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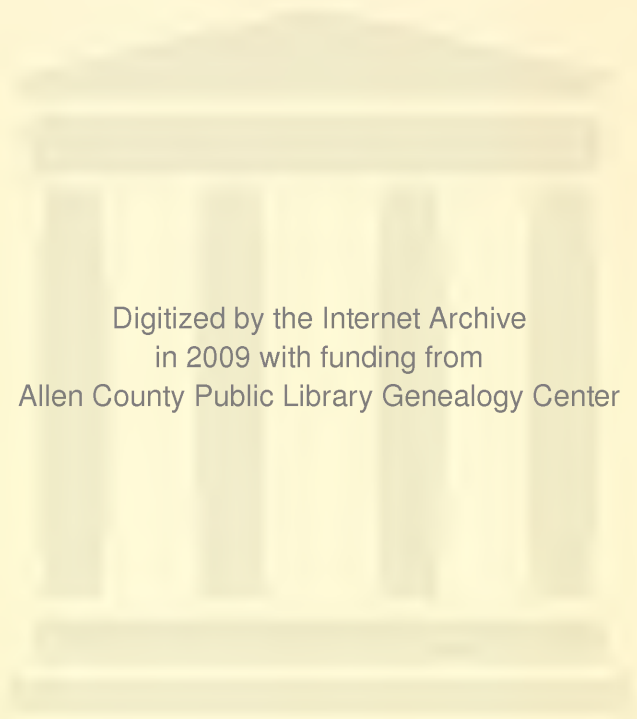
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PREFACE

These memoirs were compiled by members of the family of Washington and Eliza Gibson Duncan, which will explain why the two family records are found under one cover. The material has been gleaned from personal recollections, old records and letters, and information furnished by friends. The search covers several years of correspondence and investigation and although errors and omissions incident to such a work may be found, yet on the whole it is correct and authentic.

The few copies distributed should be carefully preserved as it is improbable that a similar record will again be made.

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DUNCAN.

King Duncan, son of Malcom II, slain at Bothgowan, by McBeth, in 1040, after a six years' reign over Scotland, was the first to bear the name.

In 1355, the Duncans mustered as one of the Scottish clans. In 1391 one of its members, Duncan Raibert, became its head, and it became known as the clan Donachie, and had its seat at Dun Alister at the east end of Loch Rannoch, in Perthshire. Nothing now remains of the clan but their burial place, neglected and overgrown with gigantic thistles and nettles. The clan Robertson, "sons of Raibert," absorbed the clan Donachie and took its tartan, red and black stripes. The name means "Hill Chief" or "Highland Chief," its Gaelic equivalents are Donachie, Donacha and McConachie, These are being discarded by many for the original name, Duncan.

The Duncan family crest, is a demi greyhound, sittant, issuant, proper, motto, *Vivat Veritas*, or, as with some of them, *Dubiusque Secundis Rectus*, "In every fortune firm."

The family has been Presbyterian in faith and shared in its trials, from the early history of that Church. The name does not appear in early Colonial History. The first immigrants came to America about 1720-30. Search has so far failed to fix with certainty, our original emigrant ancestor's name or date of arrival but the following seems to be a very probable solution of the question. Rev. William Duncan, of Perthshire, was born January 7, 1630, suffered martyrdom under Charles second. He had a son William, born October 1, 1659, married Margaret McMurdo, of Dumfries, had several children, at least five sons—among them, Thomas, born January 12, 1686 and William, born April 19, 1692. These and perhaps others of the family, (some say there was an Andrew,) came to America in 1722, remained for a time in Culpeper county, Virginia, and later removed to near Chestnut Level, Lancaster

county, Pennsylvania. Thomas settled at Carlisle, where he died July 9, 1776, leaving a large family, some of whom settled at Lexington, Kentucky, and others in Illinois.

JAMES DUNCAN who was the father of our ancestor **ANDREW DUNCAN** lived at Chestnut Level. He died prior to 1770 and his wife Elizabeth perhaps later, aged 75 years. The descendants of James Duncan and of Thomas Duncan were related and kept up their social relations until about 1815. From these facts it is a fair conclusion that James Duncan was a son of one of the emigrant grandsons of Rev. William Duncan of Perthshire.

JAMES DUNCAN of Chestnut Level, had four sons and two daughters, viz., Robert, John, James, Andrew, Mary and Elizabeth. Robert lived in Lower Chanceford, York county. John settled in Fairfield county, Ohio. James settled in Beaver county, Pennsylvania and the youngest son was **ANDREW DUNCAN Sr.**, of York county. Mary married Joseph Reed of Lower Chanceford and Elizabeth married Mr. Yocum and lived near Slate Ridge, Maryland.

It is probable that James Duncan was a man of means as his children had farms in their early days. Andrew came to his farm in York county at the age of twenty. His neighbor was William Smith, Esq., whose daughter Ann he married. The Round Hill Church, and graveyard grounds were donated by Andrew Duncan and Smith. They were its first ruling elders from 1770 and to their deaths they served. The organization of the Round Hill church, now and for many years, known as Hopewell, dates back to 1756. It occupies its third site and fourth building. Robert Cathcart, D. D., was its pastor from 1793 to 1834. He was born November 1759, died at York, October 19, 1849.

The old Duncan farm house, or at least a portion of it, and the barn, are still in use. All the children of Andrew Duncan were born on this farm. Andrew Duncan had a fair education, was a magistrate for many years, had a good library, was a man of intelligence and a useful and respected citizen. In person was of medium height, of a muscular frame, had grey-blue eyes, light complexion and

dark hair, retained his vigor up to within a short time before he died. He was buried at Round Hill, within view of his old farm house near Cross Roads.

In a record of this character brevity is essential, but little can be given other than names and dates. Abbreviations used are:—b. born; d, died; m, married; bd, buried; cem, cemetery. Beginning with the ancestor of whom definite information is given, his children form the family groups; they and their children, except where death occurred in infancy, are numbered in order of birth in the family to which they belong.

ANDREW DUNCAN, SR.

Born at Chestnut Level, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, March 12, 1750, d. near Cross Roads, York county, January 18, 1828. Was twice married. His first wife, **ANN** to whom he was married June, 18, 1772 was b. December 27, 1755, d. October 15, 1805. She was the daughter of William and Catherine Campbell Smith, of York county. His second wife **ELIZABETH**, was the daughter of James and Janet Campbell Andrews, of York county and a full cousin of the first wife; their mothers were born in Scotland. The second marriage was June 27, 1809. This wife was born June 24, 1779 in York county and died at the home of her daughter Ann E. Andrews, in Crawford county, Ohio., December 20, 1853, bd. at Eden. Two sons and two daughters were the issue of this marriage.

The children of the first wife were, William, James, Andrew, John, Robert, Elizabeth, b. November 2, 1775, d. August 16, 1777, Ann, d. in infancy, both bd. at Round Hill. One stone marks their grave. Jonathan, Elizabeth (2nd) and Catherine. The second wife was the mother of Washington, Janet who d. in infancy, Sampson, b. September 13, 1814, d. January 12, 1820 and Ann Elizabeth. The story of their lives and that of their descendants follows:

(1) WILLIAM DUNCAN.

Was b. March 29, 1773, m. Nancy Merritt of Baltimore. He d. March 4, 1853. She d. February 17, 1863, bd. at Round Hill. Lived on the old Smith farm now

owned by their descendants. Had three children, viz.,

(1) **CHARLES**, b. 18—, m. Mary Purkey, October 20, 1830, a son William was born in 1835 in York county, there were perhaps others. Charles, d. in Illinois about 1863.

(2) **JANE**, the daughter, m. Robert Gemmel, Dec-23, 1830. Lived on the old farm of Andrew Duncan Jr. in York county, had several children of whom we have no account.

(3) **ANDREW**, the youngest of William Duncan's family, lived and died on the old Smith farm near Cross Roads. He m. Miss Miller. He d. some years ago and his widow in 1905. They had four daughters and two sons. Of these Annie, m. A. R. Gemmel and Alice m. S. A. Douglas; both have large families and live near the old home. Mary and Agnes the other daughters are unmarried and are at the old home, as is also William the older son who m. Ida S. Saylor has two children, Pearl and Andrew. The youngest son Charles, m. Bertha Althouse and lives in York county.

(2) **ELIZABETH DUNCAN.**

Born January 27, 1778, m. Sampson Smith, July 5, 1798, d. December 22, 1837, lived near Cross Roads. Had seven children, viz.:

(1) **JAMES**, b. April 15, 1804.

(2) **ANDREW**, b. July 24, 1808, d. April 18, 1857.

(3) **RICHARD**, b. April 14, 1810.

(4) **JANE**, b. July 13, 1812, d. 1892, m. John Logan who was P. M. at Cross Roads 60 years. He died at an advanced age. They had four children, viz.: William S., b. July 23, 1840, m. Rebecca Trout, May 2, 1867. She d. May 10, 1904. Their five children are, Curtis E., b. March 29, 1868, m. Nettie Gemmel. Minnie J., b. May 8, 1870. Clara M., b. March 22, 1872, m. C. C. Smith. William F., b. January 31, 1874, m. Anna M. Miller, and Newton T., b. March 24, 1877, m. Gertrude Seitz. The Logans live at or near Cross Roads. Jane A. Logan, b. August 2, 1842, d. December 14, 1856. Martha E. D. Logan, b. September 13, 1845, d. February 11, 1886. Sarah E. Logan, b.

June 24, 1848, m. David D. Trout and has a son and daughter, both married.

The other children of Elizabeth Duncan were:

(5) **ANN D.**, b. April 10, 1814, d. September 5, 1819.

(6) **MARTHA M.**, b. September 22, 1816.

(7) **SAMPSON**, b. September 4, 1819, lived and d. near Cross Roads, left a family, one of whom Sampson, lives at Cross Roads.

(3) JAMES DUNCAN.

Born April 3, 1780, m. Martha Manifold, November 10, 1803, lived in York county, near the State line. His children of this marriage were: (1) **ANDREW**, (2) **JOSEPH**, (3) **GEORGE**, (4) **HENRY**, (5) **JAMES** and (6) **SMITH**; by a second wife he had a son (7) **WILLIAM**, Descendants of James Duncan are still living but we have nothing definite as to their history.

(4) ANDREW DUNCAN, JR.

Born May 23, 1782, d. March 6, 1853, bd. at Findley, Ohio, m. Margaret Arnott May 23, 1809. She was b. near Melrose, Scotland, was the daughter of Dr. Henry Arnott and his wife, Agnes Patterson, who emigrated to Meadstown, Maryland, she d. July 10, 1845, bd. at Findley, Ohio. She was a sister of Christine Arnott who m. John Duncan. Andrew Duncan was sheriff of York county several years. Kept hotel in York and was interested in farming and milling business. Removed to near Findley, Ohio, about 1840. He had eleven children all b. in York county. They were as follows:

(1) **ANNA MARIA**, b. February 20, 1810, d. September 30, 1835, bd. at 1st Presbyterian Church, York, Pennsylvania.

(2) **HENRIETTA**, b. September 10, 1811, d. February 10, 1874, bd. in York cemetery. M. Jacob De Hart Yocum, of York, February 3, 1831. He was b. May 31, 1809, d., February 17, 1866. They had five children, viz.:—Margaret Ann, b. November 2, 1832, d. December 28, 1859, bd. at York. She m. Henry R. Mosser,

had two children, Henrietta E. and Benj. H. The latter named, m. and had five children.

William I. Yocum, b. April 6, 1835, d. December 29, 1838. Andrew D. Yocum, b. February 26, 1838, d. June 14, 1889, bd. at Altoona, Pennsylvania. He m. Laura M. Gere, April 2, 1868 and had three children, viz.: Albert D., Sarah G. and Alverda M., Agnes Eliza Yocum, b. November 11, 1840, d. March 12, 1867, m. Albert Hollard Carroll, of Baltimore. He died 1880, both bd. in Greenmount cem., Baltimore. He was of the "Carrolls of Carrollton." Mary F. the last child of Henrietta Duncan Yocum, d. April 21, 1843.

(3) **AGNES ELIZA**, b. November 20, 1813, d. July 10, 1840, bd. at Columbia, Pennsylvania, m. Thomas Collins, had a daughter Catherine S. who m. Dr. Peebles and d. April 1, 1864 at Columbia, Pennsylvania. A son, Collins, was born the same day.

Arnott D. Collins, the only son of Agnes E. Duncan d. at Lawrence, Kansas, leaving two sons, James J. and Arnott D.

(4) **MARGARET**, b. November 22, 1815, d. January 20, 1872, bd. in York cem., m. William Beitzel, April 26, 1836. He was b. July 16, 1809, d. December 12, 1890 at York. They had five children, viz.:—Arnott D., b. February 19, 1837, d. September 11, 1849. Clifton B., b. October 3, 1839, m. Annie C. Hay, November 1, 1864. He had five children, names not given.

Alice E. b. November 30, 1841, d. August 27, 1849. John Andrew, b. July 23, 1844, d. April 14, 1885, bd. in York cem., m. Maria A. Underwood, October 16, 1866 and had five children. Mary Julia, "Minnie," b. January 14, 1847, the last born of the Beitzel family, lives at No. 12 Beaver street, York, Pennsylvania.

(5) **HARRIETT**, b. February 9, 1818, d. May — 1888 in New York, bd. in Greenwood cem., N. Y. City, m. Urban Ogden, lived at Findley, Ohio. She had five children, viz.:—Florence A., b. 1840, d. 1867, m. George Austin.

Clifton Arnott, b. 1842, m. Amanda ——— and had six children, residence, Ottumwa, Iowa. Helen, b. 1846, m. G. G. Grady, the celebrated showman, They had one child Albert. She is now Mrs. Taylor, and lives in New York City.

George, b. 1844, m. and had two children. He d. some years ago.

Clementine, Harriet Duncan's youngest child, d. in 1861, aged nine years.

(6) **ANDREW** b. January 7, 1820, d. March 27, 1820.

(7) **CATHERINE** b. January 30, 1821, d. August 15, 1855, now rests in Wyuka cem., Lincoln, Nebraska. She m. John Cochran Ricketts, September 2, 1841. He was b. in Fairfield county, Ohio, March 4, 1815, d. at Lincoln, Nebraska, June 8, 1894. She had six children, viz.:—Andrew Duncan, b. January 29, 1843, lives at Lincoln, Nebraska, m. Mary J. Taylor, September 3, 1867. She was b. January 16, 1845, has seven children, to-wit: Charles K., b. May 28, 1868, m. Ella Richmond, September 5, 1889, and has three children. Howard T., b. February 9, 1871, m. Myra E. Tubbs, April 18, 1900, has two children.

Gilbert H., b. January 2, 1873, m. Della Ham, April 17, 1901, has two children.

Clifton M., b. December 7, 1881, m. Nellie Shields, September 9, 1903, has a son Andrew C., b. January 3, 1905.

Clara Agnes, youngest child of Andrew Duncan Ricketts, was b. May 28, 1885. Arnott C. the second child b. March 18, 1845, m. Louise Lowe, May 1, 1873. She was b. February 20, 1848, d. March 28, 1902, had two children, viz.:—Eva, b. September 26, 1875, m. Ernest C. Folsom, June 13, 1900. She has a son Arnott R. Lowe Arnott, b. December 17, 1877, m. Mabel Richards, August 5, 1902. She was b. December 31, 1878.

Arnott C. Ricketts and his son Lowe A. are attorneys at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Emily J. the only daughter of Catherine Duncan Ricketts, was b. June 1, 1847, m. Lewis M. Scothern, Mar. 26, 1865 and had two daughters, viz.:—Metta M. b. March 6, 1866, d. September 5, 1868 and Catherine Duncan, b. January 14, 1868, m. William McDuff Miller, June 17, 1896. He d. February 16, 1905 at Lincoln, Nebraska.

James Kelley Ricketts, b. October 19, 1849, d. June 9, 1864.

John Milton, was born November 25, 1852,

d. October 22, 1881. James Melville the twin brother of John Milton, d. May 21, 1901. The three last named are bd. at Lincoln, Nebraska, where other members of the Ricketts family reside.

(8) **ANDREW ARNOTT**, the 2nd son of Andrew Duncan Jr. was b. May 21, 1823, d. November 2, 1837, bd at 1st Presbyterian Church, York, Pennsylvania.

(9) **MARTHA JANE**, the youngest and seventh daughter, b. March 9, 1825, d. September 25, 1856, bd. at Findley, Ohio, m. Charles T. Fish, February 8, 1844. He was b. in McDonough county, New York, March 22, 1823, d. February 19, 1856, bd. at Lagrange, Indiana, where the family lived. He was one of the first R. R. conductors in Ohio. They left four children, viz.:—Margaret Duncan, b. August 23, 1845, at Findley, now resides in York, Pennsylvania, and is matron of the Childrens' Home in that city.

Harriet Viroqua, b. May 5, 1849, in Sandusky, Ohio, m. Richard C. Woods, a native of Liverpool, England, October 7, 1874, residence, Rolla, Missouri, has one child.

Glenn Howard, b. July 17, 1875, residence, Sedalia, Missouri.

Kate Augusta, b. August 4, 1851, d. December 16, 1851 at Lagrange, Indiana.

Melville Milne, the only son of Martha J. Duncan was b. at Lagrange, Indiana, May 10 1853, was married twice, has a daughter b. January 17, 1875 who is married and has children.

Melville M. Fish lives in Norristown, Pennsylvania.

(10) **JOHNSON KELLEY DUNCAN**, b. March 19, 1827, d. at Knoxville, Tennessee, December 1862, of typhoid fever, graduate of West Point Military Academy, C. E. on U. S. Survey, N. P. R. R. and on government works. Went to New Orleans about 1856, m. Mary Grimshaw, March 9, 1858. General in C. S. A. commanded Forts St Phillip and Jackson, seige of N. O. April 20, 28, 1862. He was 5 feet 9½ inches in height, well made and highly esteemed for his social and mental qualities. He is bd in New Orleans. Had three children, to-wit:

Arnott Duncan, b. Nov. 29, 1858, d. September 12 1859. James Grimshaw, the second child, was b. in New Orleans, May 21, 1861, m. Martha Terry Helm, of Carroll

ton, Miss., May 1, 1886, has four children, viz.:—Brooke H. b. December 18, 1887. Arnott K., b. December 11, 1889. James H., b. February 15, 1891 and Donald P. b. February 13, 1893. The family resides in New Orleans.

Mary Kell, the daughter of Gen. Duncan was b. April 29, 1863, m. Frederick W. Parham, M. D., December 15, 1892, had six children, viz.:—Fred B., b. November 13, 1893, Duncan, b. April 27, 1895, Mildred, b. October 9, 1896, Lister, b. December 23, 1897, d. September 17, 1901, Mary L. b. October 26, 1899 and Landfried, b. June 29, 1902, d. March 8, 1904. The family resides in New Orleans.

(11) **WILLIAM PATTERSON SHAW**, youngest child of Andrew Duncan, Jr., b. September 29, 1830, d. July 2, 1862 of fever in camp near Natchez, Mississippi, bd. there, m. Rose Quitman, daughter of Gen. Quitman, C.S.A., June 2, 1861. He was instructor in the military academy and college at Frankfort, Kentucky, then engaged in civil engineering, joined the Confederate army in which he was Colonel. He was of fine presence, six feet one inch in height. Left a son William P., b. November 22, 1862, d. June 24, 1888 at Natchez, Mississippi. An old letter of Andrew Duncan, dated January 1, 1853, to Washington Duncan, speaks about a family re-union of all the children at Findley, in October, 1852, the last meeting together.

(5) JOHN DUNCAN.

Born August 1, 1784, d. at Xenia, Ohio, August 15, 1849 of Asiatic cholera, m. Christine Arnott, May 4, 1809 She was a daughter of Dr. Henry Arnott, of Melrose, Scotland. She d. in 1878, both bd. at Xenia, Ohio, to which place they removed from near Cedarville, in 1845. Went to Greene county, Ohio, in 1817. They had four daughters and one son, the latter dying in youth. The children, except the two youngest were b. in York county, Pennsylvania. The story of the daughters is as follows:—

(1) **NANCY**, m. David Barr and lived in Xenia. He d. in 1866, she in 1900, both bd. at Xenia. Their children were, Cannie, who m. Rev. Barr, he d. in 1903. She lives in Philadelphia. Julia, the other daughter, m. Rev. Littell, and lives in Pittsburg.

(2) **MARY**, m. Dr. Banks of Cincinnati, he d. about 1870 and she some later, had a son, John Duncan Banks, who d. some years ago in Cincinnati, aged 35, a daughter, Fannie, lives in Cincinnati, and a little one d. in infancy.

(3) **ANGELINE**, m. Rev. John McLain, moved to Monmouth, Illinois, where he d. over 30 years ago. The family then moved to Red Oak, Iowa. Mrs. McLain d. at an advanced age recently. Her children were, Arnott a professor in Tarkio College, Missouri, Joseph, an attorney who d. in Monmouth, Illinois. Elizabeth Christine, m. Rev. Johnson, both of whom are dead. Duncan McLain, the youngest child, has a family and is a prosperous farmer near Red Oak, Iowa.

(4) **HENRIETTE**, John Duncan's youngest daughter, m. John Alexander, of Philadelphia. He d. many years ago, she more recently, left a son.

(6) **ROBERT DUNCAN.**

Born January 24, 1787, d. May 20, 1827, near Ohioville, Beaver county, Pennsylvania. He m. his cousin, Elizabeth, daughter of James Duncan, brother of Andrew Duncan, Sr. This James Duncan must have gone "West" at the close of the Revolution. Robert Duncan had three sons and two daughters of whom we have but little account. One son, Andrew, went to Illinois, he had a son Milton. A daughter Mrs. Savage, lived near Cross Creek, Washington county, Pennsylvania. The record of this family is lacking to complete the history.

(7) **CATHERINE DUNCAN.**

Born July 11, 1789, d. May 8, 1880, at Xenia, Ohio, m. David Williamson, of Maryland, June 19, 1809, he d. at Xenia, October 18, 1858 at which place both are bd. They lived seven years in York county, removed to near Frankfort, in Washington county, later lived in Jefferson and Tuscarawas counties, Ohio. They went to Greene county, Ohio, in 1835, buying several hundred acres of choice land near Xenia. They raised a fine family of ten children whose history follows, viz.—

(1) **WILLIAM**, b. in York county, Pennsylvania,

April 1, 1810, d. near Findley, Ohio, May 24, 1894, m. Jane McCrosky, April 3, 1838. She was b. July 15, 1813 in Virginia, d. December 11, 1877. Their children were, Granville, b. July 13, 1839, was in 49th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, d. from wounds received in battle, July 18, 1862. Madison, b. March 13, 1841 in same Regiment, d. March 1, 1862, from same cause, both bd. at Cannonsburg, Ohio.

Harvey, the 3rd child, b. December 15, 1842, m. Marie McConnell, April 9, 1868, has six children, residence Mt. Corey, Ohio. Catherine, b. December 30, 1845, m. W. A. Crawford, has three children, residence, Cannonsburg, Ohio. David, b. December 11, 1847, m. Hannah McKinley, has three children, residence, Portland, Indiana. Amanda, b. April 27, 1850, m. John McKinley, has one child, residence Cannonsburg, Ohio. Mary Irene, youngest daughter, was b. February 22, 1852, m. James Hall. William, the last, was b. February 19, 1854, m. Anna Hamilton.

(2) **ANN WILLIAMSON**, b. in York county, Pennsylvania, April 5, 1812, d. near Sidney, Ohio, September 25, 1868, m. Andrew Ritchey, March 28, 1833, had three sons and three daughters, viz.:—Charles, lost both legs on the R. R. when a young man. Kept news-stand at depot in Dayton, Ohio, now in Chicago.

David, m. and lives near Sidney, Ohio. Essemiah, m. Mr. Kelley. She is dead. Adaline, m. Mr. Stewart, lives in Iowa. Jonathan, m. and lives near Cincinnati, O.

(3) **ANDREW DUNCAN**, second son, b. January 30, 1815 in York county, Pennsylvania, d. near Xenia, Ohio, in 1892, m. Isabella Collins, April 11, 1838. They had one daughter and four sons, viz.:—Henrietta, m. Rev. J. W. McNara. She d. in Milwaukee, in 1904. Walker, lives near Xenia, Ohio, has two children, viz.:—Grace m. Rev. David Gordan, are missionaries in India. The other daughter m. an attorney of Atlanta, Georgia.

Collins Williamson is a minister of the U. P. Church, as is also his brother Wilson. Rolla, the youngest child of Andrew Duncan Williamson, lives in Xenia, Ohio.

(4) **JOHN**, b. April 1, 1817 in Washington county, Pennsylvania, d. — 1899, near Cedarville, Ohio, m. Jane Kyle, March 17, 1842. She d. many years ago. They had one daughter, Kate, who m. Robert Jackson, she is

now a widow, and two sons, one, Samuel, m. Miss Collins, David, the other, m. Miss McMillan, both live near Cedarville, Ohio.

(5) **MARGARET**, b. August 1, 1820, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, d. at Xenia, August 31, 1857.

(6) **DAVID**, b. November 16, 1822, in Jefferson county, Ohio, d. October 10, 1885, in Syracuse, New York, m. Margaret J. Marshall, April 5, 1848. She d. 1858, near Cannonsburg, Ohio, leaving three daughters, viz.:—Ella, d. at the age of 19 years, Josephine, m. a minister of the U. P. Church and lives in Syracuse, New York. Cora, the youngest, d. in 1882, near Cedarville, Ohio.

(7) **SMITH**, b. in Jefferson county, Ohio, April 5, 1825, d. September 19, 1849, at Xenia.

(8) **JONATHAN DUNCAN**, b. April 5, 1827, in Jefferson county, Ohio, now lives at Cedarville, Ohio, m. Martha A. McMillan, June 2, 1849. They had seven children, viz.:—Anna C., m. Rev. Young, a native of Ireland. She d. December 25, 1899 and Mr. Young several years previously. They had one son now a minister. John C., the oldest son of J. D., lives at the old home, and has two sons. Nettie, m. Samuel Anderson, has two daughters and one son, lives near Cedarville. Robert D. lives on the old farm and has one son. Ella, m. Robert Bryson, has one son and two daughters, Leila, m. William Deane, lives in Springfield, Ohio, has a son. Erma, the youngest child of J. D. Williamson, d. July 15, 1892, in her 21st year.

(9) **ESSEMLIAH**, b. in Jefferson county, Ohio, October 17, 1829, m. Rev. David Donnan, June 27, 1855. He d. November 4, 1897, at Cochranton, Pennsylvania, where the family resides. They had six children, three of whom d. in childhood. Fred, b. 1860, d. 1893 two daughters, Luella and Mary, live with the mother.

(10) **ROBERT**, youngest child of Catherine Duncan Williamson, was b. February 23, 1833, in Jefferson county, Ohio, graduate of Franklin College, licensed to preach June 27, 1857, m. Phebe Cruikshank, of Troy, New York, May 11, 1859, for 30 years pastor of U. P. Church in that city, now retired, had three sons, viz.:—Isaac H., b. April 23, 1860, m. Fannie L. Lee, has a son Robert D.

Esek B., b. February 6, 1862, m. Alice Morrow.

She d. April 17, 1895. He was second lieutenant, 201st New York Regiment, in Spanish War of 1898, lost his health in the service and d. May 10, 1900, bd. at Albany, New York.

William, T. the youngest child, b. July 13, 1863, m. Louise M. Dennis, residence, Troy, New York.

(8) JONATHAN DUNCAN.

The tenth and last child of Andrew and Ann Smith Duncan, was b. November 14, 1791, d. near Monmouth, Illinois, September 10, 1876. Settled on a farm near Frankfort Springs, Washington county, Pennsylvania, June 18, 1815, on which he remained until 1854, then removed to near Monmoth, Illinois, m. Letha Swearingen, who d. 1833. Their five children were, Sarah Ann, Basil, Thomas Kelly, William and Washington, the latter d. when a child. Jonathan Duncan, married again in 1835, his second wife was Agnes Leeper, who d. at Monmouth, in 1899, in her 83rd year. They had eleven children, viz.: Robert L., Isephena R., Samuel Harper, Andrew, James K., Agnes Jennette, Arnott, Charles M., Washington, who d. in infancy, Frank C. and Ida Belle, the latter being the youngest grandchild of Andrew Duncan Sr.

The brief history of these children follows:—

(1) **SARAH ANN**, m. William McCandless, he was killed in the Civil War, had six children, Thomas, William, Arnott, Mary Isephena and Hattie, residence McComb, Illinois

(2) **BASIL, M.D.**, served in the Union army, was twice m. had five children, d. at McComb, 1877.

(3) **THOMAS KELLEY**, m. Mary A. Robbins, of Pittsburg, both d. 1897, leaving three children, viz.:—Isephena, Mary and John.

(4) **WILLIAM**, d. at Monmouth in 1897.

(5) **ROBERT L.**, attorney, d. at Monmouth, September 1, 1905, he m. Alice Dalzell, had three children, viz.:—Charles, Joseph and Mary. He had been for many years a great sufferer from wounds received in the Union army.

(6) **ISEPHENA R.** m. Geo. Foster, of Texas, he was killed in the Confederate service. She again married;

Captain Collier of Memphis, Tennessee, being her second husband. She is a widow and resides at Monmouth, Ill.

(7) **SAMUEL HARPER**, m. Barbara Gordon, has three children, viz.:—Charles, Maude and Rosco, residence, Seaton, Illinois.

(8) **ANDREW**, d. in infancy.

(9) **JAMES KELLY, M. D.** m. Lillian Hefferman, had six children, viz.:—Mabel A., Nellie B., Lillian J., Ida B., Gale W., and Frank M. Dr. Duncan was an officer on board *U. S. S. Manitou* during the Civil War and received a medal for distinguished bravery, present residence is Culbertson, Nebraska.

(10) **AGNES JENNETTE**, m. Joseph W. Milligan, of Monmouth, March 16, 1871, he d. May 8, 1879. They had three children, viz.:—Ella M., m. William Spence, 1893, she d. in Los Angeles, California, October 13, 1902. Eva, m. Albert Dennis, April 6, 1898, d. July 17, 1898, both bd. in Rosedale cem., Los Angeles. Mrs. Milligan m. John W. Harris. March 29, 1887. The surviving daughter, Leila E. and Mr. and Mrs. Harris, reside in Los Angeles.

(11) **WASHINGTON** 2nd, d. in infancy.

(12) **ARNOTT L.**, m. Caroline Gilmore, had seven children, viz.:—Lemoyne, G., Mary A., Fred F., James A., Jonathan Kelly, Frank L. and Harland H., all married but one. Arnott resides near Monmouth, Illinois.

(13) **CHARLES M.**, M. D., lives at McCook, Nebraska, wife's name not given, has four children, viz.:—Grace, Avis, Rex and Gretchen.

(14) **FRANK C.** the youngest grandson of Andrew Duncan Sr., has been twice married, his first wife, Clara Runkel, d. in 1889, his second wife is Belle McElwrath. Frank lives in McCumb, Illinois, and has two children, viz.:—Jonathan and Mary.

(15) **IDA BELLE** the last of the family d. in 1886, in Omaha. She m. William King, left one child, Jennette Lynn King.

The foregoing record contains as full an account of the descendants of **ANDREW DUNCAN, SR.** and his wife **ANN SMITH**, as can be given from material at hand, it is probably correct and complete so far as it goes.

We now pass on to the record of the Andrews branch of the family. **ANDREW DUNCAN, SR.**, and his wife **ELIZABETH ANDREWS** had four children, of whom two died when young. Janet, d. an infant and Sampson, b. September 13, 1814, d. January 12, 1820. The record and story of the other son and daughter follows:

~~X~~ (1) **WASHINGTON DUNCAN.**

Was born on the old York county farm March 28, 1810, d. at Bucyrus, Ohio, June 7, 1888, bd. in Oakwood cem. in that town, m. **ELIZA**, youngest daughter of John and Jannette Coe Gibson, at her parent's home in Seneca county, Ohio, December 22, 1836, Rev. Dunton performed the ceremony. **ELIZA GIBSON** was b. in Jefferson county, Ohio, near Steubenville, March 11, 1810, d. in Bucyrus, January 27, 1890, bd. in Oakwood cem. He was over six feet in height, spare and muscular, had a good constitution and escaped serious illness to the last. He was a man of intelligence and had strong religious convictions.. On the death of his father, the care of the farm and family devolved upon Washington. Of the original plantation there were about three hundred acres and some personal effects left to Elizabeth Duncan and her children by the Will of Andrew Duncan Sr., the farm was very poor and was sold for \$3.00 per acre. The entire estate, when debts were paid, amounted to about \$900.00. The children of the first wife, except Catherine, had been previously provided for. Washington and a friend, Anderson, in the Fall of 1831 "footed it over the mountains" into Ohio, returning in June 1832. In May 1833 the family *went West* by wagon, with them went a negro lad, John Jackson and Rebecca Livingston of mixed blood. They reached Tuscarawas county, Ohio, in about a month, in November the same year arrived on the quarter section of land, purchased from the government at \$1.25 per acre. The patent to which was signed "Andrew Jackson, President." This farm is in Texas Tp., Crawford county, two miles and one half south of the Base line. Here the children were born. In 1877 the old farm was sold and the family moved to Bloomville, Seneca county, and in June 1886 to Bucyrus.

The children of Washington Duncan were, Sarah

Jane, Andrew Cathcart, John Kendall Gibson, Ann Elizabeth, Celia Emeline, Polly Ellen, Arthur McDowell and Hugh Welch. Their history follows.

(1) **SARAH JANE**, b. September 1, 1837, m. Henry W. Myers, a native of Pennsylvania, June 7, 1864, Rev. S. Cook, officiating. Mr. Myers had charge of schools in Agency City, Osceola and Creston, Iowa, and at Hastings, Nebraska, at which places the family lived from 1866 to 1905, when they removed to Tropic, near Los Angeles, California. They have two daughters. viz.:—Ida I. D. and Hattie T. both born in Agency City, Iowa.

(2) **ANDREW CATHCART**, b. June 13, 1839, enlisted in company K., 49th O. V. I. Capt. James Patterson, January 1862, captured at Chicamauga, September 20, 1863 and died in Andersonville prison, October 1, 1864 of starvation, bd. in National cemetery, Andersonville, Ga. He was of medium height and well made.

(3) **JOHN KENDALL GIBSON**, b. May 25, 1841, enlisted in company G. 49th O. V. I., in August 1861, was killed at Chicamauga, in the forenoon of Sunday, September 20, 1863, bd. in the National cem. at Chattanooga. He was over six feet tall and muscular.

(4) **ANN ELIZABETH**, b. April 8, 1843, m. Lewis C. Feighner, attorney, a native of Ohio, May 25, 1882. Rev. Hart performing the ceremony, at Bloomville, Ohio, now resides at the home in Bucyrus, at which her parents died.

(5) **CELIA EMELINE**, b. July 22, 1845, m. John W. Canary, attorney, November 8, 1866, he was b. in Cleveland, Ohio, July 5, 1843, d. August 30, 1900, in Bowling Green, Ohio, to which place they went in 1868. He was in company A. 8th Ohio Vol. Inf., during the Civil War. They had three sons and two daughters, viz.:

Russell Duncan, b. October 15, 1867, at the old Duncan home, Crawford county, m. Angie O. Buchanan, at Hiawatha, Kansas, February 22, 1891, has two children, Wayne B., b. January 3, 1892, Gladys D. b. July 31, 1896, Julia, d. in infancy, Helen Gibson, the oldest daughter, was b. March 5, 1870, in Bowling Green., Ohio.

John W., b. April 17, 1872, d. August 30, 1872.

Spencer Andrews, b. May 13, 1874, m. Lucy L.

Chaney, of Bowling Green, December 8, 1903 and has a little son, John Sumner Canary, b. January 7, 1905.

Irene M. the youngest child of Celia E. Duncan Canary, was b. January 8, 1884, m. Frank C. Moores of Toledo, Ohio, June 11, 1904.

(6) **POLLY ELLEN**, b. October 22, 1847, m. James M. Smith, a native of Virginia, at Bloomville, Ohio, May 14, 1878, had three children, viz.:—Arthur G., b. in Tiffia, February 23, 1879, his twin sister d. when a few weeks old. Hugh C., b. in Bloomville, December 30, 1881, he m. Leila Z. Hendricks, of Ada, Ohio, November 30, 1905. The family resides in Ada, Ohio.

(7) **ARTHUR MCDOWELL M. D.**, b. January 18, 1850, m. Adelaide H. Young, of New Lisbon, Ohio; April 9, 1890, she d. very suddenly at Bucyrus, Ohio, June 24, 1899 and her infant son perished with the mother, b.d. in Oakwood cem. They had three daughters now with Dr. Duncan in Los Angeles, to which city he removed from Bucyrus, in 1903. They are, Carol A., b. March 11, 1891, Ethel Elizabeth, b. April 20, 1892 and Lois E., b. January 30, 1894.

(8) **HUGH WELCH**, attorney, youngest child of Washington Duncan, b. August 29, 1852, m. Gertrude May Memberry, near Selma, California, January 25, 1894, Rev. Louis Sanford officiating. She was b. April 5, 1866 near Clarno, Greene county, Wisconsin, her parents were James Memberry, deceased, a native of Devonshire, England and Martha Bowman of Quebec, Canada. The children of Hugh W. and Gertrude M. Duncan were, Estella Eliza, b. November 4, 1894 at No. 1970 Lovelace avenue, d. at No. 762 Garland avenue, Sunday, September 20, 1903, of valvular disease of the heart, buried in Rosedale cem. Arthur Gibson, b. at No. 1970, Lovelace avenue, May 3, 1897. Attorney Duncan has resided in Los Angeles since November 2, 1887, address No. 762 Garland avenue.

(2) ANN ELIZABETH DUNCAN.

Was the youngest and last survivor of the Andrew Duncan Sr. family. She was b. June 26, 1817 and d. at Bucyrus, Ohio, December 2, 1899, childless. She m. Arthur Andrews, February 22, 1838 and until 1885, when

they removed to Bucyrus, lived one mile north of Washington Duncan's farm. They acquired considerable property, were liberal and highly esteemed. Their old farm home was a gathering place for all. Andrews was b. September 16, 1808, in Chester county, Pennsylvania, d. suddenly August 20, 1890, in Bucyrus. Both are buried at the old Eden Presbyterian Churchyard which is part of the farm on which they spent 47 years.

The following information in regard to the families from whom the wives of Andrew Duncan Sr. came, is of family interest.

THE SMITH FAMILY.

William Smith was b. about 1718 and d. in 1793, his wife Catherine Campbell of Scotland later, were very early settlers in York county, near Cross Roads, the old farm being now occupied by descendants of their grandson William Duncan. William Smith was a magistrate, an elder in the old Round Hill or Hopewell Church and no small figure in his day. They had four daughters and one son, the latter d. in his 26th year unmarried. The daughters were, ANN who m. **ANDREW DUNCAN, SR.** Margaret, m. Col. John Kelly, of Lower Chanceford, Sarah, m. Robert Gemmel, of Hopewell Twp., and Catherine, the youngest, m. Samuel Fulton, of Baltimore and moved to Washington county. Of the family of Elizabeth Andrews, Andrew Duncan Sr.'s second wife, we have a fuller account as follows:

THE ANDREWS FAMILY.

JAMES ANDREWS, b. in Derry, Ireland and his wife, Janet Campbell, sister of Catherine Campbell Smith, in Scotland. Of the Campbell family it is said that during the persecutions of the Presbyterians one young woman was tied to a stake on the seashore and drowned by the inflow of the tide. The Andrews family also suffered for the faith and were in the seige of Londonderry, April 18, 1690 to August 1690, both families were of good stock, and the **ANDREWS-CAMPBELL** family fine specimens of the Scotch-Irish race. There were three sons and five daughters in this family, to-wit:—John, Robert, James, Ann, Nancy, Jane, Mrs. Downing and Elizabeth, some of whom were born in Ireland. We have the following account of them, viz.:—

John was drowned in the Susquehanna river; Robert, d. about 1840 and James d. February 13, 1843. The last two are bd. at Round Hill. Ann, m. but seems to have been left a widow in early life, she d. 1850 at York, in her 93rd year, her husband's name was Gordon. One daughter m. Mr. Downing. They both d. in Belmont county, Ohio, in 1834, had three sons, William, John and Alex., who also lived in Belmont county. There were at least two daughters, names not known.

Nancy, m. Mr. Gallagher, settled in Belmont county, and d. 1850. She had a son Thomas and two daughters, Nancy and Ann, who d. in Perry county, Ohio, at an advanced age, unmarried.

Jane, b. 1773, m. James Griffith, in York county, moved to Belmont county, Ohio, he d. in 1822, she d. in 1853, near Rushville, Perry county, Ohio. They had three sons, James, Joseph and William, and three daughters, Patsey, Betsey and Martha, all born in York county, Pennsylvania. Of William and Joseph we have no account. Betsey. m. a Mr. Paden, Patsey and Martha lived near Rushville, did not marry. Of James Griffith we have a full

account. He was b. in 1807, m. Ellen Lee, in Belmont county, Ohio, settled in Texas Tp., Crawford county, Ohio. In 1830 his wife, d. May 10, 1857 and he, in January 1863, bd. at Eden. They had eight children, viz.:—Robert, Jane Ann, Joseph Vance, Martha Ellen, Miriam, Priscilla, and two children who died in infancy. Robert, attorney, d. in Detroit, Michigan, in 1886. Jane Ann, m. Harvey Patterson, d. April 1859, had one child, Jimmie, d. April 2, 1864. Joseph Vance, m. Ellen Patterson, he d. November 1886, had five children.

Martha Ellen, d. in Kansas, in 1891.

Miriam, m. Martin Berry, have several children, live at Junction City, Kansas. Priscilla, the youngest child b. December 20, 1846, m. Mr. Davidson, she d. 1899 at White City, Kansas, leaving three sons, viz.:—Robert L., William and James.

ELIZABETH, the youngest child of James and Janet Campbell Andrews, b. in York county, Pennsylvania, June 24, 1779, m. **ANDREW DUNCAN, SR.**, June 27, 1809, d. December 20, 1853, having been paralyzed in speech and in one side for eight years previous to her death. The account of her descendants has been given.





GIBSON.

Old families of the name are found in England, Scotland and Ireland. The Scotch family has for escutcheon three keys, crest, a stork wounding herself and feeding her young with her blood, motto, "*Caslestes Pandels Portal.*" The English branch, storks in various forms and the Irish, for coat of arms a lion rampant and crest, a stork's head, the common use of the stork shows kinship.

Many of the names have been distinguished in art, literature and the law. In Colonial history they appear about 1720. One of Gen. Washington's god-fathers was Major Thomas Gibson. The Pennsylvania Gibsons were from Ireland and Presbyterians. Three brothers from Ireland settled in the Cumberland Valley, Pennsylvania, in 1720. Sons of one of these emigrant brothers were Gen. John Gibson, b. 1740, in Lancaster county, d. 1822, at Pittsburg, bd. at Bradock. He was identified with the early history of the Ohio river region and to him Logan, Chief of the Mingo, told his troubles, known as "Logan's Speech" as interpreted by Gibson to Thomas Jefferson and by him given in its present form to the public. The other son was Gen. George Gibson, b. 1747, d. December 14, 1791, from wounds received in the battle of The Miami with the Indians. He was the father of John Bannister Gibson, b. November 8, 1780, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, d. May 3, 1853, having been judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, for thirty-five years. He studied law at Carlisle, with his cousin, Thomas Duncan. — *son of Stephen*

A comparison made of the portraits of Judge Gibson and John Gibson of Seneca county, Ohio, and of their physical and mental characteristics show an unmistakable kinship. This together with nearness in age and locality of birth gives probability to the presumption that they were cousins. *son of*
Thomas
Duncan.

The Gibsons were early identified with the history

of Western Pennsylvania, and served in both the Revolution and Indian wars. As to names we find that William and Capt. James Gibson, were members of the Presbyterian Church at Rock Springs, Washington county, 1768-1794. A Mary Gibson who d. at the age of 71 is buried there. In the Spring of 1781 the wife of one John Gibson was killed by the Indians in Fayette county, Pennsylvania. The wife of Gen. John Gibson 1740-1822 was Ann, daughter of Robert McDowell. A John Gibson who served in the Revolution, married Sarah McDowell. The ancestry of **JOHN GIBSON** of Seneca county, Ohio, is not definitely shown by any record obtained so far. He said his father was an officer in the Revolution, and as he had an uncle by the name of McDowell, the foregoing gives some clue to his parentage. His parents died when he was quite small and he together with two brothers, was sent to an uncle McDowell, in Kentucky. As he did not return to his birthplace until man grown, such family records as may have existed were perhaps lost or fell into other hands. Of the three brothers sent to Kentucky, one was killed by the Indians. Of the other we have no account. He had two half-brothers, viz.:—James and Robert Gibson, one of whom was an officer in the army.

The following is in the records of the descendants of **JOHN GIBSON** and is authentic history:

JOHN GIBSON.

Born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, May 18, 1778, died near Melmore, Seneca county, Ohio, "April 12, 1852 aged 73 years, 10 months, 24 days." He m. **JEANNETTE COE**, February 19, 1801. She was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, January 6, 1782, "died May 5, 1865, aged 83 years, 3 month, 29 days." Both buried at Block Meeting house graveyard. John Gibson was about six feet in height, spare and well muscled, capable of great endurance as proven in the days of flat boating on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, a business in which he engaged in early days. His eyes were blue, hair dark and complexion fair. He was an expert cabinet maker and builder, having served his apprenticeship in the trade under John Kendall, in Kentucky. Many of the early settlers in Seneca county, were buried in coffins made by

him. His wife was of sturdy build and fair. She came of good Colonial Presbyterian stock, her ancestry having a place in these memoirs. The Gibsons perhaps lived for a year or two after their marriage in Pennsylvania, then moved to near Steubenville, Jefferson county, Ohio, the County Infirmary, now occupying land once a part of their farm. He built and kept the "Black Horse Tavern," near Steubenville. In October 1821 they removed to lands on Buckeye run, near Melmore, Seneca county, at which time he was well off for those days. The double log house in a few years gave place to a good brick one now in use. They had five daughters and six sons all born in Jefferson county except the youngest, James Allen. They were, Sally, Polly, Hetty, Patty, Eliza, Robert McDowell, Moses Coe, John Kendall, Benjamin Milton, William Harvey and James Allen. They were much alike in physical and mental characteristics, blue eyes, dark brown hair and fair complexion. They were of kindly disposition, of a poetic and sanguine temperament and possessed rather remarkable memories and power of expression. In business matters they were venturesome and went into speculations in later life, which proved disastrous.

Their story and that of their descendants is here briefly told:

(1) SALLY GIBSON.

Born May 17, 1802, d. April 1, 1864, at her home two miles south of Melmore, Ohio, and is bd. at Block Meeting House, the Gibson burial place. Her sickness was of a few hours only, "Spotted fever" which within a few days carried off three more of the Gibson family. November 25, 1819, she m. William Patterson, he was b. January 17, 1791, d. July 7, 1847. He was sheriff of Seneca county in 1830, and it is said induced John Gibson to move to Seneca county, having previously made an inspection of that region himself. They had four sons and four daughters, viz.:—Eliza Ann, John, Harvey, James, Sallie, Robert, Ellen and Martha.

(1) **ELIZA ANN**, b. November 3, 1823, d. February 21, 1903, near Melmore. She m. Robert Cooper Steele, a native of Pennsylvania November 19, 1846, he was b. December 1, 1819, d. January 22, 1899, both bd. at Bloom-

ville, Ohio. They lived in Bloom Twp. for several years, then moved to a farm one mile south of Melmore, about 1868, on which they died. They had three sons and three daughters, viz.:—William P., b. September 1847, d. at Tiffin, Ohio, August 20, 1905, bd. at Bloomville. James, b. December 1850, m. Rowena Frankhauser, December 1882, he d. August 9, 1903 at Bloomville, at which place he is bd. He left one child, Marie P., b. January 12, 1889. Eliza E., b. March 27, 1853, m. Dr. Thomas J. West, May 17, 1883. He was b. August 18, 1836, d. at Tiffin, November 18, 1903. They had five children, viz.:—Robert K., b. August 21, 1884, Mary and Martha, b. March 12, 1886. Martha d. October 29, 1886. James Herbert, b. December 14, 1889 and Margaret Ann, b. August 11, 1891. Robert G. the youngest son, b. February 14, 1857, m. Grace Brundage. He is a doctor and resides at Melmore

Mary Louise and Martha Alice Steele, the youngest of the Steele family, live at Tiffin.

(2) **JOHN**, b. July 20, 1825, m. Elizabeth Baker, daughter of Samuel Baker, of Melmore, November 24, 1852, has a son, Hal., who m. and lives at Melrose, Ohio, and a daughter Blanche who m. Edmund Staley and has three children.

(3) **HARVEY**, b. April 25, 1827, and d. a few years ago near Moberly, Missouri. He m. Jane Ann Griffith, daughter of James Griffith, 1857. She d. April 1859, leaving a son "Jimmie" who d. April 2, 1864 of "Spotted fever," Harvey m. his second wife, Celia Holmes about 1863, she d. of "Spotted fever," April 6, 1864, being the third death in the Patterson family of the same disease within a week. After going to Missouri, Harvey remarried had children of whom we have no record.

(4) **JAMES**, attorney, b. January 6, 1829, d. November 19, 1886, at Springfield, Missouri, in which city he resided for twenty years previously. m. Mary Ellen Fisher of Tiffin, 1853, was Capt. of Co. K. 49th O. V. I. and after going to Missouri, was district Attorney, for several years. He left two sons, James and John, and two daughters, Jessie and Lizzie.

(5) **SALLIE**, b. January 14, 1831, m. Henry Gregg, of Melmore, March 12, 1857. He d. suddenly of heart failure in the depot of the New York, St. Louis and

Chicago R. R. at Chicago, October 7, 1893. They had four children, viz.:—Edward P., b. June 24, 1858, d. November 1905. He m. Annie Myers, of Weston, Ohio, May 4, 1885 and left a daughter, Nellie, b. July 7, 1887. William H., the second son, b. December 10, 1859, d. August 10, 1902. Mary E. "Mell," b. April 16, 1862. Benjamin G., youngest, b. November 24, 1863, d. January 26, 1904. Mrs. Gregg and her daughter reside in Toledo.

(6) **ROBERT**, b. September 2, 1833, went to California in 1858 with Dr. Gibson and others, after spending several years there went to Arizona. He was a type of thousands of young men who went to the gold fields, spent their lives in wandering from one camp to another, until old age came on. In 1900 James Steele and family spent the winter in Arizona. Patterson visited them. They were the only and the last, of his relatives he saw after leaving home in 1858. He d. February 12, 1903 at Florence, Arizona.

(7) **ELLEN**, b. April 13, 1836, d. at Springfield, Missouri, 1880, m. Joseph Vance Griffith, son of James Griffith, February 1858. He d. November 1866, in Kansas, was found dead beside his horse from which he had fallen while on a deer hunt, heart failure. They had five children, from last accounts they were living near Springfield, Missouri; they were, Fred, Jennie, Cora, Oscar and James.

(8) **MARTHA**, the youngest of the Patterson family, was b. March 12, 1839, m. John Gregg, son of Andrew Gregg and brother of Henry, November 29, 1858. He d. in Toledo, October 30, 1904. They had five children, viz.:—Clinton, b. October 16, 1859, killed by being thrown from a horse in 1871. Sallie, b. May 5, 1861, m. J. Collins, of Toledo, 1880. He d. July 2, 1903, had a son Floyd, b. March 25, 1884, resides in Toledo. Charles, b. May 1, 1863, was killed in a Stave Factory in Bairdstown, Ohio, May 13, 1877. Dollie, b. April 7, 1868, m. Frank Gearing, September 1893. Lives in Findley, Ohio, and has two sons, viz.:—Gregg, b. March 25, 1898 and Robert L., b. October 27, 1899.

Mattie or Maude, the youngest of the family of Martha Patterson, lives with her mother in Toledo.

(2) POLLY GIBSON.

Born December 9, 1803, d. at Green Springs, Ohio, June 6, 1869, bd. at Tiffin, M. Hugh Welch, September 18, 1823. He was b. February 18, 1801, d. September 16, 1884 and is bd. at Tiffin. He was six feet four inches in height and athletic, as a young man spent some time with the Indians in Ohio before the settlers came. Was one of the early judges of Seneca county, but gave most of his time to farming. Lived in early years a few miles west of the Gibson home, then moved to a farm on which a portion of South Addition of Tiffin is built, then about 1866 went to Green Springs. In this family were two daughters and one son, the latter dying at four years of age and is bd. in the ~~Downs~~ *Mexico* graveyard, west of Melmore. The daughters were Eliza Jane and Maria, dates of birth are lacking.

(1) **ELIZA JANE**, m. William Watson, lived several years one mile north of Melmore and about 1866 moved to near McClure, Henry county, Ohio, where he d. about 1880, and where some of the family now reside. There were ten children in this family. They were as follows: — Hugh Welch, who married Miss Jackson, d. 1879, leaving a daughter. Mary, m. a brother of Hugh W.'s wife and d. years ago, leaving a son. Maria, d. near Melmore at the age of three years from the effects of a burn. William V. is a doctor and lives at Florence, Colorado. James, m. and lives in Henry county, his brother David lives with him. Leonard the youngest son, d. November 7, 1905 at the age of twenty-nine years. Irene, m. Dr. Fifer, lives at Malenta, Ohio. Annie, d. in infancy.

Fifer
(2) **MARIA**, the youngest daughter of Polly Gibson, was of fine physique, dark hair and eyes and rather swarthy like her father. Her fine voice and other natural gifts seem to have given her advantages which it was her ambition to turn stageward, but fate decided otherwise. She m. Frank McBride, in 1865. Two daughters were born, viz.:—Minnie and Adah, the latter d. in 1888, leaving two children and Minnie lives in Toledo. Maria Welch d. 1888 and her husband some years before.

(3) HETTY GIBSON.

Born October 22, 1805, d. September 6, 1847 and

is bd. at Old Sycamore, Wyandotte county, Ohio. She m. James Law Harper, 1824. Rev. James B. Finley, first missionary to the Wyandotte Indians, officiating. Harper was b. April 1793 in Western Pennsylvania, d. July 14, 1871 bd. at the Union Church, near his farm in Wyandotte county. He was sheriff of Crawford county two terms. They had five children, viz.:—Samuel McDowell, John Gibson, Jane, Ellen and James Franklin.

Their record is as follows: **1328858**

(1) **SAMUEL McD.**, b. December 25, 1825, d. in Sedgwick county, Kansas, November 21, 1879, m. Miss Pancost, 1848 or 1849. She d. 1855, leaving a daughter Florence, b. February 4, 1850. She m. Mr. Leeper who recently d. in Toledo, the family home. Florence has four boys. Harper was Capt. in the 49th O. V. I. 1861-1865. At the conclusion of the War he returned home and m. Miss Poole, went to Kansas about 1875. He left three sons of the last marriage now living near Moscow, Kansas.

(2) **JOHN G.** b. February 25, 1829, d. December 25, 1829.

(3) **JANE**, b. August 23, 1831, m. Stephen Y. Bowers, July 21, 1853. He d. April 23, 1861, leaving a son, Brink, born 1854, and died 1903, and two daughters, one of whom, Cora, b. 1856, m. John Laugabaugh, moved to Kansas and d. in 1899, leaving three children. The youngest daughter, Mattie, b. 1859, m. Horatio Markley and d. 1900 in Morrow county, Ohio, leaving two daughters and one son. Jane Harper remarried and lives near Seal P. O., Wyandotte county, her second husband's name is Morris.

(4) **ELLEN**, youngest daughter of Hetty Gibson, was b. July 12, 1833, m. Thomas Reynolds in 1854, present residence, Chicago. She has a son John and two daughters, one of whom, Alice, m. Mr. Conklin and lives in Chicago. Cora, the other, m. John H. Bogue, and lives in St. Louis.

(5) **JAMES F.**, the youngest of the Harper family was b. December 1, 1836, and d. in Sedgwick county, Kansas, in 1890, was 2nd Lieutenant in 49th O. V. I., m. Julia Jaqueth in 1867, left one son, now married, living near Moscow, Kansas, and a daughter, also married, living at Goddard, Kansas.

(4) **PATTY GIBSON.**

Born June 17, 1807, d. June 9, 1808, she was bd. in Jefferson county.

(5) **ELIZA GIBSON.**

The fifth and youngest daughter of John Gibson, was born March 11, 1810 at the old Jefferson county home, d. January 27, 1890, in Bucyrus, Ohio, and rests in Oakwood cem. in that city. On December 22, 1836 at the Gibson home, she m. **WASHINGTON DUNCAN**, of York county, Pennsylvania, who was b March 28, 1810 and d. at Bucyrus, June 7, 1888. As an account of the children of this branch of the Gibson family has been given a place in the memoirs of the descendants of **ANDREW DUNCAN SR.**, only the names of the eight children of Eliza Gibson need be given here. They were, (1) **SARAH JANE**, (2) **ANDREW CATHCART**, (3) **JOHN KENDALL GIBSON** (4) **ANN ELIZABETH**, (5) **CELIA EMELINE**, (6) **POLLY ELLEN**, (7) **ARTHUR McDOWELL** and (8) **HUGH WELCH**.

In this connection should be recorded the name of **REBECCA LIVINGSTONE**, who came with the Duncan family to Ohio and after the marriage of Washington, made her home with the Gibsons until her death in 1856. She was part Indian and was remembered as an intelligent and devoted member of the household. She is buried beside the elder Gibsons.

(6) **ROBERT McDOWELL GIBSON.**

Born May 22, 1812, d. May 20, 1878, at Bairdstown, Wood county, Ohio, and is bd. one mile north of that place. M. Laura S. Hough, at Melmore, April 20, 1847, she was b. July 30, 1823, in Delaware county, Ohio, d. September 13, 1904, at Lansing, Michigan. He studied medicine with Dr. Bates, in Melmore in 1844, practiced there until 1854, then removed to Tiffin, spent two years in California, returning home by sea, arriving in New York the day Fort Sumpter was fired upon, April 1861. In early practice he became infected and the later years of his life was a great sufferer, losing an arm from that cause. about two years before his death he removed to Bairds-

town. He died of heart failure after retiring to bed, his family not knowing he had passed away until in the morning. There were a son and daughter in this family, viz.: Don Reznor and Delia Hough. The story of their lives follows:

(1) **DON REZNOR**, b. at Melmore, February 26, 1852, d. at Tiffin, August 12, 1905, after many years of suffering from spinal disease. October 17, 1883 he m. Lucy McNeal, b. October 21, 1862, in Summit county, Ohio, had two children, viz.:—Robert A., b. June 2, 1886, d. June 5, 1886, Edna Elizabeth, b. at Tiffin, August 7, 1887.

(2) **DELIA HOUGH**, b. in Tiffin, July 1, 1859, m. Ralph W. Morse, a dentist of Lansing, Michigan, where the family resides. Their three children are, Robert M., b. July 1, 1889, Laura E., b. April 9, 1891 and Marian, b. October 2, 1895. Delia is the youngest grandchild of John Gibson, now living.

(7) **MOSES COE GIBSON.**

Born October 25, 1814, d. September 26, 1893, very suddenly of heart failure, at Butler, Indiana, while on his way from Kansas to his old home in Ohio, having spent a few days at the World's Fair, at Chicago. He m. Mary Jane Steele, a sister of Robert Cooper Steele, November 8, 1838. She was b. May 2, 1817, d. July 26, 1900, both are b. at Tiffin. For about forty years they lived on a farm four miles West of the Gibson home, then removed to Winfield, Kansas, where the two youngest daughters now reside. Had eight children, viz.:—John Kendall, James Steele, Jane Eliza, William, Alfred, Mary, Mattie and Margaret. Their record follows:

(1) **JOHN K.**, b. August 12, 1839, m. Kate Beery in 1861 by whom he had a daughter Mattie, who m. Mr. Ireland. She has a son, Loyd, and lives in Fostoria, Ohio. John K. was a lieutenant in the 49th O. V. I., was wounded by gunshot in the head in the battle at Alanta, Georgia, was sent home and in June, 1865 died from the injuries, is bd. at Mexico, near the old home.

(2) **JAMES S.**, b. August 2, 1842 was in the 49th O. V. I. and was killed by cannon shot in the afternoon

of Sunday, September 20, 1863, battle of Chicamauga. Buried in the National cem. there.

(3) **JANE E.**, b. September 27, 1844, m. George Gries, September 10, 1874 and lives at Tiffin. Had five children, viz.:—Mary, b. November 28, 1875, d. May 11, 1880. Carrie G., b. September 20, 1877. Bessie M., b. January 18, 1881. George G., b. August 12, 1883 and Rosco W. b. November 1, 1885.

(4) **WILLIAM**, b. September 29, 1847, d. January 9, 1851.

(5) **ALFRED**, b. May 2, 1850, m. Clara H. Eaton, in 1877 and lives at Butler, Indiana, has a daughter Grace, and had a son who died in infancy.

(6) **MARY**, b. September 27, 1852, resides in Winfield, Kansas.

(7) **MATTIE**, b. March 7 1855, resides in Winfield, Kansas.

(8) **MARGARET**, youngest child of Moses Coe Gibson, b. October 24, 1858, d. in infancy.

(8) JOHN KENDALL GIBSON.

Was born November 13, 1816, and died August 8, 1841 and lies beside his parents and sister Sally in the old graveyard on the "Base Line" where once stood the pioneer church known as the Block Meeting House. He was a graduate of the class of 39 or 40 Washington-Jefferson College; in the history of that famous institution is known as "Paul" Gibson, from his unusual mental powers and eloquence. His last speech was at old Fort Meigs, June 1840, before a vast assembly among them, Gen. W. H. Harrison, the elder. He had nearly completed his law studies in the office of Rawson and Pennington, at Tiffin, when he was stricken with typhoid fever and returned to the old farm to die. His untimely death was a sore trial to his friends and a national loss.

(9) BENJAMIN MILTON GIBSON.

Born November 15, 1818, died at Gibsonburg, Ohio, October 24, 1872 and is bd. one mile south of that place. He was the last of the family to leave the old farm. On

the death of his mother, the farm was sold and the great amount of effects which accumulate on a place occupied by a large family for many years were sold at auction and many articles which would now be prized as heir looms fell into the hands of strangers. Benjamin, m. Martha Corbett in 1865 and after the sale in the spring of that year, moved to Portage, Wood county, Ohio and later to a farm, upon a portion of which the town of Gibsonburg now stands. He met his death from being crushed under a tree which he was felling, but lived a great sufferer for some weeks after the accident. He left a son (1) **FRANK** who may be living but has not been heard of for many years and two daughters, viz.:—Cora and Emma.

(2) **CORA**, m. Ira C. ~~Keller~~^{Keller}, a prosperous farmer, *Keller* lives near Tiffin and has one son and two daughters.

(3) **EMMA**, m. Mr. Scott and also lives near Tiffin.

The widow of Benjamin M. Gibson, d. 1876 and is bd. in the Searles graveyard southeast of Tiffin.

Gibson was a Capt. in the 136th O. V. I., but did not see much service in the War.

(10) **WILLIAM HARVEY GIBSON.**

Was born May 16, 1821 and died at Tiffin, Ohio, November 22, 1894. At the age of twenty-one studied law in the office of Rawson and Pennington, in Tiffin. Became an accomplished speaker in early life and for many years preceding his death, was recognized as one of the great orators of his time. May 25, 1847 he m. Martha Matilda Creeger, at Tiffin, Rev. Franklin Putnam officiating. Mrs. Gibson was b. at Graceham, Maryland, February 26, 1823 and d. at Tiffin, August 16, 1903, both are bd. in the Tiffin cem. Gen. Gibson organized and was the Colonel of the 49th Regiment O. V. I., leaving for the front September 10, 1861. Subsequently he was brigade commander, and in 1880 Adjutant General of Ohio. At a gathering of distinguished leaders of the Republican party in Columbus, Ohio, February 13, 1894 after one of his best, as it was fated to be one of his last speeches, he nominated William McKinley, as the standard bearer of the party for the campaign of 1896. It is said that General Gibson

made more speeches, and his voice was heard by more people, than any man in the Republican party.

For a history of this member of the family of John Gibson, The "*Life and Speeches of General Wm. H. Gibson*" by David Dwight Bigger, D. D., will be found satisfactory. General Gibson had four children, all born at Tiffin. They were, Ella, William Ernest, Milton Harvey and Jennie Matilda, of whom the record reads:

(1) **ELLA**, b. March 5, 1850, m. Dallas P. Dildine, of Tiffin, September 25, 1872 and had four children, viz.: Cora G., b. July 24, 1873. Gibson P., b. July 21, 1875, m. Marie Mills, October 5, 1904 and lives at Lima, Ohio. Laura M., b. October 19, 1880, d. October 31, 1881. The youngest child of Ella Gibson, Helen G., was b. October 24, 1882. The family reside at No. 2475 Robinwood avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

(2) **WILLIAM ERNEST**, b. August 28, 1854, d. September 23, 1878 at Tiffin, at which place he is buried. His sickness was for a few days only and resembled yellow fever. He was of fine physique and a young man of much promise.

(3) **MILTON HARVEY**, b. December 12, 1858, d. January 21, 1862, very suddenly of membranous croup; his father was then at Camp Wood, Kentucky.

(4) **JENNIE MATILDA**, the youngest child of Gen. Gibson and the youngest of the grand children of John Gibson, was b. April 21, 1861 and d. at Barnesville, Ohio, October 13, 1897. February 10, 1891 she m. Edwin Bradfield, of Barnesville, at which place she is buried and her husband and her two little boys reside. These sons are William G., b. April 30, 1892 and Edmund S. b. April 9, 1894.

(11) **JAMES ALLEN GIBSON.**

The youngest of the family of John and Jeannette Coe Gibson, was b. in Seneca county, Ohio, February 3, 1823 and d. November 26, 1898 at Chapman, Kansas, and is bd. there. M. Margaret A. Poole, December 19, 1850. She was born in Frederick county, Maryland, October 10, 1825 and is today the only one living of the Gibson family of the second generation. They lived for many years on a farm two miles north of Sycamore, Wyandotte county,

then moved to Kansas about 1879. Had three children, viz.:—Albert Eugene, Frank Marion and Alice O.

(1) **ALBERT E.**, was b. in Seneca county, December 27, 1851, m. Lillie, daughter of Thomas Griffith, December 16, 1875. Of this marriage were born seven children, viz.:—Frances G., b. at Sycamore, Ohio, December 2, 1876. James Coe, b. at the same place, November 18, 1878. William G., b. August 21, 1881 at Chapman, Kansas. Emily M., b. January 14, 1884 at Council Grove, Kansas. Homer W., b. September 24, 1886. Robert R., b. March 23, 1889 and Jay G., b. April 1, 1890, d. September 7, 1890. The three last named were b. at Chapman, Kansas. The family resides in Kansas City, Missouri.

(2) **FRANK MARION**, b. September 18, 1853, d. September 17, 1880 at Chapman, Kansas, and was buried at that place.

(3) **ALICE**, the youngest child of James A. Gibson, was b. October 11, 1856 and d. of "Spotted fever" April 8, 1864 and rests beside her grandparents in the old "Block Meeting House" graveyard. She was the fourth one of the Gibson relatives who died of the same dread disease within eight days. James A. Gibson was a Capt. of reserve troops in 1862-1864 and like the whole family was patriotic and energetic in support of the Union. During the troublous days of the Civil War, no assembly lacked an eloquent speaker to defend the Federal administration if a Gibson were present, indeed it may be said of them all as was said by President McKinley in his address at the funeral of Gen. Gibson, of him, "His piety was broad enough to include every creed, and his patriotism wide enough to cover the whole country."

We now pass to the record of the family from which the wife of **JOHN GIBSON** came, and from it, it will be seen that no mean heritage fell to **JEANNETTE COE GIBSON**.

THE COE FAMILY.

ROBERT COE, sometimes spelled Cooe, was baptized 1596 and his wife Anna 1591 in Long Melford, Suffolk county, England, and on April 30, 1634 with their three sons, John, Robert and Benjamin, sailed from Ipswich, England in the ship *Francis*, Captain John Cutting, master, arrived in Boston. After living in Hempstead, New York and other places, settled with other Presbyterian families on Long Island and was one of the founders of the town of Jamaica and an organizer of the Church there, conceded to be the oldest Presbyterian Church in the United States, having an unbroken history to the present congregation. Here Robert Coe, was a judge and deputy high sheriff. He d. 1688, his wife Anna about 1674. He had a second wife, Jane Smith, a widow.

Of the three sons, **BENJAMIN**, m. Abigail Carman, he was prominent in the affairs of his time, dying at Jamaica Long Island, about 1702. He had sons, Benjamin, Daniel, John and Joseph. Of the four sons, **JOSEPH**, m. Judah _____ . They were living at Jaimaca as late as May 1714. Then with others moved to Morristown, New Jersey, where he was an elder in the Presbyterian church, last met with the church session, November 8, 1759, being then an old man he probably died shortly after, had two sons, Joseph and Benjamin. Of these **BENJAMIN**, m. Rachel Pruden, b. 1716, d. at Morristown, New Jersey, December 20, 1776, he was probably b. about 1714 and d. at an advanced age, perhaps in Washington county, Pa. He was a memembr of the Morristown Church as early as 1745, being demitted from that church to Redstone, Pa., September 12, 1777. There were the following children of this marriage, viz.:—Ebenezer, b. 1740. Daniel, b. 1741. Phede, b. 1743. Patience, b. 1745. Uzal, b. 1747. Benjamin, b. 1748. Moses, b. August 18, 1750. Patience, (No. 2), b. 1755. Peter, b. 1753. Rachel, b. 1757. Jane b. 1759. Elizabeth, b. 1761 and Titus, b. 1767. It must

always be borne in mind that in old records the dates of baptism and not of birth of child is the custom followed.

Of this numerous family of Benjamin and Rachel Pruden Coe, all were no doubt born in Morristown and some married there. At least three sons are enrolled in the Revolution roster of soldiers of that war. Several, if not most of the family went "West" which was then the Ohio River region, of these pioneers one of the sons **MOSES** was the father of Jennette Gibson.

MOSES COE, b. in Morristown, New Jersey, August 18, 1750, m. Sarah Howell, March 26, 1778. She was of Welsh descent, whether of the famous family of the Howells of Philadelphia and Morristown, or of some other Welsh family of that name is not clear. They moved to Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he was an elder in a Presbyterian Church as early as 1791 and a buyer and seller of land as early as 1793 and had a mill and was an owner of lands in Jefferson county, Ohio, which by his will dated March 27, 1813 and probated March 30, 1813, were divided between his two elder sons, Benjamin and Moses. The elder Moses Coe, d. in Washington county, Pennsylvania, March 28, 1813 and his wife Sarah Howell April 26, 1813. At the present writing we have no record where they were buried or of what Church they were members. They had a large family of whom we have this record: viz.

Esther, b. June 19, 1779, m. Daniel Crane. She was b. in New Jersey, the rest in Pennsylvania, which would indicate that Moses Coe, moved to Washington county, in 1779-1780. Rachel, b. January 26, 1781.

JEANNETTE, b. January 6, 1782, m. **JOHN GIBSON**, February 19, 1801. She d. May 5, 1865 (See Gibson family.)

Elizabeth, b. November 29, 1783.

Benjamin, b. October 15, 1785, m. Elizabeth Bell, February 5, 1811. Some of his descendants resided at Wintersville, Jefferson county, Ohio, within recent years.

Llewellyn, b. November 20, 1787.

Mary, b. November 21, 1789, m. Mr. Allison.

Moses, b. December 27, 1791, m. Esther Harrah.

Sarah, b. July 19, 1794, m. Mr. Kerr or Carr.

Phillip, b. August 10, 1798.

Daniel, b. March 3, 1801, m. Mary Gladden, April 11, 1822, a son, Joseph, was residing in Springfield, Mass. at a late date. Daniel lived and died in Union county, Ohio, near Millford. Some of the family moved to near Galesburg, Illinois. One of the sons was lost on an exploring trip in the early history of Ohio and was never found.

Recent research has traced the family back to John Coe in Essex county, England, 1403 and to Jeffry Coo in Norfolk county, England, 1458. The family type is strong in all the branches, blue eyes, light brown hair, fair and fresh complexion, good voices and fond of music. We are indebted to David Coe, Secretary of the Coe Association, for much of the history of the family; his address is, Stratford, Conn.

In concluding this record attention is called to the incomplete history or lack of certain data in regard to the ancestry of James Duncan of Chestnut Level, Lancaster county, and of John Gibson of Washington county, Pennsylvania, (1778-1852.) Any information in regard to this or any other matter of interest, to complete, correct or add to this record will be gratefully received by the person responsible for this attempt to perpetuate the brief history of some of the pioneer families of America.

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