884. He was educated in the Berwick Schools and at Cornell University. Worked in the Berwick shops. Became a traveling salesman for products of the American Car & Foundry Company throughout Pennsylvania. He resigned and took a similar position with the Keystone Lubricating Company of Philadelphia, Pa. Later there was included the management of of sales for New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Maryland. His headquarters are New York City. From this point salesmen proceed to their various fields.

June 24, 1913 he married Miss Gertrude, a daughter of Dr. Follmer of Berwick, Pa. Their home is at Port Washington, N. Y.

The children of Arthur and Gertrude Follmer Lowry are:

Nancy Nesbit, born February 24, 1916.

Ruth Elizabeth, born June 6, 1917.

Jean Thompson, born June 8, 1919.

Malcolm Vance Lowry, born December 23, 1920.

FLORENCE, daughter of William F. and Bessie Thompson Lowry.

Florence was born December 4, 1885. Educated in Berwick schools and the Syracuse University, where she graduated June 19, 1912, she married Henry John Schiefer, Jr. He is also a graduate of the Syracuse University, as Electrical Engineer. He is President of the Schiefer Electric Company of Rochester, New York. They have branch offices in Buffalo and Syracuse. They deal in electrical machinery and appliances. Mr and Mrs. Schiefer are living in Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. Schiefer have one child:

Elizabeth, born August 14, 1915.

DONALD RANDOLPH, son of William F. and Bessie Thompson Lowry.

Donald was born June 25, 1888. Educated at Berwick and at the Lehigh University, where he graduated as a Mechanical Engineer, class of 1911. He located at Pittsburgh, Pa. Here he became a salesman for Power House machinery and equipment. He was transferred to Chicago, thence to Indianapolis by his firm. In 1915 he entered the employment of Ingersoll-Rand Company of New York. In 1916 he was transferred to the Philadelphia offices.

In 1918 he enlisted in the great World War, as an Ensign Engineer. He entered the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, where he received a three months' course of intense training. He was now assigned to the U. S. S. Northern Pacific. They made several trips from

New York to Brest, France, transferring troops to, and bringing wounded soldiers back.

Upon his discharge from the service he returned to his duties with the Ingersoll-Rand Company. They assigned him to the Dutch East Indies as Engineer salesman. He was to assist in establishing agencies to further sales of the Ingersoll-Rand products. His assignment covers a period of years. He sailed from Vancouver, August, 1919.

ELIZABETH, daughter of William F. and Bessie Thompson Lowry.

Elizabeth was born November 8, 1890. She was educated at the Berwick schools and at the Syracuse University. She graduated from the latter institution. She has taken a position with the Charity Organization Society of Rochester as Field Inspector.

WILLIAM FLEMING LOWRY Jr., son of W. F. and Bessie Thompson Lowry.

William was born April 17, 1895. The Berwick Schools and the Mercersburg Academy educated him. Enlisted in the World War as an Aviator cadet. He was sent to the training camp at Dallas, Texas. Then transferred to Princeton, N. J. From there to the Aviation Field, Hemstead, Long Island. Here he was mustered out of the service after the Armistice was signed.

He is now with the Curtis Airplane Manufacturing Company, Garden City, N. Y.





GEORGE B. BROWN



MRS. MARGARET BROWN CREADY



MRS. ELIZABETH BROWN THOMPSON



MISS CAROLINE OTTO



MRS. SARAH (HENRY) BROWN BOWMAN



MISS ELLEN OTTO

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GEORGE B. BROWN, son of Samuel and Dorothy Nice Brown.

**G**EORGE B. Brown was born on his father's farm in Mifflin township, at that time part of Northumberland County, but now Columbia County, Pa. The first seventeen years of his life were spent on the farm of his father. He went to Mifflinville, Pa. and accepted a clerkship in the general store of Nathan Snyder. One year later he went to Danville, Pa. and became a clerk in a store owned by S. M. Bowman & Co. Later he and a Mr. Gerheart bought the store. It was a financial failure. In four years he was sold out by the sheriff. Walking the streets of Danville one day, subsequently very much dejected, he met an old friend, an elder in the Presbyterian Church of Danville. This friend said, "George why don't you take the Bankrupt act? This would cost seventy-five dollars." Mr. Brown replied that he didn't have enough money. The friend furnished the needed amount, the benefits of the bankrupt law were secured, and Mr. Brown's debts were legally cancelled. He now started life anew. His good friend who assisted him in taking the bankrupt law admonished him that when he met any of his creditors he should not cross the street and dodge them, but that he should meet them frankly, but make no promises. He now opened a boarding house. He also started a livery stable. Later he studied dentistry. He opened an office in Danville and became a leading dentist. He added a book store to the dental business. He circulated the first daily paper in Danville. He prospered. While his old debts were legally paid, Mr. Brown regarded himself morally responsible for the unpaid claims. He paid on these obligations little by little, until all his debts were cancelled. He relates that on one note of five hundred dollars he paid

five dollars or more at a time. The payments were endorsed on the back of the note till this was covered. They then reversed the note and wrote the credits on its face, until the whole amount was liquidated. This evidence of Mr. Brown's financial morality earned the expression from many lips that if ever there was an honest man in Danville, that man was George B. Brown.

The fine brick store building on Mill Street, Danville known as the Brown building was erected by Mr. George B. Brown. It is now owned by his son William G. Brown. He and Mrs. Brown were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Danville, Pa. He was an Odd Fellow and a Mason. For twenty-one years he was the treasurer of the school board of Danville. He was born September 13, 1816.

Mr. Brown was a gentleman of the old school. He had the air of culture. With his high silk hat, his prince albert coat, he was a man of distinction. He and his family moved in the best circles of Danville.

In 1837 Mr. Brown married Sarah A. the daughter of John and Sophia Bowman Gearhart. She came from the family of Bowmans who have acquired distinction.

The children of George B. and Sarah Brown were:

Benton B., born August 31, 1839.

Melissa D., born August 23, 1842.

John G., born February 29, 1852.

William G., born August 14, 1857.

George B. Brown died May 27, 1896. Mrs. Brown died April, 1900.

BENTON B. BROWN, son of George and Sarah G. Brown.

Benton B. Brown was born in Danville, Pa. August 31, 1839. He was educated in the public schools of his native town. He became a clerk in his father's store. Upon the breaking out of the Civil War he volunteered as a soldier.

On April 22, 1861 he joined Company C. 14th Pennsylvania Infantry for three months. After his honorable discharge he again entered the Union service on January 22, 1864 by enlisting in Company C. 187 Pennsylvania Regiment. He was discharged August 5, 1865.

After his return from the army Mr. Brown was employed in the industries of Danville. He has been honored with various local offices. In 1887 he was made assessor of the third ward of Danville. In 1893 he was elected constable and high constable. In 1897 he was made the borough health officer. In 1905 he was made a State Health Officer. He is a Past Grand of Lodge No. 109, I. O. O. F. He is Past Commander of G. A. R. Post No. 22. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On February 4, 1864 Mr. Brown married Miss Mary Elizabeth Bassett.

Their children were:

Tarring G., born May 1, 1866.

George Bassett, born September 18, 1871, died January 6, 1919.

Mary, born June 7, 1900.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bassett Brown was born June 13, 1844 and died December 11, 1903.

TARRING GEARHART BROWN, son of Benton B. and Mary E. Brown.

Tarring was born May 1, 1866. He married Nora J. Seidle of Danville, Pa.

GEORGE BASSETT BROWN, son of Benton B. and Mary E. Brown.

George Basset was born September 18, 1871. He died January 6, 1909. In November 1902 he married Anna Ferguson. Their children were:

Kirk Wellwood, born August 27, 1903 and died in 1909.

Mary, who died in 1909.

Ruth, who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. George Basset Brown lived in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

MARY BROWN MUSSELMAN, daughter of Benton B. and Mary E. Brown.

Mary was born August 16, 1868 and was married June 7, 1900 to Mr. Beverly W. Musselman, who is the manager of the Globe Warehouse, Danville, Pa. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Musselman are:

One dying in infancy.

George, born September 13, 1902 and died March 5, 1909.

Elizabeth Basset, born February 27, 1905.

MELISSA D. BROWN, daughter of George B. and Sarah Gerheart Brown.

Melissa D. Brown was the only daughter of the family. She was a pretty child. She was given the social and educational advantages afforded by the prospering town of Danville. Her parents cultivated her talents and graces. When in the prime of her young life she met a talented young man, Ogden H. Ostrander. He came of a good family. His superior mental qualifications were trained. He was the Postmaster of Danville. They were married. A beautiful home was erected in Riverside, a suburb of Danville. Mr. Ostrander was a Civil Engineer. He laid out the village in which they built their home. In this town they spent their lives until the death of Mr. Ostrander on the 18th day of February, 1912. Mr. Ostrander was the author of a History of Riverside, a book containing useful information on the subject which it treats. After the death of Mr. Ostrander, Melissa remained a resident of Riverside.

The marriage of Ogden Hoffman, and Melissa Brown Ostrander occurred on the eighth day of September, 1870.

The children of Ogden H. and Melissa Ostrander were :

George Brown, born August 19, 1873.

Walter Snowden, born August 19, 1876, 2000 3rd  
St. S. E. Canton, Ohio.

Henry Duryea, born July 11, 1875, died July 3,  
1876.

Sarah Brown, born December 28, 1878, died April  
12, 1901.

Mary Van Loon, born September 15, 1882, died  
October 5, 1886.

GEORGE BROWN OSTRANDER, son of Ogden H. and  
Melissa B. Ostrander.

George Brown Ostrander is one of the most widely known business men in eastern Pennsylvania. He is the proprietor of the greatest Real Estate business in all the surrounding counties. His unique advertising methods have made his name almost a household word in all this section. George hustles. George succeeds. His square business methods count. He has a luxuriously furnished office in the town of Danville, Pa. Through his mother he has a racial heredity of German, English, Holland Dutch, and American blood. There are many generations of business ability behind him.

Mr. Ostrander never married. He and his mother are living for each other.

WALTER SNOWDEN OSTRANDER, son of Ogden H.  
and Melissa Brown Ostrander.

Walter did his bit in the celebrating of our American Independence by being born on the nineteenth day of August, 1876.

Walter's business life has been devoted to Steel. In 1898 he entered the employ of the Bessemer Steel Plant at Danville, Pa. He remained one year. Then he became Works Manager of the Grey Iron Steel Foundry, of the Bellwood Manufacturing Company at Bellwood, Pa. At

the end of three years he was called to the Timken Detroit Axle Company Plant at Detroit, Michigan. He was made Chief Outside Inspector of Steel and Malleable Castings. His efficiency led to his promotion to Plant No. 4 of the same Company at Canton, Ohio. He was made General Department Foreman, of the Electrical Steel and Malleable Foundries. This position he has occupied four years.

He is Associate Editor of the 'Timken Bulletin and Shop Talk,' a monthly magazine published by the chain of Timken Plants.

Mr. Ostrander married Miss May Carr. They have two children:

Charlotta Melissa, born June 2, 1905.

Allen Carr, born August 5, 1907.

JOHN G. BROWN, son of George B. and Sarah Brown.

John Gerheart Brown was born February 29, 1852. On April 20, 1897 he married Miss Mary Beaver Gaskins.

Their children are:

Marion, born March 7, 1898.

John Gerheart, born June 15, 1901.

In 1902 Mr. and Mrs. Brown left their native town of Danville, Pa. and went to Meriden, Connecticut. He was made the Master Mechanic of the Barbour Silver Company. This is one of the factories of the International Silver Company. They are the largest makers of silverware in the United States. Through several generations the Browns have shown a talent and a taste for mechanics. This has been developed to a superior degree in our subject. The managers of his company discovered this and sought and secured the services of Mr. Brown in this factory.

MARION BROWN, daughter of John and Mary Beaver Brown.

Miss Marion is a graduate of the Meriden High School. She took a two years course in Kindergarten at the New

Britain State Normal School. She is now the assistant of the Principal at this institution. At this writing Marion is planning to take a summer course at Columbia College. Her home is in Meriden, Connecticut.

JOHN GERHEART BROWN, son of John G. and Mary B. Brown.

John is now in his last year at high school. When his course here is completed he is planning to enter Yale.

WILLIAM G. BROWN, son of George and Sarah A. Brown.

There are at least three traits of the Browns that are combined in the making of Mr. Brown. Mechanical genius, business probity, and business ability. He decided to give vent to his mechanical aspirations. To this end he entered the shops of the Montour Iron and Steel Company. He remained with them for four years. He learned the business from the bottom to the top. With the same Company he spent eight years as Journeyman machinist. He evinced his business probity by discharging all his financial liabilities, by which he became encumbered, by an unfortunate business partnership in his early career.

His business ability is demonstrated by the results of his late ventures. His first ambition, after finding himself in a business way, was to own his own machine shop. This was done. To this was added a garage. His next desire was to purchase the three story brick store and office building on Mill Street which was built by his father. This is now his, unencumbered. Looking for more worlds to conquer, he determined to make, save, and invest money in safe securities. This is being done. At this time Liberty bonds are his hobby. Mr. Brown is a man of one idea. He concentrates. Mrs. Abigail Geisenger, the author of some of Danville's most noted charities has discovered Mr. Brown's

abilities. She commandeers his services. In her automobile tours in this and the neighboring states, she allows no one but Mr. Brown to be at the wheel. She regards him as one of her family, and no money is spared for his comfort.

Mr. Brown was born August 14, 1857. He was educated in the schools of his native town. On May 13, 1880 Mr. Brown married Keturah Antrim. She was born November 25, 1858. Mr. Brown is a member of the local fire company, the Elks, and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. He and Mrs. Brown are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Brown is a member of the masonic fraternity. They have a son, Frank A. who was born March 20, 1883.

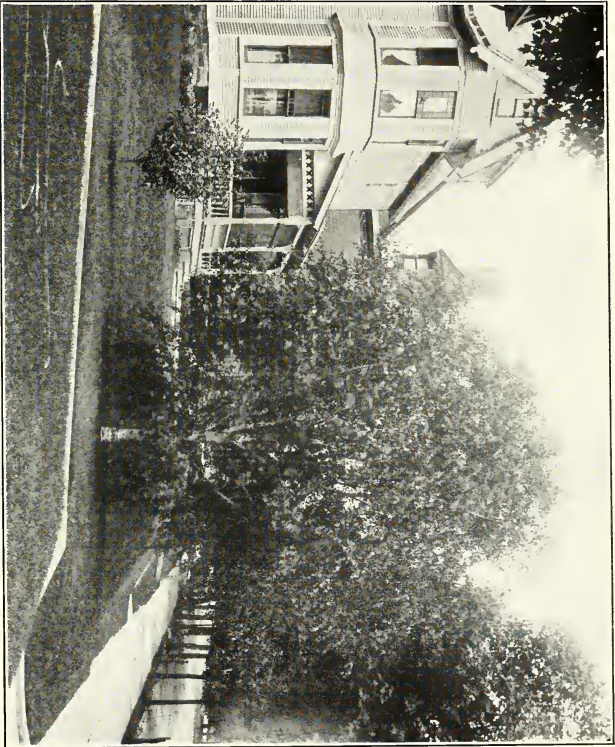
FRANK ANTRIM BROWN, son of William G. and Keturah Antrim Brown.

Frank Brown was born March 20, 1883. His education was received in the public schools of Danville, Pa. He is associated with his father in the management of their Machine Shop and Garage. He inherits the mechanical aptitude of the family. The thrift and business sense of his progenitors has descended unto Frank. He is succeeding. He is fully able to perpetuate the business established by his father. On April 10, 1912 he married Miss Verda Wingert. Mr. and Mrs. Brown had two children:

One that died in infancy.

Janet, born October 21, 1920.





Home of Mrs. Martha Brown, Normal Hill, Bloomsburg, Pa.

ELISHA B. BROWN, son of Samuel and Dorothy Nice Brown.

**F**OUR months before the death of his grandfather, John Brown, Elisha was born. Five years later his father died. Elisha's birthday was May 13, 1819.

He remained on the farm with the family until he was eighteen years of age. His brothers, John and William, having bought the farm and mills.

At the age of eighteen, his brother John, and Samuel Creasy, the husband of his sister Margaret, and he, purchased of McCurdey and Stiles the store building and goods at the south west corner of Third and Race Streets, Mifflinville, Pa. Mifflinville was at that time the equal of the other towns of what is now Columbia County. Everything was kept and sold that the people were unable to raise or make on their farms or in their homes. Being a drygoods and grocery store it included a wide range of merchandise. Hardware, drugs, wines whiskeys, silks, sealskin goods, velvets, ribbons, boots, shoes, and dress goods.

Whiskeys and wines will surprise those who are unfamiliar with conditions in 1837, the date of the purchase of the store. Patrons came from many miles.

Every six months a trip was made to Philadelphia, Pa. for the purchase of merchandise to last for the coming six months. A copy of an old receipt indicates that the journey was made by stage routes. This says, Philadelphia, Pa. October 23, 1844. Received of Mr. Brown three dollars and fifty cents, for one seat in the express stage line of stages to Hazleton. S. Stiles, Agent. \$3.50. Good for this day only. 50 pounds baggage allowed to each passenger.

The goods were hauled from the city by teams. Later

by the way of the Pennsylvania canal. The writer remembers when one of these boats was sunken, and the goods damaged by the water. Mr. Elisha Brown and Samuel Creasy conducted the business for a salary. At intervals surplus profits were divided equally among the three partners. John Brown died in 1855. His third of the assets at that time was nearly \$5,000. This was in addition to previous division of profits. Ten hundred and sixty dollars was all the money each of the original partners put in the business. These were large sums for those days.

Nathan B., son of Samuel Creasy succeeded Mr. John Brown. E. B. Brown retaining but one-third. The firm name was changed from Brown's and Creasy, to Creasy's and Brown. Samuel Creasy became a silent partner.

E. B. Brown retired with a competency in 1883. His active business life having covered a period of forty-six years.

On the 28th day of May 1841, the Hon. Charles A. Wickliff appointed E. B. Brown, Postmaster of Mifflinville, Pa. With the exception of two years he was the Postmaster or assistant Postmaster until the day of his death. Mr. Brown was a Whig in politics. When the Whigs were in power he held the appointment. When the Democrats were in office, his friend Charles H. Hess was appointed the Postmaster. He made Mr. Brown the Assistant P. M. This plan kept the office in their store. When the Republicans came into power Mr. Brown was appointed.

On April 8, 1845 Mr. Brown married Martha Bowman, a daughter of the late John H. and Sophia Freas Bowman. Mrs. Bowman died when this daughter was two years old. The child was taken in the home of her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Freas of Briar Creek, Pa. Two other of the Brown brothers, John and William, married aunts of Martha, making three wives from the same home.

Mrs. Elisha B. Brown's father, emigrated to Michigan in 1832. He died in 1855. Mr. Brown and other heirs of Mr. Bowman purchased after the death of Mr. Bowman, village property in Three Rivers, after the death of the latter, and disposed of it as values advanced.

Mr. Brown, his brother William, and brother-in-law, George A. Bowman, took leading parts in the building of the brick Methodist Episcopal Church at Mifflinville in 1861. They were all members and trustees of the same for years until their deaths. Mr. Brown died September 23, 1885.

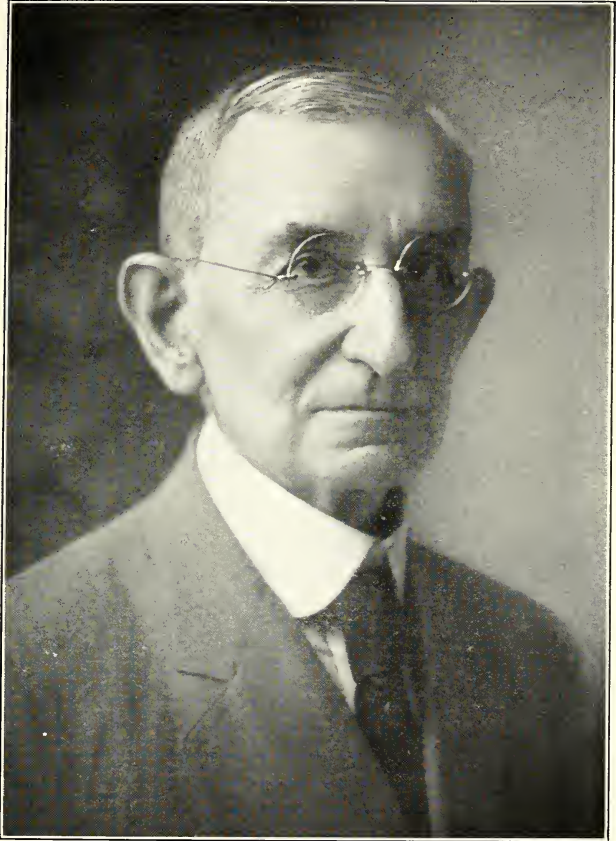
After the death of his mother, Mr. Brown purchased her residence in Mifflinville, Pa. This was in 1847. Some years later he sold this home and purchased one more modern on the same street.

The children of Elisha and Martha Bowman Brown were:

John Jordan.  
Dorothy Nice.  
Martha Bowman.

JOHN JORDAN BROWN, son of E. B. and Martha Bowman Brown.

John Jordan was born in Mifflinville, Pa. March 31, 1848. Educated in the public and select schools and at Williamsport Dickinson Seminary where he graduated in 1867. At the age of sixteen he taught a school in Sugarloaf Township, Luzerne County, Pa. in the winter of 1867 and 1868 the school in his native village. After reading medicine with Dr. D. H. Montgomery of Mifflinville, entered the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia graduating in 1870. A partnership was now formed with his preceptor for the practice of medicine. This terminated at the end of three years. A separate practice was established in the village, continuing until it was relinquished to Dr. H. V. Hower in the fall of 1877.



John Jordan Brown

December 14, 1880 Dr. Brown married Miss Mary S. Brands. She cheerfully carried her full share of the successes and failures of her husband for twenty-seven years. Then on August 13, 1907 came her "sunset and evening star. Her twilight and evening bell. And then she crossed the bar." Through fourteen years until now, the memory of her sunshine lingers.

"My lost my own and I  
Shall have so much to see together by and by;  
For I am sure that just the same sweet face,  
But glorified, is waiting in the place  
Where we shall meet, if only I  
Am counted worthy in the by and by."

She was the daughter of David F. and Catherine Brands of Hackettstown, New Jersey. Her long American ancestry developed a refined character. This was cultured by the schools. She had a talent for painting in oil, which is witnessed by the results of her brush. She was cheerful, modest and of a retiring disposition. A sincere Christian and a model member of the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. and Mrs. Brown spent the winter of 1887 and 1888 in the City of New York. The doctor attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons and also the New York, Polyclinic. At the latter he made the study of the eye a specialty.

In the spring of 1888 he located in Bloomsburg, Pa., taking up general practice in connection with eye work. Later his whole time has been devoted to the eye. He has performed many cataract operations.

He was appointed a member of the U. S. Pension board at Bloomsburg. Elected a director of the Bloomsburg Water Company of which he is now the Vice President. Appointed Ophthalmologist of the State Hospital of Danville, Pa. The same honor was conferred by the Bloomsburg Hospital. Made a director and President of the Farmers National Bank of Bloomsburg, Pa. Trustee and Treasurer



Mrs. Mary Brands Brown. (Mrs. J. J. Brown)

of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Bloomsburg, Pa.

Since the death of Mrs. Brown his home is in charge of his two sisters, Dorothy N. and Martha B. Brown. All the children of their parents are reunited under this roof as in their childhood.

DOROTHY NICE, daughter of Elisha B. and Martha Bowman Brown.

Dorothy derived her name from her paternal grandmother, Dorothy Nice. Like this grandmother she was frail when a child, but in after years became strong. Wyoming Seminary at Kingston, Pa. is her Alma Mater. After her school days ended, she resided with her family at their home in Mifflinville, Pa.

After the death of her father in 1885 the mother and daughters built a beautiful modern house on Normal Hill, Bloomsburg, Pa. Where they resided until two years after the death of their mother, at the age of nearly eighty-four years.

Dorothy and her sister Martha devoted their lives to the care of their mother to the day of her death. The Normal home now passed into their possession.

The death of their sister-in-law, Mary, the wife of their brother J. J. Brown, two years after the decease of their mother made it needful that they take charge of their brother's home on Market Street, Bloomsburg, Pa. They sold their home on the hill, parting with all its sacred associations, and became the head of the Market Street home.

Her biography shows that Miss Dorothy's life has been spent largely for others. The ministers of her church find a hearty welcome to her table.

She loves flowers. During the days when the world is covered with a snow mantle, azalias in the window always





Dorothy Nice Brown

create admiration. In the early springtime tulips and hyacinths adorn the lawn.

Her activities are centered on her church and her home. From her father she inherits business talent, from her mother domestic tastes.

Five generations of American blood courses her veins. Her ancestors are Saxon, Holland, Anglo-Saxon, and French Huguenot. Religious persecutions drove the latter from France in the sixteenth century. The American branch arrived in Philadelphia in 1698.

MARTHA BOWMAN, daughter of Elisha and Martha Bowman Brown.

The maiden name of her mother was given to Martha. The life of Martha and that of her sister Dorothy are so interwoven that the record of one is the story of the other. They walk together. They talk together. They work together. Their joys, their sorrows, their successes, their failures are mutual. And yet they are different. Each has developed along lines congenial to her individual tastes. They supplement each other. They can do team work. Martha is self-reliant. She is resourceful. Her executive ability is marked. By her becoming associated with her brother in his office, she has enabled him to protract his business life beyond the usual limit. To him she is invaluable. She is interested in church and charity work. As treasurer of the Churches Charity Union of Bloomsburg, Pa., she has rendered efficient service to that organization. She is always ready to serve others. She is faithful and loyal member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The maternal grandmother of Martha B. Brown and her brother and sister was Sophia Freas. She was a daughter of John and Dorcas Hoffman Freas. The mother of Mrs. Dorcas Freas was Mrs. Mercy Hoffman a native of Holland. The ancestors of their paternal grandmother



Martha Bowman Brown

Mrs. Dorothy Nice Brown lived in Holland also. Martha B. Brown's mother was a daughter of John H. Bowman who was a son of Jesse Bowman Sr. His father was Christopher Bowman who was born in Prussia about 1733.

In a book entitled "The Bowman Family" written by the Rev. S. L. Bowman, D. D. there is recorded valuable information concerning the Bowmans which is here used.

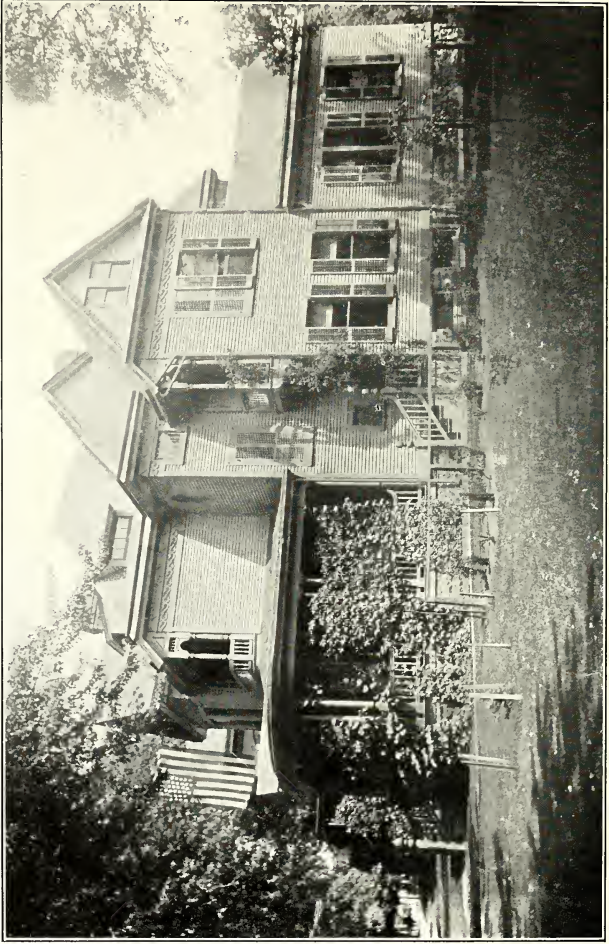
"Our knowledge of the family extends over several centuries in the Fatherland. The name was originally spelled Bauman meaning builder or architect. Upon coming to America, Christopher changed it to Bowman. A German tradition relates that the early ancestors were German Swiss who emigrated to Alsace the province recently ceded by Germany to France. The family finally settled in Prussia; first at Weisbaden on the Rhine and subsequently at Ems, on the Lahn. The Christian name of the last of the ancestry is not known. He is said to have been a man of eminence and wealth. He built a large village. He employed many men. His family coat of arms is said to have been of the grade of Earl. He owned a silver mine in the mountain of Ems about twenty miles to the north of Weisbaden and fourteen miles south of Weilburg. Joseph Bauman, of Ems has in his possession a silver coin minted from this mine. The two family coats of arms belonging, respectively to our paternal and maternal lines of ancestry, were presented first, both in engraving and description, in the Historical Family volume. Both are very ancient - that of the clan of Macintosh extending back to the thirteenth Christian century. These symbols are the merest shadows of a forgotten magnificence. With our forefathers their coat of arms possessed a magnificence in uses and honors for which they were ready to battle and die."

## LOVETTA.

Some months after the death of Mother Brown, Mrs. Gertrude Pollard of Philadelphia, Pa. made her home on Normal Hill, Bloomsburg, Pa. Her two year old daughter Lovetta came with her. One day this little tot wandered into the home of Dorothy and Martha Brown. Her innocent prattle and winning ways won the affections of hearts saddened by the recent loss of their mother. Her sunshine silver lined the clouds. She made the days happy. When the summer was gone, the mother returned with her child to Philadelphia, Pa. Two little eyes peered from the window of the bus as it bore them off to the train. Her new made friends never expected to see her again. In the home of the Brown girl's joy was succeeded by gloom. But love laughs at lock smiths. The girls kept in touch with their little ward through the mails. The following year the child was brought back to their home through the kindness of a friend who was coming from the city. Each succeeding year these visits were repeated. On their annual trip to Ocean Grove, N. J. the girls would return the daughter to her mother. When she grew older she made the trips alone. Later the mother and daughter made their home in Washington, D. C.

While living at Riverdale, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, her stepfather died. This increased her responsibilities. Although of but sixteen summers, she accepted a responsible position with the Standard Under Ground Cable Company of Washington, D. C. You may imagine that as she taps the keys of the typewriter, or delivers messages to the government departments, she is cheered by thoughts of the happy times she will have when taking her vacation in her Bloomsburg home.

She has her mother's cultured and refined nature. A characteristic of the descendants of sunny France. She possesses her father's poise, judgment, and executive talents.



Home of John Jordan Brown, Bloomsburg, Pa.



MISS ELLEN OTTO



MRS. SARAH (HENRY) BROWN BOWMAN



MISS CAROLINE OTTO

MARY BROWN OTTO, daughter of John and Mary Brugler Brown.

**M**ARY and her sister Elizabeth were twins. They were born March 30, 1782. When Mary was eleven years old her mother died. There were three younger children in the family needing a mother's care. Their father provided a step mother thirteen months after the death of his wife, Mary. He married Mrs. Margaret Haines. She was the widow of Henry Haines, who was one of the wealthy men of the vicinity. Mrs. Haines had brought up in her home her sister's daughter, Dorothy Nice. She took Dorothy with her to the Brown home. Mrs. Haines was an exemplary stepmother. No criticism is mentioned concerning her.

When Mary was fifteen years old the family moved to Columbia County, Pennsylvania.

Some four years after the family had settled in their new home, a young man by the name of Joseph Otto came into the community. He was a native of the state of New York. For that day a man of education. Joseph met Mary Brown. An acquaintance resulted, which ripened into romance. It is possible that the judgment of Mary and her family on this subject were not in accord. The facilities for obtaining information concerning the suitor were meagre. Their knowledge of the young man, his worth, and his antecedents was limited to what he said, and what they saw. That was a practical age. As is usual in such cases the lovers had their way. They were married in 1802.

The efforts of Mary's friends in performing their duty to safeguard her welfare, resulted in some unhappiness. The father-in-law located them on one of his farms adjoining the homestead. Mrs. Otto's daughter Ellen, in a letter



said that, "she married a then poor man, and I suppose one who did not please the family."

Mr. Otto was dissatisfied. There were no ties binding him here. He formed other plans.

In 1809 he visited McKean County, Pennsylvania. There he purchased land. During the fall of that year, he went on the ground, cleared some land, built a log house, and then went to his father's home in the state of New York.

The next year he took his family through the wilderness to the McKean County home. It was in the heart of a virgin forest. Four years later she returned to her father's home on a visit. Her brother-in-law came with her. Their journey took them seventy miles through a primitive forest. There was but one habitation on the way. Here they stayed during the night. Upon the return to her home in McKean County, she was accompanied by one of her nephews. Her father went to see her once in her new home.

In a letter to the author, Miss Ellen Otto, one of Mary Brown Otto's daughters said that she never heard her mother say aught, that had the least tinge of unkindly feeling against her relatives. She also said that she always seemed sad at the mention of her old home. The family refrained from speaking on this subject. She was true to the principles of the Brown clan. However much they differed in opinions, the family love and loyalty predominated.

In one of her letters to the writer, Miss Ellen, her daughter said, a writer speaking of her mother, said that she was a remarkable woman. That by her dignity and ladylike deportment, she always commanded the notice of strangers. She also said in a letter to the writer, that when strangers looked at her likeness, they would say, "that is a picture of a lady."

In one of her letters, Miss Ellen also said that her mother was the favorite daughter of her father, John Brown. She enjoyed his confidence in all things. She always carried

his private keys, notwithstanding the presence of a step-mother and her adopted daughter.

Her father remembered her very substantially when he came to write his will. A copy of this document can be found in the appendix of this volume. Some one has said that there is a Divinity that shapes our ends rough, hew them as we may.

Mary Brown Otto died April 29, 1862. She bore her mother's name, Mary.

HON. JOSEPH OTTO, married Mary, daughter of John, and Mary Brown.

Hon. Joseph Otto was a native of the state of New York. His father was a man of means, but lost his property during the war of the American Revolution. The children were thrown upon their own resources.

Joseph came to Pennsylvania. He married Mary, the daughter of John Brown a prominent business man of Columbia County, Pa., in 1802. Mr. and Mrs. Otto lived on what afterwards became the farm of Matthew Brown. Their daughter Ellen said that the farm was not very productive. That the price of other lands was prohibitive. In 1810 they moved to McKean County, Pa. Here was a better field for his abilities. In 1813 he became the first Justice of the Peace in McKean County. In 1818 he was appointed the treasurer of McKean and Potter counties. He was the first Associate Judge of McKean County. He held this office sixteen years. During his entire life of usefulness he was prominent in the public business of his county. As its treasurer he made annual trips to Philadelphia on horse back on business pertaining to his treasurer's office.

On one of these journeys he visited his father-in-law, John Brown, in Columbia County. Mr. Brown was on his death bed. Miss Ellen Otto said that Mr. Brown seemed desirous to speak to him about family matters. But uncle

Henry Bowman, who had charge of him, then entered the room, and immediately the conversation closed. Miss Ellen further said that he was not allowed to hold any further conversation with Mr. Otto.

Miss Ellen Otto further wrote that her father came to their country with but little means. A year's sickness followed soon after his coming. This made matters worse. But that in due time he amassed considerable property. In the meanwhile he spent much time and money in developing the new country. She further said that no man ever asked for his influence, or money, in vain. This generosity and faith in humanity resulted in his financial undoing.

The children of Joseph O. and Mary Brown Otto, were:

Elizabeth O. Sartwell. Lived at Marion, Ohio.

Albert G. Otto, deceased.

Loretta B. O. Leland, a widow. Of McKean County.

Silas P. of Catt, N. Y.

J. Amelia. Married Mr. Ketchum.

Desdemonia, deceased.

Mrs. A. O. Curtis. Lives at Smethport, Pa.

J. Celia. Married Mr. O. Day. Farmers Valley, Pa.

A. Jackson Otto. of Olean, N. Y.

Miss L. Caroline Otto. Farmers Valley, Pa.

Miss Ellen Otto. of Farmers Valley, Pa.

ELIZABETH OTTO SARTWELL, daughter of Joseph and Mary Brown Otto.

Elizabeth Otto Sartwell married Mr. Sartwell. She is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Sartwell lived at Marion, Iowa. Their children were:

Wilbur, deceased.

Helen Sartwell Davis, deceased.

Sylvia Sartwell Bean is living at Port Allegany, Pa.

Stephen Sartwell is deceased.

Lucy Sartwell Cleedle is living at Marion, Iowa.  
Henry Sartwell is deceased.

ALBERT G. OTTO, son of Joseph and Mary Brown Otto.

Albert G. Otto, married. Their children were:

Delos, died in the Civil War.

Alonzo, living at Walsenberg, Colorado.

Orlo, died in the Civil War.

Leslie is living at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dora is married. Address unknown.

Albert G. Otto is deceased.

LORETTA OTTO, daughter of Joseph and Mary Brown Otto.

Loretta is deceased. Was married. There were no children.

SILAS P. OTTO, son of Joseph and Mary Brown Otto.

Silas P. Otto is deceased. He was married. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Silas P. Otto were:

Sartwell, deceased.

Joseph, deceased

Emma Otto Lewis lives at Lutz, Kansas.

Howard lives at Cuba, N. Y. R. D. 4.

Matilda Otto Boothe lives at Cuba, N. Y. R. D.

Henry is deceased.

Riley is deceased.

Maria is deceased.

J. AMELIA OTTO KETCHUM, daughter of Joseph and Mary Brown Otto.

J. Amelia Otto married Mr. Ketchum. She is now deceased.

They were childless.

DESDAMONIA, daughter of Joseph and Mary Brown Otto. She is deceased. She married. It is supposed they had one daughter, who may have died at the age of thirteen years.

MARY ANN OTTO CURTIS, daughter of Joseph and Mary Brown Otto.

They were the parents of two children:

Henry, deceased.

Reuben, deceased.

JUDITH CELIA OTTO DAY, daughter of Joseph O. and Mary Brown Otto.

Judith Celia is deceased. She and Mr. Day were the parents of six children:

Their children were:

Dr. Dudley B., of Corryville, Pa.

Mary Ellen D. Beckwith, deceased.

Ada Lavina Corry of Corryville, Pa.

Ida Elizabeth Sauer, Chautauqua, N. Y.

Victoria Adell Oviat, Farmers Valley, Pa.

Lucy Jane Young, Smethport, Pa.

ANDREW JACKSON OTTO, son of Joseph and Mary Brown Otto.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto were the parents of six children, all of whom died in infancy.

L. CAROLINE OTTO, daughter of Joseph and Mary Brown Otto.

L. Caroline Otto is deceased.

ELLEN OTTO, daughter of Joseph and Mary Brown Otto.

Ellen Otto is deceased. She inherited the intellectual abilities of her parents. She received a good education and made teaching her life work.

ELIZABETH BROWN, daughter of John Brown Sr. married George Hess.

**E**LIZABETH Brown Hess was the twin sister of Mary Brown Otto, and was born March 30, 1782. She died October 31, 1850. She married George Hess. She is buried at St. Gabriels church, Col. Co., Pa. Geo. Hess was born Dec. 8, 1777. He died Mar. 12, 1850. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. For many years Mr. Hess was a class leader in his church. Their home was a welcome resting place for the Methodist preacher as he traveled the large circuits of that early day. They lived two miles above Benton, where they owned a mill and a farm. It is said that after these were cleared of the purchase price, a deficiency in the title was discovered. This resulted in their being compelled to repay the cost of the properties. They succeeded in this and died in comfortable financial circumstances.

John Brown Sr. in his will ordered his son Samuel to pay to Elizabeth Brown Hess, the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars. Samuel having received the farm and mills. Various bequests were made to Mr. Brown's other five children. Then the balance of his property was divided into seven equal shares. Of these Mrs. Elizabeth Hess received one share.

The children of George and Elizabeth Brown Hess were:

John, who married Mary Robbins.

James,

William,

Elijah, who married Margaret Coleman.

Samuel, who married Elsie Colly.

Joseph O., born November 12, 1818, married Helen Cole 1842.

David,  
Enoch,  
Wesley, lived at Waterville, Tuscola Co., Michigan.  
Martha,  
Sarah, married Scott Colley and lived at Benton.  
Mary Ann, lived at Unionville, Tuscola Co., Michigan. She married Jacob Kline, the parents of Mrs. John (Martha) Brown.  
Elizabeth.

ELIJAH HESS, son of George and Elizabeth Brown Hess, married Margaret Coleman.

The children of Elijah and Margaret Coleman Hess were:

Milton Hess, married Harriet Golder.  
Mary Ann, married Edward McHenry.  
Clara, married Thomas Hartman.  
Thomas,  
Adeline and  
Helen were twins.  
Norman, died in infancy.

MILTON HESS, son of Elijah and Margaret Coleman Hess.

Milton Hess married Harriet Golder. Their children were:

Samuel,  
Freas is deceased.  
Frank,  
Rosy,  
Laura,  
Cora,  
Edward is deceased.  
Doyle,  
Henry

MARY ANN, daughter of Elijah and Margaret Coleman Hess.

Mary Ann Hess married Edward McHenry. Their children were:

Pruella Bell married Urbanus McBride.

Celestia Alice, deceased.

Noble Harvey, deceased.

Florence May married Francis M. Parker.

Margaret Permilla, married George W. Boudman.

Josephine married H. M. Dunkleberger of Williamsport, Pa.

Martha Stella married William Perat of Rochester, N. Y.

Elizabeth married William Hileg of Jersey Shore, Pa.

Jennie married William Staley, of Williamsport.

One child, Phillis.

Orvis married Laura Wenner. One child, Sylvan. Thomas is deceased.

FLORENCE, daughter of Edward and Mary Ann McHenry Hess.

Florence married Francis M. Parker. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Parker were:

Mary.

Nellie.

CLARA, daughter of Elijah and Margaret Coleman Hess.

Clara married Thomas Hartman. Their children were:

Ernest.

Blanch.

PRUELLA BELL, daughter of Mary Ann and Edward McHenry.

Pruella married Urbanus McBride. After his decease she married John H. Lunger. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Urbanus McBride were:

Mary Amanda married Edward Ent. They live at Light Street, Pa. They have one child, Joseph Edward.

Margaret married Michael Hartman. They live at Greenwood, Pa.

Edith married Frank Hippensteel, live at Light Street, Pa.



MARGARET, daughter of Pruella Bell and Urbanus McBride.

Margaret married Michael Hartman. Their children are:

Clarence.  
Edward and  
Charles who are twins.  
Edith.

EDITH, daughter of Pruella Bell and Urbanus McBride.

Edith married Frank Hippensteel. Their children are:

Rachel.  
Pruella Bell.  
John, born May 19, 1919.

MARGARET PERMILLA, daughter of Mary Ann and Edward McHenry Hess.

Margaret Permilla, grand daughter of Elijah Hess was born in 1863. She married George W. Boudman. They are living at 233 Cemetery Street, Berwick, Pa. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Boudman are:

Harry E., born in 1883. He married Ida Bitler.  
George M. married Ada Bellas. He was born in 1893.  
Rohr M., born in 1894, married Margaret Lavan.  
Vinnie M., born in 1898.  
Virdie L., born in 1902.

Mr. Boudman died September 4, 1921 of cerebral hemorrhage. Age 62 years and two months.

HARRY E. BOUDMAN, son of Margaret Permilla and George W. Boudman.

Harry E. married Miss Ida Bitler. Their children were:

Leona, born in 1903.  
Pauline, born in 1905.  
Orvis, born in 1914. He is deceased.  
Paul, born in 1918.

GEORGE M. BOUDMAN, son of Margaret Permilla and Edward McHenry Hess.

George M. married Miss Ada Belles. Their children were:

Florence, born in 1913.  
Arthur, born in 1915.  
Albert, born in 1919.

MARY ANN, daughter of George and Mary Brown Hess.

Mary Ann was a daughter of Elizabeth Brown and George Hess. She married Jacob D. Kline. Their home was at Unionville, Tuscola County, Michigan.

Their children were:

Loretta Otto.  
Amelia Brown.  
Catherine Elizabeth.  
George Wesley.  
Worth W.  
Latona B.  
Mary A.  
Harriet.  
Martha.

LORETTA OTTO, daughter of Jacob D. and Mary Ann Hess Kline.

Loretta Otto married Peter Weaver. Their children were: Both deceased.

Philip V. Esq. An Attorney at Hazleton, Pa.  
Latimer A.

AMELIA BROWN, daughter of Jacob D. and Mary Ann Hess Kline.

Amelia married David H. Montgomery, M. D. Dr. Montgomery is a descendant of the family of that name that dates to a period prior to the American Revolution. He located at Mifflinville, Pa. in 1856. He became a leading physician. He acquired a large country practice. He was

a typical practitioner of the old school. Their children were:

Elizabeth, deceased.

Carrie L., who is living in the home at Mifflinville, Pa.

Florence Floyd, who married George Sponsler. Both deceased.

CATHERINE ELIZABETH, daughter of Jacob D. and Mary Ann Hess Kline.

Catherine married William King. They lived at Caro, Michigan, R. D. 7. She is deceased. Their children were:

John.

Loretta.

Cora.

William.

Emma.

Harvey.

GEORGE WESLEY, son of Jacob D. and Mary Ann Hess Kline.

George married Miss Viola Graham. She is deceased. Their home was at Unionville, Michigan. Their children were:

Silvia.

Harvey.

Weaver.

WORTH W., son of Jacob D. and Mary Ann Hess Kline.

Worth W. Kline married. There were several children. He is deceased.

LATONA B., daughter of Jacob D. and Mary Ann Hess Kline.

Latona B. Kline married Mr. Augustus Greenfield. Their children are:

Byron.

Mamie L.

BYRON, son of Latona B. and Augustus Greenfield.

Byron is married. Their children are:

Winifred.

Gladys.

Cecil.

CECIL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Greenfield entered the late World War. When on the battle front in France he was shot in the jaw. The bone was shattered. He was incapacitated to such an extent that he was compelled to spend his remaining days in the service doing clerical work in Bordeaux, France.

MARY A., daughter of Jacob D. and Mary Ann Hess Kline.

Mary married Mr. Charles F. Sees. They live at Unionville, Michigan. Their children are:

Vida, who married Charles Beatenhead.

Louis married Miss Essie Marvin. Live in Unionville, Michigan.

HARRIET, daughter of Jacob D. and Mary Ann Hess Kline.

Harriet married Henry Kirkendall. They are living at Willison, North Dakota.

MARTHA, daughter of Jacob D. and Mary Ann Hess Kline.

Martha emigrated with her father's family from Columbia County, Pa. to northern Michigan. When a young lady, she returned to Pennsylvania. She made her home at Mifflinville, Pa. She married John F. Brown. After his retirement from the milling business they lived in Mifflinville, Pa. Since his death she purchased the William N. Brown home in Mifflinville, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Brown had one child:

Vida.

VIDA, daughter of John F. and Martha Kline Brown.

After graduating from the Bloomsburg State Normal School in 1904, she chose the profession of teaching.

She married Mr. James Luther Hoagland. A further account of the family of John F. Brown is given under the head of John F. Brown.

JOHN HESS, son of Elizabeth Brown Hess and George Hess.

John Hess married Mary Robbins. Their children were:

George R. married Sant Welliver.  
Joseph R. married Fanny Emory.  
Armentia married William Unger.

GEORGE R. HESS, son of John and Mary Robbins Hess.

George R. married Sarah Welliver. Their children were:

Mary J.  
Harvey W. married Leah Derr.  
O. B. Hess, M. D., now of Benton.

JOSEPH R. HESS, son of John and Mary Robbins Hess married. They have one child:

Emery K.

ARMENTIA HESS, daughter of John and Mary Robbins Hess, married William Unger. Their children are:

Elmira married C. L. Horn.  
Howard married Fannie Blake.  
Dyson married Miss Bird Gilland.

SAMUEL HESS, son of George and Elizabeth Brown Hess.

Samuel Hess was born August 11, 1811. He died June 1, 1892. Samuel lived at Benton. He married Miss Alice Colly. She was born September 17, 1819. She died December 25, 1889. They were married June 3, 1841. Their children were:

George Alexander, Benton, Pa. Married Priscilla Brink.  
 Margaret Louisa. Jamison City. Married B. D. Cole.  
 Mary Evaline. Benton. Married William Hireleman.  
 Gwynn Lafayette.  
 Clair Elizabeth.  
 Theodosia Alvernon. Benton. Married William Appleman. Is deceased.  
 William Barrett. Benton. Deceased.  
 Samuel Scott.  
 Martha Rebecca.  
 Cyrus Benton. Deceased.  
 Gertrude Alice. Benton, Pa.  
 Joseph Bruce, M. D., born May 10, 1861, died November 29, 1919.

GEORGE ALEXANDER, son of Samuel and Elsie Colly Hess.

George Alexander married Priscilla Brink. They made Benton their home.

MARGARET LOUISE, daughter of Samuel and Elsie Colly Hess.

Margaret married B. D. Cole. They live at Jamison City, Pa.

GWYNN LAFAYETTE, son of Samuel and Elsie Cole Hess.

Gwynn married Marietta Laubach. Benton was their home.

CLAIR ELIZABETH, daughter of Samuel and Elsie Cole Hess.

Clair married Thomas McHenry. They lived at Benton.

THEODOSIA, daughter of Samuel and Elsie Cole Hess.

Theodosia Alvernon married William Appleman. They lived at Benton. She is deceased.

SAMUEL SCOTT, son of Samuel and Elsie Cole Hess.  
Samuel died in infancy.

JOSEPH BRUCE, son of Samuel and Alice Colly Hess.

Dr. J. Bruce Hess was born May 10, 1861. He was educated at the West Creek school in Benton township, the New Columbus and Orangeville Academies. He graduated at the Williamsport Dickinson Seminary. He matriculated at the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, Pa., where he graduated in 1893. He took a special course in Obstetrics under Dr. Davis while at the Jefferson Medical College. In 1907 he took a post graduate course at the New York Polyclinic. In 1914 he attended the New York Medical College.

For some years Dr. Hess practiced medicine at Huntington Mills, Luzerne County, Pa. Leaving Huntington Mills he located at Benton, Pa. where he practiced up till within one month of his untimely death.

Dr. Hess offered his services to his country during the recent World War. On account of his age he was rejected. Later he was accepted as a member of the Volunteer Medical Service Corps. He served under Surgeon General Blue, of the Public Health Service, as one of the acting assistant Surgeons during the Influenza Epidemic in 1918 and 1919. Dr. Hess was a man who was positive and pronounced. He was ever ready to defend his convictions. His true worth was known only to those who knew him intimately. In the community where he lived his word was as good as his bond.

Our subject was a widely read man. His researches covering history, poetry and philosophy. He was intensely patriotic. He took great pride in his Revolutionary ancestry. His ancestors, John Brown and William Hess, were in that war.

He was a leader in the activities of the recent war. The Red Cross. The Liberty Loans, and the War Saving Stamp campaigns.

He was recently appointed member of the Columbia County Health Council, for the northern part of the county.

He was a member of the Columbia County Medical Society. Also a member of the Jefferson College Alumni Association.

He was a charter member of the Columbia County Historical Society. In politics he was a Democrat.

His fame was extended some years ago when he was a candidate for the legislature. His stand against the liquor interests was pronounced.

The death of Dr. Hess occurred November 29, 1919. The funeral services were conducted at his late home in Benton by the Rev. Mr. Moody of the Presbyterian church. A large number of relatives and friends honored him by their presence on that solemn occasion. Interment was made in the Benton Cemetery.

On January 15, 1896 Dr. Hess married Miss Rebecca J. Follmer, a daughter of the late Henry E. Follmer of Milton, Pa. She was born December 12, 1871 in Milton, Pa. She graduated from the Milton High School. Later she graduated from the Bucknell College at Lewisburg, Pa. She took a special course in Art at 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, D. C. She was associated with her husband in all the local War activities. Since the death of her husband she resides at their comfortable home in Benton, Pa.

CYRUS BENTON, son of Samuel and Alice Colly Hess.

Cyrus Benton married Miss Adeline Hartman.

JOSEPH OTTO HESS, son of George and Elizabeth Brown Hess.



Joseph Otto Hess was born November 12, 1818. In 1842 he married Miss Helen Cole. Miss Cole was born October 17, 1823.

The children of Joseph Otto and Helen Cole his wife were:

M. Elvira, born March 31, 1843. Married H. H. Hirleman, 1847. No children.

Lydia J., born in 1845. Married Josiah Kline, 1866, five children.

Zachariah T., born May 31, 1847, married Priscilla Fritz, 1872, one child.

Alinas C., born May 1, 1849, married Phoebe Roberts, 1875, four children.

Amelia, born November 2, 1852, married Jos. Carpenter, 1878, eight children.

Herbert M., born May 28, 1857, married Elizabeth Davis, 1882. Six children.

Samuel L. C., born September 1, 1859, married Elizabeth Heldebrand, 1880.

Sarah A., born October 21, 1861, married Boyd Dodson, 1880. Two children.

Orion M., born June 19, 1864, married Cora McHenry, 1889, two children.

Amelia A. Hess who married Joseph Carpenter, died in 1872.

SARAH BROWN, daughter of John Brown Sr. and Mary Brown.

*Grandmother of Benjamin N. Rosenkrantz*

SARAH Brown Bowman was born in northern New Jersey on the old Brown Homestead, in what is now Warren County, on April 13, 1787. Ten years later her father's family moved to Pennsylvania. When a young lady she met and married Henry Bowman. He was a grandson of Christopher, the founder of the Bowman family in this section of Pennsylvania. A full account of the family is on another page.

When John Brown, Sr. the father of Sarah Brown Bowman made his will on the twelfth of April, 1819, he bequeathed to Mrs. Bowman fifty-one acres of land being a part of his plantation. He also gave her timber land. Also fifty dollars in money. He also constituted her husband, Henry Bowman as one of the executors of this his last will and testament. Henry Bowman was born March 22, eighteen hundred and eighty-three. Although Henry Bowman died at the age of 43 he possessed in addition to other property, the flouring mill located on the Nescopeck Creek at Nescopeck. One of the most desirable mill properties in eastern Pennsylvania. He was a victim of tuberculosis. Yet he rode on horseback from his farm to his mill, a distance of five miles, until near the close of his career. In 1814 he built the large bank barn on his farm. This is still in use. Here on the threshing floor the Methodists of the surrounding territory met for worship. The women placed their bonnets in the grain bins that were located on each side of the floor. For many years Mr. Bowman was the leader of Methodism on the Mifflinville side of the Susquehanna River. When he died, its devotees felt, that without him their church was in danger of be-

coming extinguished in their locality. Henry Bowman died May 11, 1828.

Mrs. Bowman died, September 12, 1869. She spent her closing years with her daughter Mary, in the village of Mifflinville, Pa. After passing her eightieth milestone, her thoughts wandered back to her old farm. Thither she would at times wander, thinking it was still her home. Mrs. Bowman's picture is on page 149.

It is now more than one hundred years since this land was given by her father to Sarah Brown Bowman. It is still owned by her great grandchild, Claud Wesley, a son of Z. T. Bowman.

The children of Henry and Sarah Brown Bowman were:

Samuel A., born July 25, 1805, died February 13, 1855.

Christopher Fry, born February 26, 1807.

Thomas B., born December 13, 1808, died November, 1888.

John B., born October 17, 1810, died June 24, 1873.

George L., born August 1, 1812, died March 4, 1887.

Henry B., born July 22, 1814, died August 5, 1877.

Manasseh, born June 29, 1816. Deceased.

Wesley B., born October 3, 1818, died July 3, 1900.

Mary, born July 12, 1820, died November 2, 1896.

Seth B., born 1, 1821, died October 1, 1902.

Penina, born May 12, 1823, died August 27, 1846. *Mother*

Hiram, born February 28, 1825, died November 16, 1903.

Lavina, born April 20, 1827, died July 11, 1852.

SAMUEL BOWMAN, son of Henry and Sarah Brown Bowman.

Samuel A. Bowman was born July 25, 1805. He died February 13, 1855.

He married Miss Sarah Dietrich. Mrs Bowman died February 1, 1901. Mr. Bowman lived on his mother's farm south of Mifflinville, Pa. Being the eldest child, he had the privilege of taking the real estate of his father, after the

*Aunt + Uncle*

decease of the latter, at the value of its appraisalment. The flouring mill on the Nescopeck Creek at Nescopeck, Pa. was one of these properties. At that date it was valuable. One year after securing this mill Mr. Bowman sold the same for one thousand dollars more than what he paid his brothers and sisters for the mill. Legally this one thousand dollars belonged to Samuel Bowman. Mr. Bowman was a man of such strict integrity, that he divided this money between the heirs of his father. He died at the early age of fifty years.

The children of Samuel A. Bowman and Mrs. Bowman were:

Joseph Priestly, who died May 2, 1900.

Matilda.

Mary Jane died February 21, 1916.

W. Scott died 1863 on a battlefield of the Civil War.

John Harrison died in 1859.

Martha died June 17, 1912.

JOSEPH PRIESTLY, son of Samuel A. and Sarah Dietrich Bowman.

Joseph Priestly Bowman received his name from the world wide noted English physicist and Unitarian Divine, whose latter years were spent at his new home in Northumberland, Pa. where he died February 6, 1804. Joseph Priestly was the discoverer of oxygen.

Joseph Priestly Bowman lived in Philadelphia, Pa. where he died May 2, 1900. Mr. Bowman married Miss Agnes Cooper. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman were the parents of two children:

Meade.

Bessie.

MATILDA BOWMAN, daughter of Samuel A. and Sarah Dietrich Bowman.

Matilda Bowman married William Ritter. Mr. Ritter

died December 6, 1903. The children of William and Matilda Bowman Ritter were:

Martha Adella.  
Sara E.  
Elmer E. died July 13, 1907.  
Iola L. died August 3, 1864.  
Louisa died June 19, 1870.  
Laura M.  
Lillian.

MARTHA ADELLA, daughter of William and Matilda Ritter Bowman.

Martha Adella Ritter married Dr. Nathaniel Ross of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The children of Dr. and Mrs. Adella Ritter Ross, were:

Elizabeth died November 7, 1918.  
Lillian.  
Donald.

SARA E., daughter of William and Matilda Bowman Ritter.

Laura E. Ritter married Mr. Marvin Renshaw. Their child is:

Raymond.

ELMER E., son of William and Matilda Bowman Ritter.

Elmer E. Ritter married Miss Gussie Stair. Their children were:

William J.  
Edna.  
Arlene.  
Marion.

Elmer Ritter died July 13, 1907.

EDNA, daughter of Elmer and Gussie Stair Ritter.

Edna married Louis Andrews. They had one child:  
Lois E.

ARLENE, daughter of Elmer and Gussie Stair Ritter.

Arlene married William Edwards. Their one child they named:

Jack.

LAURA M., daughter of William and Matilda Bowman Ritter.

Laura married Mr. Wilson White. Their two children were:

Rosa M.  
Dorothy A.

LILLIAN, daughter of William and Matilda Bowman Ritter.

Lillian married Mr. Frederick Helfrich.

MARTHA, daughter of Samuel A. and Sarah Dietrich Bowman.

Martha married Samuel A. Culver. They made their home at Kingston, Pa. Their children were:

Hattie May. of Kingston, Pa., died December 21, 1899.

Mary Jane. Who married George Eckhard of Nanticoke, Pa. They have one child.

Fannie M. married Edward Powell.

Thomas Pringle. married Elizabeth Harlow. Living at Kingston, Pa.

MARY JANE, daughter of Samuel A. and Martha Bowman Culver.

Mary Jane Culver married George Eckhard. They named their one child:

Kathrine Irene.

FANNIE M., daughter of Samuel and Martha A. Culver.

Fannie M. married Mr. Edward Powell. Their children were:

Martha Bowman.  
Samuel.  
Louise.  
Herold W.  
Edward S., Jr.

CELESTIA AGNES MILLER, daughter of Samuel and Sarah D. Bowman.

Celestia married William Miller of Lime Ridge, Pa. where they spent their married lives. She died on the seventh day of June, 1907. Mr. Miller died November 21, 1909. Their children were:

Emma Alverna died April 2, 1901. She married William Naugle.

John died May 8, 1861.

Ida F. died June 12, 1865.

Maggie Idela.

Delbert Ellsworth.

Anna J. died January 13, 1868.

Peter Bowman, died August 24, 1870. Other children of Celestia and William Miller were, James H., Jane Estella, Sarah Alice and Carrie Bowman.

MAGGIE IDELA, daughter of William and Celestia Bowman Miller.

Maggie Idela married Hugh Grover. They are living at Kingston, Pa. Their children are:

Ethel Miller married Karl Weisheit. They live in New York City.

Emma Elizabeth. Living at Kingston, Pa.

Jane. Living at Kingston, Pa.

Margaret Celestia. Living at Kingston, Pa.

Pauline Harriet. Living at Kingston, Pa.

DELBERT ELLSWORTH, son of William and Celestia Bowman Miller.

Delbert married Lydia Heckman. They are living at Bashow, Alberta, Canada. The children of Delbert and Lydia Heckman Miller are:

Ernest Bowman. Living at Bashow, Alberta, Canada.

Lester, died March 3, 1908.

Leon.

JAMES HUTTENSTINE MILLER, son of William and Celestia B. Miller.

James married a Miss Brittain. Their home is at Espy, Pa. Their children are:

Bertha M.  
 Marie. She married John Chileen.  
 Stanley James.  
 Elwell died May 5, 1900.  
 Herman.  
 Harry.  
 John.  
 Allen.

JANE ESTELLA, daughter of William and Celestia Bowman Miller is living at Kingston, Pa.

SARAH ALICE, daughter of William and Celestia Bowman Miller is living at Kingston, Pa.

CARRIE BOWMAN, daughter of Celestia and William Miller, died September 20, 1884.

*2nd* THOMAS BOWMAN, son of Sarah Brown and Henry Bowman.

Thomas B. Bowman was born December 13, 1808. He died November 2, 1888. Mr. Bowman spent the most of his days as a farmer. He married Elizabeth Creasy. After death of Elizabeth he married a Mrs. Drum of Conyngham, Pa. The children of Thomas B. Bowman and Elizabeth were:

William, born April 4, 1833, died October 1, 1902.  
 John.  
 Fannie.  
 Mary.  
 Harvey.  
 One daughter, who died in early life.

MARY BOWMAN, daughter of Thomas B. and Elizabeth Bowman.



Mary was born September 21, 1840 and died September 1, 1904. On June 21, 1860 she married Hiram H. Hutchison. The latter died August 20, 1916. Mr. Hutchison taught a select school in Mifflinville, Pa. for some years. He then went to Hazleton, Pa. where he taught in the public schools. He had a pleasing personality. The children of Mary Bowman and Hiram H. Hutchison are.

Calvin Bowman, born in June 1861. Deceased.

Etta A., born in June 1869.

Orville was born in 1864. deceased.

Ettie A., daughter of Hiram and Mary Bowman Hutchison, lives in Hazleton, Pa. and has had charge of the Public Library of Hazleton for twelve years.

WILLIAM BOWMAN, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Bowman.

William Bowman lived and died at Carthage, Missouri. He and Mrs. Bowman had three sons and a daughter, who are living near Carthage, Missouri.

JOHN BOWMAN, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Bowman.

John and his family lived near Pottsgrove, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman were the parents of three children, two sons and daughter. They are living at Milton, Pa.

FANNIE BOWMAN, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Bowman.

Fannie was born November 14, 1844. September 28, 1865 she married William Eckroth, who died November 3, 1918. William and Fannie B. Eckroth had two children:

Howard B., born July 10, 1875.

Genevieve, born October 21, 1885.

HOWARD BOWMAN ECKROTH, son of Fannie and William Eckroth.

Howard was born July 10, 1875. Graduated at the Philadelphia Dental College. He married Bessie, a daughter of William H. Yetter. He is an able dentist.

GENEVA MAY, daughter of Fannie B. and William Eckroth.

Geneva was born October 21, 1885. On June 8, 1910 she married Mr. Merlin Troy, now a contractor at Kingston, Pa., where they are living. Mr. and Mrs. Troy have one child:

Merlin William, born August 28, 1915.

HARVEY BOWMAN, son of Thomas and Elizabeth C. Bowman.

Harvey was born August 25, 1849. Was educated at Mifflinville and Wyoming Seminary. He located at Hazleton, Pa. After being in business in Hazleton, he went to Philadelphia, Pa. where he is conductor of the Rescue Mission at 734 Race Street, West Philadelphia, Pa. February 28, 1882 he married Miss Permelia S. Dodson of Town Hill, Pa.

WILLIAM BOWMAN, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Bowman.

William Bowman was born April 4, 1833, he died October 1, 1902. He married Miss Edith A. Howell March 18, 1858. She died September 19, 1912. Their children are:

Mrs. Cora Bowman Post, born August 16, 1860.

Chester A. Bowman, born May 14, 1867.

Harry H. Bowman, born September 8, 1869.

Clarence J., born December 1, 1874.

MRS. CORA BOWMAN POST, daughter of William and Edith Bowman.

Mrs. Cora Post's address is Carthage, Missouri, R. D. 2. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Cora Bowman Post are:

Raymond A. Post, born August 26, 1893.

Albert L., born August 18, 1899.

Vernon C., born June 28, 1903.

CHESTER BOWMAN, son of William and Edith Bowman.

Chester Bowman was born May 14, 1867. He was married. Their children are:

- Elizabeth Bowman, born August 7, 1898.
- Leroy, born May 28, 1900, died February 2, 1919.
- Netta born September 3, 1905.
- Robert, born October 27, 1908.

HARRY H. BOWMAN, son of William and Edith Bowman.

Harry was married. Their children are:

- Raymond.
- Pauline.
- Beatrice.
- Edith.
- Caroline.

Harry H. Bowman lives at High River, Alberta, Canada.

CLARENCE J. BOWMAN, son of William and Edith Bowman.

Clarence J. Bowman was married. Their children are:

- Herbert, born July 7, 1900.
- Clyde, born February 9, 1902.
- Dwight, born March 13, 1905.

All of the above addresses excepting that of Harry H. Bowman, is Carthage, Missouri, R. D. 2.

WESLEY BOWMAN, son of Henry and Sarah Brown Bowman.

Wesley Bowman was born in Mifflin township, Columbia County, Pa. October 3, 1818. He died July 3, 1900.

In November 1839 he married Mary Ann, the daughter of Samuel and Maria White Williams. She died June 8, 1894. Their children were:

Righter William, born August 10, 1840, died September 15, 1871.

Sarah Maria, born February 14, 1842, died March 5, 1842.

Theodosia, born January 18, 1843, died January 7, 1844.

Henry C., born August 26, 1844, died December 2, 1912.

John T., born April 30, 1846, died May 16, 1846.

Taylor Z., born April 3, 1847.

Millard F., born February 17, 1849, died September 5, 1921.

Anna M., born February 26, 1851.

In 1844 Mr. Bowman bought a farm and water power near Orangeville, Pa. On the latter he built a large flouring mill. This he successfully managed until the mill was burned. He immediately rebuilt the plant. He conducted it with his old time vigor and success. Mr. Bowman was a fine business character. He was fair, square, and honest. He was a positive character. He had firm convictions. These were expressed regardless of results. He was true to his friends. When he died he had many friends. He was missed by the community in which he lived. He was possessed of a competence.

RIGHTER WILLIAM BOWMAN, son of Wesley and Mary Ann Bowman.

Righter William married Miss Elizabeth Welsh. Mr. Bowman entered the army during the Civil War. He received wounds that hastened his death. He was a man of fine parts. His premature death blighted what might have been a brilliant career. The children of Righter William and Anna Bowman were:

Frank, who married Myrtle Campbell.

Vida, who married Philip Drum, Esq.

ANNA M. BOWMAN, daughter of Wesley and Mary Ann Bowman.

Anna M. was born February 26, 1851. She married Mr. John McCloughhan, of Riverside, Pa. He is now deceased. Their children are:

Agnes.

Maize, married Clark Stattzell, she died leaving one son, Alden.

Wesley married Libbie They live at Shamokin.

Alice married James Shultz. Have one child, James Lloyd.

Lloyd.

Alma, deceased.

Jesse, deceased.

One child died in infancy.

HENRY C. BOWMAN, son of Wesley and Mary Ann Bowman.

Henry Bowman was born August 26, 1844. He died December 2, 1912. He married Emily. Their children are:

William.

Dora, who married John Flesher. They live at Binghamton, N. Y. have one child named Carl, living at Binghamton, N. Y. They have one child, Marie.

Anna, who married John Bird. They live at Montoursville, Pa.

Clyde B.

Margaret.

Emily.

WESLEY BOWMAN, son of Henry C. and Emily Bowman.

Wesley son of Henry C. and Emily Bowman is living at Orangeville, Pa. Their children are:

Helen.

Henry.

Elsie.

Millard.

Emily.

Harry.  
 Paul  
 Pauline.  
 Violetta, deceased.  
 Maxwell.  
 Bruce.  
 Gladys.

MARGARET BOWMAN, daughter of Henry C. and Emily Bowman.

Margaret married Bruce Fry. They live at Scranton.

WILLIAM BOWMAN, son of Henry C. and Emily Bowman.

William married Laura Travelpiece, who is deceased. Their children are:

Harold.  
 Donald.  
 Mildred.  
 Eliza, who married Joseph Patterson.

The children of Joseph and Eliza Bowman Patterson are:

Guy.  
 Emily.  
 Henry.  
 Howard.  
 Letha.  
 Clark.  
 Beatrice.  
 Mark.  
 Virdie, who married George Rhone. They are living at Orangeville.  
 Willard

BENJAMIN C. BOWMAN.

Benjamin married Gertrude Crawford. They have two children:

Ella.  
 Robert.

TAYLOR Z. BOWMAN, son of Wesley and Mary Ann Bowman.

Taylor Z. Bowman was born April 3, 1847. After his marriage to Loretta Hartzell on the 22nd day of February, 1872, he located on the Bowman farm south of Mifflinville, Pa. The farm that his grandmother Sarah Brown Bowman inherited from her father, John Brown Sr. The children of Taylor Z. and Loretta Hartzell Bowman are:

Claud Wesley, born November 27, 1874.

Millard Otto, born March 21, 1877, died December 10, 1908.

Harry Miles, born December 29, 1881.

Maud Alma, born December 3, 1885.

Mary Lydia, born October 21, 1887.

CLAUD WESLEY BOWMAN, son of T. Z. and Loretta Bowman.

Claud was born November 27, 1874. Married Miss Medie E. Smoyer, March 21, 1899. Their children are:

Howard E., born May 20, 1902.

Catherine L., born April 12, 1904.

Franklin T., born May 18, 1910.

MILLARD OTTO BOWMAN, son of Taylor Z. and Loretta Bowman.

Millard Otto was born March 21, 1877. He died December 10, 1908. He married Miss Minnie Catherine Hippensteel, March 24, 1906. Their child is:

Hester Loretta, born March 3, 1907.

HARRY MILES BOWMAN, son of Taylor Z. and Loretta Bowman.

Harry Miles Bowman was born December 29, 1881. He married Miss Hester Evelin Schneidman, February 22, 1908. Their children are:

Carl Franklin, born June 2, 1909.

Bruce Edward, born January 26, 1911.

Mary Elizabeth, born March 23, 1913.

MAUD ALMA BOWMAN, daughter of Taylor Z. and Loretta Bowman.

Maud Alma married Harry Hippensteel, born December 7, 1885. They are living on their farm near Orangeville, Pa. Two bright daughters adorn their home.

Irene Anna, born April 8, 1906.

Helen Loretta, born November 24, 1908.

MARY LYDIA BOWMAN, daughter of Taylor Z. and Loretta Bowman.

Mary Lydia was born October 21, 1887. Married William Morris Robinholt, February 27, 1915. Their child is:

Flora Bowman, born June 19, 1916.

MILLARD F. BOWMAN, son of Mrs. Mary Ann and Wesley Bowman.

Millard was born February 17, 1849. Died September 5, 1921. Mr. Bowman married Miss Alice, a daughter of the late Jonathan and Sallie Ann Eck of Briar Creek, Columbia County, Pa. For many years Mr. Bowman was a leading business man of Orange township. His declining years were spent in Orangeville where Mrs. Bowman still resides. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. On the afternoon of Monday, September 5, 1921, Mr. Bowman was in his car two miles from Rohrsburg on the Millville road. When his automobile passed the Dr. Mather farm it ran in the bank of the road. The engine was stalled. In the car was the lifeless body of Mr. Bowman, he having died from heart trouble. The funeral services were held in his Orangeville home on the Thursday following his death.

HIRAM BOWMAN, son of Sarah Brown and Henry Bowman.

Hiram Bowman was born February 8, 1825, died November 16, 1903. He married Miss Amanda B. Appleman.



They purchased a farm in Greenwood Township, Columbia County, Pa.

The children of Hiram and Amanda Bowman are:

Jane, who married Thomas Mordan. They live near Jerseytown, Pa.

George A., who married a Miss Barber, lives at Stryker, Williams County, Ohio.

Chauncey J., who married Miss Faber. Live at Bryan, Williams County, Ohio.

Isaac L., married Miss Gish. Live at West Unity, Williams County, Ohio.

John W., married Anna S. Heacock. Live at Millville, Pa.

Sarah Alice was born July 16, 1866, died March 31, 1905.

Lizzie R., married George Maust. Live at Millville, Pa.

David R., who died at the age of two years.

Hiram Hayes, who is living at Orangeville, Pa., born July 28, 1876.

MARY JANE BOWMAN MORDAN, daughter of Hiram and Amanda A. Bowman.

Mary Jane Bowman married Thomas Mordan, December 7, 1871. Their children are:

Hiram Bowman, born September 1, 1872. Married Emma Osborn.

George Elmer, born September 17, 1874. Married Susie Maust.

Fannie Jane Alice, born November 11, 1876, died August 5, 1913.

William D., born March 17, 1878, died September 28, 1916.

Boyd Seth, born February 21, 1880, died August 11, 1881.

Gertrude Irene, born September 23, 1882. Married Allen Phillips.

Harry Melroy, born December 23, 1886, married Estella Kinney.

Myrtle Arveda, born August 3, 1890.

HIRAM BOWMAN MORDAN, son of Mary Jane and Thomas Mordan.

Hiram was born September 1, 1872. He married Emma Osborn. Their children are:

Bessie.  
Arthur.  
Kathaline.  
Viola.  
Grace.

GEORGE ELMER MORDAN, son of Mary Jane and Thomas Mordan.

George Elmer was born September 17, 1874. He married Susie Maust. Their children are:

Howard T., born August 4, 1900.  
Horace J., born December 21, 1901. Married Grace Greenly.  
Lydia P. Mordan, born August 2, 1904, married Sidney Shultz, June 28, 1921.  
Anna I. Mordan, born February 11, 1908.

FANNIE JANE ALICE MORDAN, daughter of Mary Jane and Thomas Mordan.

Fannie Jane Alice was born November 11, 1876. She died August 5, 1913. She married Howard Eves. Mr. and Mrs. Eves were the parents of one child:

Munro Eves.

After the death of Howard Eves, Mrs. Eves married William D. Wintersteen.

WILLIAM D. MORDAN, son of Mary Jane and Thomas Mordan.

William D. was born March 17, 1878. He died September 28, 1916. He married Miss Bessie Rider. There were no children.

BOYD SETH MORDAN, son of Mary Jane and Thomas Mordan.

Boyd Seth Mordan was born February 21, 1880. He died August 11, 1881.

GERTRUDE IRENE MORDAN, daughter of Mary Jane and Thomas Mordan.

Gertrude Irene was born September 23, 1882. She married Allen Phillips. Their children are:

Melvin Phillips.

Thomas Lloyd, deceased.

HARRY MELROY MORDAN, son of Mary Jane and Thomas Mordan.

Harry Melroy was born December 3, 1886. He married Estella Kinney.

GEORGE A. BOWMAN, son of Hiram and Amanda B. Appleman Bowman.

George A. Bowman was born in Orangeville, Pa. November 20, 1853. On November 19, 1885 he married Miss Mary Louisa Barber. They moved to Stryker, Williams County, Ohio. This is now the address of their whole family.

George A. Bowman died March 3, 1913. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Bowman are:

Frederick Hiram, born December 19, 1888.

Carl Wesley, born March 13, 1892.

Reed Raymond, born April 15, 1894.

Vida Catherine, born January 10, 1898.

Florence Louise, born February 9, 1901.

At this writing, none of these children are married.

CARL WESLEY BOWMAN, son of George A. and Mary L. Barber Bowman.

Carl Wesley was born March 13, 1892. He was called to the colors during the late war. He was sent to Camp Sherman, Ohio. From there he was sent to Camp Pike, Arkansas. He was discharged December 22, 1917.

JOHN W. BOWMAN, son of Hiram and Amanda Appleman Bowman.

John W. Bowman was born in Orange township, Columbia County, Pa. December 18, 1861. He was educated in the public schools and at the Orangeville Academy. The latter institution he attended two and one-half years. Afterward taught in the public schools. He then engaged in farming. At the same time he lumbered. On February 20, 1874 he married Miss Annie S. Heacock. Then moved to Greenwood township where he farmed the place of his father-in-law, the late, Isaac Heacock. He now farmed, lumbered, and bought, sold, and shipped grain and hay. This covered a period of twenty-five years.

Mr. Bowman in 1900 assisted in founding the First National Bank of Millville, Pa. He became one of its directors. On the death of William Masters, the first President of this bank, the board of directors elected Mr. Bowman as his successor to the presidency.

Mr. Bowman was one of the founders of the Farmers National Bank of Orangeville, Pa. He became a director in the same.

During all these busy years Mr. Bowman acted as auditor nine years and as school director seven years.

He is now living in Millville, Pa. He is still interested in lumbering.

LIZZIE REBECCA BOWMAN MAUST, daughter of Hiram and Amanda Appleman Bowman.

Lizzie Rebecca Bowman Maust was born April 2, 1869. The daughter of Hiram and Amanda Bowman, January 19, 1899 married George W. Maust. Their children are:

Hiram Jacob, born May 25, 1903, died May 30, 1903.

Josephine Elizabeth, born January 17, 1906.

George Debart, born November 12, 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. Maust are living at Millville, Pa.

HIRAM HAYES BOWMAN, son of Hiram and Amanda Appleman Bowman.

Hiram Hayes Bowman was born July 28, 1876. On September 25, 1907 he married Miss Tenly Shelhammer. Mr. Bowman is a farmer. Their home is located one mile from the village of Orangeville, Pa.

CHAUNCEY BOWMAN, son of Hiram and Amanda A. Bowman.

Chauncey Bowman was born March 8, 1857. On December 22, 1887 he married Miss Caroline Faber, who was born January 16, 1860.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Bowman are:

Harry, born October 20, 1888.

Charles, born July 12, 1890.

Claunce, born April 26, 1892.

Edith, born December 1, 1893.

HARRY BOWMAN, son of Chauncey and Caroline Faber Bowman.

Harry was born October 20, 1888. He married Margurette Ebbinger on January 27, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman have two children:

Ruth, born February 1, 1911.

Wilmur, born April 5, 1916.

CLAUNCE BOWMAN, son of Chauncey and Caroline Faber Bowman.

Claunce was born April 26, 1892. December 13, 1913, he married Miss Ola McKay. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman have one child:

Wynne, born July 12, 1915.

ISAAC L. BOWMAN, son of Hiram and Amanda Appleman Bowman.

Isaac L. Bowman was born July 22, 1859. On December 27, 1888, he married Miss Emma J. Gish. Their children are:

Vennie F., born October 25, 1889.  
 Orassa Jane, born February 14, 1891.  
 Mary Amanda, born June 28, 1892.  
 Franklin B., born January 21, 1894.  
 Harvey H., born August 22, 1895.  
 Clyde J., born May 3, 1897.  
 Orval A., born January 24, 1899.  
 Leona A., born September 3, 1900.  
 Floyd H., born December 9, 1901.

VENNIE FAY BOWMAN, daughter of Isaac and Emma Gish Bowman.

Vennie Fay Bowman was born October 25, 1889. On November 26, 1913 she married Mr. Samuel C. Rupp. Their children are:

Alice M.  
 Charles Albert, born April 14, 1919, his twin sister was:  
 Florence Alberta, born April 14, 1919.

MARY ARMANDA BOWMAN, daughter of Isaac and Emma Gish Bowman.

Mary Amanda was born June 28, 1892. She married Albert King on May 29, 1918.

SETH BROWN BOWMAN, son of Sarah Brown, and Henry Bowman.

Seth B. Bowman was born October 1, 1821. He died October 1, 1902. On the seventh of February 1849 he married Louisa Foster Doan. Mrs. Bowman died August 25, 1882. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Bowman are:

Mary Frances.  
 Sarah Wilhelmina, who died December 18, 1879.

In his early life Mr. Bowman was threatened with tuberculosis, a disease that caused the death of his father. By choosing the work that kept him in the open air, he recovered his health. He entered the store of his cousin Charles B. Bowman of Berwick, Pa. This was in 1848 and 1849. Mr. Seth B. Bowman purchased the store of Mr.

C. B. Bowman. This was conducted in his own name for some years when he sold the business to his son-in-law Mr. Robert G. Crispin.

Mr. Bowman's education was obtained at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. Ill health prevented his graduation. He attributed his long life to this motto, "Don't worry."

MARY FRANCES, daughter of Seth B. and Louisa Foster D. Bowman.

Mary Frances has been a resident of Berwick, Pa. the most of her life. She married Mr. Robert G. Crispin in 1873. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Crispin are:

Benjamin, who died in 1888.

Robert G., Jr. He was born in 1893 and died in 1895.

Mrs. Crispin has been a large factor in the Missionary work of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the Central Pennsylvania Conference. As an officer in some of these organizations, she is doing much hard and efficient work.

She received her education at Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa. She died February 20, 1922.

HENRY B. BOWMAN, son of Henry and Mrs. Sarah B. Bowman.

Henry was born July 22, 1814. He died August 5, 1877. His first wife was Sarah Drum. After her decease he married a Miss McMurtrie. Mr. Bowman purchased a farm near Seybertville, Pa. where he lived. He was an upright man respected by the community in which he lived.

MRS. PERNINA BOWMAN SMITH, daughter of Henry and Sarah B. Bowman.

Pernina was born May 12, 1823. She died August 27, 1846. On November 9, 1845 she married Mr. Joseph Henry Smith, a native of the state of New York. Her death occurred nine days after the birth of her daughter, Pernina.

Learning of her daughter's illness, Sarah Bowman, Mrs. Smith's mother, went to the home of the daughter. When

she arrived at the village of Palmyra, near the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, she was informed of the serious illness of her daughter. Her surprise and sorrow can be imagined, when she was apprized upon entering the home, that her daughter was dead.

Her granddaughter Pernina writes "that grandmother certainly had a great disappointment when she came to see my mother and found her dead."

The one child of Joseph and Mrs. Pernina Bowman Smith was named:

Pernina Mary. Born August 18, 1846.

PERNINA MARY SMITH, daughter of Joseph and Pernina Bowman Smith.

Pernina was born August 18, 1846. On November 10, 1870 she married Mr. Eli Frank Rosecrantz. He was born November 21, 1845. He died July 11, 1911. Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Rosecrantz is living at Union Springs, New York. This village is located on the east side of Cayuga Lake. It is thirty miles from Ithaca, and twelve miles from Auburn. Mrs. Smith spends the winter months with her son and his family in the city of New York.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Rosecrantz are:

George Smith, born April 21, 1872.

Flora, born July 10, 1878, died October 22, 1878.

GEORGE SMITH ROSECRANTZ, son of Eli Frank and Pernina M. Rosecrantz.

George was born April 21, 1872. On December 24, 1913, he married Miss Nellie Kennedy. Their home is 429 West 124th St., New York City.

July and September of each year they visit their mother at Union Springs, New York, giving them a needed summer outing and a pleasant family reunion.



JAMES BROWN, JR., son of James and Sarah Allison Brown.

JAMES BROWN was born May 5, 1750. He married a lady whose name was Elizabeth. She was eccentric. This resulted in the separation of the couple. The husband and their son James came to Pennsylvania.

The son James located at Newberry, Pa., where he died in 1838. He is buried at that place. James had one son, Adam who at one time lived at 2100 West Fourth Street, Newberry, Pa. Memories of these relatives were revived by a visit made to them in 1865 by William N. Brown.

Miss Ellen Otto said that one of these relatives visited them at their McKean County home.

The children of James and Elizabeth Brown are:

Camp.  
James who lived at Newberry.  
John.  
Ralph.  
Nicholas.

James Brown Jr., was killed by being run over by a wagon.

CAMP BROWN, son of James and Elizabeth Brown, had a son named,  
Benjamin.

BENJAMIN BROWN, son of Camp Brown, had one son named:  
Joseph.

MARTHA BROWN, daughter of James and Sarah Allison Brown.

Martha was born November 15, 1753, died April 2, 1831. She married Henry Brugler, who died October 1, 1827. They lived their lives in the vicinity of the old Brown homestead in northern New Jersey. The children of Henry and Martha Brown Brugler are:

- Henry, who never married.
- Peter, who married Nancy Casibuner.
- James, born October 23, 1781. Married Anna Hagerman.
- Sally, born in 1777, died September 27, 1861. Married William Hagerman.
- Polly, married John Nice.

JAMES BRUGLER, son of Henry and Martha Brown Brugler.

James was born October 23, 1781. Died September 27, 1861. He married Anna Hagerman. Their children are:

- Delia, born November 1, 1805.
- Hannah, born March 8, 1809.
- Henry, born January 15, 1810.
- Martha, born January 1, 1811.
- Samuel, born May 31, 1813.
- Peter, born June 10, 1815.
- Francis, born November 10, 1818, died October 27, 1822.
- Alfred, born March 15, 1853.
- James Clinton, born May 21, 1827.

HANNAH BELLES, daughter of James and Anna Hagerman Brugler.

Hannah married a Mr. Belles. Her father, James Brugler, was a son of Henry and Martha Brown Brugler. The latter was the daughter of James, and Sarah Allison Brown. Hannah was born March 8, 1809. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Belles are:

- Emma Catherine. She married David B. Low. She died in May, 1885.
- Mary, deceased. She never married.
- Anna, deceased. Married Abraham H. Brands.
- Caroline, deceased. She married John F. Brands.

EMMA CATHERINE BELLES, was born in 1841. She died in 1885. She married David B. Low. They had one child:

ISAAC B. LOW, D. D. S., son of Emma C. and David Brands Low.

Isaac Low traces his line through his mother, Mrs. Emma Catherine Belles Low, whose mother was Hannah Brugler Belles, who was the daughter of James Brugler, who was the son of Henry Brugler, who married Martha, the third child of James and Sarah Allison Brown.

Dr. Isaac B. Low was born April 19, 1874, in Knowlton Township, Warren County, New Jersey.

He matriculated in the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, and graduated in the class of 1902.

On December 25, 1901 he married Miss Mary Bell Smith. The children of Dr. and Mrs. Low are:

Olive Frances, born February 21, 1905.

Marion Emma, born January 24, 1913.

Dr. Low located at Sussex, New Jersey. Here he enjoys a profitable dental practice.

ANNA BELLES married Abram H. Brands.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Brands are:

James. Died in boyhood.

Amelia. Married Asher Sandt. They had no children. Both deceased.

Edith. Married Grant Henry. They live at Great Meadows, N. J.

Peter. Married Mame Russeling.

George. Married Martha Linneberry. Lives at Knowlton, N. J.

PETER BELLES, son of Abram H. and Ann Belles Brands.

Peter married Miss Mame Russeling. They live at Columbia, N. J. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Russeling are:

Russeling, born June 16, 1889.

Isaac, born January 24, 1898.

Margaret, born July 7, 1905.

Mary Edith, born August 24, 1907.

Russeling was a soldier in the World War. He saw service in France.

CAROLINE BELLES, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hannah Belles.

Caroline Belles married John F. Brands. Mr. and Mrs. Belles had three children:

Bertha. Married William Van Allen. They are living in California.

Mabel. Married Mr. Smith. They live in Newark.

Florence. Married a Mr. Smith. Died soon after marriage.

SARAH BROWN was the fourth child of James and Sarah Allison Brown.

She was born April 10, 1857. She married Ralph Brugler. Their children are:

marriage.

Samuel who married Sallie Titus. They had two sons and two daughters.

Peter married Kitty Fritz. They had four daughters.

Mary married Abraham Freas.

Abram Freas lived at Hope, N. J. He was a merchant. He became the sheriff of Warren County, New Jersey. Abram and Mary Brugler had seven children. Three sons and four daughters.

DANIEL BROWN, son of James and Sarah Allison Brown.

In the will of James Brown he decreed that his son Daniel should live with his mother until he was of full age, unless his executors should decide that he should learn a trade. The result was that Daniel learned the trade of milling. This trade was the cause of his tragic death. An

accident in the mill, whether caused by the machinery or otherwise, is not known, resulted in his untimely death. He was born on May 3, 1763.

Daniel married Rachel Brands. Rachel was a sister of David Brands. The latter was the great grandfather of Mary Brands, who married Dr. J. J. Brown of Bloomsburg, Pa.

The children of Daniel and Rachel Brands Brown are :

Sarah, of whom there is no information.

John, the father of Mrs. Jacob Yohe.

David, the father of Jacob Brown.

Dorothy, who married Peter Snyder. Went to Michigan.

Jacob.

James, Carlisle Brown's father. He died April 26, 1875.

DAVID BROWN, son of Daniel and Rachel Brands Brown.

David was born July 4, 1788. He married Sarah Lowry. Sarah was born February 14, 1789. They were married August 2, 1810.

The children of David and Sarah Lowry Brown are :

Eleanor, born May 22, 1811.

Jacob, born January 28, 1815.

Sarah, born June 2, 1823.

Eleanor married John Fisher. She died August 23, 1830 and is buried in the Brown Cemetery near Mifflinville, Pa.

David Brown was a soldier in the war of— 1812. He became one of the most successful man of affairs in his community. He lived near what is known as Hetlerville in Mifflin Township, Columbia County, Pa. He died February 19, 1868, aged 79 years, 1 month and 15 days. He and his wife Sarah are buried in the cemetery at Mifflinville, Pa.

SARAH, the daughter of David and Sarah Lowry Brown.

Sarah was born June 2, 1823. She married Stephen Swank. Their children are:

Julia, who married S. M. Townsend of Hornell, N. Y., died June 8, 1919.

Jennie married George Jenkins, a druggist of Scranton, Pa.

Minnie married Albert Bidleman.

Ella married William Hortman.

JULIA, daughter of Stephen and Sarah Brown Swank.

Julia was educated in the public schools of her home at Hetlerville, Pa. and at a select school taught by Hiram Hutchison in Mifflinville, Pa. She married Mr. S. M. Townsend of Hornell, N. Y. Their children are:

Kate, a teacher of drawing and music.

Edna who married the Rev. Franklin Kennedy. He commands fine appointments  
In his Conference, the Methodist Episcopal.

ELLA, daughter of Stephen and Sarah Brown Swank.

Ella married Mr. William Hortman. Their children are:

Raymond Swank,

Lillian married T. J. Irish. They had one child,  
Marycloise.

Irene.

William Hortman died April 15, 1920.

RAYMOND SWANK HORTMAN, son of Ella and William Hortman.

He married Jessie Beach October 14, 1903. Their children are:

Roland William, born April 19, 1905.

Edythe, born December 29, 1907.

Laura, born December 8, 1916.

JACOB BROWN, son of David and Sarah Lowry Brown.

Jacob Brown was born January 28, 1815. He died June

11, 1891. He married Catherine Hutchins who was born August 28, 1811 and died September 21, 1900. Their children are:

David S.

N. W. Hutchins, born May 25, 1839 and died November 28, 1912.

Catherine, born December 14, 1843.

Henrietta Ellen, died June 8, 1868.

DAVID S., son of Jacob and Catherine Hutchins Brown.

David S. Brown married Dorothy Brown, a daughter of Matthew Brown, January 1, 1856. David Brown's great grandfather was Daniel Brown. His wife, Dorothy, was a great granddaughter of John Brown. John and Daniel were brothers.

The family history of David is described under the head of Dorothy Brown, daughter of Matthew Brown.

David lived on a farm midway between Mifflinville and Mainville which was presented to him by his grandfather, David Brown, for being his namesake.

David was of an intellectual turn of mind. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature for a number of years. He died in Mifflinville, Pa.

N. W. H. BROWN, son of Jacob and Catherine Hutchins Brown.

Hutchins Brown was born May 25, 1839. He died November 28, 1912. He lived on his farm midway between Mifflinville, Pa. and Mainville. He married Margaret Mather of Millville, Pa. Their children are:

Jesse, born March 20, 1868, died September 30, 1899.

Sallie B., died in infancy.

J. Walter, now Dixon, Ill, married Mary L. Keeler.

V. Earl, born \_\_\_\_\_ He married Miss Blanch D. Fry October 5, 1911. She died May 19, 1915. She was born, November 30, 1887.

HENRIETTA ELLEN, daughter of Jacob and Catherine Hutchins Brown.

Henrietta was born January 26, 1841. She died June 8, 1868. On October 4, 1860 she married William H. Utt. Mr. Utt afterwards entered the Civil War. He was a Commissioner of Columbia County, Pennsylvania.

The children of William H. and Henrietta Ellen Utt are:

Mary Catherine, born July 31, 1861. Married Daniel H. Rote.

Edwin Brown, born November 16, 1865, died September 22, 1878.

Jacob Luther, born June 8, 1868, died September 10, 1868.

Elmer Fulton was born June 8, 1868, died April 17, 1870. These were twins.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel H. Rote have made Conyngham, Luzerne County, their home. Their residence is on the hill north of Conyngham. From their broad and commodious porches there are views superb. The beautiful Conyngham and Butler valleys are just beyond. Hills, vales, fertile valleys, and mountains spread before the eye like a panorama. Tourists tarry at this beautiful spot and seek permission to feast their eyes on these views magnificent.

CATHERINE, daughter of Jacob and Catherine H. Brown.

She was born December 14, 1843. She married J. Wesley John, December 25, 1862. Their children are:

Bessie, born July, 1864.

Ida, born May 26, 1866.

David, born September 14, 1868, died December 5, 1916.

Ralph R., born December 20, 1870.

J. Stacey, M. D., born February 15, 1873.

Daisy, born March 6, 1875, married Dr. Zimmerman of Mt. Carmel.

Wilson B., born September 21, 1878.

Sarah Grace, born July 21, 1880, married William Langfield.



J. Wesley John died May tenth, nineteen hundred and eight.

BESSIE married Mr. John Miller.

There was but one child from this union, Earl John.

IDA never married.

She has taken upon herself the care of her mother. They live on East 4th Street, Bloomsburg, Pa.

DAVID.

David was a farmer. He never married. He owned a farm on which he lived at the time of his death.

RALPH R. JOHN, ESQ.

Ralph is a practicing lawyer in Bloomsburg, Pa. where he lives. He married Miss Sallie Schweppenhiser, whose mother was Dorothy Waters Schweppenhiser. Mrs. Schweppenhiser's mother was Sarah Brown, a daughter of John Brown. The latter was a son of Daniel Brown.

Ralph R. John's mother was Catherine, a daughter of Jacob Brown. His father was David Brown. David Brown was a son of the same Daniel Brown named above.

This Daniel was a son of the original James Brown who was born in 1716.

DAISY JOHN.

Daisy married Dr. Zimmerman. They are located at Mt. Carmel, Pa. The Dr. makes the eye a specialty. Their success is marked.

WILSON B. JOHN was born September 21, 1878, married Jennie Crites, December 30, 1903. Is living on his farm near Bloomsburg, Pa.

SARAH GRACE JOHN.

Sarah married William Langfield June 21, 1904. She was born July 21, 1880. They are living on their farm near Bloomsburg, Pa.

## JACOB STACEY JOHN, M. D.

Dr. John is a son of Catherine Brown John and J. Wesley John. Catherine was a daughter of Jacob Brown, whose father was David, a son of Daniel, a son of the original James Brown.

Dr. J. Stacey John was born February 15, 1873. His education was obtained at the public schools and at the Bloomsburg State Normal. He graduated at Jefferson Medical College in 1896. He established himself in Bloomsburg and early won a large lucrative practice. Shortly after his location in Bloomsburg, the Bloomsburg Hospital was established. The Dr. was elected to the staff. It was not long until he was elected as the president of the staff of physicians and surgeons of the institution. He is also president of the Hospital Corporation. He is a member of the American Medical Association. Of the International Clinical Congress of Surgeons of North America. A member of the State Medical Society of Pennsylvania and of the Columbia County Medical Society. He is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Bloomsburg, Pa., of which he is a Trustee. He is a director in the Farmers National Bank.

On June 26, 1902, Dr. John married Miss Mae A., daughter of Peter and Samantha Evans. Her father was a prominent business man of Columbia County, he having been one of the founders, and up to the time of his death a director, of the Farmers National Bank of Bloomsburg, Pa. She is cultured and refined.

Usually surgeons connected with hospitals are denied promotion, responsibility, and experience with major operations, until the vim and dare of youth has gone. With Dr. John this was not the case. Early in his professional career, by virtue of the fact that the Hospital was just established, from the beginning he wielded the scalpel in performing the difficult operations. He possessed an inborn

talent for surgery. In this field it rapidly developed. He is now a leading surgeon of this part of Pennsylvania. His success is unusual.

As an operator he is deliberate. He decides wisely and promptly. He has acquired great skill in the use of the knife.

When Dr. John was a very young man, the citizens of Bloomsburg, Pa. honored him by electing him a member of the town council. He is one of the large real estate holders of Bloomsburg, Pa.

JAMES BROWN, son of Daniel and Rachel Brands Brown.

James was born

He died April 26,

1875. He married Miss Margaret Leida. The children of James and Rachel are:

Daniel, born May 1, 1815, died in 1854. Never married.

Elizabeth, born November 16, 1816, married Robert Bartow.

Jacob was born August 1, 1818, died June 20, 1909, married Fannie Belles.

Margaret, born January 27, 1820, died 1908, married Jabez Snover.

Sally Ann, born July 5, 1821, died March 15, 1899. Was married.

Rachel, born May 1, 1823, died November 2, 1887, married Richard Slack.

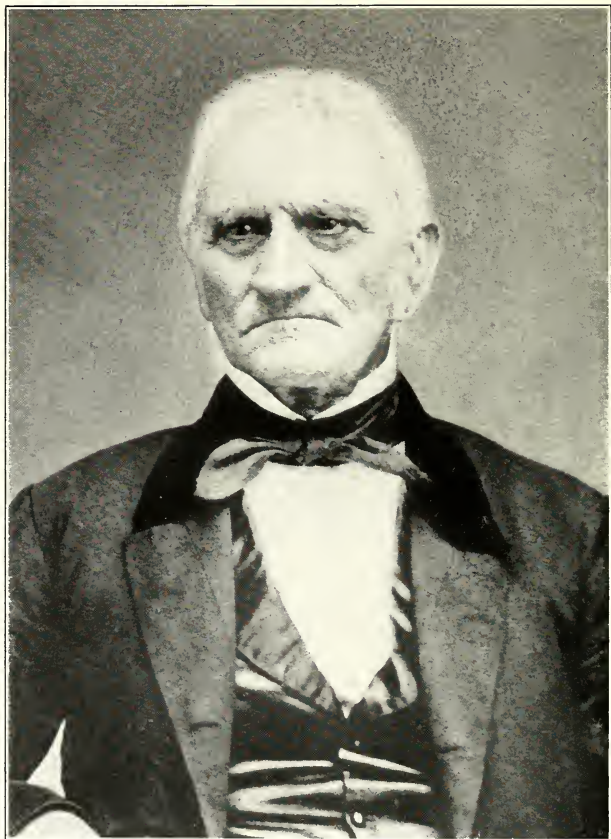
Euphany, born February 5, 1825, died July 21, 1889, married to George W. Smith.

James Jr., born April 27, 1827, died August, 1854. Never married.

John L. Brown, born March 21, 1829, died August, 1893. Married Charlotte Axford.

Catury, born March 21, 1831, died April 30, 1911. Married William B. Moon.

Dorothy, born June 15, 1833, married John Huff. Two children: Carlisle and James.



James Brown, son of Daniel Brown

Jehiel, born October 20, 1835, died June 10, 1908.  
Carlisle, born November 16, 1839, married Sarah  
Angle. They had no children.

CARLISLE BROWN, son of James and Margaret Leida  
Brown.

Carlisle Brown was born November 16, 1839. He mar-  
ried Miss Sarah Angle. They have no children. They have  
retired from the activities of life, and are spending their  
closing days in their comfortable home at Columbia, N. J.  
where they are enjoying the fruits of a successful and busy  
life.

JOHN L. BROWN, son of James and Margaret Leida  
Brown.

John L. Brown was born March 21, 1829 and died Au-  
gust , 1893. John L. Brown married Miss Charlotte  
Axford. Their children are :

Margaret and Mary, each having two children.

JACOB BROWN, son of James and Margaret Leida Brown.

Jacob Brown was born August 1, 1818 and died June 20,  
1909. He married Miss Fannie Belles. They had several  
children all of whom are deceased . The name of one was :

Jabez, who had a son Jacob, who is living at Sayre,  
Pa.

There are other grand children :

John Smith of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.  
George Smith of West Pittston, Pa,  
Arthur Smith of Hainesburg, N. J.  
Oscar of an unknown address.  
Laura Smith.

CATURY BROWN, daughter of James and Margaret  
Leida Brown.

Catury Brown was born March 31, 1831. She died on  
April 30, 1911. She was married, but her children are all  
deceased. One of her grandchildren, Sadie Womer, is living

at Columbia, N. J. Her husband's name was William B. Moore. They were married February 14, 1860. He died April 30, 1911.

DOROTHY BROWN, daughter of James and Margaret Leida Brown.

Dorothy was born June 15, 1833. She married John Huff, whom she survives.

JEHIEL BROWN, son of James and Margaret Leida Brown.

Jehiel was born October 20, 1835. He died June 10, 1908.

DANIEL BROWN, son of James and Margaret Leida Brown, was born May 18, 1815, died in August, 1854.

ELIZABETH BROWN, daughter of James and Margaret Leida Brown, was born November 16, 1816. She married Robert Bartow.

EUPHANY BROWN, daughter of James and Margaret Leida Brown, born February 5, 1825, died July 21, 1889. She married George Smith.

JAMES BROWN, son of James and Margaret Leida Brown, was born April 27, 1827. He died in August, 1854. He never married.

JOHN BROWN, son of Daniel and Rachel Brands Brown.

John Brown was born in Sussex, now Warren County, New Jersey. He married Miss Elizabeth Linneberry. He emigrated to Mifflin Township, Columbia County, Pa. The children of John and Elizabeth Linneberry Brown are:

Jerusha, who married Mr. Rough. They lived at Nescopeck, Pa.

Mary Ann, who married John Yohe.

Dorothy, who married William Aten.

Rachel married Jacob Yohe.

Margaret married Gideon Nuss. One son, John,  
lives at Nescopeck, Pa.  
James, who lived at Nescopeck, Pa.  
David.  
George married Miss Sarah Creasy.  
John.

After the death of his wife Elizabeth, Mr. Brown married Miss Catherine Hall. There were no children from this second marriage.

MARY ANN, daughter of John and Elizabeth Linneberry Brown.

Mary Ann married John Yohe. The children of John and Mary Ann Brown Yohe are:

Hannah, who married Samuel Smith. She lives at Berwick, Pa.

Mary married Thomas Davis. They are living at Reading.

Naomi, who married John Kirkendall, was born October 6, 1842.

William. Never married.

Jefferson, who was murdered on the Mahanoy Mountain.

Daniel married Miss Warntz.

HANNAH YOHE, daughter of John and Mary Ann Brown Yohe.

Hannah Yohe married Samuel Smith. Their children are:

Calvin married Mary Shell.

Charles G. married Agnes Wrike.

Violette married Charles Campbell.

NAOMI YOHE, daughter of John and Mary Ann Brown Yohe.

Naomi married John Kirkendall, March 22, 1864. Their children are:

Minnie, born July 17, 1868, died July 3, 1872.

William B., who married Miss Virdie Heacock, born November 21, 1872.

Grace Margaret, who married Wilson Bond, June 6, 1902, was born June 24, 1881.

WILLIAM B. KIRKENDALL, son of John and Naomi Yohe Kirkendall.

William B. Kirkendall, married Miss Virdie Heacock. Their children are:

Harold John. He was born November 15, 1898.

Irene Margaret. Was born October 1, 1902.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkendall were married December 9, 1896.

MRS. EDWARD SMITH, daughter of David, son of John, son of Daniel, son of the first James Brown.

Mrs. Edward Smith was born October 8, 1854. July 14, 1872, she married E. H. Smith. They are at this writing living in Nescopeck, Pa. The children of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Smith are:

Lidia F., born September 2, 1874. Deceased.

Jennie I., born September 19, 1876. Married Forrest C. Miller.

Erastus M., born December 31, 1878. Married Flora Tyson.

Creighton F., born December 21, 1881. Married Dorothy Summers.

Grace J., born October 16, 1888. Deceased.

Clyde R., born September, 1891. Deceased.

Maud H., born October 22, 1895. Married Wilson Musselman.

JAMES BROWN, son of John, son of Daniel, son of the first James.

James Brown was born \_\_\_\_\_ He died September 29, 1894. He married Miss Esther Blase.

Their children are:

Catherine, born July 15, 1849, died February 10, 1852.

Martha Ann, born August 16, 1851.



Esther, born February 11, 1853. Married Edward Reynolds.

After the death of his first wife Mr. James Brown married Hannah Nuss. The children of James and Hannah Nuss Brown are:

William John, born April 6, 1854, died September 22, 1859.

Mary Ann, born April 26, 1856. Deceased. Married Frank Myers.

Sarah Jane, born May 28, 1858. Married William Thrash.

Frances, born January 28, 1860, died September 4, 1860.

Harvey Wilson, born August 21, 1861, died January 24, 1874.

Emma Jerusha, born June 27, 1864, died January 8, 1865.

Samuel Lloyd, born April 13, 1865, died February 4, 1869.

Milton J., born July 11, 1867, married Mira Monroe.

George Nathan, born March 14, 1869, died December 15, 1875.

Cora Alice, born December 28, 1872, married William Newhard.

Ellen May, born March 9, 1875, married Daniel Sult.

MARTHA ANN, daughter of James Brown, son of John, son of Daniel, son of the first James Brown.

Martha married Samuel Bond. The children of Samuel and Martha A. Brown Bond are:

Cora C. who married Charles Evans. Cora was born February 28, 1877.

Minerva C. who married Michael W. Peters. She was born August 22, 1882.

After the decease of Mr. Bond, Martha married Daniel Shine. They are living at Nescopeck, Pa. They were married February 22, 1919.

ESTHER, daughter of James, son of John, son of Daniel Brown.

Esther Brown married Edward Reynolds.

MARY ANN, daughter of James and Hannah Nuss Brown. She was born April 25, 1856.

Mary Ann married James Franklin Myers. The children of James F. and Mary Ann Brown Myers are:

Maud A., born September 13, 1878, died October 17, 1917, married George Heacock.

John S., born September 30, 1879, married Jennie Elizabeth.

Edgar W., born June 7, 1881, married Mary E. Bull.  
Earl L., born July 7, 1889, married Mary Elizabeth Horning.

Walter H., born March 12, 1891, married Martha Hoag.

Clarence F., born January 4, 1886, married Gertrude I. Smith.

Cora B., born October 20, 1896, married Drew Gingler.

CORA B., daughter of James and Mary Ann Brown Myers.

Cora married Drew Gingler. Mr. and Mrs. Gingler have one child:

Gretchen, born in 1917.

SARAH JANE, daughter of John and Sarah Nuss Brown.

Sarah was born May 28, 1858. She married William Thrash. They are at this date living on Orchard Street, Berwick, Pa. The children of William and Sarah Brown Thrash are:

Myron Willard, born September 30, 1886.

Milton H. W., born April 10, 1889, died January 16, 1890.

George D., born June 20, 1891, died March 26, 1892.

Luther Jameson, born January 3, 1897.

Claud E., born 1882, died June 14, 1904.

Elizabeth L., born July 21, 1880, died May 27 1892.

MILTON J., son of James Brown, son of John, son of Daniel, son of James.

Milton J. was born July 11, 1867. He married Miss Mira Monroe. Mr. and Mrs. Milton J. Brown have one child:

David, who married Lulu Gerheart. They had one son, Paul.

CORA ALICE, daughter of James, son of John, son of Daniel, of James.

Cora Alice married William Newhard. The children of William and Cora Alice Brown Newhard are:

Gladys, born January 13, 1897.  
Rutherford, born October 5, 1899.  
William, born July 19, 1905.  
Ardens, born September 26, 1910.  
Pauline, born October 11, 1912.

ELLEN MAY, daughter of James Brown, son of John, son of Daniel.

Ellen May was born March 9, 1875. She married Daniel Sult. They are living in Berwick. Mr. and Mrs. Sult have three children:

Fannie E., born August 21, 1895.  
Alonzo J., born December 24, 1905.  
Carmelia J., born November 14, 1915.

JOHN STINZEN MYERS, son of Mary Ann, daughter of James, son of John Brown.

John S. Myers was born September 30, 1879. Married Jennie Elizabeth. Their children are:

Margaret Frealen, born October 27, 1902.  
Paul Orlando, born August 27, 1904.  
Cora Ellen, born December 28, 1916.

EDGAR W. MYERS, son of Mary Ann, daughter of James, son of John Brown.

Edgar W. Myers was born June 7, 1881. He married Mary E. Bull. Their children are:



1904, 54 years of age.

Ellen, born in 1856. Married William Hartzell. Sharretts was born December 9, 1854.

Loretta, born May 7, 1863. Married Clarence Kelchner.

ELLEN BROWN HARTZELL, daughter of George and Sarah Creasy Brown.

Ellen married William Hartzell. The children of William and Ellen Brown Hartzell are:

Meda married C. Shuffelton. Lives in New York City. No children.

Ralph, never married.

Ruth, not married.

After the death of Mr. Hartzell, Ellen married Norman Welliver, now deceased.

SHARRETTS BROWN, son of George, son of John, son of Daniel, son of James.

Sharretts Brown was born December 9, 1854. He married Miss Amanda Singley, June 5, 1880. The children of Sharretts and Amanda Singley Brown are:

Maize, born October 1, 1884. Married Ezra Lutz.

Mary, born July 10, 1891. Married George Sidler.

Floyd, born August 31, 1897. Not married. Lives in Iowa.

Sharretts Brown died April 27, 1917, aged 59 years, four months, and eighteen days.

MAIZE BROWN LUTZ, daughter of Sharretts Brown.

Maize was born October 1, 1884. She married Mr. Ezra Lutz, September 11, 1907. The children of Ezra and Maize Brown Lutz, are:

Creole.

Lela.

MARY BROWN SIDLER, daughter of Sharretts Brown.

Mary was born July 10, 1891. On February 14, 1917

she married Mr. George Sidler. Their home is in Danville, Pa. They have no children.

LORETTA BROWN KELCHNER, daughter of George and Sarah C. Brown.

Loretta was born May 7, 1863. She married Mr. Clarence Kelchner. Their children are:

Maud married George Naugle. Have one child, Permilla.

Bruce. He is single. Lives at his parent's home in Berwick, Pa.

DAVID BROWN, son of John, son of Daniel, son of James Brown.

David Brown married Hannah Fry.

After the death of Hannah, David Brown married Sallie Houck. The children of David and Hannah Fry Brown are:

John H. married Miss Jacoby.

Lucinda J. married Mr. Moyer.

Eli S. married Miss Fannie Michael.

Lydia married Mr. Hetler. She is deceased.

Ella, deceased.

Emma, deceased.

Sarah, deceased.

George.

Hannah L. married Mr. Hetler.

ELI S. BROWN, was a son of David and Hannah Fry Brown.

Eli S. Brown married Miss Fannie Michael. Their child is:

Henry John.

The address of Eli S. Brown is Nescopeck, Pa., R. D. 2.

HENRY JOHN BROWN, son of Eli S. and Fannie Michael Brown.

Henry John Brown married Miss Lizzie Nuss. Their children are:

Harold B.

Romain.

Allen. Born July 1, 1911, died February 27, 1921.

Margaret.

Fannie.

Homer. born April 12, 1908, died April 7, 1921.

ROMAIN BROWN, daughter of Henry John and Lizzie Nuss Brown.

On a September afternoon, Lovetta Pollard, Dorothy N., Martha B., John G., and J. J. Brown, chartered Mr. Schoemaker's seven passenger car. The old Stone Church, the Nescopeck valley, and the beautiful ravine leading to the summit, made the excursion delightful.

When reaching the bridge at Lutz's blacksmith shop, the automobile struck. No inducements, nor persuasions at our command would overcome the obstinacy of the machine. And twelve miles from help. While the telephone was being placed in requisition, a bevy of school girls passed. To relieve the situation we struck up a conversation. One said she was Romain Brown. The writer was on the hunt for Browns. We were writing their genealogy. Information later furnished, resulted in tracing the line of Romain Brown, through Henry Brown, Eli S. Brown, David Brown, John Brown, Daniel Brown, who was a son of the original James Brown who was born in England in 1716.

Help from Bloomsburg ended the transportation trouble. One safety pin connecting the wires, the electric current flowed, the wheels went around, home was reached, and the postponed supper enjoyed.

SALLIE BROWN WATERS, daughter of John Brown.

Sallie's father was a son of Daniel Brown, a son of the original James. She married Lawrence Waters, a native of England. He was an educated man and was a teacher.

Their children are:

Dorothy Ann, married Eleazar Schweppenhiser.

John, married Maria Hess.

Thomas, died at the age of twenty.

David Lawrence, married Miss Keen. They had four children.

Malinda, married Stephen Ervine. When widowed, married Mr. Drum.

The children of John and Maria Hess Waters are:

W. A. Waters.

Dorothy, who married Norman Hess.

Sallie, who died at the age of two years.

W. A. WATERS, son of John and Marie Waters.

W. A. Waters married Miss Myrtle E. Wagner. Their one child is:

Florence Waters, who married Lee H. Hassert.

After the death of Mrs. Waters, Mr. Waters married Miss Clara Kunkle, a typist. Mr. Waters is the proprietor of the Columbia Steam Laundry at Bloomsburg, Pa.

FLORENCE WATERS, daughter of W. A. and Marie Waters.

Florence married Mr. Lee H. Hassert. His father is a member of the firm of Harman & Hassert, car builders at Bloomsburg, Pa. His mother is a daughter of Rev. Henry Wilson, of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They are living at Passaic, N. J. and have one child:

George Lee Hassert Jr., born December 15, 1920.

MALINDA, daughter of Mrs. Sallie and Lawrence Waters.

Malinda married Stephen Ervine. After his death she married a Mr. Drum. Mr. and Mrs. Ervine had one child:

Barton Eugene.

BARTON EUGENE ERVINE, son of Mrs. Malinda and Stephen Ervine.

Barton learned the mercantile business, which he followed until his health failed. He married Miss Hattie Kel-



ler. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a model Christian man. He died at the noonday of his life universally beloved. His death cast a gloom over the entire community.

DAVID LAWRENCE WATERS, son of Mrs. Sallie Brown and L. Waters.

David married Miss Della Singley. They had four children:

Lawrence.  
Harvey.  
Thomas.  
Byron.

BYRON WATERS, son of David and Mrs. Della Waters.

Byron married Miss Lottie, the estimable daughter of Stephen Smoyer of Mifflinville, Pa.

DOROTHY ANN, daughter of Lawrence and Sallie Brown Waters.

Dorothy Ann married Eleazer Schweppenhiser. They owned a farm and conducted a store in Mifflin Township, Columbia County, Pa. The children of Dorothy Ann and Eleazer Schweppenhiser are:

Claud Emmett.  
Mira M.  
Margaret Alice.  
Sallie C.

CLAUD EMMETT, son of Eleazer and Dorothy Waters Schweppenhiser.

Claud Emmett and his sisters trace their lineage to the original James Brown, through their mother Dorothy, who was a daughter of Sallie Brown Waters, who was a daughter of John Brown, who was a son of Daniel Brown, one of the sons of James Brown.

Claud Emmett Schweppenhiser, son of Eleazer and Dorothy Brown Schweppenhiser, was educated at the Bloomsburg State Normal School. He taught five terms in the public schools of Columbia County, Pa.

He matriculated at the Philadelphia Dental College, graduating in the class of 1908. While a student at college he was honored by his associates by being elected Secretary of the Zithisiz Fraternity.

After his graduation he located at Berwick, Pa. where he is now practicing his profession.

He married Miss Mabel Bennett of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. She is a daughter of Calvin and Ella Bidleman Bennett.

Dr. and Mrs. Schweppenhiser have one child:

Claud Bennett, born April 7, 1916.

MIRA M., daughter of Eleazer and Dorothy Waters Schweppenhiser.

Mira M. was born July 30, 1867. On October 24, 1889 she married Mr. I. L. Snyder, who was connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad at Hazleton, Pa. Mr. Snyder was born May 23, 1860 and died August 16, 1913.

After the death of Mr. Snyder, Mrs. Snyder purchased a home in Bloomsburg, Pa. where she now lives. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder had one child:

Dorothy Alice who was born June 25, 1897.

Dorothy graduated at the Bloomsburg State Normal School, class of 1917. For some years she was a successful teacher. On June 8, 1921 at a beautiful home wedding she was married to Mr. Dale Sanders Guthrie, of the Farmers National Bank, Bloomsburg, Pa. Mr. Guthrie was in the service during the recent World War. He is an able cultured Christian man. They are living in Bloomsburg.

MARGARET ALICE, daughter of Eleazer and Dorothy Schweppenhiser.

On December 27, 1907 Margaret married Mr. John Hosler. They live at Mifflinville, Pa.

SALLIE C., daughter of Eleazer and Dorothy Schweppenhiser.

Sallie married R. R. John, Esq., a successful attorney of Bloomsburg, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. John trace their ancestry back to Daniel, one of the sons of James Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. John have one child:

DOROTHY C. born September 10, 1905. She is a bright young lady of fine parts.

Rachel Brown married Jacob Yohe.

Rachel was the daughter of John Brown, a son of Daniel Brown, son of James. She married Jacob Yohe. October 18, 1836.

Their children are:

Wesley, born March 26, 1857. Deceased.

Ezra Hayhurst, born April 26, 1839.

Margaraet Elizabeth, born March 20, 1842.

David Brown, born January 19, 1845.

Ashbel Gwinn, born August 20, 1847. Married Miss Savilla Klingerman.

Naomi Jane, born June 19, 1849.

Benjamin Fortner, born July 30, 1852.

Marshall Kinney, born October 28, 1855. Deceased.

Children of WESLEY YOHE are:

Jennie married Reuben Neyhart, living at Shamokin.

Frank.

Children of Gwinn Yohe are:

Charles, living in Bloomsburg. Married Miss Bertha McQuay.

Bell Yohe married Mr. Fisher of Bloomsburg, Pa. Bloomsburg, Pa.

CHARLES YOHE, son of Gwinn Klingerman Yohe.

Charles and Bertha McQuay Yohe were married January 4, 1917. Have one child:

Doyle Clair. Their home is in Bloomsburg, Pa.

BELL, daughter of Gwinn Klingerman Yohe.

Bell married Mr. Fisher, the proprietor of the East End Hotel, at Bloomsburg, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher have one child:

Homer B. He was in the Military Training Service during the World War.

MARGARET, daughter of Jacob and Rachel Brown Yohe.

Margaret Elizabeth Yohe married Martin Luther Hutchins, on the second day of November, 1865. Their children are:

George married Miss Florence Campbell. They have two children.

Homer and Eugene Francis, both served in the late World War.

Reece married Miss Green. They have two children.

Martin Luther, M. D. who served in the late war.

Rush married Miss Stine. They have one son Arthur.

Mintie, who lives with her mother in Bloomsburg.

Martin Reed. Deceased.

Jacob Wesley. Deceased.

Irene. Deceased.

Harriet. Deceased.

Claud. Deceased.

Mrs. Margaret Yohe Hutchins purchased a property on East Third Street, Bloomsburg, Pa. after leaving Rock Glen, her former home, where she now lives. She is a consistent member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Bloomsburg, Pa. Her husband, Mr. Luther Hutchins, while they resided at Rock Glen, was in the lumber and mercantile business. Mrs. Hutchin's father, Jacob Yohe, was at one time Treasurer of Columbia County, Pa.

Mrs. Margaret Yohe was a daughter of Jacob, who was a son of Peter Yohe, who married Naomi Fortner a daughter of Andrew Fortner, one of the children of Isabel Douglas, whose life history is recorded on another page of this volume.

CHARITY BROWN, the fifth child of James and Sarah Allison Brown.

Charity was born April 15, 1765. She married George Mordan. Their children are:

James. Died when young of tuberculosis.

George never married.

John married Nancy Stanton.

Sally married John Freeman, grandfather of Enos H. Freeman.

Nellie married John Lance. Died April 6, 1840, aged 53 years and 27 days.

Mary.

Azuba married Daniel Pringrose.

Sally Mordan above named, had a brother John Mordan. He was an uncle to Mr. E. H. Freeman. His Post-office address is Factoryville, Pa.

#### SALLY MORDAN FREEMAN.

Sally was a daughter of Charity Brown and George Mordan. Charity, a daughter of the original James Brown.

She married John Freeman. Their children are:

Mary Ann.

Andrew.

Jacob.

Henry.

Rebecca.

Baltis.

One child who died in infancy.

#### BALTIS FREEMAN.

Baltis Freeman, a son of Sally and John Freeman, married Julia A. Coffman. Their children are:

Enos H. who married Sarah Brands.

Ulysses Grant.

Evaline Julia.

George B.

Edmund A.

Zelle E. married Mr. Gardner. They live at Clarks Summit.

## ENOS H. FREEMAN.

Mr. Freeman was a son of Baltis Freeman, who was a son of Sally, a daughter of Charity Brown, daughter of James Brown who came from England.

Mr. Freeman was born in Factoryville, Pa.

Here he spent his early life. When a young man, he and his father were contractors and builders. Mr. E. H. Freeman never possessed robust health. The burden of his vocation was too heavy. He became a jeweler. For many years he conducted a store in Blairstown, New Jersey. After marrying Sadie, the daughter of Mr. David F. Brands of Hackettstown, New Jersey, they built a beautiful cottage in Blairstown where they lived until the death of Mrs. Freeman in 1888. The latter was a sister of Mrs. Mary Brands Brown, the wife of J. J. Brown of Bloomsburg, Pa. Mr. Freeman's great great grandmother was Charity Brown. The great great grandfather of J. J. Brown was John Brown. Charity and John were sister and brother, children of James Brown. Mr. Freeman and J. J. Brown married sisters. After the death of Mrs. Freeman, he married Miss Aquilla Rosencrantz, a member of a leading family of Blairstown, N. J. Mr. Freeman died August 30, 1919 at Factoryville, Pa.

The relationship to some of the Brown descendants to

### ISABEL DOUGLAS

Peter Yohe married Naomi Fortner. She was a daughter of Benjamin Fortner. Benjamin Fortner was a son of Benjamin Fortner who was the husband of Isabel Douglas. Mr. A. Bruce Black, a descendant of Isabel, has kindly written an account of the career of Isabel Douglas which appears in another part of this book. It reads like a fairy tale. Isabel Douglas Fortner's relation to the Browns is in this way.

Jacob Yohe and John Yohe, sons of Peter and Naomi Fortner Yohe married Browns, the daughters of Daniel Brown's son, John. Jacob married Rachel, and John married Mary Ann Brown. Their numerous descendants will appreciate the kindness of Mr. Black in furnishing this sketch, the result of many years of the most careful research, and more than one visit to Scotland to secure records for facts.

In Mr. Black's account he records the deposition of John Barnes concerning Isabel Douglas, where he speaks of her being in "Amwell". Mr. Joseph Garrison one of her descendants, says that the meaning of this is that Isabel was short of money to pay her passage, and that she was placed on the block and sold as a slave for the debt. She was to work for a certain number of years until the debt was paid when she would be free. During this time Mr. Benjamin Fortner fell in love with her. It was a case of true love. In order to shorten her servitude, Mr. Fortner earned money and paid her debt.

At the time of their marriage, Mr. Fortner's friends objected, because they alleged that he was marrying a slave. But he married her all the same.

Mr. Garrison says that Isabel's stepmother compelled her to do menial labor. That she, being of the nobility resented this and left her father's home forever.

Mathias Garrison married Elizabeth Fortner, who was the daughter of Isabel Douglas Fortner. Elizabeth Fortner Garrison is buried in the Brown's graveyard near Mifflinville, Pa. Mathias Garrison, Jr. was the father of Joseph Garrison. Mathias Jr. was a son of the elder Mathias Garrison. Elizabeth Garrison above named was buried in the Brown graveyard in 1825.

Isabel Douglas  
By

Professor A. Bruce Black of the  
Bloomsburg State Normal School.

"Why is it at each turn I trace  
Some memory of that exiled race?  
Can I not mountain maiden spy,  
But she must bear the Douglas eye?  
Can I not view a highland brand,  
But it must match the Douglas hand?  
Can I not frame a fevered dream,  
But still the Douglas is the theme?"

—Scott: *The Lady of the Lake.*

**D**UGLAS was the name of a family who have played a distinguished part in Scotland's history, and who were long the leading noble house in that kingdom. The name, which is of Gaelic derivation, signifies "dark gray" and is said to have originated in the following circumstance. In a battle between the Scots and an invading army of Danes, in which the latter were defeated, the Scottish king had observed a man of stalwart proportions, grizzled locks, and dusky aspect, perform prodigies of valour in the battle, and after the conclusion of the combat, seeing the hero leaning on his sword at a little distance, directed one of his attendants to call yonder dhu-glas man to him. On the approach of the warrior, the monarch complimented him on his prow-



ess, knighted him, and assigned him certain lands for his inheritance. This according to tradition, was the origin of the noble house of Douglas; and whether the story be true or not, it is certain that the race have generally been distinguished by the courage, the stalwart frame, and the swarthy complexion of their progenitor, and many eminent warriors have sprung from this family, especially from the time of William Douglas, in the 13th century, (surnamed the "Hardy"), down to the present time, the last, but not least of whom was Sir Douglas Scott Haig in the late world conflict.

The following in allusion to Sir William Douglas, (surnamed the "Hardy"), is copied from "Caxton's Chronicles" from my library, this book is from the Caxton Press, and was printed in 1480: "The Scots wolde not yelde wherefore the halle was brent and caste downe, and the wardeyn of the castellgaue up the keyes of y castell without ony assaute and there was taken sure Wyllyam Douglas." This happened in the latter part of the thirteenth century. Caxton under date of 1322 in the Reign of Edward the Second, speaks of James Douglas, eldest son of the above, usually called "The Good Sir James" as follows:

"Whan Kynge Adwarde sawe that vytaylles fayled hym he was wonder sore dyscomfyted, because also his men deyed. So at the last he came agen in to Englonde and anon after came James Douglas and also Thomas Radulph with an huge hooste into Englondein to Northumberlonde and wyth them the Englysshemen that were dryven oute of Englonde and came and robbed the countree and slewe y' people."

"Nowe here y' lordes how trayterouslye kynge Edwarde was dysceyved. For James Douglas wyth a huge hoste rode throught out all the hoste of Kynge Edwarde, the same nyght the Scottes escaped towrde theyre owne countree, as is above said until they came to the kynges pavylon and slewe theyre many men in theyre beds, and the people cryed a

Douglas! a Douglas! wherefore the kynge was in hys pavyllon, and much other folke and they were sore afrayde.”

This Sir James Douglas was one of the most eminent of the associates of Sir Robert Bruce, and did distinguished service at the battle of Bannockburn. He afterwards was entrusted with the heart of Robert Bruce (it being Bruce's wish that his heart be buried in “Melrose Abbey”), but on his journey with the sacred deposit he was overpowered by the Saracens in Spain and being too brave to retreat was killed. His body was recovered, however, and brought back for burial in the midst of his ancestors; and the heart of the master he loved and served so well was interred, agreeably with the wish of the king, under the high altar of Melrose Abbey, and the inscription on the tombstone reads “Here lys buried the heart of Robert Brus.”

This Sir James's son William Douglas was called, “England's scourge and Scotland's bulwark.” Caxton speaks of him as follows, in describing the battle of Neville's Cross in 1346 in Edward the Third's reign:

“Thurgh the grace and helpe of God Almyghty the Scottes were ouercomen and yet there thys tymes so many of them as Englyshmen, and theyr was slayne all the chyvalry and knyghtehood of the reame of Scotlonde. And there was taken as they wolde haue fled thens Dauid kynge of Scotlonde hymselfe and the erle of mentys Syr Wyllyam Douglas and many other great men of Scotlonde.”

Archibald Douglas, brother of “Good Sir James”, the friend of Robert Bruce, became regent of Scotland in 1333; but having invaded England, his forces were overcome and he fell mortally wounded, and Edward Baliol was placed on the throne by Edward the Third as the outcome of this battle of Halidon Hill.

This Archibald's son William Douglas was styled the Earle of Douglas and Mar; and was a noted leader in the battle of Poitiers. He was the first Earle of Douglas.

This Archibald's son James, was the second Earle of Douglas, and is the hero of the battle of Otterburn, where he was slain in 1388.

His son Archibald was the fourth Earle of Douglas and is one of the characters in the first part of Shakespeare's play of King Henry the Fourth, he appears in Act 4, and speaking to Hotspur, says:

"As heart can think: there is not such a word Spoke in Scotland, as this dream of fear."

And so we can trace this Bothwell Douglas family right down through history to Isabel's father, Sir Archigald Douglas, who was born at Bothwell Castle in 1690, and from Isabel right down to the descendants in Columbia and Luzerne counties.

The Douglas family has not only been the most prominent family in Scotland, but perhaps in so far as deeds of bravery are concerned the most prominent family in Europe.

William, James, Archibald, and Sholto were prominent names in the Douglas family from the earliest times. William, the eighth Earle of Douglas in 1452, after having de-headed McAllan of Bombie, was invited by King James the Second; (who keenly resented this), to a conference at Stirling Castle, and the king stabbed him with a dagger, and he fell mortally wounded, and was despatched by Sir Patrick Gray with a battle axe. This was the occurrence to which Sir Walter Scott alludes in "The Lady of the Lake," when, in reference to James Douglas of Bothwell, he makes the burghers of Stirling --

"Mourn him pent within the hold  
'Where stout earl William was of old' --  
And there his word the speaker stayed,  
And finger on his lip he laid,  
Or pointed to his dagger blade."

As stated before Isabel Douglas was descended from

this same Bothwell Douglas family who figured in so characteristic a manner in Scott's "Marmion," and in "The Lady of the Lake" the most romantic of all poems, and one of these James Douglas's of Bothwell was the grandfather of Darnley, husband of Mary Queen of Scots. Mary Queen of Scots was beheaded in Fotheringay Castle, which is also located in Bothwell. The two Castles are close together, Bothwell is crumbling away with age, but Fotheringay, like the Edinburgh Castle has been rebuilt out of the old stone.

I have been all thru this district twice, and without doubt the most historical portion of Scotland is this district known as "Trossachs", meaning wooded highland, this being the country lying around Stirling. Battlefields are seen on every side, and the two battlefields and victories of greatest importance to Scotland, Stirling Bridge, and Bannockburn, were fought near at hand. The historic buildings of the town and castle over the Firth of Forth and the Western Hills is indescribable. Who that has once seen the sun descending here in all the blaze of its beauty beyond the purple hills of the west can ever forget the plain of Stirling, the endless charm of this wonderful scene, the wealth, the splendour, the variety, the majesty of all which here lies between earth and heaven.

Isabel Douglas was descended from this romantic family, and had connections with Royalty, and a pedigree extending as far back as the seventh century.

Ellen Douglas is Scott's great poem "The Lady of the Lake" was also a descendant of this family, and there are hundreds of people in Columbia and Luzerne counties, and elsewhere in Pennsylvania that are directly descended from this family, and related to Ellen Douglas, who thru the genius of Walter Scott, is one of the most perfect, charming, and fascinating characters to be found in all literature.

Not only has this family connection with Royalty, but many great men and women in Art and Literature have been descendants of this House of Douglas, the most prominent of which was Shakespeare's great Contemporary William Drummond of Hawthornden, with whom Ben Johnson had his famous conversation in 1619, this is printed in full in the first collected edition of Drummond's Works printed in Edinburg in 1711. I have a copy of this book, and in Drummond's life I find that he was a descendant of the same family.

### Isabel Douglas Leaves Home

Lord Archibald Douglas, the father of Isabel, was born at Bothwell Castle in the town of Bothwell, Scotland, nine miles from Glasgow, in the year 1691, and died at the age of ninety years in 1781, and lies buried near the small town of Renfew, eight miles from Glasgow. I was within a few feet of his tomb, but didn't get to see it, on account of the church having been built back over it. There was an iron door leading to the tomb, but it was locked, and I was told that Lord Blytheswood who lived nearby had the key. I tried to get to see Lord Blytheswood, but the Forrester wouldn't leave me in, although I had a letter from the Hon. William Jennings Bryan as Secretary of State.

Archibald Douglas was married to Jane Edmunds, the mother of Isabel Douglas, in the year 1719, and had the following children by him. Edmund, born 1720, Charles in 1722, James in 1724, Isabel in 1726, and twins, Joseph and Jane, born in 1728. His first wife died when the children were quite young and he married the second time. Isabel quarreled with her stepmother and ran away from home in the year 1742, and having a desire to see America sailed with a lady friend for this country, and while on the way over the vessel she was on was seized by Algerian pirates and they were robbed of all their effects and were

landed in this country destitute of friends or the where-withall to support themselves. In the city of Philadelphia they met a farmer by the name of Amos Thatcher to whom they told their story and he took them to his home in New Jersey. Isabel resided with him for a long while and married one of his farm hands by the name of Benjamin Fortner, and they resided in New Jersey for the balance of their lives. They had twelve children, and Benjamin the seventh child in order moved to Columbia County, Pennsylvania, near Mifflinville. He had three sons and four daughters, George, Andrew, John, Naomi, Frances, and Mercy. Isabel Douglas's daughter Elizabeth also came to Columbia County and married Joseph Garrison's grandfather, Mathias Garrison. She is buried in Browns graveyard near Mifflinville, Pa.

The father of Isabel Douglas wrote for her to come back home, but refused to let her bring her husband with her, to this she wouldn't consent, and upon his death disinherited her, but left 140,000 pounds sterling on interest, the principal to go to her heirs in the fifth generation. In a pamphlet on unclaimed money printed by Robert Gun in London in 1879 appears the name of Lord Archibald Douglas.

His brother James Douglas was a wealthy merchant in Edinburgh, left her also 22,000 pounds sterling upon his death in that city in 1799. In the year 1836 Isabel Fortner's son Andrew Fortner, and Joseph Garrison, the said Joseph Garrison being a son of Elizabeth Garrison the oldest child of Isabel Douglas Fortner, sent Clemuel G. Ricketts, Attorney, to Scotland to look up this estate, I believe on a second trip in 1841 or 1842, but no money was ever collected from the estate for the heirs.

I made a trip to Europe in 1911, and my uncle John Fortner of Centralia, Pa., asked me before I left home if

I wouldn't look this estate up while in Edinburgh and get if possible a copy of this will for him, and I went to the Record Office, and found in the index book they gave me a will made upon the date he gave me by Archibald Douglas, but when I asked to see the will, or the book in which it was recorded, they brought me out the wrong book, and when I asked further to see the will I had found in the index they refused.

In 1914 the heirs sent me to Scotland to look up the estate, and if possible to get a copy of this will, also a copy of the will of her brother James who died in Edinburgh in 1799. I had with me the original will of Andrew Fortner, son of Isabel and Benjamin Fortner in which he speaks of this fortune in Scotland, and his mother's father, Archibald Douglas, and her brother, James who died in Edinburgh. I also had original depositions taken in New Jersey, and have them in my possession at the present time by the following people in New Jersey who personally knew Isabell Fortner. These depositions are dated March 12, 1823, and are signed and sworn to by the following people: William Barnes, John Barnes, Peter Gary, Amos Robins, and Azubah Coats. These depositions all read about the same, and are as follows: The following is a copy of the deposition of John Barnes the 12th day of March, 1823.

State of New Jersey }  
                                  } ss:  
Sussex County         }

Before me James Dewitt Esq., one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the county of Sussex, personally appeared John Barnes of Knowlton in the said County who being duly sworn according to Law deposeth and Saith that he was well acquainted with Benjamin Fortner and Isabel his wife and that they lived together and were believed to be man and wife. This deponent saith that he heard her say

before she married her name was Isabel Douglas, and that she and her husband served their time in Amwell, and this deponent further saith that they had a number of children; namely, Joseph, James, Lewis, Benjamin, Andrew, and Jonas, and their daughters were, Elizabeth, Abigail, Mary, and Sarah, all of which were considered to be the children of the said Benjamin Fortner and Isabel his wife, and were always considered by the inhabitants to be the children of the said Isabel Fortner, and this deponent further saith that he never knew or heard of any other family of that name except the one mentioned, and deponent further saith that he has known them from childhood, and that he is now 75 years of age.

Sworn and subscribed to before James DeWitt, March 12, 1823. All these depositions read about the same.

Among these papers which belong to J. S. Woods is one dated 1801, which says Lord Archibald Douglas died about 20 years since, at the age of 90. This agrees with the other information stating that he died at the age of ninety.

Among the Woods papers I had with me to Scotland is the following letter:

Mifflinville, Pa., August 26, 1821.

"I will now give you an account which I have received concerning the Scotch Legacy. I always understood that my grandmother, Isabel Douglas, that was her maiden name was born in Scotland, that her father's name was Archibald Douglas, he died and was buried in or near the city of Glasgow, and his landed property lay within nine miles of Glasgow. I have been informed that four of his sons lay in the same graveyard, Charles, Sholto, George and Archibald, and these four lived and died in Edinburgh. He was married but left no heirs, and his body is buried in the city of Edinburgh. I have understood that James, her



brother in his last Will and Testament left to Isabel Douglas Fortner the sum of forty-two thousand pounds, and that she claimed her share of her father's landed property by heirship. I have also understood that Charles was a sea faring man, and likewise her father. Archibald Douglas was married twice, and Isabel was a child by the first wife.

Frances Wood, granddaughter of Isabel Fortner. P. S. James Douglas, brother of Isabel Douglas died about 22 years since leaving a legacy to Isabel Fortner, his sister. He was a merchant in the city of Edinburgh."

I found James Douglas's grave in the city of Edinburgh, in the Carlton Hill Cemetery, and the date on his tomb 1799 is very plain. This Mifflinville letter is dated 1821, and 22 years since would make the date of James Douglas's death 1799, which I found to be the date on the tomb of a James Douglas in the Carlton Hill Cemetery. I also found in the old church that has been built back over the grave of Archibald Douglas, a memorial to the four sons spoken of as being buried in the same graveyard with their father, this corresponds with the letter. Another strange thing in connection with this family was that the Carnegie Library possesses a book which I found on Bothwell Douglas and traced the family down from the twelfth century, to Archibald the father of Isabel, but the history breaks off here, the book saying he died and left issue, and that is all it says, doesn't mention the names of his children or say much about him, after his time and his children's time it begins again.

I was beginning to get some information, and went to an attorney for help, but he wouldn't help me, although I offered to pay him whatever he asked, all I could get out of him was you have exhausted your search. I couldn't find in this printed index they handed me where any of them had ever made any wills, either Isabel Douglas's father or her brothers, yet I did find on the tombstone of James

Douglas that he was a merchant in Edinburgh, and that he died the same year that my Mifflinville letter said he did, but I had some search alright before I found his grave, had to go through three good sized old graveyards, many of these old tombs are right down on the ground flat, and you can't read anything. A new tomb, however, had been put up here, bearing the inscription 1799, the same inscription that had been placed on the old. I was told that I could get this same information at Somerset House, London, but the war started and I had to come home, but want to go back just for my own satisfaction and get a copy of this will. If nothing happens to interfere, I intend to do this in the future.

The papers that Mrs. Woods gave me, along with the confirmation I found over there, proves beyond a doubt that Isabel Douglas was descended from this Bothwell Douglas family, and today there are hundreds of descendants from all this family in Columbia and Luzerne Counties in Pennsylvania.

#### Early History of the BOWMAN FAMILY

The record of the Browns would be incomplete, were not the history of the earlier Bowmans, as recorded in a History of the Bowman Family written by the late Rev. S. L. Bowman, D. D., be here repeated. The blood of the two families is so intermingled by marriage in many instances, that some of these Brown-Bowmans to whom this Bowman History is unobtainable, may be pleased to learn more of their progenitors on the Bowman side of the house.

Our knowledge of the Bowman family extends back about two centuries. Tradition adds several centuries more in the Fatherland. This tells us that our early ancestors were German-Swiss who emigrated to Alsace. They finally settled at Ems on the Lahn. The Christian name of the

last of our ancestry who lived in Germany is unknown. Our Trans-Atlantic relatives represent that he was a man of eminence and wealth. He founded a school, built a large village, and employed many men. His family coat of arms was the grade of Earl. He owned a silver mine in Mehlbach in the mountains near Ems. There are two coats of arms belonging respectively, to our paternal and maternal lines of ancestry. That of the clan McIntosh extends back to the thirteenth century.

Our first American ancestor, Christopher Bauman, was born about 1733. He emigrated to Bucks County, Pa. in 1753. In 1759 he married Susan Banks, sister of the late Judge Banks of Reading, Pa. There were nine children. Thomas, Christian, Mary, Susan, Lydia, Jesse, Sarah, John, and Anna. Thomas and Christian became Methodist preachers. Mary married James Stackhouse. Susan married Mr. Moore. Lydia married Rev. Jacob Mack who died when he was forty-two. She afterward married John Hoffman of Briar Creek. Jesse died in 1828. Sarah married Mr. Ramsey. John Sr. lived near Town Hill, Pa. Anne married a Mr. Dimm. They lived near Muncy, Pa.

The Rev. Thomas Bowman was our ancestor. He was born in Bucks County in 1760. In 1782 he married Mary Freas. In 1793 they moved to Briar Creek, Columbia County Pa., Thomas was a Methodist minister. In his preaching tours he traversed the country from Canada to Baltimore. His wife, Mary Freas Bowman, was a sister of John Freas of Briar Creek, the founder of the Freas family in this county of Columbia. Their children were, Christopher, Henry who married Sarah, the daughter of John Brown Sr., John, Jessie, whose granddaughter, Martha Bowman, married E. B. Brown, Sarah Millard, Wesley, George, Sophia, whose daughter married George B. Brown, Susan, and Thomas. Jessie's son George A. Bowman, married John

Brown's granddaughter, Sarah Brown. The purpose of this writing is to place before those who may be interested, the genealogical line. A further history of the family may be obtained by consulting the book so ably edited by the Rev. S. L. Bowman, D. D.

MERCY HOFFMAN, mother of Mrs. John Freas (Dorcas Freas.)

The blood of the Brown's and Freas's is so intermingled, that some facts concerning this ancestor will be of interest. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman with some of their children emigrated from Holland to America, prior to the Revolutionary War. They were unable to bring all the children, for the need of sufficient funds. The mother rejected the proposal to leave some behind, to be brought later. The matter was adjusted by an arrangement being made that their son John, should be bound out for seven years after their arrival in America. The money he thus earned, paid the balance of their passage. This boy was a brother of Mrs. John Freas, and the grandfather of Mrs. Layton (Martha) Runyon of Bloomsburg, Pa.

Mrs. Hoffman became the proprietress of a hotel at Mt. Bethel, Pa. at the time of the American Revolution. General George Washington with his staff were entertained at this hostlery. The table from which he ate, is now in the possession of Mrs. Martha Runyon's daughter, Mrs. Frank Colley. It is of solid cherry with wood inlaid. One day a young man from Connecticut came to this Inn. Upon his departure Mrs. Hoffman presented his bill. He informed the lady that he came not as a customer, but as a suitor for the hand of her daughter Martha. This was Dr. Eleazor Bothwell, one of the early physicians and merchants of Mifflinville, Pa. One of their daughters married Mr. J. J. Brower, and another Professor Bradley, who taught a select school at Catawissa in the early thirties.

Another daughter of Mrs. Hoffman married James Kinney. Her name was Elizabeth, their daughter Mary Ann married John Brugler, the father of Mrs. Martha Runyon.

A third daughter Dorcas, married John Freas who lived in Briar Creek, Columbia County, Pennsylvania. They were the progenitors of the Freas families in Columbia and adjacent counties, and ancestors of many of the Browns.

One of Mrs. Hoffman's daughters married a Mr. Depew of Belvidere, New Jersey. She, Mrs. Hoffman became blind in her declining years and made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Dorcas Freas. She is buried in the graveyard at the Old Stone Church near Berwick, Pa.

Mrs. Hoffman died August 29, 1829, aged 88 years, 2 months and 14 days. Philip Hoffman, husband of Mercy Hoffman died September 27, 1823, aged 86 years, 1 month and 23 days. Buried by the side of his wife.

Will of James Brown, written April 8, 1775.

In the Name of God Amen I James Brown of Knowlton in the County of Sussex and Western Division of the Province of New Jersey being in good State of Health and of sound Memory blessed be God and being mindful of the Uncertainty of this Transitory Life Do the Eighth day of April Anno One Thousand seven hundred and seventy five make and publish this my last Will and Testament in Manner following that is to say And Touching such worldly Estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I dispose of in the follow Manner Imprimis I will an ordain that all my just Debts and Funeral Charges be fully paid and Satisfied by my Executors hereinafter named Imprimis I Give and Devise unto my Eldest Son John Brown and his heirs and Assigns forever All that lot of Land Surveyed unto him whereon he now lives Situate in Knowlton aforesaid Being part of the Plantation Purchased of Joseph Pan-

coast Distinguished in the Map Lot N 1 Beginning at Coxes Corner near the great road thence along the great road to Henry Brughlars stone Corner along his lines to An Hickory Tree Standing at Tocconetcong River thence extending to the Middle of the said river thence up the Middle thereof to the Coxes Line thence along the same to the place of beginning Containing fifty three acres and an half Also I give and devise unto my son James Brown to his heirs and assigns forever All that Lot N. 2 Beginning in Tocconetcong at the Line of William Nices Mill Lot thence along the several courses of the old Servey supposed to bound upon Cadwalladers Tract to a Corner the same being Corner of Lot No. 4 thence along the Partion Line of Lot N. 4 to the River thence up the Middle thereof to the place of beginning Containing fifty three acres and a half Also I give and devise unto my Daughter Martha wife of Henry Bruglars and to her heirs and assigns forever All Lot N. 3 Beginning at John Brown hickory corner thence extending to the Middle of the River thence down the same to opposet a Buttonwood Tree mark for a Corner thence along the Lines of Lot N. 5 to a Corner in the old field thence N 27 degrees; West to Coxes Line thence along Coxes line to John Browns Stone Corner then along his other line to the aforesaid hickory Corner, Also a Lot of Meadow opposite the same upon the south side of the River marked in the Map N 3 And fronting along the River, the two Lotts Containing Fifty three acres and a half including the Two Acres of Meadow Also I give and devise unto my Daughter Sarah the Wife of Ralph Brughlar and to her heirs & Assigns forever All Lot Number 4 Beginning at my son James Browns Corner in Cadwalladers Line thence along The old Lines the several Courses to Scotts Line thence along the same to Tocconetcong to the Middle thereof thence up the same to a Buttonwood tree standing near the lower Corner of Meadow the same being Corner of Lot N. 6 Thence along the rear of Lot N 6; and N 5, & N 3 meadow

lots to the River thence extending to the Middle thereof and up the several courses thereof to James Browns lower Corner thence along his line to the Beginning Containing Fifty three Acres and a half Also I give and Devise unto my Daughter Charity all the Lots N 5, Beginning at Coxes Corner in Kikindahls Line thence along Coxes Line to Henry Brughlars Corner thence along the Lines of Lot N 3. the Several Courses in the Map to the Buttonwood Corner standing upon the west side of the River thence extending into the middle of the stream to Opposet an hiccory Saplin thence along the Line of Lott Number 6 to a Corner in the Field thence, South about 42 degrees: West to Kikindals Line Thence to continue along the same to the place of beginning Containing Fifty one Acres and also a Meadow Lot of Two Acres upon other side of the River and by Lot N6 N3 Meadow Lots & N 4 Containing fifty three Acres half in both lotts. also I give and Devise unto my son Daniel all the Homsted Lot N 6 Bounded or Beginning at the Corner in Kikindahls line thence along the Line of N 5, to the hiccory Corner thence to the Middle of the River And the several courses thereof to a Corner nearly opposit the Corner Buttonwood thence near east to an hiccory Saplin thence along the Lines of Lot N 3 nearly as the fence stands but to continue as the courses are in the Map to a Buttonwood Tree standing near the point of Meadow at the River and extending therefrom to the Middle thereof and down the stream to Kikindahls Line Thence along the same to the place of Beginning Containing fifty three acres and a half which said Lot I will and Devise unto my said son Daniel and to his heirs and Assigns, forever, my dearly beloved wife to enjoy the same during her Lifetime, All the above Lots are to be confirmed according to the above mentioned Map by my Executors And if it should happen that any part of the above Lots should be hereafter Claimed by any prior survey or otherwise that all the Legatees above mentioned shall bear their proportions of

securing the same & other division made in equal & share. Also I give and devise the Lott purchased of Thomas Farnsworth unto John Brown, James Brown Martha Bruglar Sarah Bruglar Daniel Brown and Charity Brown, to them their heirs and assigns in the following proportions To John Brown Twenty Five Acres to be laid out off the upper part or East end and the Remaining fifty nine Acres to be Equally divided among my other Five Children Separately Also the Lot lately purchased of John Bray I Give and Devise the one half part of that Lot Containing two hundred acres to be divided between Henry Brughlar & my son James Brown which two shares shall be laid forth upon the Westwardly part Beginning at a Maple Saplin near a Small Run of water from thence North eighty five degrees West to the Back Line, And ye other half to be equally be equally divided between my son & Daughter Daniel Brown & Charity Brown Daniel Brown and Charity Brown, by Executors, as soon as convenient after my decease, and for the better Explanation of this my last will and Testament my Express will is that if any of my said children die leaving no Issue that then such Case such Child or Childrens share or part shall be divided among the Survivors share and share alike And lastly Give unto my beloved wife Sarah during her life the full use and benefit of Lot Number 4, N 5 and Number 6, and to live in my new dwelling house upon Lot Number 6 during her widowhood And I ordain my son Daniel & Charity live along with their mother until they arrive to full age, unless my Executors may think proper to put Daniel to a Trade Also I give unto my wife all my household Goods Catle and Horses & Sheep & other things of whatsoever Denomination (the Lands excepted to her only proper Use during her widowhood and no longer And in case my Widow marry a Second Time the Children Vizt Sarah Bruglar and Daniel and Charity Brown are from thenceforth to have the profits and fully enjoy the incomes of their Re-



spective Lots herein devised anything herein Contained to the Contrary thereof any ways Notwithstanding And my widow shall have The amount of Sixty pounds Given to her in a Convenient time after her second marriage and the remainder of my Estate whether Goods Chatels Catle Horses or Sheep or ready money Out standing Debts shall be equally divided amongst my children then living by my Executors Whom I do hereby Authorize to Give all requisit Conveyance & Acquitances that may may be needfull, to execute for the purposes herein intended Also I give unto my son John Brown over and above his share and Proportion the sum of twenty shillings as being my Primo Genitur or first begotten Son And I hereby disanul all former and other wills at any Time heretofore by me made, And I make Constitute and Ordain my said Loving wife Sarah Executrix and my trusty friend and Kinsman Robert Ellison Executors of this my last will & Testament According to the true Intent and meaning hereof In Witness whereof I the James Brown have to this my last Will and Testament Set my hand and seal the day and year above written

James Brown (Seal)

Signed Sealed & delivered by the said James Brown as and for his last will and Testament in the presence of us who were present at the signing & sealing thereof.

John King

William Stringer

Wm. Rea

Probated at Newton 16th Oct. 1793

before me

Thos. Anderson Surrogate

Recorded in Liber 33 of Wills page 333

Will of John Brown, Sr. made April 12th., 1819

In the name of God Amen, I John Brown Senior of Mifflin township in the County of Columbia and state of Pennsylvania, being advanced in life and weak in body, but of sound mind memory and understanding, blessed be God for the same, but considering the uncertainty of this transitory life, do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, to wit:- Principly and first of all I commend my immortal soul into the hands of God, who gave it, and my body to the earth, to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named, and as to such worldly estate, wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give and dispose of in the following manner to wit, First, it is my will and I do order that all my just debts and funeral expenses be duly paid and satisfied as soon as conveniently can be after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath to my dear wife Margret Brown, one bed and bedding, one cow, and my walnut desk, together with such of my household furniture and kitchen utensals as she may choose to keep for her use.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my said wife, the use and occupancy of one room in my mansion house to choose for herself the one that is most convenient with free liberty to pass and repass from the same.

Item. I give and bequeath to my said wife sufficient of good firewood to be cut and carried into her room, and all other things necessary for her comfortable support during her natural life. ITEM, I give and bequeath to my son James Brown and to his heirs and assigns all that plantation and tract of land situate in the township of Miffln aforesaid and now in his actual possession, containing one hundred and two acres to be surveyed off by courses and distances so as to divide the timber land proportionably to

the other tracts hereafter devised to my son Samuel and my daughter the wife of Henry Bowman. ITEM. I give and bequeath to my said son James all my smith tools now in his possession. ITEM. I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Brown and to his heirs and assigns all that plantation and tract of land containing one hundred and fifty two acres situate in the township aforesaid being that part of my plantation and tract of land on which I now live with the grist mill and saw mill and all and singular the buildings, improvements, appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appurtenant thereunto, he paying out unto my other children, to wit:- To my daughter Elizabeth the wife of George Hess six hundred and fifty dollars lawful money of the United States, within eighteen months after my decease, fifty dollars of like money unto my son James within one year after my decease, and fifty dollars of like money to each of my other daughters to wit:- Sarah the wife of Henry Bowman, Mary the wife of Joseph Otto, within the said term of one year, after my decease, and likewise to find and provide for my said wife the firewood and all things necessary for her comfortable support during her natural life as aforesaid. ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah the wife of Henry Bowman, and to her heirs and assigns, fifty one acres of land part of my said plantation being that part of the same on which he now lives with all singular the buildings and appurtenances thereunto belonging to be surveyed off so as to give to each tract hereby bequeathed a proportionable part of the timberland, and the residue of my plantation and tract of land and I do order and direct that my executors hereinafter named, or the survivor of them shall as soon as may conveniently may be after my decease, sell and dispose of the same to such person or persons and for such piece or pieces as may be reasonably gotten for the same, and for that purpose I do hereby authorize and empower my said executors or the survivor of them to sign, seal and execute all

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such deed or deeds of conveyance as may be requisite and necessary for the granting and assuring of the same to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, in fee simple and out of monies arising from such sale I do order and direct that my executors pay unto my said daughter Mary the wife of the said Joseph Otto six hundred dollars.

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my grandson John, the son of my son Samuel, all that town lot and out lot appurtenant thereunto in the town of Mifflinburg being Number thirty two it being the same lot I purchased of William Rittenhouse. I likewise give unto my said grandson my shot gun and shot pouch. ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my grandson John, the son of my son James, all that town lot and out lot situate in the town of Mifflinburg marked in the plan of the same town number twelve, being the same lot I purchased of John Kunckel. ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my grandson John Bowman, thirteen dollars. ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my grandson John Hess thirteen dollars. ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Elizabeth Otto thirteen dollars. All of which said legacies I do order and direct that my said executors pay as soon as conveniently may be after my decease. ITEM I give and bequeath unto my said son Samuel Brown all my smith tools now in my shop, and as touching all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate of what kind or nature whatsoever the same may be, I give and devise the same unto my dear wife, my sons James Brown, and Samuel Brown, and my daughters Elizabeth Hess, the wife of the said George Hess, Mary Otto the wife of Joseph Otto, and Sarah Bowman, the wife of Henry Bowman, equally to be divided between them, share and share alike.. And lastly I nominate constitute and appoint, my said son Samuel Brown, and my son-in-law-Henry Bowman, to be the executors of this my last will, hereby revoking all other wills, legacies and bequests, by

me heretofore made, and declaring this and no other to be my last will and testament. In whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twelfth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

John Brown Seal)

*Great grandfather*

Signed sealed published and pronounced and declared by the said testator as his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who in his presence and at his request, have subscribed as witnesses.

“And Mary the wife of Joseph erased before signing.”

John Reynolds  
Robert Wintersteen  
Sam'l Webb

Columbia Co. S. S.

Be it remembered that on the fifth day of October, 1819 personally appeared before me Geo. A. Frick, deputy Register of said County, John Reynolds, Robert Wintersteen and Samuel Webb, the subscribing witnesses to the within will and being sworn or affirmed according to law, did depose affirm and say, that they were personally present and saw John Brown the testator, sign, seal and publish, the same as and for his last will and testament, and at the time of so doing, he the said testator was of sound mind memory and understanding, and that they witnessed the same in the presence and at the request of the testator and in the presence of each other and that their names, John Reynolds, Robert Wintersteen, and Samuel Webb subscribed thereto as witnesses, are deponor affirmants, proper hand writing and further saith not.

Sworn or affirmed before,  
George A. Frick, Depy. Reg.

John Reynolds  
Robert Wintersteen  
Sam'l Webb

Deed to Land purchased by John Brown Sr., for lands in Mifflin Township.

THIS INDENTURE made the third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, between Jacob Stembeck of the Northern Liberties of the City of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania, painter and glazier, and Mary his wife, of the one part and John Brown now of Knowlton township in the County of Sussex in the state of New Jersey blacksmith of the other part, WITNESSETH that the said Jacob Stembeck and Mary his wife for and in consideration of the sum of one thousand four hundred and forty five pounds current gold and silver money to them at or before the sealing and delivering hereof by the same John Brown in hand well and truly paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged: HAVE granted bargained, and sold, released and confirmed, and by these presents, so grant bargained, and sell released and confirmed, under the said John Brown his heirs and assigns, A certain tract or parcel, of land lying on the Easterly side of the North East branch of Susquehanna River in the County of Northumberland in the State of Pennsylvania aforesaid beginning at a White oak corner of Abraham Leddons land thence by vacant land North 8 degrees East 120 perches to a white oak N. 22 degrees W 120 perches to a pine, thence by other part of said Jacob Stembeck land N. 68 degrees East 61 perches and a half to a corner S. 22 degrees E. 76 perches to a corner N. 68 degrees E. 61 perches and a half to a corner, thence S. 22 degrees E. 44 perches to a black oak thence by Hermen Alricks lands N. 68 degrees E. 160 perches to a post, thence S. 15 degrees W. 300 perches to a post and thence by said Abraham Leddons land N. 73 degrees W. 211 perches to the place of beginning. Containing 340 acres and six perches and the allowance for roads, which said tract and

premises, is comprised of a certain tract of 200 and 77 acres of land and allowance called (Rosebud) and of 63 acres and 6 perches part of a certain other tract of land of 270 acres and allowance called (Bonadventure) which were formerly part of the estate of James Rose late of Philadelphia merchant and who died seized thereof intestate leaving a widow and three children, Rose, Robert, and Anna Tharp, to whom the premises descended.—and the said James Rose and Robert Rose by indenture tripartite dated the 11th day of November 1794 and the said Anna Tharp by indenture dated the 14th day of March 1795 both recorded in the County of Northumberland aforesaid in book G page 440 and 442 granted and conveyed their respective parts and shares of the said premises unto the said Jacob Stembeck in fee simple. Together with all and singular the buildings, improvements, ways, woods, waters, water courses, rights, privileges, members and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging, and the reversions and remainders rents, issues and profits, hereof and all the estate, right, title interest property, claims, and demands whatsoever of him the said Jacob Stembeck and the said Mary his wife, in law and equity of in and to the said hereby granted premises and every part thereof. To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land hereditaments and premises hereby granted with the appurtenances unto the said John Brown, his heirs, and assigns, to and for the only proper use and behoof of the same John Brown his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Jacob Stembeck and his heirs the said tract or parcel of land hereditaments and premises hereby granted with the appurtenances unto the said John Brown his heirs and assigns against himself the said Jacob Stembeck, and his heirs against the claim of him and those remaining of them in full and will warrant and forever defend, by these presents.—IN WITNESS whereof the said parties have interchangeably set their hands and seals hereunto. Dated the day and year first above

written. Sealed and delivered in the presence of the words him and them or any of them only (first) wrote on (word is indistinct) Signed Jacob Hoffman, Philip Derrick, Received the day of the date of the above Indenture of the above named John Brown the sum of one thousand four hundred and 45 pounds, the full consideration money above mentioned. Jacob Stembeck. Witness at Signing, Jacob Hoffman, Phillip Derrick. The fifth day of October A. D. 17<sup>th</sup> 1796 before me the subscriber, one of the judges of the court of common pleas of Philadelphia County, came Jacob Stembeck and Mary his wife and acknowledged the above indenture to be their act and deed and desired the same to be recorded as such. The said Mary thereunto voluntarily consenting she being of full age separate and apart from her said husband by me thereon examined and the contents communicated to her witness my hand and seal.

Isaac Howell  
Jacob Stembeck  
Mary Stembeck

#### DEED FOR LAND FROM KUNKLE & RITTENHOUSE.

THIS INDENTURE made the 31st day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven between William Rittenhouse of Briar Creek Township in the County of Northumberland and State of Pennsylvania and his wife of the one part and John Brown of Mifflin Township in the County and State aforesaid of the other part. WHEREAS Frances West late of Cumberland County in the State aforesaid deceased, within his lifetime lawfully seized in his demense as office of a certain tract of land situate on the East side of the north east branch of the Susquehanna River as joining and above land surveyed for David Reynolds at the ten mile run in Mifflin Township County of Northumberland at the state



aforesaid, which tract of land was surveyed for Hermanes Allricks by virtue of his application to the land office of Pennsylvania, bearing date the third day of April 1769 No. 2481 containing three hundred acres or thereabouts, and the said Hermanes Aldricks by deed pool under his hand and seal, duly executed bearing date the 18th of September 1772, for the consideration therein mentioned. Confirmed the same to the said Frances West and the said Frances West being so thereof seized in and by a 2nd codicil to his last will and testament. Bearing date the 12th day of July 1783. Did enter (alia) give and devise the said tract of land unto John Donaldson of the city of Philadelphia, merchant in trust, for the sole use and benefit of his son and William West his heirs and assigns forever. As in by the said codicil duly proved among other things therein contained relation being thereunto had may appear and whereas the said John Donaldson at the request of the said William West by indenture bearing date the 23rd day of June A. D. 1784 for the consideration therein mentioned. Did grant and confirm unto Benjamin Fuller and John West and the survivor of them the tract of land aforesaid forever in trust nevertheless to and for the sole and only proper use and behoof of the said William West his heirs and assignees forever, as in and by the said recited indenture entered in the office for recording of deeds in and for the County of Northumberland in book C. page 52 relation being thereunto had at large and the said Benjamin Fuller John West and William West by this indenture bearing date the 9th day of April the year of our Lord 1794 for the consideration therein mentioned, did grant and confirm the aforesaid land unto William Rittenhouse, his heirs and assigns forever as in and by the said recited Indenture entered in the office for the recording of deeds in and for the County of Northumberland, and in book H page 91 & the 6th of September A. D. 1795 relation being thereunto had at large appears and whereas, the commonwealth of

Pennsylvania by patent or grant under the great seal bearing date the fifth day of May A. D. 1794 for the consideration therein mentioned did grant and confirm under the said William Rittenhouse and to his heirs and assigns the aforesaid tract of land called Peru situate on the North East Branch of the River Susquehanna now Mifflin township in Northumberland County and state aforesaid, by marks and bounds in the same patent particularly described containing three hundred eighteen acres 89 perches and allow of 6% for roads &c with the appurtenances. To hold the same to him his heirs and assigns forever as in and by the said recited patent recorded at Philadelphia in patent book No. 21 page 172 the 5th day of May Anno Domini 1794 Relation being thereunto had more fully and at large appears. NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, that the said William Rittenhouse and Anne his wife for and in consideration of the sum of forty one pounds 18 shillings and 7 pence half penny to them in hand paid by the said John Brown and before the enseatng and delivering hereof they receot whereof they do hereby acknowledge, And thereof acquit and forever discharge the said John Brown, his heirs executors and administrators by these presents do grant bargain sell, alien, enfe off release and confirm unto, the said John Brown and to his heirs and assigns, all that certain lot or parcel of land situate in Mifflin township aforesaid bounded by the following line to wit: (Here follows the distances lines and courses which are of no interest at this time.) to the place of beginning, containing 13 acres, and 38 perches be the same more or less, or otherways butted and bounded it being part of the aforesaid tract of land TOGETHER with all and singular the buildings improvements woods, water, water courses rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances, whatsoever thereunto, belonging or in anywise appurtaing and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues, and profits, thereof and also all the estate right and

title, interest property, claim and demands, whatsoever of them the said William Rittenhouse and Anne his wife in Law or Equity or otherwise howsoever of into or out of the same. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said lot or parcel of land containing 13 acres & 38 perches Hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned or intended so to be with the appurtenances unto the said John Brown his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and the behoof of the said John Brown his heirs and assigns forever. And the said William Rittenhouse for himself his heirs, executors & administrators doth covenant promise grant and agree to & with the said John Brown his heirs, and assigns, by these presents that the said William Rittenhouse and his heirs the said above mentioned and the described lot or parcel of land hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned or intended so to be, with the appurtenances unto the said John Brown his heirs and assigns against him the said William Rittenhouse and his heirs and against all and every other person and persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim shall and will warrant and forever depend by these presents in witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of us

William Rittenhouse  
Ann Rittenhouse

Evan Owen  
Henry Traugh

Received on the day of the date of the above written indenture of the above named John Brown the sum of 41 pounds, 18 shillings, & 7 penny halfpenny. It being the consideration money above mentioned in full. Witness present at signing.

William Rittenhouse

Evan Owen and Henry Traugh. Northumberland County :-  
 Before me the subscriber one of the Justice of the Peace in  
 and for said County came the grantor within named Wil-  
 liam Rittenhouse, Anne his wife & in due form of law ac-  
 knowledged the within written indenture to be their act  
 and deed and desired the same might be recorded as such.  
 She the said Ann being apart from her said Husband by  
 one examined and consented thereto, Witness my hand and  
 seal the day and year first above written. Evan Owen.

Recorded in the office for recording of deed &c in &  
 for the county aforesaid in the deed book O or Q 403-404  
 & 405 the 22nd day of June Anni Domini 1808.

Witness my hand and the seal of office.

Jno. Boyd  
 Prothonotary.

#### THE WILL OF HENRY HAINES

In the name of God, Amen, the Eighth day of April  
 in the year of our Lord one thousand and seven hundred  
 and ninety one, I, Henry Haines, of Knowlton Township,  
 Sussex County, State of West New Jersey, being weak in  
 body but of perfect mind & memory, thanks be given to  
 God therefore, calling unto mind the mortality of my body,  
 and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die,  
 do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that  
 is to say, principally & first of all, I give and recommend  
 my soul unto the hands of God that gave it, and for my  
 body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in Christian  
 manner at the direction of my Executors nothing doubting  
 but at general resurrection & I shall receive the same by the  
 mighty power of God as touching such worldly estate  
 wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I  
 give, devise and dispose of in the following manner, first

it is my last will and testament that after my decease & vendue shall be made in publick and be sold, the half of the mill and buildings and land thereto belonging, if Jonathan Hill and Joseph Hill pays for the other half, if not, all shall be sold, and likewise shall be sold on said vendue creatures and housel goods so far as my beloved wife and the Executors sees fit to keep for to keep house with, and said money shall be put on interest as it comes due, excepting Ten pounds I give and bequeath to the Dutch meeting house to make a stone wall round the burying yard in Greenwich and, and fifty pounds I give and bequeath unto a School near Jonathan Hill's Bridge this fifty pounds shall be laid on interest and the interest shall be paid to poor Children for Books and Learning them that is in need for and the Parents of such Children not able to pay for them and after my debts is paid the fifty and the ten pounds shall be took of said vendue money and be done with as aforesaid further I give to my Godson Henry Deets son of Christopher Deets the sum of five pounds likewise to my Godson Hennery Welse the sum of ten pounds and this money shall come out of said vendue money and further my beloved wife Margaretta shall live in my dwelling house on my Plantation and the place shall be rented out and the rent shall be paid to my wife Margaretta so long as she calls herself after my name and no longer, and shall have household what she chuses to keep house with and her sister's girl which she and I brought up from a little child shall stay with my beloved wife on my place and if it should come to pass that said Doratha should maria Godfried Clines my sister's son William Clain or any other son of my sister's from that time Doratha and her husband and that must be one of my sister's sons shall have my plantation forever in following manner that is to say they shall pay to my wife the third of all fruits and grain what on the place on and in the ground shall be paid to my wife Margaret every year so long as she calls herself after my name and no longer

er, and if my wife should maria again, then shall she have the third and no more according to law, if not then she shall live on my place as afforesaid and after her death Doratha and her man shall pay to my sister's the sum of one hundred & fifty pounds lawful money but if said Doratha stays with my wife after my decease and not marria one of my sister's sons then she shall have fifty pounds further. I am the executor and admr of my beloved father Peter Haines deceased his estate and it is my will that if so be that my beloved mother Margaret should live after my decease, that she shall have all the interest of that money what is left from my father's estate which is four hundred pounds and Sixty lawfull money and my beloved mother lives with me at present time and she shall have free liberty to live and stay on my place with my wife in my house after my decease after her own free will and after my mother's death then the money what is left of my father's estate shall be divided in six equal shares one share to my sister Mary deceased her children one share to my sister Margaret or their children and one share to my sister Elizabeth or their children and one share to my sister Catharine but if she dies without heirs that share shall fall back after her death to her sister's children and one share to my sister Christina and one share to my beloved wife Margaret and after my wifes death if she calls herself after my name during her life say after her death all the money left of my estate shall be divided as aforesaid among my sister's or their children except the money what my wife brought to me from her father's estate, and that money she brought to me I say shall come to her brother's and sister's after my wife's death but before dividing it shall be paid to my Godson Henry Bidleman the sum of twenty five pounds and to Jacob Rope a son of my wife's brother the sum of ten pounds and the remainder sum the shall be equally divided among them but if my wife should be like for an heir to myself then all shall come to my heir and all divid-

ing void and of none effect otherwise it shall stand as afore-said further I Henry Haines ordain and make my loving friends David Kerr my brother-in-law and Hogn Brown blacksmith executors and Admrs of this my last will and testament to take care and see the same performed according to my true intent and meaning.

In witness whereof I the said Henry Haines have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal date and year first above written.

HENRY HAINES. (SEAL)

Signed Sealed and delivered by the said Henry Haines as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the signing thereof.

JACOB KERR. JACOB WELSH. JACOB STEEL-SMITH.

TRUE COPY      THOMAS ADAMS P KY  
Sussex County New Jersey. Emmet H. Bell Surrogate.

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