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GENEALOGY

OF SOME

BRANCHES OF THE FAMILIES OF HUSTON,
WILSON, WILKIN, HOLMES, WELLS,
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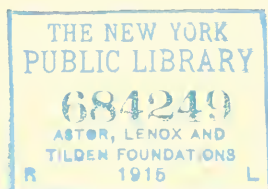
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“One generation passeth away and another generation cometh, but the earth abideth forever. ∴ Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.”

INTRODUCTION



IN SECURING the information given in the following pages a vast amount of unauthenticated matter accumulated, which, while of itself interesting to read, yet did not seem well enough established to be here recorded. In our desire to furnish a Genealogy that may be referred to as authority, we eliminate everything that cannot at this time be established beyond reasonable question. We trust that those who so generously answered our inquiries will not be disappointed that we did not avail ourselves of all the information offered, but will cheerfully agree with us, that it might mislead and confuse those seeking only reliable data.

In our possession are records, letters and stories told by good grandmothers "when I was a little girl." It thrills one with delight to know that the same blood flows through the veins of the living here recorded. We find in these pages five judges, sixteen attorneys-at-law, seven ordained ministers, seven physicians, and thirteen officers who did valiant service for their country; but to speak of the families as a whole, their tendencies were along industrial and commercial lines rather than professional. It is interesting to know that all are well-to-do, being above the average in education and intellect, having qualities conducive to good citizenship, and commanding respect in their individual communities.

Some mention is made of the departed of recent years, and blank pages are inserted in this volume for any individual notation. We may be able at a later date to furnish additional information which may be considered valuable enough to be here recorded. We did not, outside of our family, record the present generation, but furnish the Tree upon which you may readily locate your own branch.

JAMES A. AND AMANDA W. HUSTON.

PITTSBURGH, PA., March, 1914.

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HUSTON—HOUSTON.



ACCORDING to tradition there was at one time a contention in the house of H(o)uston which influenced the spelling of the name. After that, all those in sympathy with one side omitted the "o," while those of differing opinion inserted it. The father of the writer had full-blooded cousins in Logan, Hocking county, Ohio, who spelled their name with the "o," and full-blooded cousins in Mt. Perry, Perry county, Ohio, who omitted it. All of these visited his home and were excellent friends.

There are two large connections of Houstons that permanently located in Virginia and South Carolina; John Houston, born 1690, who came from Ireland in 1735 with his wife and six children—Robert, Isabella, Esther, John, Samuel and Matthew, leaving one son, James, a minister, in Ireland. They landed in Philadelphia and later settled on the "Burden Tract," between 1742 and 1750, in Rockbridge and Augusta counties, Virginia. This John Houston, on the 24th day of April, 1748, made his will and provided well for his children, except for the minister, James. Could it be that he did not spell his name to please the sire? This will is recorded in Will Book No. 2, page 40, Clerk's office, County Court of Augusta county, Virginia, May 15, 1755.

The other Houston ancestor was also named John. He emigrated from County Tyrone, Ireland, about 1750, and landed in Charleston, South Carolina. His wife was a Miss Ross. They brought with them from Ireland five children—John, Margaret, James, Mary, Samuel, and the following children were born in the United States: David, Ross and William. David married a Miss Reagen, of a family of the Society of Friends (a connection of the Pugh family of Ohio). In and about Philadelphia there are many Hustons who are Friends, but not related so far as the writers know. These two Houstons were related, but to what extent is unknown.

General Samuel Houston, probably the most prominent of the name in this country, is a descendant of this second John Houston family.

It may be of interest to the reader to note some facts which General Samuel Houston collected, throwing light on the history of the Houstons of Scotland, whence our ancestors came. In the year 1851 or 1852, while in the city of Washington, D. C., he exhibited a copy of the coat-of-arms of the Houstons as registered in the Office of Heraldry, London:



“A greyhound rampant on a broken column, an hour glass with the last sand running out, the motto, ‘In Tempore.’ The description of the terms and emblems of ‘Heraldry’ is as follows:

“‘Or, chevron, cheguy—sable and argent, between three martlets of the second crest.’

“‘A sand glass winged P Pr supporters, on either side a greyhound P Pr collared and chained.

(“‘Borne by the family on right of their ancient hereditary Barons of Scotland.)

“‘Or—motto over the crest, ‘In time.’”

A well authenticated copy of the coat-of-arms has been distributed among the connection in this country and here inserted.

"At an early period in the history of the Houstons, John Houston, with a body of soldiers, reinforced a broken column, and for his great courage and unexampled energy was knighted on the field of battle. The greyhounds indicate the fleetness of his command in coming to the rescue; the 'last sand' of the hour-glass, the perilous extremity of the army; and the motto ('In Tempore'), its victory."

"It is tradition that the Houstons dwelt on the Lowlands of Scotland, and the registering of their Coat-of-Arms in the Government office at London, proves satisfactorily that their standing was somewhat elevated. It is, moreover, affirmed that they were of Celtic origin, being unmixed with either Saxon, Danish or Norman. They took a decided stand in favor of the Reformation; adopted early the tenets of Calvin; sustained, with their hearts, substance and blood, the religious views of John Knox; and were persecuted for their rigid adherence to the Bible—as their rule of faith and practice."

At what time the Houstons first took up their abode in Ireland it is impossible now to ascertain; but many of them are recorded as having been there in the memorable year of 1688, "and, with brave co-patriots and co-religionists, having sustained the terrific siege of Londonderry, shared in the joy of final triumph there. Their resistance, stern and gloriously successful, was followed by the departure of the Popish forces of James II; turned the scale in favor of William and Mary; secured to William the crown of England. History has established these facts beyond all reasonable question or doubt." (*Vide* Foote's "Sketches of Virginia," p. 86, and "The Houston Family," by Rev. Samuel R. Houston, D.D.)

It seems certain that these branches are related. They are all Scotch-Irish, of the same rigid Presbyterianism, and emigrated from the same part of Ireland about the same time (about the middle of the eighteenth century). There is also a remarkable similarity in the family names of the respective lines of descent. But as we cannot unveil the links which connect the families, it does not comport with the matter-of-fact design and character of our work to say much that might be said of this family whose interesting history we would be proud to recognize as identified with our own.

Huston coat-of-arms is: Sable, a lion passant (moving along), Argent (silver) crowned or, (gold).

No crest and no motto are given, which shows that the coat armor was granted in the early days of heraldry—crests and mottoes belong to a later date.

The description as “gules” (red), whereas it should be “Argent,” (or silver), as above. The only change in the symbolism is that for Argent, we substitute “Sincerity,” its heraldic meaning.



Huston

Burbin “Peerage” gives it “gules,” but it is a mistake, there are occasionally minor errors in all books of heraldry, and as the one inviolable rule of heraldry is that “color cannot be placed upon color,” in this case it would have been “red” upon “black.” On investigation we found the correct description in a very old book of heraldry, Papworth’s “Armory.” This gives it “Argent,” which is not a *color*, but a *metal*. A metal upon color is all right.

GENEALOGY.

- 1 JOHN HUSTON, Scotsman, whose ancestors came from the
2 Lowlands of Scotland, born about 1745. He married a Miss
3 Hunter, of same blood. Their second son, named Archibald, born
in 1778 in County Cavan, Ireland, where the wife and
mother died. He again married and by his second wife raised a
large family. The children moved to Canada and located at
Zone, Southern Corners Canada West.
- 4-5 JOHN PEPPER, Englishman, married Miss Elliott in England
and moved to County Cavan, Ireland. Of this family one daugh-
6 ter, named Rebecca, born October 22, 1778.
- 3-6 ARCHIBALD HUSTON² married Rebecca Pepper² in the
year 1802. In 1811, with one son and one daughter, they moved
to the United States. After a short time in New York City, they
located permanently near Rehoboth, Perry county, Ohio, (then
Fairfield county). Of this marriage were born seven children,
as follows:
- 7 I. John Pepper Huston,³ born November 17, 1805, in
County Cavan, Ireland, died in Somersset, Perry
county, Ohio, September 13, 1883.
 - 8 II. Eleanor Huston,³ born April 26, 1810, in County
Cavan, Ireland, died in Perry county, Ohio
May 3, 1835.
 - 9 III. Mary Huston,³ born in New York City June, 1812,
died at Spring Valley, Minn, about 1892.
 - 10 IV. Robert Elliott Huston,³ born near Rehoboth, Perry
county, Ohio, March 16, 1815, died July 22, 1896,
at New Lexington, Ohio. Buried in New Lex-
ington, Ohio, cemetery.
 - 11 V. Jane Huston,³ born near Rehoboth, Perry county,
Ohio, January 4, 1818, died February 16, 1844.
 - 12 VI. Hannah Huston,³ born near Rehoboth, Perry coun-
ty, Ohio, July 23, 1821, died November, 1850.
 - 13 VII. Archibald Marshall Huston,³ born near Rehoboth,
Perry county, Ohio, April 10, 1824, died in Co-
lumbus, Ohio, July 19, 1898. Buried in Putnam
cemetery, Zanesville, Ohio.

7-14 JOHN PEPPER HUSTON³ married Sarah Yost. Seven children:

- 15 I. Elinor Huston.⁴
- 16 II. William C. Huston.⁴
- 17 III. Elizabeth Huston.⁴
- 18 IV. Alfred Robert Huston.⁴
- 19 V. Sarah Jane Huston.⁴
- 20 VI. Mary Catharine Huston.⁴
- 21 VII. Minerva Rebecca Huston.⁴

8-22 ELINOR HUSTON³ married Lewis Grove. Names of children not at hand.

9-23 MARY HUSTON³ married to John Fate. Several children; all moved to Spring Valley, Minn.

10-24 ROBERT ELLIOTT HUSTON³ married to Sarah A. Comly, Dec. 5, 1839; two daughters:

- 25 I. Mary Eleanor Huston,⁴ born September 2, 1840; died January 29, 1898; buried in New Lexington, Ohio, cemetery.
- 26 II. Rebecca Catharine Huston,⁴ born July 15, 1842.

24 This mother and wife, SARAH A. COMLY HUSTON, died March 22, 1845, and is buried in New Lexington, Ohio, cemetery.

10 On June 24, 1847, ROBERT ELLIOTT HUSTON³ was married to
27 Elizabeth Hayes Wilson⁴ by Rev. J. M. Jamison. One daughter and two sons:

- 28 III. Martha Jane Huston,⁴ born April 22, 1850; died September 18, 1900; buried in New Lexington, Ohio, cemetery.
- 29 IV. James Archibald Huston,⁴ born October 6, 1853.
- 30 V. Robert Wilson Huston,⁴ born December 4, 1859; died September 5, 1913; buried in family lot in New Lexington, Ohio, cemetery.

11-31 JANE HUSTON,³ married to John Rhodes. Of their children,
32 one daughter named Elinore.

- 12-33 HANNAH HUSTON, married to Wesley Kelly. Three children:
- 34 I. James F. Kelly.⁴
 - 35 II. Archibald H. Kelly.⁴
 - 36 III. John L. Kelly.⁴
- 13-37 ARCHIBALD MARSHALL HUSTON,³ married to Elizabeth Ream.
- 38 I. One daughter, Rachel Amelia.⁴
- 39 This wife and mother died. He married Margaret Stump.
40 No children. This wife died. He married Amanda Holmes.⁴
Four children:
- 41 II. Archibald Holmes Huston.⁴
 - 42 III. Margaret Elizabeth Huston.⁴
 - 43 IV. Charles Chesterfield Huston.⁴
 - 44 V. Amanda Pearl Huston.⁴
- 26-45 REBECCA CATHARINE HUSTON,⁴ married to Dr. Alva Richards, November 1, 1866. Three children:
- 46 I. Robert Lewis Richards.⁵
 - 47 II. Hayesel Elizabeth Richards.⁵
 - 48 III. Clarence Comly Richards.⁵
- 28-49 MARTHA JANE HUSTON,⁴ married to George Fillmore Gardner, July 15, 1874. Five children:
- 50 I. Mary M. Gardner.⁵
 - 51 II. Georgine Pearl Gardner.⁵
 - 52 III. Robert E. Gardner.⁵
 - 53 IV. Elizabeth H. Gardner.⁵
 - 54 V. James H. Gardner.⁵
- 29-55 JAMES ARCHIBALD HUSTON,⁴ married to Amanda Wilkin, December 4, 1879. Four children:

- 56 I. Libbie Roberta Huston,⁵ born November 5, 1880; died September 14, 1888; buried in New Lexington, Ohio, cemetery.
- 57 II. James Alva Huston,⁵ born August 25, 1885.
- 58 III. Nanette Marie Huston,⁵ born January 11, 1888.
- 59 IV. Hayesel Wilkin Huston,⁵ born February 14, 1889.
- 30-60 ROBERT WILSON HUSTON,⁴ married to Mary Overmyer, September 18, 1883. Two children:
- 61 I. Nellie Clara Huston,⁵ born October 24, 1885.
- 62 II. Robert Morris Huston,⁵ born December 4, 1889.
- 57-63 JAMES A. HUSTON, JR.,⁵ married to Fanny Lee Gunther, of Memphis, Tenn., November 6, 1912. Now residing in Rochester, New York.
- 58-64 NANETTE MARIE HUSTON,⁵ married to Edmund Benton Bartlett, of San Diego, Cal., October 11, 1913. Now residing in San Diego, Cal.

WILSON.

- ⁶⁵ **THOMAS WILSON,**¹ born in Edinburgh, Scotland.
⁶⁶ Moved to Ireland. Married to Mary Elizabeth Riley.
They moved by the way of Nova Scotia to Norfolk,
Va., where the wife and mother died and was buried,
leaving several sons and daughters. One of these sons, Thomas
⁶⁷ Wilson,² our ancestor, born April 5, 1740, married June, 1776, to



MARTHA ASHBY WILSON.

Born April, 1786.
Died March 6, 1880.
Aged 93 years, 11 months.

(Number 76.)

- ⁶⁸ Elizabeth Hayes⁴ (sister of Ezekiel), born November 15, 1755,
daughter of Jonathan and Mary Hayes, and relative of Ruther-
⁶⁹ ford B. Hayes, ex-President of the United States.

After a few years this ancestor located in Garrett county, Maryland, on the glades of the summit of the Allegheny mountains, locating finally about eight miles east of Oakland, Md., now known as Wilson Station Post Office, called Altamont, located on Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, between Cumberland, Md., and 67 Grafton, W. Va. Thomas Wilson² owned a large tract of land and was a slave holder. However, in 1835, these slaves were given their liberty under an agreement that they were to pay ten dollars each per year. Payments were made for two or three years only.

This tract of land, about 800 acres, is still in the family, the 70 title being in the name of Abraham Wilson, grandson, born July 11, 1816, being at this writing (April 26, 1911) almost 95 years old, and will be referred to later.

On this tract of land is the graveyard in which are buried over one hundred relatives and friends of our relatives, including the above-named ancestors.

The writer visited this historical graveyard and farm, April 26, 1911; from the yard of the old homestead secured a shrub which later was carefully planted in "Robindale," Sewickley, Pa.

67 This ancestor, Thomas Wilson,² was enlisted in the service of his country and was honorably discharged after the treaty signed at Upper Sandusky, Ohio. There were born of this marriage six sons and three daughters, as follows:

- 71 I. Thomas Wilson,³ born April 25, 1777. Married to
- 72 Susan Bowman. Their descendants located at Blaine, W. Va.
- 73 II. Joseph Wilson,³ born February 15, 1779. Married to
- 74 Elizabeth Shinn. Located at Ozark, Mo.
- 75 III. James Wilson,³ born March 6, 1781. Married to
- 76 Martha Ashby. Moved to Clayton township, Perry county, Ohio, where many of their descendants now reside.

- 77 IV. Jonathan Wilson,³ born April 5, 1784. Married to
78 Elizabeth Inskeep. Descendants live in Garrett
county, Maryland.
- 79 V. Mary Wilson,³ born July 4, 1786. Married to Wil-
80 liam Ashby. Descendants live at Oakland, Md.
There was a time when this Wilson family and
this Ashby family were the only residents of
Garrett county.
- 81 VI. Michael Wilson,³ born November 7, 1788. Married
82 Harriet Cresap, born April 24, 1788; died April
14, 1882. Descendants live in that wonderfully
beautiful valley at Bier, Allegheny county, Mary-
land.
- 83 VII. Elizabeth Wilson,³ born November 12, 1791. Mar-
84 ried to Jesse Ashby. Descendants live in Wash-
ington county, Iowa.
- 85 VIII. Esther Wilson,³ born June 22, 1794. Married to Mr.
86 Duvall. No children. She died in Rehoboth,
Perry county, Ohio.
- 87 IX. William R. Wilson,³ born May 9, 1798. Married to
88 Elizabeth ————. Descendants live about
Blaine, W. Va.
- 75 JAMES WILSON,³ born March 6, 1781. Married to Martha
76 Ashby, born April, 1786. They were married in 1805. In the
year 1811 they moved to Clayton township, Perry County, Ohio,
and purchased a farm (now known as Wesley Chapel), which is
still in the possession of their descendants. They are buried in
Wesley Chapel graveyard. James Wilson died March 31, 1852,
aged 71 years. Martha Ashby Wilson died March 6, 1880, aged
93 years and 11 months. Of this marriage nine children, as fol-
lows:
- 89 I. Jonathan Hayes Wilson,⁴ born April 5, 1807. Mar-
90 ried to Alice Marshal, May 23, 1851, by Rev.
Jamison. Descendants living in Washington,
Iowa.

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- 91 II. Michael Willis Wilson,⁴ born August 13, 1808. Mar-
92 ried to Catherine A. Hood, February 15, 1849, in
Somerset, Perry county, Ohio, by Rev. Charles
H. Hood, and located at Washington, Iowa.
- 93 III. James Riley Wilson,⁴ born March 3, 1810. Married
94 to Jane S. Johnson, December 1, 1842, by Rev.
T. Martin, in Clayton township, Perry county,
Ohio.
- 95 IV. Sarah Ashby Wilson,⁴ born January 9, 1812. Mar-
96 ried to Israel Moore on February 16, 1832, by
Samuel Hamilton. Children of this marriage own
and operate the Wilson farm above referred to.
- 97 V. Thomas Wilson,⁴ born March 6, 1814. Married to
98 Abigail Sellers, March 19, 1846.
- 27 VI. Elizabeth Hayes Wilson,⁴ born September 19, 1816.
10 Married to Robert Elliott Huston, June 24, 1847,
by Rev. J. M. Jamison, and lived in New Lexing-
ton, Ohio, remainder of their lives. Died No-
vember 13, 1895.
- 99 VII. Rachel Wilson,⁴ born October 25, 1818. Married to
100 Thomas Rhodes on April 15, 1847, by Rev.
Joseph Neuson. The husband died some years
later. This widow married Isaac Cooper. De-
scendants live in Clayton township, Perry county,
Ohio.
- 101 VIII. Martha Wilson,⁴ born March 27, 1821. Married to
102 Isaac Hull. No children.
- 103 IX. William Ashby Wilson,⁴ born June 12, 1826; died
July 17, 1828.
- 77 JONATHAN WILSON,³ born April 5, 1784. Married to Eliza-
78 beth Inskeep, born July 27, 1788. Welsh blood. Descendants
live in Garrett county, Maryland. Eight children, as follows:
- 70 I. Abraham Wilson,⁴ born July 11, 1816. Never mar-
ried.
- 104 II. Sarah F. Wilson,⁴ born October 6, 1817. Married
105 to Nelson Baker.

- 106 III. Elizabeth Hayes Wilson,⁴ born April 13, 1819. Mar-
 107 ried to Dempsey Welsh.
- 108 IV. Thomas Riley Wilson,⁴ born July 14, 1820. Died
 when 21 years of age.
- 109 V. Hester Ann Wilson.⁴ Date of birth not stated. Never
 married.
- 110 VI. Jonathan H. Wilson,⁴ born September 11, 1823.
 111 Married to Mary C. Spiker.
- 112 VII. Susan A. Wilson,⁴ born May 8, 1825. Married to
 113 David Davis. He died August, 1907, aged 86
 years. It was my pleasure and delight to spend
 an April day in 1911 with Mrs. Davis and her
 114 sister, Rachael I. Wilson, at her good hospitable
 home in Piedmont, Va., where early times were
 fully discussed, a royal dinner served, and much
 valuable information secured. She has some pic-
 tures of ancestors that we would like to have in
 this volume, but we just could not ask for them,
 knowing how highly they are prized. She was
 very fond of old Uncle Hayes in her childhood
 days.
- 114 VIII. Rachael Inskeep Wilson,⁴ born January 14, 1828.
 Never married. Living with Mrs. Davis at Pied-
 mont, Va.
- 115 GEORGE HAYES. Born —, married 1683, died 1725. Two
 sons.

Below are descendants of George Hayes, as furnished by
 Burchard Hayes, son of ex-President Hayes:

Daniel Hayes, 1686—1749—1807.	Benjamin Hayes, 1703—1744.
Ezekiel Hayes, 1787—1813—1822.	Zedekiah Hayes, 1730—1753.
Rutherford Hayes, 1724—1749.	Elizabeth Hayes, ⁴ 68 1756—1776.
69 Rutherford Burchard Hayes, 1822—1852—1893.	Married to Thomas Wilson, June 17, 1776. 67

81 MICHAEL WILSON,³ born November 7, 1788. Married July
82 4, 1824, to Harriet Cresap, born April 24, 1788. She is the
daughter of Robert Cresap. Eight children, as follows:

- 116 I. Robert Cresap Wilson,⁴ born April 12, 1825. Mar-
117 ried March 2, 1852, to Mrs. Sarah Parsons
(McCarty). Moved to Missouri, March 10, 1853.
He died in Saline county, Missouri, February
13, 1879.
- 118 II. Thomas Riley Wilson,⁴ born May 2, 1827. Settled in
119 Nebraska and married Mary Tucker, of Nebras-
ka. He died at Blair, Neb., November 7, 1909.
- 120 III. Susannah Stull Wilson,⁴ born November 27, 1829;
died August 2, 1840.
- 121 IV. Joseph Balke Wilson,⁴ born January 11, 1832. He
died in Maryland.
- 122 V. George Whitefield Wilson,⁴ born April 2, 1834. Mar-
123 ried March 26, 1861, to Maggie E. Hoblitzell. He
died November 4, 1905.
- 124 VI. Elizabeth Ruth Wilson,⁴ born July 12, 1836; died
March 16, 1848.
- 125 VII. James William Wilson,⁴ born January 8, 1839. Now
living in Allegheny county, Maryland.
- 126 VIII. Michael Van Wilson,⁴ born August 31, 1841. Mar-
127 ried October 20, 1869, to Miranda Taylor. He
died some years ago at Blair, Neb., leaving widow
and three children.

125 JAMES WILLIAM WILSON,⁴ born January 8, 1839, married
128 December 30, 1863, to Mary T. King, in Alleghany county, Mary-
land. Three children, as follows:

- 129 I. Alexander King Wilson,⁵ born September 15, 1864.
130 II. Robert Cresap Wilson,⁵ born September 5, 1866.
131 III. James William Wilson, Jr.,⁵ born September 10,
1868.



Wilkin

WILKIN COAT-OF-ARMS

Given in Crozier's "American Heraldry" for Robert Wilkin, 1701:

Arms: Per pale or (gold), and argent (silver), a wyvern (or dragon), vert (green).

Crest: A wyvern preper (that is in natural coloring).

Motto: Beware of thyself.

WILKIN.



HIS family a couple of generations back is of German blood. The name "Wilkin" in the German is the diminutive of Will, whatever significance that may have. If referring to size or stature, it would be quite appropriate to the late generations. Since their immigration to the States many years ago, the pure German blood and the traits that go with it, have been Americanized, but the product we believe to be equally desirable for the home and good citizenship. "Lichte, Liebe, Lieben," ("Light, Love, Life") was to them a daily guide known as the three "L's."

The Wilkins are a quiet, unobtrusive people, energetic, practical, and in all things temperate. Though perhaps not deeply religious, they possess a high sense of honor and strict integrity. "Beware of thyself" is very appropriately emblazoned on their coat-of-arms.

- 132 MATHIAS WILKIN,¹ born June, 1738, of German parentage.
133 Married to Margaret Wilson. Settled in Rockingham and Shenandoah counties, Virginia, afterwards at Wilkins Mills on Lost River, Hardy county, Virginia, (now West Virginia). He had a family of six sons and two daughters, as follows:
- 134 I. Henry Wilkin.²
 - 135 II. George Wilkin.²
 - 136 III. Godfrey Wilkin.²
 - 137 IV. Joseph Wilkin.²
 - 138 V. Jacob Wilkin,² born February 10, 1788.
 - 139 VI. John Wilkin,² born August 26, 1762.
 - 140 VII. Barbara Wilkin.²
 - 141 VIII. Rebecca Wilkin.²

Note—Above children not in order of birth.

- 139 JOHN WILKIN,² born August 26, 1762. Married Hannah
142 Craybill, born in Rockingham county, Virginia. Nine children, as follows:

- 143 I. Levi Wilkin.³
- 144 II. Samuel Wilkin.³
- 145 III. Daniel Wilkin.³
- 146 IV. John Wilkin.³
- 147 V. David Wilkin.³
- 148 VI. Jacob Wilkin,³ born February 7, 1795.
- 149 VII. Hannah Wilkin.³
- 150 VIII. Elizabeth Wilkin.³
- 151 IX. ——— Wilkin,³ married Mr. Baker.

139 This family of John Wilkin² moved to Licking county, O., near Newark, in 1812. He was buried on Wilkin farm, five miles south of Newark, on Zanesville road.

138 JACOB WILKIN,² born February 10, 1788. Married to Mary
152 Swisher, daughter of Nicholas Swisher. Three children:

- 153 I. Isaac Wilkin,³ born July 11, 1806.
- 154 II. Margaret Wilkin.³
- 155 III. Catherine Wilkin.³

153-156 ISAAC WILKIN,³ born July 11, 1806. Married to Sarah Bur-
ner,³ January 24, 1827, in Newark, Ohio. He died in Marshall,
Illinois, November 16, 1886. The wife died July 21, 1895. Nine
children, as follows:

- 157 I. Andrew J. Wilkin,⁴ born April 4, 1828.
- 158 II. Elias D. Wilkin,⁴ born September 20, 1830, died
April 8, 1895.
- 159 III. Catherine M. Wilkin,⁴ born February 7, 1833.
- 160 IV. Mary M. Wilkin,⁴ born July 9, 1835.
- 161 V. Jacob W. Wilkin,⁴ born June 7, 1837, died April
3, 1907.
- 162 VI. Margaret V. Wilkin,⁴ born March 29, 1840.
- 163 VII. Henry O. Wilkin,⁴ born December 19, 1843, died
October 4, 1908.
- 164 VIII. Milton P. Wilkin,⁴ born August 17, 1846.
- 165 IX. William A. Wilkin,⁴ born April 6, 1849.

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- 164 Of this large family Milton P. Wilkin⁴ is the only one living.
 148 JACOB WILKIN,³ born February 7, 1795, buried on farm 12
 miles from Robison, Crawford county, Illinois. Son of John
 139 Wilkin,² born August 26, 1762, died in Newark, Ohio, September
 132 1, 1814, who was the son of Mathias Wilkin, ancestor born in
 166 June, 1738. Was married November 14, 1822, to Catherine Bur-



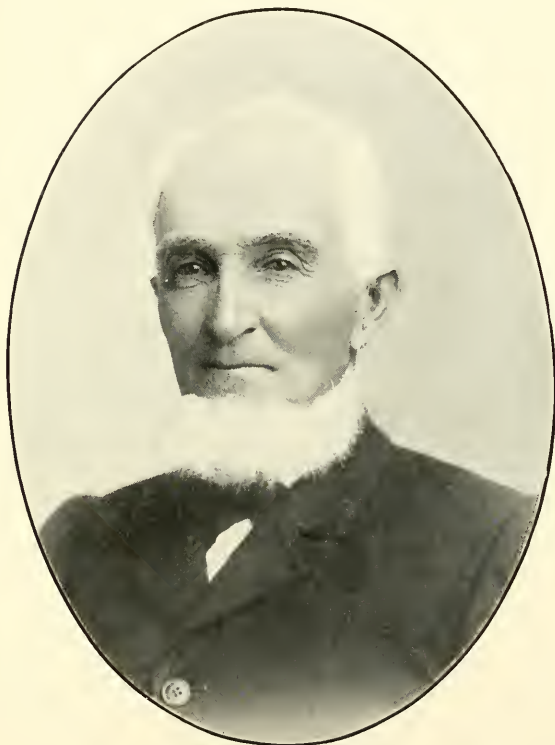
ISAAC WILKIN.
 Born July 11, 1806.
 Died November 16, 1886.

SARAH BURNER WILKIN.
 Died July 21, 1895.
 (Numbers 153-156.)

- 167 ner,² born October 11, 1803, who was the daughter of Henry
 168 Burner, born August 28, 1768, who was the son of Arhart Bur-
 ner, ancestor.

To this union of Jacob Wilkin and Catherine Burner Wilkin were born ten children, as follows:

- 169 I. Enos Wilkin,[†] born October 11, 1823.
 170 II. John Henry Wilkin,[†] born July 22, 1825.
 171 III. Noah Wilkin,[†] born August 18, 1827. Died December 30, 1900.
 172 IV. Matthew Wilkin,[†] born December 5, 1829.
 173 V. Mary Wilkin,[†] born March 1, 1832.



ENOS WILKIN.
 Born October 11, 1823.
 Faculties well preserved at 90 years.
 (Number 169.)

- 174 VI. Jacob Wilkin,[†] born March 9, —.
 175 VII. Levi Wilkin,[†] born October 1, 1836. Died December 26, 1858.
 176 VIII. Samuel Wilkin,[†] born March 9, 1839.
 177 IX. Silas Wilkin,[†] born May 15, 1842.
 178 X. Absalom Wilkin,[†] born October 23, 1844.

169-179 ENOS WILKIN,⁴ born October 11, 1823, and Nancy Holmes,⁴ born March 8, 1825, were married March 29, 1849. Four children, as follows:

- 180 I. Sarah Catharine Wilkin,⁵ born February 22, 1850.
Died August 28, 1851.
- 55 II. Amanda Wilkin,⁵ born March 15, 1853.



AMANDA WILKIN HUSTON.
(Number 55.)

- 181 III. Libbie Wilkin,⁵ born March 11, 1856. Died June
4, 1897.
- 182 IV. Calla Wilkin,⁵ born June 29, 1860.

55-29 AMANDA WILKIN⁵ married to James Archibald Huston,⁴ December 4, 1879. Four children, as follows:

- 56 I. Libbie Roberta Huston.⁶
- 57 II. James Alva Huston.⁶
- 58 III. Nanette Marie Huston.⁶
- 59 IV. Hayesel Wilkin Huston.⁶

* 181-183 LIBBIE WILKIN⁵ married to H. Judson Carter, December 4, 1879. One daughter:

- 184 I. Sophronia Carter.⁶

This wife and mother died June 4, 1897, and buried in cemetery in Granville, Licking county, Ohio.

182-185 CALLA WILKINS⁵ married to Timothy B. Jones. One son:

- 186 I. Wilkin Timothy Jones.⁶

BURNER.

168 ARHART BURNER,¹ German birth, settled in Shenandoah county, Virginia. He had a family of seven children, as follows:

- 167 I. Henry Burner,² born August 28, 1708.
- 187 II. Jacob Burner.²
- 188 III. Abraham Burner.²



CATHARINE BURNER WILKINS.
Born October 11, 1803.
(Number 166.)

- 189 IV. Joseph Burner.²
- 190 V. Daniel Burner.²
- 191 VI. Barbara Burner,² married Mr. Peters.
- 192 VII. Lizzie Burner,² married Mr. Murdock.

167 HENRY BURNER,² born August 28, 1768, son of Arhart Bur-
 193 ner, married to Magdalene Cullers. Seven children, as follows:

- 194 I. Abraham Burner,³ married to Barbara Stover.
- 195 II. Henry Burner,³ married Catherine Wilkin.
- 166 III. Catharine Burner,³ married to Jacob Wilkin.³
- 196 IV. John Burner,³ married to Mary Coulter.



ELI HOLMES.
 Born March 1, 1795.
 Died June 29, 1869.
 (Number 255.)

- 197 V. Rebecca Burner,³ married to Jonathan Tracy.
- 156 VI. Sarah Burner,³ married to Isaac Wilkin.
- 198 VII. Mary Burner,³ married to Josiah Ward.

HOLMES.



HOLMES is a name with an attractive personality, if the expression is allowable. Is it not partly because, with the omission of one letter, we have homes? Homes, indeed, is one form of the name found in Colonial times. Holmes is from the Norman word *holm*, an islet in a lake or river; it also means lowlands.

In German it is *Holm*; in Flemish *Holms*; it is found in Domesday Book, *Holms*. *Holmbury* is a place in Surrey.

The family has been prominent for centuries in Yorkshire, Norfolk, Chester, Hertfordshire, Lancaster, Cambridge and Nottingham. The chief branch of the family, in Scotland, lives at Kilmannock, where the last Lord Holmes died in 1764, the title then becoming extinct.

The Holmses were in Virginia in the early days and have helped to make history all along the ages. In 1635 George Holmes was the leader in an expedition to the valley of the Delaware river. George Holmes finally settled in New York City, where he owned a large slice of the town, or from what is now Forty-seventh street to Fifty-second street.

It takes away one's breath to think of the millions—shall we say billions?—to which his heirs would be entitled had the property remained in the family all these years!

What connection there is between George and Thomas Holmes, if any, the writer is not prepared to say. Thomas was the son of Thomas, a lawyer of Gray's Inn, London, and a soldier in the Civil War. Thomas, Junior, came to Virginia and later removed to New London, where he married Lucrese Dudley. Their son John was born in 1686, and married Mary Willey. He along with Mary had "an acre of rocky land by Cedar Swamp, where his father hath planted some apple trees."

Some of this branch of the family removed to East Haddam. There was a Captain John about this time, and a good ancestor to appropriate. He is, without doubt, John, son of Thomas.

Captain John died in 1734 and his was the first burial in one of the East Haddam graveyards. His widow married Samuel Adams, also of East Haddam, whose first wife, Eleanor Lee, be-

queathed him a rich legacy—sixteen children. Captain John Holmes and wife also had a large family.

Other patriarchs of the Holmes family are George, a free-man of Roxbury, 1639; Isaac, of Marshfield; John and William of Plymouth, 1632. William was a lieutenant in the Pequot war, but as he neglected to take a wife no descendants are scanning the records on his account. It serves him right. Let us hope that he was well fined for this little oversight, for bachelors were fined, and quite properly, too.

The Holmes of New York State trace back to Lemuel, son of Joseph of Plymouth, born 1766. Lemuel settled not far from Albany, and his wife was Polly Battles.

It was Thomas Holme (no "s," if you please), who was Surveyor General of Pennsylvania, and "one of the most important men in the early history of the State." Holme laid out Philadelphia, according to modified instructions of Penn, and his "Portraiture of the city of Philadelphia" was published in London in 1683.

Heitman's "Officers of the American Revolution" gives the following names of the Holmes:

From Massachusetts, Captain Lemuel; from Connecticut, Surgeon David, Surgeon's Mate Silas and Lieutenant Uriel; from Rhode Island, Lieutenant Hugh; from New Jersey, Captains James and Jonathan, Lieutenants John, William and Elisha; from 199 Pennsylvania, Lieutenant James (our ancestor), and Ensign David; from Virginia, Lieutenant Benjamin Holmes, whose name also appears as Hoomes; Surgeon David and Ensigns Isaac and James; from Georgia, Chaplain John.

Lieutenant Uriel, of Connecticut, lived at Hartford, where he was Justice of the Peace and a member of the Legislature. In 1764 he married Statira Cone. He was a church member, and gave the bell to the Hartford church.

His son, Uriel, married Esther Austin. He, too, has a record worth looking up, for he was a member of the Legislature and Congress.

Marriage connections of the Holmeses include the families of Hatch, Marsh, Rawson, Fuller, Mather, Hungerfords and Knowltons. Christian names run to Biblical ones; for example, Elijah, Zachariah, and Deborah and Thirza and demure maids, and so

is Silence. Then, too, how many are the Dorotheys who are named for Dorothy Q., grandmother's mother."

A nephew of the author of "Dorothy Q" named a daughter after the heroine of the portrait and the verses, and she—Dorothy Upham was her name—received a couple of stanzas which make a pretty pendant to the original poems:

"Dear little Dorothy, Dorothy Q,
 What can I find to write to you?
 You have two N's in your name it is true,
 And mine is adorned with a double U;
 But there's this difference in the U's,
 That one you will stand a chance to lose,
 When a happy man of the bearded sex
 Shall make it Dorothy Q X X.

"May heaven smile bright on the blissful day,
 That teaches this lesson in algebra,
 When the orange blossoms crown your head,
 Then read what your old great uncle said,
 And remember how in your baby time
 He scribbled a scrap of idle rhyme—
 Idle it may be, but kindly, too,
 For the little lady, Dorothy Q."

Oliver Wendell Holmes was the son of Rev. Abiel Holmes, and his second wife, Sarah, daughter of Oliver Wendell, of Boston. Abiel was born at Woodstock, Conn., the son of Surgeon General David of the Revolution. Abiel's first wife was Mary, daughter of Rev. Dr. Ezra Stiles, President of Yale College. The first years of his ministerial life were spent in the state of Georgia. He returned to New England and died at Cambridge, Mass.

The coat-of-arms reproduced is blazoned: sable, a lion rampant, argent, [charged with three benedicts, ^{allets}gules.] Crest: A demi-griffin, azure, guttee d'or, holding in his dexter claw a sword erect, azure, pommel and hilt, or; ^(Holmes of Hampoll, Yorkshire) other arms are blazoned for the Holmes, and most of them show that they were granted in the early days of heraldry. For example, one is: Barry of six, argent and azure; another, Barry of eight, or, and azure; still two others, Barry of six or azure and or, and Barry of six or and sable.



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One nearly resembling the illustrated arms is: Sable, a lion rampant, bendy of six, argent and gules. Crest: A demi-griffin.

200 JAMES WELLS,¹ Englishman, born 1692, married to Ann
 ———. Six children, as follows:

- 201 I. James Wells,² born January 27, 1716.
- 202 II. Prudence Wells,² born March 16, 1720.
- 203 III. Richard Wells,² born March 13, 1722.
- 204 IV. Honore Wells,² born December 10, 1725. Died
 March 28, 1816.
- 205 V. Alexander Wells,² born March 12, 1727.
- 206 VI. Ann Wells,² born February 17, 1729.

203 RICHARD WELLS,² born March 13, 1722, married to Nancy
 207 Brown. Twelve children:

- 208 I. Richard Wells.³
- 209 II. Alexander Wells.³
- 210 III. George Wells,³ born 1745.
- 211 IV. Mary Wells,³ born September 19, 1748.
- 212 V. (General) James Wells,³ born 1751, died January
 29, 1814.
- 213 VI. Thomas Wells,³ born January 10, 1758.
- 214 VII. Patience Wells,³ born 1759.
- 215 VIII. John Wells,³ born 1764.

Four daughters' names not at hand.

204 HONORE WELLS,² born December 10, 1725. Married in 1740
 216 to William M. Holmes¹ (Englishman), died March 10, 1758,
 Eight children:

- 217 I. Lenorah Holmes,² born 1742.
- 218 II. Thomas Holmes,² born May 14, 1744.
- 219 III. William Holmes,² born March 3, 1746.
- 199 IV. James Holmes,² born February 13, 1748.



REASON HOLMES.
 Born January 7, 1801.
 (Number 238.)

- 221 V. Sarah Holmes,² born April 13, 1750.
- 222 VI. Elizabeth Holmes,² born February 12, 1752.
- 223 VII. Thomas Holmes² (2d), born April 14, 1755.
- 224 VIII. Alexander Holmes,² born July 12, 1757.

216 WILLIAM M. HOLMES,¹ ancestor, Englishman, born about
 204 1715, married to Honour or Honore Wells, in 1740. Eight chil-
 199 dren, the fourth being James Holmes,² born February 13, 1748,
 died February 2, 1826.

199 JAMES HOLMES,² born in Western Pennsylvania. He enlisted
 in the Revolutionary War from Bedford county, Pennsylvania,
 April 15, 1776, and resigned December 31, 1776, being incapacitated
 for further service because of a gunshot wound through
 the hips, which made him a cripple for life.

He was third lieutenant in first battalion of Miles' Pennsylvania
 Rifles Regiment, and of Captain Richard Brown's Com-
 pany.

The above may be found in the State Library of Pennsylvania,
 at Harrisburg, Penna., and in Book I, second series, volume ten,
 Pennsylvania Archives in Congressional Library, Washington,
 D. C. It may also be found in the Record and Pension
 Office, War Department, from Heitsman's Historical Register of
 officers of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War.

After the war ended he settled in Washington county, Penn-
 225 sylvania. In 1777 he married Nancy Ann Whitaker, born Octo-
 ber 24, 1760, died September 18, 1829, daughter of Thomas and
 Elizabeth Whitaker.

In 1802 this family moved to Fairfield county, Ohio. He
 lived to be 78 years old and his wife to 69 years of age. They
 were buried in the Wells graveyard of George's chapel in Lick-
 226 ing county, Ohio, near the homes of two sons, Alexander and
 230 James, Jr.

199 The family of JAMES HOLMES² and Nancy Ann Whitaker
 Holmes consisted of thirteen sons and two daughters, as follows:

- 226 I. Alexander Holmes,³ born March 30, 1778.
- 227 II. Thomas Holmes,³ born September 21, 1779.
- 228 III. William Holmes,³ born July 1, 1781.
- 229 IV. Richard Holmes,³ born March 19, 1783.
- 230 V. James Holmes,³ born May 19, 1785.
- 231 VI. Sarah Holmes,³ born February 25, 1787, died when
 18 months old.
- 232 VII. Joseph Holmes,³ born March 7, 1789.
- 233 VIII. Samuel Holmes,³ born March 17, 1791.

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- 234 IX. Joshua Holmes,³ born February 1, 1793.
 235 X. Eli Holmes,³ born March 1, 1795. Died June 29,
 1869.
 236 XI. Rolland Holmes,³ born May 30, 1797.
 237 XII. Nancy Holmes,³ born January 8, 1799.
 238 XIII. Reason Holmes,³ born January 7, 1801.



NANCY HOLMES WILKIN.
 Born March 8, 1825.
 Faculties well preserved at 89 years.
 (Number 179.)

- 239 XIV. Bazeleel Holmes,³ born December 18, 1804.
 240 XV. Lemuel Holmes,³ born December 18, 1806.
 226 ALEXANDER HOLMES,³ born March 30, 1778, was married to
 241 Kate Murphy. Six children:
 242 I. James Holmes,⁴
 243 II. William Holmes,⁴

- 244 III. Eliza Holmes.⁴
- 245 IV. Priscilla Holmes.⁴
- 246 V. Amanda Holmes.⁴
- 247 VI. Belinda Holmes.⁴

248 Second wife, Naomi Cornell. Four children, as follows:

- 249 VII. Elvira Holmes.⁴
- 250 VIII. Narcissa Holmes.⁴
- 251 IX. Wells Holmes.⁴
- 252 X. Philander Holmes.⁴

227 THOMAS HOLMES,³ born September 21, 1779, married to
253 Rachel Wells. Seven children:

- 254 I. Alexander Holmes.⁴
- 255 II. Nancy Holmes.⁴
- 256 III. George Holmes.⁴
- 257 IV. Betsey Holmes.⁴
- 258 V. Rachel Holmes.⁴
- 259 VI. Sallie Holmes.⁴
- 260 VII. Harriet Holmes.⁴

228 WILLIAM HOLMES,³ born July 1, 1781, was married to Rachel
261 Day. Ten children, as follows:

- 262 I. Thomas Holmes.⁴
- 263 II. Lydia Holmes.⁴
- 264 III. George Holmes.⁴
- 265 IV. William Holmes.⁴
- 266 V. John Holmes.⁴
- 267 VI. Mary Holmes.⁴
- 268 VII. Kate Holmes.⁴
- 269 VIII. James Holmes.⁴
- 270 IX. Richard Holmes.⁴
- 271 X. ——— Holmes.⁴

229 RICHARD HOLMES,³ born March 19, 1783, was married to
272 Elizabeth Cherry. Seven children, as follows:

- 273 I. Thomas Holmes.⁴
- 274 II. James Holmes.⁴
- 275 III. Eliza Holmes.⁴

- 276 IV. Mary Holmes.⁴
- 277 V. Alexander Holmes.⁴
- 278 VI. Richard Holmes.⁴
- 279 VII. Jane Holmes.⁴

230 JAMES HOLMES,³ born May 19, 1785, was married to Eliza-
280 beth Wells. Seven children:

- 281 I. Nancy Holmes.⁴
- 282 II. Samantha Holmes.⁴
- 283 III. George Holmes.⁴
- 284 IV. Sarah Holmes.⁴
- 285 V. Emily Holmes.⁴
- 286 VI. Charles Holmes.⁴
- 287 VII. James Holmes.⁴

232 JOSEPH HOLMES, born March 7, 1789, married to Sallie
288 Haver. Nine children, as follows:

- 289 I. Joseph Holmes.⁴
- 290 II. Rebecca Holmes.⁴
- 291 III. Peter Holmes.⁴
- 292 IV. Nancy Holmes.⁴
- 293 V. George Holmes.⁴
- 294 VI. Reason Holmes.⁴
- 295 VII. William Holmes.⁴
- 296 VIII. Libbie Holmes.⁴
- 297 IX. Hetty Holmes.⁴

233 SAMUEL HOLMES,³ born March 17, 1791, married to Eliza
298 Beaver. Four children, as follows:

- 299 I. Lucinda Holmes.⁴
- 300 II. Nancy Holmes.⁴
- 301 III. Branson Holmes.⁴
- 302 IV. Samantha Holmes.⁴

303 Second wife, Susan Conklin. Four children:

- 304 V. Samuel Holmes.⁴
- 305 VI. Richard Holmes.⁴
- 306 VII. Susan Holmes.⁴
- 307 VIII. Rolland Holmes.⁴

234 JOSHUA HOLMES,³ born February 1, 1793, married to Mar-
308 garet Conklin. Nine children:

- 309 I. Lemuel Holmes.⁴
- 310 II. Alfred Holmes.⁴
- 311 III. Leander Holmes.⁴
- 312 IV. Eliza Holmes.⁴
- 313 V. Sarah Holmes.⁴



NICHOLAS HOLMES.
Born December 22, 1818.
(Number 319.)

- 314 VI. Nancy Holmes.⁴
- 315 VII. Evelyn Holmes.⁴
- 316 VIII. Emily Holmes.⁴
- 317 IX. William Holmes.⁴

235 ELI HOLMES,³ born March 1, 1795, was married to Catharine
318 (Caty) Brown. Nine children, as follows:

- 319 I. Nicholas Holmes.⁴
- 320 II. Sarah Holmes.⁴
- 321 III. Catharine Holmes.⁴
- 179 IV. Nancy Holmes,⁴ born March 8, 1825.
- 322 V. Betsy Holmes.⁴
- 323 VI. Eli Holmes.⁴
- 324 VII. Bazeleel Holmes.⁴
- 40 VIII. Amanda Holmes.⁴
- 325 IX. James Monroe Holmes.⁴

236 ROLLAND HOLMES,³ born May 30, 1797, married to Eliza
———. No further information.

237 NANCY HOLMES,³ born January 8, 1799, married to Richard
326 Brown. No further information.

238 REASON HOLMES,³ born January 7, 1801, married to Marinda
———. Four children, named:

- 327 I. Alvin Holmes.⁴
- 328 II. Philamon Holmes.⁴
- 329 III. Narcissa Holmes.⁴
- 340 IV. Caroline Holmes.⁴

239 BAZELEEL HOLMES,³ born December 18, 1804, married to
341 Frances Butler. Two children:

- 342 I. Sophronia Holmes,⁴ born October 27, 1835.
- II. Name of second child not known by writer.

240 LEMUEL HOLMES,³ born December 18, 1806, married to Lucy
343 Herrick. Three children:

- 344 I. Henry Clay Holmes.⁴
- 345 II. Kirker Holmes.⁴
- 346 III. Augusta Holmes.⁴

347 NICHOLAS BROWN, born October 17, 1765, married to Sarah
348 Whitaker, born March 12, 1772. Ten children, as follows:

- 349 I. Basil Brown.²
- 350 II. Thomas Brown.²
- 351 III. Nancy Brown.²
- 318 IV. Catharine (Caty) Brown,² born January 3, 1799.
- 352 V. Asa Brown,² born June 4, 1801.
- 353 VI. Betsey Brown.²
- 354 VII. Margaret Brown.²
- 355 VIII. Reason Brown.²
- 356 IX. Edward Brown.²
- 357 X. Sally Brown.²

318 CATHARINE (CATY) BROWN,² born January 3, 1799, died
335 March 29, 1876, and Eli Holmes, born March 1, 1795, died June
29, 1869, were married. Nine children:

- 319 I. Nicholas Holmes,⁴ born December 22, 1818.
- 320 II. Sarah Holmes,⁴ born September 21, 1820.
- 321 III. Catharine Holmes,⁴ born September 29, 1822.
- 179 IV. Nancy Holmes,⁴ born March 8, 1825.
- 322 V. Betsey Holmes,⁴ born April 20, 1827.
- 323 VI. Eli Holmes,⁴ born June 5, 1829.
- 324 VII. Bazaleel Holmes,⁴ born March 30, 1833.
- 40 VIII. Amanda Holmes,⁴ born April 20, 1835.
- 325 IX. James Monroe Holmes,⁴ born June 15, 1837.

The parents of these children buried in Putnam Woodlawn cemetery, known afterwards as a certain ward of Zanesville, Ohio.

Records of line of descent are kept only along the line of the male. The dominant blood of (29) James Archibald Huston is Huston and Wilson. The dominant blood of (55) Amanda Wilkin Huston is Wilkin and Holmes. From this genealogy we gather the generations of (57) James Alva Huston, (58) Nanette Marie Huston and (59) Hayesel Wilkin Huston from all four of these lines, which shows them as follows: Huston, fifth generation; Wilson, Wilkin and Holmes, sixth generation. Any of

the relatives sufficiently interested may work out their generation along the lines suggested below. Three most important dates are kept: birth, B; marriage, M, and death, D.

John Huston¹ married 2 Hunter.
B 1745—Died—



CATHARINE (CATY) BROWN HOLMES.

Born January 3, 1799.
Died March 29, 1876.
(Number 318.)

3 Archibald Huston² married 6 Rebecca Pepper.²
B 1778—Died—

10 Robert Elliott Huston³ married { 24 Sarah A. Comly, 1839.
27 Elizabeth Hayes Wilson.⁴
B 1815—Died 1896 B 1816—M 1847—D 1895

- 29 James Archibald Huston⁴ married 55 Amanda Wilkin.⁵
 B 1853—M 1879 B 1853—M 1879
- 56 Libbie Roberta Huston,⁵ born 1880, died 1888.
- 57 James Alva Huston,⁵ born 1885, married 1912.
- 58 Nanette Marie Huston,⁵ born 1888, married 1913.
- 59 Hayesel Wilkin Huston,⁵ born 1889.



JAMES ARCHIBALD HUSTON.
 (Number 29.)

- 65 Thomas Wilson¹ married 66 Elizabeth Riley.
 B—D—
- 67 Thomas Wilson² married, 1776, Elizabeth Hayes.⁴
 B 1740—D— B 1755—Died—
- 75 James Wilson³ married 76 Martha Ashby.
 B 1781—D 1852 B 1786—M 1805—Died 1880
- 27 Elizabeth Hayes Wilson⁴ married 10 Robert Elliott Huston.³
 B 1816—M 1847—Died 1895 B 1815—M 1847—D 1896

- 29 James Archibald Huston⁵ married 55 Amanda Wilkin.⁵
 B 1853—M 1879 B 1853—M 1879
 56 Libbie Roberta Huston,⁶ born 1880, died 1888.
 57 James Alva Huston,⁶ born 1885, married 1912.
 58 Nanette Marie Huston,⁶ born 1888, married 1913.
 59 Hayesel Wilkin Huston,⁶ born 1889.
- 132 Matthias Wilkin¹ married 133 Margaret Wilson.
 B 1738—Died—
- 139 John Wilkin² married 142 Hannah Craybill.
 B 1762—D 1814
- 148 Jacob Wilkin³ married 166 Catharine Burner.
 B 1795—Died— B 1803—M 1822
- 169 Enos Wilkin⁴ married 179 Nancy Holmes.⁴
 B 1823—M 1849 B 1825—M 1849
- 55 Amanda Wilkin⁵ married 29 James Archibald Huston.⁴
 B 1853—M 1879 B 1853—M 1879
 56 Libbie Roberta Huston,⁶ born 1880, died 1888.
 57 James Alva Huston,⁶ born 1885, married 1912.
 58 Nanette Marie Huston,⁶ born 1888, married 1913.
 59 Hayesel Wilkin Huston,⁶ born 1889.
- 216 William M. Holmes¹ married 204 Honore Wells.²
 B 1715—M 1740 B 1725—M 1740—D 1816
- 199 James Holmes² married 225 Nancy Ann Whitaker.²
 B 1748—M 1777—D 1826 B 1760—M 1777—D 1829
- 235 Eli Holmes³ married 318 Catharine (Caty) Brown.²
 B 1795—M—D 1869 B 1799—M—D 1876
- 179 Nancy Holmes⁴ married 169 Enos Wilkin.⁴
 B 1825—M 1849 B 1823—M 1849
- 55 Amanda Wilkin⁵ married 29 James Archibald Huston.⁴
 B 1853—M 1879 B 1853—M 1879
 56 Libbie Roberta Huston,⁶ born 1880, died 1888.
 57 James Alva Huston,⁶ born 1885, married 1912.
 58 Nanette Marie Huston,⁶ born 1888, married 1913.
 59 Hayesel Wilkin Huston,⁶ born 1889.

ROBERT ELLIOTT HUSTON.

Robert Elliott Huston was born at Somerset, O., March 16, 1815, and died in New Lexington, Ohio, July 22, 1896, at the age of 81 years, 4 months and 6 days. December 5, 1839, he was married to Sarah Ann Comly. March 22, 1845, he was bereft of his wife of six years. June 24, 1847, he was married to Eliza-



JUDGE ROBERT E. HUSTON.

Born March 16, 1815.

Died July 22, 1896.

(Number 10.)

beth Hayes Wilson, which relation was terminated only by the death of Mrs. Huston November 13, 1895. He had always lived in and been identified with this neighborhood. For 63 years he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was also Probate Judge of this county several terms.

Had I declined to be present today and to take part in these funeral obsequies, I would have been an ingrate, for while I served this (M. E.) church as presiding elder for six years, no man did more for my comfort and happiness than Robert E. Huston. His home was my home. Then, too, I, with all who are present here today, are sharers of the blessing of the church and our benign Christian institutions. It was Brother Huston and his compeers and their fathers who planted these churches and nourished these institutions, so if we did not speak appreciatively of him, the stones would cry out.

I think if you will trace his ancestry you will find that in his veins flowed the best blood of the old world, well mingled with the best blood of this land, east and south. Of such was our honored state stocked in its settlement. And this is one of the reasons why Ohio's sons have place and influence in the nation. His father came to this country early in this century and was converted to God and was licensed to exhort. It was by his labors that the churches in the northeastern part of this county were planted. He and those who were his fellow-helpers from their practice of warm and open-hearted hospitality set the example that is still observed in this region, much to the credit of all.

While, strictly speaking, Robert E. Huston was not a pioneer, yet he was the son of one of the first settlers of Perry county. He was near enough to the pioneers to catch their spirit of self-sacrifice and simplicity which still marks the region round about us. His father's home and his own home was a place where the fathers of the church were hospitably received. He in this way came in contact with such men as John Collins, James Quinn and James Gilruth. Impressions of a lasting character were thus made on the mind of Brother Huston. In after years he received into his own home such ministers of the gospel as David Young, Jacob Young, Samuel Hamilton and Samuel Harvey. They were not only his guests, but they were his companions.

He had to do with establishing the first society in this thriving little city. About 1850 I, then a lad of sixteen, attended a campmeeting in Chilcote's camp ground. There were few, if any, wooden cottages, but nearly all canvas tents and large covered wagons, formed the two squares that encircled the rudely constructed preachers' tent, and the auditorium whose seats were slabs and fence rails, and whose covering was the blue canopy of

heaven. Rev. Jacob Young was the presiding elder and Elijah V. Bing, John Dillon and James Mitchell were the pastors. The preaching was very earnest and evangelical, and the leading thought in all discourses and exhortations was "Repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." I, an unconverted boy, was made to discover that there was fire in the very bones of these men, and that I was a poor sinner and nothing at all. Among the workers at this meeting I observed Robert E. Huston. His enthusiasm was not as pronounced as others, yet he was a leader of the hosts of laymen present. No one looked more carefully after the comfort of visiting pastors or laymen than he. In after years I learned of his faithfulness and skill in the office of steward, looking after the support of the ministry.

While Sabbath school superintendent he cared for the children as a loving father. Many here today are ready to rise up and call him blessed for his good works in this department. In later years he has been trustee of the church, and as we sit in this auditorium we see evidences of his liberal planning and giving and his fidelity in executing.

He began his life as a farmer and then became a merchant, and because of his sagacity and probity he was made a probate judge of this county. Not only did his fellow citizens honor him, but the church called him to some of its highest councils. In 1871 he was a member of the lay electoral conference, which met at Washington C. H., Ohio. He was a man of commanding presence, at the same time he was modest and unassuming. He was a voluminous reader and remembered well what he read. The Bible with him was the first of books—yes, the book of books. He was a close observer of men, public men especially. He had well digested opinions on all matters of interest in society, church and state. He had a rich fund of information from which he could draw at will. His special power was seen at his fireside or in the circle of his friends, where he was the acknowledged magnet. His wonderful memory, his sweetest of voices and his happy art of putting things, made him the prince of conversationalists. His life was well rounded up. He had little to mourn over as to a misspent youth. In his young manhood he was a servant of God, diligent in business. In riper years his wise counsels were sought and freely given not only to his children but to the church and even the nation.

I never knew any man more modest in relating his experience at the love-feast nor one who came so meekly and reverently to the sacrament. I loved him as a brother in the gospel, and, with these sons and daughters, I shall be very lonely to come to New Lexington and remember that I shall never hold sweet converse with him on earth. To us all his life closes a volume of history. He knew and remembered much that the future historian may covet, but cannot obtain. He was both well versed in history and his life is a history. He has left his children the best of legacies, "a good name." If you children will but improve on his example you will be emphatically "great and good."

ISAAC F. KING.

Columbus, O., July 24, 1896.

BAR AND COUNTY OFFICER RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

OFFICE PROBATE JUDGE,

Perry County, O., July 23, 1896.

At a called meeting of the joint members of the Bar and County Officers to take action on the death of ex-Judge Robert E. Huston, Hon. John Ferguson was on motion called to the chair. On taking the chair Mr. Ferguson said:

Gentlemen of the Bar:—The subject of our consideration to-day, the late Hon. ex-Probate Judge Robert E. Huston, is as well known a character as lived in our county, being in succession the third of the Probate Judges of the county. Truly, he lived to a ripe old age. As a judge he was always honorable in the discharge of all his duties, and his affable discharge of all official duties at all times met the hearty approval of the bar and the people. As a merchant he was honest, upright and fair in all his dealings. The goods purchased from him were never measured from a short yard stick or a doubtful measure. Truly, we think Judge Huston followed the Golden Rule, and whatever our notions may be of the life to come, one thing we all know—let that be as it may—the life lived by him in all our presence was truly the best for contemplation when the end comes.

On motion, Thomas O. Crossan was chosen secretary. On motion the chair appointed a committee of five of the following

members on resolutions of respect for the deceased, to wit: Chas. E. Spencer, James E. Johnston, Frank A. Kelly, J. B. Larimer and W. H. H. Minturn. On motion the Judge of the Probate was requested to place the resolutions as reported on the journal of his court record; also that the same be published in both county papers and a copy sent the family of the deceased.

On motion the following were appointed pall bearers to serve at burial July 24th, 11 A. M., 1896, to wit: J. E. Powell, J. B. Larimer, Frank A. Kelly, W. H. H. Minturn, Thomas B. Williams, Charles C. Guy, J. W. Free, A Garlinger, John T. Pyle, Herbert Butler, James E. Johnston and John Ferguson.

On motion adjourned to meet at this place at 10:30 A. M., July 24th.

WHEREAS, Death has again invaded our midst, and the victim in this instance is our venerable fellow-townsmen, Robert E. Huston, who departed this life at 1 P. M. July 22, 1896, in the 82nd year of his age. Robert E. Huston was during a long and eventful life a most excellent and exemplary citizen, filling every station alike to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. He was a farmer, merchant and judge, having been elected Probate Judge of Perry county in 1866 and reelected in 1869, serving two full terms; therefore, we, the committee to whom were referred the resolutions touching the matter of the death of Judge Robert E. Huston, beg leave to report as follows, to wit:

Resolved, That in the death of Robert E. Huston we, the members of the Perry County Bar and County Officers, feel that while we bow to the inevitable in this instance we lose one of the old landmarks, to whose enterprise and energy and love for our town we are greatly indebted. He was a man whose official integrity was always unquestioned; as a judge his energy was devoted to a faithful, intelligent, upright administration of even handed justice; his untiring zeal for the interest of the widow and orphan occupied and commanded at all times his best effort; his knowledge of the laws, while not wholly acquired from the books, was intuition, being possessed of an equitable mind naturally, and upon the faithful discharge of all his official duties was to him a great solace as he neared the end. He brought sterling honesty and manly zeal to the discharge of every duty. As a citizen he was above reproach; as a merchant his dealings were with all just. His motto was the "Golden Rule." He died as he had lived—a Christian gentleman. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we tender to the family of the deceased in their great affliction our sincere condolence.

J. B. LARIMER,
JAS. E. JOHNSTON,
W. H. H. MINTURN,
FRANK A. KELLY.

MRS. ELIZABETH H. HUSTON.

A motherly landmark has been removed from our social life and a beloved wife and mother from the life of a home. Elizabeth Hayes was the daughter of Judge James and Martha Wilson. She was born September 19, 1816, and got the Hayes part of her name from her direct relationship to the family that gave our nation a President. She had the benefit of such excel-



ELIZABETH HAYES WILSON HUSTON.

Born September 19, 1816.

Died September 13, 1895.

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lent training as the sturdy religious life found in a Christian home of those days afforded, and, therefore, while yet quite young she was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which her parents were active members. In her father's home she learned not only to love her father's church,

but to share with him in a ministry of blessing to the wayworn itinerant Methodist preachers who so often found shelter and comfort under his hospitable roof. The lessons of this angel ministry thus learned she fully utilized later, when she made her own home a haven of rest towards which many a tired Methodist preacher gladly turned his weary steps.

For more than sixty years she lived a beautiful life; a life made lovely by its kindly ministries as a Christian daughter, wife, mother, neighbor and friend. In all these relations her strong, tender Christian touch drew to her the affectionate regard of all. In church matters she was generous. Though firmly attached by loving ties to the church in which she and her people were raised, and in which she raised her children, she had no carping criticisms for others. Denominational enough to effect a cordial alliance in membership with a great branch of the church, her mind and heart yet refused to admit the bigotry of sectarians.

She became the wife of Judge Robert E. Huston June 24, 1847, when nearly 31 years of age. Into this relation she brought qualities which shed light and comfort through all the home. To her were born four children, one of which died in birth and three are living, Mrs. Mattie J. Gardner, Mr. James A. Huston and Mr. Robert W. Huston. While they mourn the departure of a mother, they testify to her piety, fidelity and wisdom in her care of them. Together now thrice five children and a goodly number of grandchildren weep in the sorrow of a great bereavement while they rise up and call her blessed. To them the influence of such a life and home ministry as hers has been, must be like the anointing of holy consecrating oil poured forth upon their heads.

For forty-eight years and five months she presided over the home of her husband, children and self with such a grace that her loved ones delight to call her a model wife and mother, and her house a model home. If the venerable man who so long stood by her side and she by his should now speak he would say, as he has said, that their walk has been forty-nine years of unruffled harmony. But the fingers that were wont to play on the harp of his life the sweet harmonies of home are resting now awhile. Our brother-father, will feel this great change in the family more than any of the rest. The one who has been his daily com-

panion in the walks of life for half a century has passed on, a little ahead, and it may therefore seem a little more lonely for him. But don't be in a hurry, brother; you will catch up with her bye and bye. The Lord your Saviour and friend, and hers, will be with you always.

Wednesday morning, November 13, 1895, Mrs. Elizabeth Hayes Huston, aged 79 years, 1 month and 24 days, after severe illness of several weeks, left the tenement of clay and entered the mansion house of her Heavenly Father, where she awaits the coming of her loved ones. The close of human life for her was peaceful because she had walked with God. For her there is no river; Christ had bridged it; no darkness; Jesus had driven all but the shadows from the valley; no terror; the Lord had overcome them all. She had heard His voice and followed him all day; she trusted Him with her all at the approach of the shadows and He will raise her up when dawns the glorious morning.

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My Mother! Manhood's anxious brow
 And sterner cares have long been mine;
 Yet turn I to thee fondly now,
 As when upon thy bosom's shrine
 My infant griefs were gently hushed to rest,
 And thy low whispered prayers my slumber blessed.

YE OLDEN TYMES.

Last Tuesday was the 81st birthday of the venerable Judge R. E. Huston. The Herald reporter paid her respects to him on that natal day, and gleaned from him reminiscences of "Auld Lang Syne."

Judge Huston was born in Somerset, O., March 16, 1815, of famous and hardy Scoto-Hibernus stock. Originally it was blue blood Presbyterian of the North of Ireland. His father's pastor in Ireland was the famous old evangelist, Gideon Doshey, about the close of the last century. Then the faith was changed for the livelier faith of the Methodist. Judge Huston had not yet attained his majority when he located in New Lexington. It was a village then of less than a quarter of a century old, laid out by the two Comly brothers, John and James, in 1816. New Lexington con-

sisted of about twenty houses and one hundred souls when Judge Huston came here; two stores, that of Comly & Whittaker and M. B. Cushions. One little brick house (Comly's store) stood where court house now is. A hewed log house stood on the southeast corner of Brown and Main street. There were two taverns, one kept by Jacob Barnd, on the corner, where now is the Herald office. Barnd had the courage to keep a temperance house, when most of the towns of the State ran a bar. Barnd was also a hatter, and thus he was able to provide for both the outer and inner man.

There was a tannery kept by J. Bough on what is now A. J. Ward's premises, corner of Jackson and Brown streets. In those days many little towns had carding and fulling mills, so there was one here at the old Granger mill. There was also a sawing mill owned and operated by Comly, located near the Main street bridge. In these days we have furniture stores and undertaking establishments. In those days they were cabinet shops and home-made furniture. One here was owned and carried on by E. Montgomery. Now we have shoe stores; then they were shoe shops, where the work was hand-made, and a pair of boots would last as long as the clothes of the Israelites tramping 40 years in the wilderness! There were two blacksmith shops, for horses needed shoes then as now—oftener now, owing to the Perry county pikes.

The famous old log school house stood below Jane McCloy's house, on the lot owned by "Captain" John Smith. The school was taught by the celebrated Irish teacher, "Father" Stuart, who taught the young idea of 1830 how to shoot by walloping the boys. Dr. Horatio Mason, the father of Councilman William A. Mason, was the leading physician. Judge Huston's first employment here was school teaching, and for a year and a half he was a pedagogue. For a number of years in the '30's and '40's, he was a business man.

He married Sarah Comly, daughter of the original founder of the town. They dwelt where the Teaters property now stands. His health failing he went upon a farm, and in 1849 he bought what has long been known as the Huston place. Much of it was in the woods. In fact most of the land directly north of Jackson street was forest. He built his residence in 1849 and moved into it in April, 1850. All his life a faithful Democrat. He was

elected Judge of Probate Court in the fall of 1866 and succeeded himself, serving the people acceptably two terms. He was a prominent man in all the town improvements and enterprises. He has two additions to the original plat of the town. One on Eastern avenue and the second on Elizabeth street. He took a leading part in securing the Cincinnati & Muskingum Valley Railroad through here. Marked changes have taken place since March, 1836. The only person left who was here when he came in 1836 is Mrs. Nancy Spencer.

He has been a resident 60 years. Judge Huston is a man of commanding appearance; has large natural ability; with strong will and tenacity of purpose. While he had the vicissitudes incident to the American boy, yet he has met with abundant success. In his earlier days he could address an audience with as much logical acumen as many trained speakers. He has the esteem and good wishes of his fellow-citizens. Long prominent in the M. E. church circles of this town, active in every good word and work. Bereft of his estimable companion last autumn. His family reunions have heretofore been joyful occasions, his sons and daughters and grandchildren gathering often under the old roof to honor and reverence their venerable sire with gratitude and affection.

PASSED BEYOND.

A cluster of beautiful lilies and roses on the door of the Huston homestead on last Tuesday was the mute announcement that Mary Eleanor Huston had gone to dwell in the land of everlasting flowers.

She was the daughter of Robert E. Huston, one of the pioneer residents of this place, and of Mary E. Comly Huston, a sister of David Comly, another of the founders of the town. She lived all her useful, helpful life in her birthplace, an aid and comfort to brothers and sisters, a loving friend to nephews and nieces and a stay to her parents in their declining years. Since the death of Mr. and Mrs. Huston, both having died within the past three years, "Miss Mollie," as she was commonly called, has gradually failed in health.

Always a sufferer from asthma, her constitution was slowly undermined, and when phthisis set in, her decline was rapid. Last fall she went to the home of her sister, Mrs. George Gardner, at Bradford, Pa., in the hope of benefit from the mountain air, but not improving in health she went to her brother, James A. Huston, at Toledo, at whose home she remained until her death, which occurred on Saturday evening, January 29, at the age of



MARY ELEANOR HUSTON.
Born September 2, 1840.
Died January 29, 1898.
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fifty-seven years. Hers was a lovely Christian character and her influence will be long felt by all who knew her.

The funeral services were held at the M. E. church on Tuesday afternoon and were attended by a large number of sorrowing friends who brought and sent quantities of beautiful flowers as a token of the loving favor with which she was regarded.

Her surviving brothers and sisters are Mrs. Dr. A. Richards, New Lexington; Mrs. George F. Gardner, Bradford, Pa.; James A. Huston, Toledo, Ohio; R. W. Huston, Delaware, Ohio.

It singeth low in every heart,
 We hear it each and all—
 A song of those who answer not,
 However we may call;
 They throng the silence of the breast,
 We see them as of yore—
 The kind, the brave, the true, the sweet,
 Who walk with us no more.

'Tis hard to take the burden up
 When these have laid it down;
 They brightened all the joy of life,
 They softened every frown;
 But oh, 'tis good to think of them
 When we are troubled sore!
 Thanks be to God that such have been,
 Although they are no more!

More homelike seems the vast unknown,
 Since they are entered there;
 To follow them were not so hard,
 Wherever they may fare;
 They cannot be where God is not,
 On any sea or shore;
 Whate'er betides, Thy love abides,
 Our God, for evermore.

DEATH OF MRS. MATTIE HUSTON GARDNER.

After years of suffering, Martha Huston, wife of George F. Gardner, passed away on Tuesday, September 18, 1900, at her home in DuBois, Pa.

Martha Huston Gardner was the youngest daughter of Judge R. E. and Elizabeth Huston, and was born at this place about fifty years ago. She received a fine education at the Granville College, and in 1874 was married to George F. Gardner and the couple took up their residence at Lancaster, Ohio, remaining there until 1887, when they removed to Zanesville and later to Akron, Ohio,

where they resided until Mr. Gardner was called to Bradford in '95 to fill the position of superintendent of the Pittsburgh division of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad. Since that time their home has been in Bradford, until as stated above, changes in the railroad necessitated a removal to DuBois, Pa., about July 1st of this year. Although Mrs. Gardner has been an invalid for the past seven years, her death was a great shock



MARTHA JANE HUSTON GARDNER.

Born April 22, 1850.
Died September 18, 1900.
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to family and friends, as her condition did not seem to be serious until a short time before her death.

Mrs. Gardner was loved by a large circle of friends who will greatly deplore her death in the prime of life, but it is her family that will feel her loss most. She was a devoted and loving wife and mother and a model of domestic virtue. Bright of in-

telleet, cultivated and possessing charming social qualities, her home and family came before every other interest.

Besides her bereft husband there are left to mourn her loss, three daughters, Mamie, Georgine and Bessie, and two sons, Robert and James. Her father, mother and sister Mary died within the past three years, but two brothers, James A. Huston, of Toledo, and R. W. Huston, of Delaware, and one sister, Mrs. Dr. Alvah Richards, of this place, survive.

The remains arrived on a special car on Saturday morning accompanied by her family and friends and the funeral services took place at the home of her brother-in-law, Doctor Richards, at 10 o'clock, Rev. James Gardner, of Wellston, an uncle, conducting the exercises. The coffin was covered with exquisite floral emblems, the last tribute of brothers, sisters, relatives and railroad friends of Mr. Gardner. After the services the body was placed in the vault pending final interment in Maplewood Cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM.

BY AMANDA WILKIN HUSTON.

Martha Huston, daughter of Judge Robert E. and Elizabeth Wilson Huston, was born in New Lexington, Ohio, April 22, 1850. July 15, 1874, she was united in marriage with George Fillmore Gardner. To this union were born five children: Mayme M., Georgine P., Bessie H., Robert E. and James H. Gardner, who, with the husband, survive.

On September 18, 1900, this beloved wife and mother died at her home in DuBois, Pa., surrounded by the members of her family and every earthly comfort.

The services at DuBois were conducted by her former pastor, the Rev. Melville R. Webster, D.D., of the Methodist Episcopal church, of Bradford, Pa., assisted by Dr. Albert Russell Rich, and Rev. J. Vernon Bell, both of DuBois, after which removal was made to the childhood home, now the home of her sister, Mrs. Dr. Alvah Richards, New Lexington, Ohio, the funeral sermon here being preached by Rev. J. H. Gardner, D.D., of the Ohio Conference. The wealth of flowers and large attendance of friends at both services attested in part to the loving remembrance in which she was held. Later in the month, and as

if she might have chosen the spot, she was buried in the beautiful cemetery at New Lexington, near father, mother, sister and other loved relatives and friends, leaving many of us in the shadow of the loss among us here, and to our reveries.

She was a beloved wife, a devoted mother, daughter, sister, friend. In the home circle her virtues were emphasized. In feeble health for perhaps eight years of her life, her qualities of mind and heart still were a magnet, bringing to her in loving sympathy a large circle of relatives and friends, in whose society she took great comfort. Her deep interest in music, art and literature, together with her genial disposition, made her home interesting and happy.

She was graduated at the Granville College, June, 1871, being valedictorian of a large class. It was in this school the writer first knew and loved her—a love and admiration that has lasted through the more intimate relation of sister for many years, hence this tribute, which, if it savors of eulogy, is not for the purpose of effect, but because of precious memories.

In February, 1870, under the pastorate of Rev. W. C. Holliday, in New Lexington, she united with the Methodist Episcopal church, and continued a member full of faith in her church, through the rest of her life.

Her Christian faith had a pronounced influence in moulding the traits we saw in her character; those of earnestness, frankness, kindness and sympathy, and an innate loftiness, so that one felt that she was in the presence, not only of a friend, but a noble woman as well.

She was a delight to her honored parents, a pride to her sisters and brothers; the family tie being very strong, but, more than all, she was a benediction to her husband and children. The home is now in the shadow of her departure, and the dear ones

“Cannot find the stars tonight,
So black the sky bends over.”

But with her faith may they know that

“Somewhere, where the shadow ends,
Begins a newer story;
And somewhere past horizon's rim,
The day is making glory.”

May they not forget that in their home a beautiful life has been given many years. The testimony of that life will abide as a stimulus unto those who tarry during God's "little while." And may we all be patient, strong in the faith that shall say:

"I cannot see, with my short human sight,
 Why God should lead this way or that for me;
 I only know, He saith, 'Child, follow me,'
 But I can trust.

"I know not why my path should be at times
 So straightly hedged, so strangely barred before,
 I only know God could keep wide the door,
 But I can trust.

"I find no answer, often, when beset
 With questions fierce and subtle, on my way,
 And often have but strength to faintly pray;
 But I can trust.

"I cannot know why suddenly the storm
 Should rage so fiercely round me in its wrath;
 But this I know, God watches all my path;
 And I can trust.

"I have no power to look across the tide,
 To know, while here, the land beyond the river;
 But this I know, I shall be God's forever,
 So I can trust."

LIBBIE ROBERTA HUSTON.

IN MEMORIAM.

DIED—In New Lexington, Ohio, September 14, 1888, Libbie Roberta, daughter of James A. and Amanda W. Huston, aged seven years, ten months, nine days.

It has been well said that "nothing so sanctifies a name as to be written, 'Dead.'" We were reminded of this when told that Libbie Huston was dead. Lovely in life, not only in bodily form and feature, but in mind and intellect, in spirit and in manner, yet when death claimed her all the details of a life of seven years and ten months were sanctified in the thoughts of those who feel

the greatest grief in her death. To them these details will forever be embalmed in sweetest, holiest memory. Libbie had strong individuality and impressed it on everyone. She was orderly and industrious. Flowers were her delight. By one friend she was aptly compared to the morning-glory and she now wears the unfading crown.



LIBBIE ROBERTA HUSTON.
(And baby brother James, Jr.)
Born November 5, 1880,
Died September 14, 1888.
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In her brief life she suffered enough to bring her into fellowship with her Saviour, in whom she had unflinching childlike faith. Some instances of this will be remembered as related by Pastor Bostwick on the funeral day as coming under his notice.

Many and beautiful floral offerings were sent to her burial. Early called, she nevertheless filled her mission, and the dark

cloud of bereavement is radiant with the sunbeams of the day-spring from on high which lights up the death hour, the grave gloom and the loneliness of home desolation. Death means higher life. Adieus to earth friends whispered sad and low swell into victor shouts over death as Heaven welcomed the immortal spirit through the gates of Paradise.

So it is that joy wipes sorrow's tear away and gives the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

A kiss we dropped on her darling head,
 "Sweet little heart, good-bye," we said;
 Then, unafraid tho' the way was dim,
 God's little girl went back to Him.

—H. H. B.

ROBERT W. HUSTON.

Dies at Cincinnati—Columbus Bridge Contractor Succumbs Very Suddenly.

Robert Wilson Huston, 52, prominent Columbus bridge contractor and vice president of the Capital Construction Company, died after a short illness at Bethesda hospital in Cincinnati, Friday night.

Several days ago he fell ill with a serious complaint and early Friday evening, his condition becoming worse, he was taken to the Bethesda hospital. The disease from which he was suffering was found to have secured a deadly grip on him and he died with his wife at his bedside shortly after 10 o'clock.

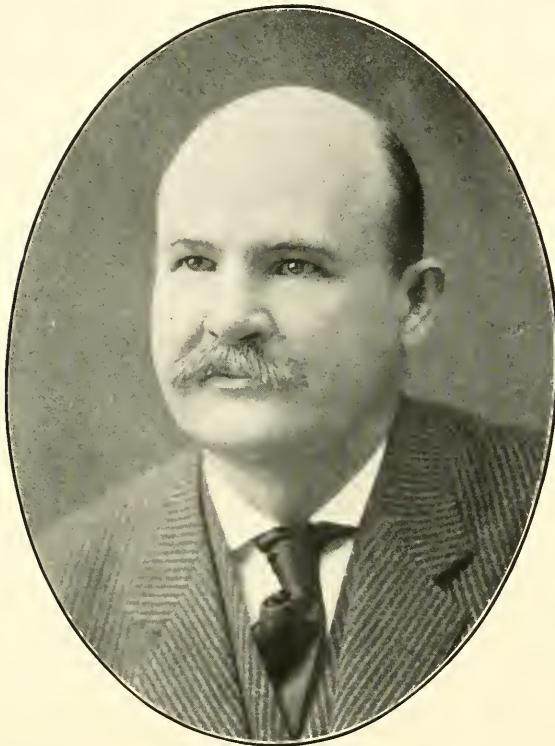
Mr Huston was born in New Lexington, Ohio, and was well known throughout the state. He was a member of the Masonic lodge of New Lexington and of the Athletic Club of Columbus. Besides his wife, two children, Eleanor and Robert, survive.

The body was brought here Monday afternoon and buried in New Lexington cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM.

Robert Wilson Huston died in Bethesda Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, at ten o'clock on the evening of September 5, 1913, with his devoted wife at his side, after an illness of a few days' duration.

Mr. Huston was born December 4, 1859, in New Lexington, Ohio, educated in the schools of the village and Pleasantville College, engaged in grocery business in New Lexington, later he worked for Ohio Central and C. S. & H. Railroad. As representative of the Toledo Bridge Company he lived in Delaware, Ohio. Later he moved to Columbus, Ohio, and became vice president



ROBERT WILSON HUSTON.

Born December 4, 1859.
Died September 5, 1913.
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of the Capitol Construction Company, which position he held at the time of his death.

In early manhood he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Overmyer, of New Lexington, Ohio, who, with son and daughter, survive him.

In his boyhood days he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church and recently united with church of same denomination

in Columbus, whose minister, the Rev. Luther Foreman, had charge of the funeral services at the home in Columbus and at the grave in New Lexington cemetery, where he was buried by loving hands in the wealth of flowers and in the presence of many friends of many years, from far and near.

He was always known as "Bert," and his extensive acquaintance throughout all Ohio will bear witness of his kind heart and good fellowship, being as he was a most entertaining conversationalist, possessing a keen sense of humor and a ready wit, appreciative love of the beautiful, a diligent reader of history and unusual fondness for things musical.

He leaves a widow, son and daughter, sister and brother and many friends who dearly loved him.

WILSON REUNION.

(New Lexington, O., Herald, November 11, 1905.)

At the old Wilson homestead in Clayton township, which was established by Judge James Wilson and wife, who came from Maryland, in 1811, and which is now owned and occupied by the grandchildren, James W. Moore and Miss Moore, there was held on November 9th, a Wilson reunion. All of the original family of nine children have passed to the other shore, six of them passed the four score milestone, and but two of those who came into the family by marriage, remain.

This reunion was planned by Miss Kate Moore, who sent out invitations to fifty-seven of the relatives and friends, and in response to these there were assembled forty-three, including the host and hostess. In this gathering four generations were represented, the first by the venerable I. W. Cooper, in his 87th year, and Mrs. James Wilson, in her 85th year.

In the second were Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Wilson, James W. Moore and Miss Kate Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Melick, Miss Edith Wilson, T. C. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ream, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Acker. The third was represented by Mrs. S. F. Weller, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cookson, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Williams, Mrs. Carl Ream, Miss Mattie Melick, Thane Miller and Pauline Wilson.

In the fourth were George Weller, Corwin Cooksin, Florence Rhodes, Gladys Rhodes, Thomas C. Rhodes, Thelma Ream and Rilla Jane Williams. Other guests intimately connected with the family, were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Yost, Mrs. Anna Hammer, Miss Minnie Randan and Miss Emma Lacey. Rev. P. L. Mark, pastor of the Wesley Chapel M. E. church, and Mrs. Mark were also present.

The home was very tastefully decorated with plants and flowers, and in the hall facing the front door was a large crayon picture of Grandmother Wilson, surrounded by beautiful chrysanthemums, indicating the hearty welcoming which she had always extended to visitors, when she presided over the home years ago. The forenoon was pleasantly spent by the guests in renewing old associations, and recalling the scenes of former days, when in their youth they visited this home.

OBITUARY.

WILSON—James R. Wilson was born March 3, 1810, died May 17, 1893, aged 83 years, 2 months, 14 days.

He was married to Miss Jane S. Johnson December 1, 1843, who, with three sons and three daughters remain to mourn, while others of the family have passed on before him. He united with the Methodist Episcopal church in 1840, and in 1849 he was happily converted while engaged in prayer with his family. He was chosen steward in the church in 1853, in which office he was retained until his death. In all his duties and privileges in his life he showed himself an upright Christian gentleman. In his church relations he was ever ready to bear his full share of the burdens, and did it cheerfully. He spent more than 80 years of his life at his home in Perry county, Ohio, and will ever be remembered as one of Perry county's very best citizens. In his family he was always affectionate and kind. To his neighbors he was always generous and accommodating. His name will be held in kindly remembrance by all. His last days were spent in peaceful and even joyful anticipations of the Christian's reward. He expressed himself as feeling that he had lived long enough, that while he had enjoyed his life here he was persuaded that there was a better life beyond, and longed to be at rest. His end was as

peaceful as the closing of a summer day. His funeral services were conducted May 19th by the writer, his pastor, at Wesley chapel, where he had always had his membership, in the presence of a very large concourse of relatives, neighbors and friends, after which his remains were laid to rest in the church burying ground near by. "He rests from his labors and his works shall follow him."

J. R. TIBBLES

LIBBIE WILKIN CARTER.

Libbie, third daughter of Enos and Nancy Wilkin, was born at Kirkersville, Ohio, March 11, 1856. Died June 11, 1897, aged 41 years and 3 months.

Most of her life was spent in the county of her birth. During her junior year she was a student at Granville Female College. She was graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, in 1876. December 4, 1879, she was united in marriage with Henry Judson Carter, who, with her only child, Sophronia, survives her.

She united with the Methodist Episcopal church in Granville, under the pastorate of Rev. J. M. Jamison, D.D. Many will remember the impressive baptismal service, when on Sabbath afternoon, in accordance with her wishes and directions, she knelt in the waters of the creek near the village, and after a prayer and her favorite hymn—"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me." sung by friends assembled—she was consecrated to God by this venerable and holy man.

Her religious life, while unpretending, was a most satisfactory one to her kindred and best known friends. And her testimonies during her long illness have expressed an unfaltering faith in Christ as her personal Saviour. To do little acts of kindness with every opportunity, even were it a sacrifice; to make peace, rather than dissension; to further Sunday school work by her own help; to worship God in song; these all were characteristic of her pure life. She had much concern leaving her husband and young daughter—as she expressed it—"to go home"; yet manifested withal a spirit of resignation to the Divine will.

As pastor of the church where the family have attended for

some years, the foregoing was handed me with the request that I add a few words.

While in the midst of sorrow, caused by her departure, we rejoice in the assurance given by her that the preparation for the same had been made. The word "home," with its hallowed influences and happy circle, was dear to her. Her home was one in the truest sense. It was her castle. She presided over it with



LIBBIE WILKIN CARTER.

Born March 11, 1856.

Died June 4, 1897.

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grace and dignity. To make a pastoral call at the same was not a burden, but a pleasure. As hostess, she enjoyed society, was a good conversationalist, qualified to impart, to the edification of others, as well as to receive.

In the work of the church, she was an efficient and willing worker; by her rare abilities, gracing, as well as holding, several positions. As the efficient president of the Ladies' Aid Society, her

departure is sincerely felt, as corroborated by the resolutions passed at their meeting held since, and by their rich floral offering. The high esteem in which she was held by her Sunday school class—they holding her as one of the rare blossoms of earth, prepared to bloom beyond—was shown as they placed their floral offering upon her sacred casket.

Her departure is a great loss, not only to her relatives, but to the church of which she was a member and to the churches at large and to the community. In many circles in which she was wont to mingle her absence will be painfully conspicuous. Personally, I feel the loss as a great one, but there is comfort in the thought that the influence of such a life continues. Could she but speak in words today, we feel that she would wish that all should strive to build up complete, symmetrical Christian characters, while in the midst of the passing opportunities, as a preparation for the enjoyment of that beautiful and eternal home, to which she was so anxious to go when it seemed that her restoration to health could not be realized.

May the husband and daughter, all her relatives, be comforted in the thought that there is one more bright star beckoning them onward and upward, and may the divine blessing rest upon each and all.

Somewhere in God's own realms so vast,
O'er which a mystic veil is cast,
Shutting the future from the past,
Our loved ones gone, are living still,
And there His purposes fulfill.

And whether they be far or near,
I cannot see, I cannot hear,
But for them I have no doubt or fear,
Since He who is our faithful Guide
Doth over all His realms preside.

Sometimes a living presence seems
To come, as forms oft come in dreams,
And soothes and cheers like hope's bright beams;
And then I ask if this may be
Some ministering angel sent to me.

If this be so, 'tis not revealed,
Perhaps in wisdom is concealed;
And so I grasp faith's blessed shield,
In patience wait till God unfolds
The secrets which the future holds.

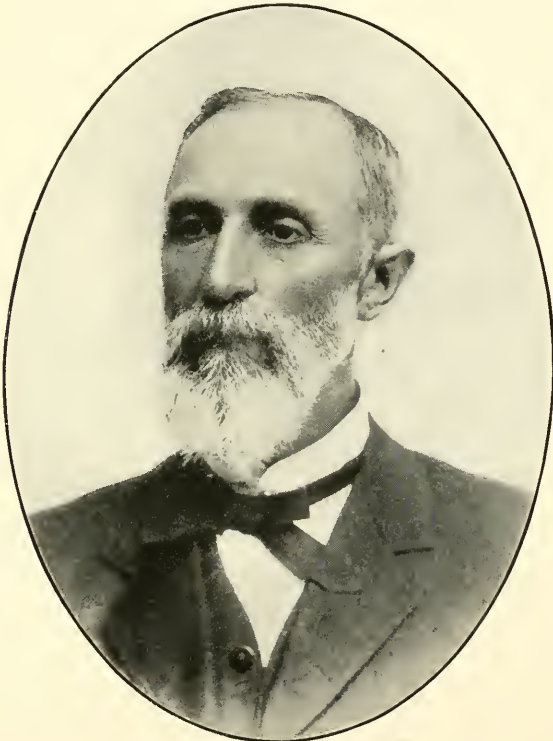
REV. D. M. LEWIS.

NOAH WILKIN.

DIED SUNDAY MORNING AT HOME ON EDDY STREET.

*For fifty years Mr. Wilkin was a Prominent Resident of Newark.
Funeral Occurs on Tuesday.*

The death of Mr. Noah Wilkin, which occurred at his home, 300 Eddy street, on Sunday morning, about one o'clock, is one



NOAH WILKIN.
Born August 18, 1827.
Died December 30, 1900.
(Number 171.)

which causes a thrill of grief to pervade the entire community. He was so quiet, modest and unassuming in his daily life that it was hardly realized until the end how deeply he was beloved, how profound his influence for good among his fellowmen.

Mr. Wilkin had been troubled with a pain in his head for some time past and to a friend he made the remark that he didn't

think he would live through the winter, but it was never thought for a moment that the end was so near. He was apparently in his usual health up to Saturday, having been down town several times Friday. On Saturday night he retired as usual, but about midnight Mrs. Wilkin noticed that he was breathing very heavily and was apparently in pain. She had him turn over on his side, thinking perhaps if he lay in this position it might relieve him. He



AMANDA MARTIN WILKIN.
Wife of Noah Wilkin.
(Number 171.)

died about one o'clock in the morning, his death being due to a clot on the brain.

The deceased was aged about seventy-three years, and had lived here for over fifty years. While quite young the deceased learned the harness trade with Captain Owens, one of the old time harness makers of Licking county, and for a number of years conducted a saddlery with great success. For a number of

years he was engaged in the notion business in Newark, the firm being Wilkin & May. Shortly after coming to Newark he was married to Miss Amanda Martin, daughter of Mr. William Martin, a prominent farmer of Licking county, who resided just north of the city, near the Stewart settlement. From this union three children were born, Ross, Brough and Mrs. Emma Smith, wife of James Smith, the well known passenger agent of the Pennsylvania Lines.

The deceased was a thorough Christian gentleman, and had been connected with the Methodist Episcopal church of this city nearly all the time he had resided in the city.

At the time of his death the deceased was engaged in the real estate business with Mr. George Havens.

The widow and children of the deceased have the sympathy of their friends in their great affliction.

The funeral will take place from the late home of the deceased on Eddy street on Tuesday afternoon, and the services will be conducted by the Rev. A. E. Johnson, pastor of the First M. E. church, and the interment will be made in Cedar Hill cemetery.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our class our beloved brother and teacher, Noah Wilkin, who has so diligently and faithfully served us; therefore be it

Resolved, That we deeply feel our loss and sadly miss his beloved face.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the daily papers and that they be spread upon the minutes of the First M. E. Sabbath School.

Resolved, That a copy be sent to the bereaved family of our deceased brother and teacher.

L. V. RATHMELL,
R. E. MCCARTNEY,
GEO. W. EMERY,
Committee.

Newark, O., Dec. 30, 1900.

GEORGE FILMORE GARDNER.

Brother George F. Gardner died at his home at Gulfport, Miss., on Thursday, March 24. The end came quite suddenly, following an attack of acute indigestion of twenty-four hours before. His death was a great shock to his family and friends. At the time of his death he was general superintendent of the Gulf & Ship



GEORGE FILLMORE GARDNER.

Born April 6, 1852.
Died March 24, 1910.
(Number 49.)

Island Railroad, and since coming South had established a wide acquaintance and a high standing among the railroad men.

Funeral services were held at the late residence of the deceased on Friday morning, conducted by Rev. J. M. Morse, pastor of the First Methodist church, and the remains were taken to

New Lexington, Ohio, his old home, for interment. Captain J. T. Jones' private car was attached to the train for the bereaved relatives, three daughters and two sons.

At the time of his death Brother Gardner was president of the board of stewards of the Methodist church and had been long an active, though an unostentatious church worker. He was a prominent and honored member of the Masonic and Pythian lodges.

Brother Gardner was born in Bremen, O., on April 6, 1852. He took up railroad work and by his untiring energy and attention to business soon assumed high positions. Between 1887 and 1891 he was the superintendent of the Zanesville & Ohio River Railroad. From 1891 to 1895 he was the superintendent of the Pittsburgh, Akron & Western. In 1895 he went with the B., R. & P., first being located at Bradford, Pa., but coming to DuBois when the division offices were moved in 1900. He resided in DuBois until 1904, when he resigned to go to Mississippi with the Gulf & Ship Island Railroad.

George F. Gardner was married to Miss Martha Huston, daughter of Judge Robert E. and Elizabeth Wilson Huston, of New Lexington, Ohio, July 15, 1874, to which union were born three daughters and two sons, Miss Mary M., Georgine P. and Bessie H., Robert E. and James H., all of whom survive. His wife died at DuBois, Pa., September 18, 1900.

Brother Gardner was one of the most lovable men and his home life was ideal. The death of his wife was a severe blow. In railroad circles he ranked high as the head of the operating and transportation departments. George F. Gardner achieved great success. Forty-five years of continuous service, rising from a telegraph operator to the position of general superintendent, tells the story of intelligent devotion to his vocation in life.

Notes of funeral service held March 27, 1910, New Lexington, Ohio, at the burial of Mr. George F. Gardner, of Gulfport, Miss.:

Scripture read, 23d Psl., Rom. 14:9; John 11:23-26, 6:40, Acts 26:8, Phil. 3:20-21, 1 Thess. 4:13-18, 1 Cor. 15:12-28.

Also read the following clipping:

“NOT CHANGED BUT GLORIFIED.”

“Not changed but glorified! O beauteous language
 For those who weep,
 Mourning the loss of some dear face departed,
 Fallen asleep;
 Hushed into silence near, near to comfort
 The hearts of men,
 Gone like the sunshine of another country
 Beyond our ken.

“Oh! dearest dead, we saw thy white soul shining
 Behind the face,
 Bright with the beauty and celestial glory
 Of an immortal grace,
 What wonder that we stumble, faint and weeping,
 And sick with fears,
 Since thou hast left us all alone with sorrow
 And blind with tears?

“Can it be possible no words shall welcome
 The coming feet?
 How will it look that face that we have cherished
 When next we meet?
 Will it be changed, so glorified and saintly
 That we shall know it not?
 Will there be nothing that shall say ‘I love thee,’
 And have not forgot?

“Oh, faithless heart, the same loved face transfigured
 Shall meet thee there,
 Less sad, less wistful, immortal beauty,
 Divinely fair.
 The mortal veil, washed pure with many weepings
 Is sent away,
 And the great soul that sat within its prison
 Hath found the day.

“In the clear morning of that other country,
 In Paradise,
 With the same face that we have loved and cherished,
 She shall arise!
 Let us be patient, we who mourn with weeping
 Some vanished face,
 The Lord has taken, but to add more beauty
 And a divine grace.

"And we shall find once more beyond earth's sorrows,
 Beyond the skies,
 In the fair city of the 'Sure-foundations'
 Those heavenly eyes
 With the same welcome shining through their sweetness
 That met us here;
 Eyes from whose beauty God has banished weeping
 And wiped away the tear.

"Think of us, dearest One, while o'er life's waters
 We seek the land;
 Missing thy voice, thy touch, and the true helping
 Of thy pure hand;
 Till through the storm and the tempest safely anchored
 Just on the other side
 We find thy dear face looking through death's shadows,
 Not changed, but glorified."

—Selected by Mrs. Guerusey.

We are here as sorrowing friends conscious of a great loss in the death of this father, brother and friend. The first impulse of our hearts is to just give way to the consciousness of the loss, as if there were no other side to be considered, or as if there were no possibility of gain. It is fitting, it seems to me, that we try now to look away from ourselves, and view the sad fact from every side.

First, then, let us remember that God is with us in all these experiences. His hand is in all providences, as He is in all events and relationships of life. Looking backwards, He had blessed us, in our relationship, in our homes—how beautiful they have been in this home—and in every home where God is recognized and obeyed. What joys there have been. What hopes have been entertained. What character has been developed from the divine appointments of the past. We have been led step by step from one stage of life to another, higher and still higher—one being preparatory for that which was to follow; infancy followed by youth, this led on to young manhood and young womanhood. There has been the school and college, preparing us for the more earnest and more difficult work of life. But now has come an interruption. Death has come. The end, we say, has come. But is it so? Had this man reached the limit? Is there no other attainment still higher—and diviner than any he has yet attained unto hitherto? I can testify for those who have

much more than passed the meridian of life. Our loves are not growing colder, or weaker, our desires for other and higher things are not diminishing, our hopes for future attainments are not fading. The first consolation then we may find in the thought of God's presence and guidance is that any brother and friend whose departure we mourn has gained another and a higher stage. That the advancement has been the most marked of any he has ever had. He is on a higher stage of life than he has ever been. And we have an opportunity of making an upward step in the very sense of loss that we feel. We can do this by putting our hand into God's hand, and saying, "Lead me, O God, lead me on; not my will, but Thine be done." Listen to divine testimony along the same line: "Except the corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone, but if it die, bringeth forth much fruit." I am very sure that our strong love for one another leads us to think almost unconsciously that these relationships are all there is of life, that whatever or whoever interferes with these is almost doing us a wrong, and we break down in our sense of loss, if not by our sense of being wronged. We fail to recognize that the possibility that the greatest change of all life is taking place, and if it did not take place, we would suffer untold loss. "To die is gain." It is God's method—a mysterious method, but it leads on surely to higher attainment. If only we trust Him in His leading we will have peace now, and sometime we will understand the meaning of it all. "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." In this Easter day all nature is showing us the power and the progress of life, and helping us to understand the power and meaning of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. What a blessed Easter this must be to him who has gone out from us, and has entered into his new life. Would we call him back? Would we have him return to the work and trial of this life again? Shall we not say rather with David, "He shall not come back to me, but I shall go to him"? What a blessed hope. Then, too, in this new stage of his immortal life he has doubtless come into touch with those who have preceded him to the heavenly home. The last words of one who went out from my own home three or four years ago, one whom many of you knew, were "George, George," who 44 years before had passed out into the great beyond. Was it all a mistake, a mental deception? We think not. This, too, may be

a comfort today. Then, too, as we follow him in thought in this new and higher plane of life, we are sure he must have seen Jesus face to face, and told him maybe, as we sing, "I've been saved by grace." In beautiful confirmation of all we have said are the words of Jesus, among His closing words to His disci-



GEN. ARCHIBALD M. HUSTON.

Born April 10, 1824.
Died July 19, 1898.
(Number 13.)

ples, "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also." Do we believe this? Is it true? Then what assurance and what

consolation these words bring to the sorrowing heart. He did believe in Jesus. He did through life love Him and trust Him. There is therefore nothing to fear, no cause to doubt, but much, oh so much to comfort and to arouse the strongest confidence, that the present with him is a most blessed estate. God who had done so much in the past in this temporary and imperfect part of life, will not fail to care for those who love him when they enter into the endless and perfect life beyond.

REV. WILLIAM P. SHROM.



AMANDA HOLMES HUSTON.

Born April 20, 1835.
(Number 40.)

MEMOIR OF ARCHIBALD M. HUSTON,

who died at his home, 252 South Eighteenth street, Columbus, Ohio, July 19, 1898, in the seventy-fifth year of his age, general debility being the cause of his demise.

Mr. Huston was well and favorably known to many of our older citizens, having been a native of Perry county. As he attained manhood he became engaged in a general mercantile business in New Lexington, and in 1866 was elected county auditor, and served two terms. He owned the beautiful Comly farm in the suburbs and was largely interested in the first efforts to develop the coal industry, which made Perry county famous. However, in common with other citizens here engaged in the same enterprise, he lost large sums of money, very little of which was ever recovered. He removed to Zanesville and was president of the Union Bank, and at the same time held other offices of trust and honor, as dealer in coal lands and in the construction of the Atlantic and Lake Erie Railroad, with which he was identified. He was deeply interested in Free Masonry and served as Eminent Commander of Cypress Commandery No. 10, Zanesville, Ohio.

Mr. Huston was an enterprising, genial old-time gentleman, of gentle voice, commanding figure, cultivated manner. A manly man, with a kind heart. He sought the best things. All his life was actively identified with the Methodist Episcopal church.

His wife, who was Miss Amanda Holmes, of Licking county, Ohio, and four children survive. They are: Archibald H., Mrs. William H. Goddard of Muncie, Ind., Charles C. and Amanda.

The late years of Mr. Huston's life were spent with his family in Columbus, Ohio.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs. Frances Murphy, died at 2 A. M. Monday morning, April 24, 1899, of pneumonia and other complications. Her illness dated back to December, but she was apparently on the road to recovery and was able to be up town last Friday.

She was the daughter of J. R. and Catherine Whitaker and was born at Kirkersville, Licking county, Ohio, on April 16, 1846. In the fall of 1854 she came with her parents to Crawford county, Ill., and afterwards went with them to Terre Haute, where she was married to William A. Davis, she and her husband locating in Minnesota, living there for about ten years. On the death of Mr. Davis, Mrs. Davis moved to Greenville, Ill., where her par-

ents were then living and where she was married in July, 1878, to E. E. Murphy, her present bereaved husband. Besides a husband she leaves three brothers and two sisters to lament her death, viz.: James Whitaker, H. E. Whitaker and Miss Kate Whitaker, of this city; Chas. Whitaker, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Emma Thompson, of Omaha, Neb.

Deceased had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church since childhood. She was a loving wife and an embodiment of all that was gentle and kind. To know her was to love her, and the writer has never heard any one speak of her in other than terms of praise. In fact, her life was beautiful in all the relations of life—in the home, in the church and in society. She was a popular member of the Twentieth Century Club, the members of which attended the funeral in a body and presented a handsome floral offering. Flowers were also presented by the Epworth League.

The funeral services were held at the late residence yesterday at 12:30 P. M., conducted by Rev. C. A. Beckett and Rev. F. W. Wilman, after which the remains were taken to Palestine for interment.

MEMORIAL.

Mrs. Catherine Holmes Whitaker, after an illness of about two weeks, died at her home in this city Sunday morning, May 22, 1898, aged 75 years, 8 months and 13 days. The cause of death was pleural pneumonia.

Mrs. Whitaker was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, on September 9, 1822. She was married to Josiah R. Whitaker, March 14, 1841. They came to this county in 1854. They moved from here to Terre Haute and afterwards to Greenville, Ill., where Mr. Whitaker died October 9, 1879. Subsequently Mrs. Whitaker returned to Robinson, Ill., and made this city her home until the visit of the Death Angel. Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker were the parents of nine children, six of whom survive, viz.: J. W. Whitaker of Terre Haute, Charles B. Whitaker of St. Louis, H. E. Whitaker, Miss Kate Whitaker and Mrs. E. E. Murphy of Robinson, and Mrs. W. H. Thompson, of Omaha, Neb. All were present at the funeral except Mrs. Thompson and C. B. Whitaker, who stopped at Greenville to await the arrival of the funeral party there.

The funeral services were held at the family residence at 10:30 yesterday morning, conducted by Rev. C. A. Beckett, after which the remains were conveyed to the depot and taken to Greenville for interment by the side of her husband in the Mont-Rose cemetery.

Deceased united with the Methodist Episcopal church at the age of 16 and lived a consistent, every-day Christian. Of late years she was not able to attend divine worship. Since her husband's death her greatest comfort has been in ministering to her children. She was a loving wife and devoted mother. In all relations of life she was exemplary and her death brought deep sorrow to her loved ones, who are comforted, however, by the assurance that she has attained a bright and glorious immortality.

"One by one our ranks are thinning;
 Thinning here but swelling there.
 One by one bright crowns are winning;
 Crowns they shall forever wear."

JACOB W. WILKIN.

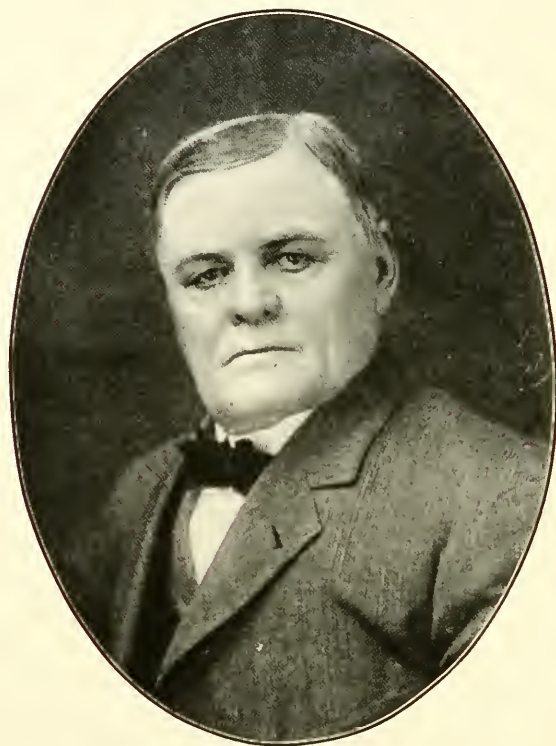
An Appreciation

BY ISAAC N. PHILLIPS.

It is doubtful whether the death of any public man of Illinois, except, alone, that of Abraham Lincoln, ever brought the anguish of positive bereavement to so many hearts as when, on the third day of last April, 1907, the message flashed over the wires that Jacob W. Wilkin, the well-beloved, had ceased from his earthly labors. No man who has served upon the Supreme Court of Illinois since the admission of the State into the Union was ever more highly esteemed or more widely respected than Judge Wilkin. But the man claims a more tender tribute than any mere expression of respect and esteem. By all who were so fortunate to know him at all well, he was regarded with positive affection, and, if, in the round of his nearly seventy years of active life, he had made few enemies or none at all, it was not certainly because he was a man of negative character, for this he emphatically was not. It was rather because the man never really deserved to have an enemy, and because malice

itself could never have charged him with insincerity or with conscious unfairness.

Judge Wilkin was for nearly nineteen years a justice of the Supreme Court of this State. In that time he twice acted as chief justice of the court, and would have assumed that station again had he lived until the opening of the June term in the present



JUDGE JACOB W. WILKIN.

Born June 7, 1837.
Died April 3, 1907.
(Number 161.)

year. Up to within less than ten days of the time that he passed away he was working actively in the discharge of his judicial duties.

Scattered through one hundred and two volumes of the Illinois Reports, the work of this eminent judge finds its place. This certainly constitutes a record of noble achievement, when

the high character of the work is considered in connection with the vast amount accomplished.

The subject of this memoir was born in Licking county, Ohio, on June 7, 1837. Had he lived two months and four days longer he would have completed the 70th year of his age. He was the son of Isaac Wilkin and Sarah (Burner) Wilkin. His parents were natives of the State of Virginia, and this fact was apparent in his temperament and character, for he possessed in a large degree the simplicity, the candor and the honesty of the old-time Virginian gentleman, but disassociated entirely from the superior airs sometimes assumed by members of that really fine stock of Americans. The truth is, the Virginian element in Judge Wilkin had been greatly modified by his long life in Illinois, to which State his parents brought him in 1845, when he was but eight years of age. In Ohio his father had been a contractor and builder, but when he came to Illinois he settled upon a farm in Crawford county, and on that farm his distinguished son was bred up to manhood and became as typical an Illinoisan as any native of the sod. He was always intensely proud of Illinois and of her great and distinguished sons, and with many of the latter, living in his own day, he was upon terms of intimate friendship.

Judge Wilkin was one of a family of nine children. His early home life was in the highest degree wholesome, but it was attended with no affluence whatever. When a youth he always had enough, but nothing to waste; and what boy can have a better lot than this? On his father's farm he learned the primal lesson of a successful life—that is to say, he learned to work, and he learned also that a day's work means to work hard and to work all day.

In the common schools of Crawford county Judge Wilkin received the elements of an English education, but after coming to man's estate he concluded to secure some advance upon this small stock of learning and accordingly entered McKendree College, in the county of St. Clair, where he completed his schooling. Most of his college work was done after he reached his majority. He was under the necessity of working his own way, and consequently he did not mature early nor come to his life work while he was yet young. There is nothing to regret in this in the case of such a man as Wilkin. An education thus sought

and obtained often proves more effective than the kind of hot-house crowding of young boys which we now so often witness. Such a self-education is sought because the need of it is urgently felt, and when obtained it is likely to be appreciated.

The Judge determined to adopt the law as his profession and had begun its study about the time the Civil War broke out. In those stirring times the quiet of a law office was not, however, the place for such an ardent patriot as he. "The thunder of the captains and the shouting" could not have failed to arouse him to action, and accordingly when a company of volunteers was being raised at his county town of Marshall, in Clark county, he enlisted as a private. This company was afterwards mustered into the service as Company "K" of the 130th Illinois Infantry, and Wilkin had the good fortune to be selected as its captain—no small preferment for an humble farmer boy; and one thinks, in this connection, of the similar experience which came into the life of Abraham Lincoln when the company, raised at Salem for the Black Hawk War, selected him as its captain—a preferment which he, long afterwards, wrote pleased him more than any promotion he had ever had.

As a soldier, Capt. Wilkin saw a varied service and followed his regimental flag through many situations of hardship and peril. His regiment became a constituent part of the old Thirteenth army corps, which corps was successively commanded by several distinguished generals. He was with the army of Grant throughout the campaign against Vicksburg. He participated in the several battles which Grant fought in rapid succession in the region back of Vicksburg in his masterly and successful effort to lock up the forces of General Pemberton in that doomed city, which was deemed the strategic point of the Mississippi.

After the siege of Vicksburg was entered upon Captain Wilkin with his company was detached from the regiment and assigned to special duty as a guard at General Grant's headquarters. In this detached service he remained until after the city surrendered and until Grant was ordered east to win further honors at Chattanooga, and finally to win immortality at Appomattox. Brought thus into close contact with General Grant, Wilkin came to know that great man well, and had many anecdotes and incidents of great interest to relate concerning his

simple manners and his winning character. He read a most able and interesting paper on General Grant before a late meeting of the Illinois Historical Society, which will no doubt appear among the publications of that society.

The next active work in which Judge Wilkin's command took part was the unfortunate campaign of General Banks on the Red river, in Louisiana. In this campaign he was again assigned to special duty, this time as an officer upon the staff of General Ransom, who then commanded the Thirteenth army corps. Ransom was a gallant young officer, of whom Judge Wilkin always spoke in terms of very high respect. He often said he never knew a more perfect gentleman than Ransom. He used to tell of being present when, at the battle of Sabine Cross Roads, Ransom received an order from General Banks to make a charge upon a certain position of the enemy. After reading the order Ransom exclaimed: "This movement will be, in my judgment, a fatal mistake; but I shall obey the order." Mounting his horse he led the charge. His command was repulsed with heavy loss, and Ransom himself received a gunshot wound from which he never fully recovered.

Judge Wilkin's final military service was at the siege and capture of Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely. These forts were part of the outer defenses of Mobile and when they were taken that city capitulated. This happened after Lee had surrendered at Appomattox. The war was then practically over, but Judge Wilkin's command continued in the service until the fall of 1865, when the regiment, and he with it, was mustered out of the service at Mobile. Judge Wilkin left the service with the rank of major—a promotion which was bestowed upon him, as the adjutant general's report expresses it, "for gallant services in the field."

Returning to his home at Marshall, in Clark county, he resumed the study of law. This time he entered the office of John Scholfield, then a young lawyer not very much older than himself, and then was begun that close and remarkable intimacy and friendship between these strong, manly men—a friendship which was terminated only by the death of Scholfield, in the year 1893.

Judge Wilkin had lost three precious years of time from his studies, but these years had been given to his country and he did not regret them. He was admitted to the bar in 1866, when

he was twenty-nine years old, and immediately after his admission he entered into a partnership with his preceptor and friend, Judge Scholfield. Scholfield was a great lawyer; he afterwards became a great judge, and, better than all else, he was a truly great man. Close association with such a man could not have failed to produce a marked effect upon Judge Wilkin's character, and he was always free to acknowledge, gratefully, his debt to Scholfield. Nor did he ever fully recover from the bereavement that came to him when Scholfield died, but dwelt often and fondly upon that great man's memory. The two had been not only partners and friends, but true brothers in the spirit. Their early situations and opportunities had been very similar. They both finally arose to seats on the Supreme bench of their State and sat as contemporaries in its councils.

As before said, this partnership with Scholfield was formed in 1866. It continued until Scholfield was elected to the Supreme bench in 1873. From 1873 to 1879 Judge Wilkin continued the practice of law at Marshall alone. In the latter year he was elected as judge in the old fourth judicial circuit of Illinois. In the year 1885 he was re-elected to the circuit bench, and it was at this time that he removed from his home at Marshall to the city of Danville, in Vermilion county, which was one of the component counties of his judicial circuit. He was almost at once assigned to duty on the Appellate Court for the Fourth District.

The lawyers who practiced before Judge Wilkin in his *nisi prius* service yet speak of him as the model trial judge. He was particularly kind to young lawyers, and with no lawyer, whether young or old, did he assume any of the airs of a martinet, but assisted the members of the bar as best he could to elicit truth and establish justice through legal proceedings, which is the true function of a judge.

Wilkin's services on the Appellate Court, which continued until June, 1888, demonstrated his fitness for a higher place, and accordingly in the latter year he was elected to the Supreme bench from the Third Supreme Court district, succeeding Judge John M. Scott, of McLean county. He was twice re-elected—the first time in the year 1897, the second time in 1906. When he assumed the duties of a Supreme judge he became, as before

stated, the associate on the bench of his former law partner, Scholfield.

One loves to think of these two unknown and almost friendless young men, starting from the same law office in an obscure town of Southern Illinois, without other aids than their own native ability, force and character, at length sitting together with credit in the highest court of their State, and finally in death lamented and honored by the millions of a great commonwealth.

Of the services performed by Judge Wilkin upon the Supreme bench the bar of the State, or at least those members of it who read the Illinois Reports, are already informed. In his long service there he took part in the decision of many important cases, and with his own hand wrote opinions in many cases of great public interest and of far-reaching consequences, all of which are now part and parcel of the juridical history of Illinois. The chief characteristic of Judge Wilkin's literary style was clearness—a quality without which every other literary excellence is vain. His opinions are written very largely in Anglo-Saxon words, and are characterized by great conciseness and lucidity of statement and expression—qualities which, in these days of crowded dockets and headlong haste, are not often enough found in judicial opinions.

With his associates on the bench, as with members of the bar, Judge Wilkin was most cordial. The man who could not live and work amicably with him was, by that very fact, condemned as a capricious and ill-natured individual. It is not by any means to be understood that this man was ready to yield his convictions merely for the sake of harmony. On the contrary, he possessed all the firmness which the square, firm-set jaws shown in his portrait bespoke for him. But he had learned well one great lesson of life, namely, how to be firm without obstinacy and how to maintain his convictions without snappishness. Firmly conscious in the maintenance of his own convictions, Judge Wilkin respected no less the sincere convictions of other men. He cheerfully granted to all others the rights which he claimed for himself. He recognized that in the field of honest opinion and candid discussion each human brain is sovereign though each cannot be right, and he never impeached the sincerity or the integrity of persons who disagreed with him.

A Supreme judge should be a man who can put his pride in his pocket and overrule a decision written by himself when convinced that it is wrong, and this Judge Wilkin could do, if the necessity arose; but he seldom had occasion to do this, for the reason that he was generally right in the first instance.

Thus for nineteen long years this noble man and eminent lawyer worked in harmony with his brethren of the Supreme bench, doing always his important duties intelligently, making his force of character felt in his work, and always bringing to his task not only rich treasures of learning and experience, but also that kind of rare constructive common sense which is often more important than familiarity with legal authorities. To all this it may be added that Judge Wilkin always kept up his work, and that, too, when the ill health of his later years rendered his task extremely difficult. On this point he was exceedingly conscientious. He had old-fashioned views of official duty and of the sacredness of public trust.

The only political office Judge Wilkin ever held was a temporary one—that of presidential elector. To this position he was chosen by the Republicans of his district in 1872, and he had the satisfaction of casting a vote in the electoral college for his old commander, Grant, with whom, as we have seen, he had seen service in the great and stirring days of old. He held some minor offices, such as that of trustee in a State institution, and once, as a forlorn hope, he ran for Congress in a Democratic district, when quite a young man, and was defeated by John R. Eden, of Moultrie county.

Judge Wilkin was twice married—the first time in September, 1865, immediately after his return from the army. His first wife, Alice F. Constable, was a daughter of Judge Charles H. Constable, who was in his day a noted man in Southern Illinois. As the fruit of this marriage five children were born, only three of whom survive the Judge—two sons, living in the State of Oregon, and one daughter, who yet lives at the old home in Danville, Illinois. The Judge was again married in the fall of 1885 to Mrs. Sarah E. Archer, who yet survives to mourn an irreparable loss in her husband's death.

Judge Wilkin was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He took considerable interest in the particular church society with which he was affiliated and acted as one of its trus-

tees. Though a consistent Christian he made little note of creeds and religious professions. Indeed, one might know him long without finding out his particular religious opinions or predilections, but one needed to know him but a short time in order to learn that, whatever his church relations, he embodied in his life and illustrated in his character all the cardinal Christian virtues. Anything resembling cant was impossible to him. His was, in fact, the only kind of religion that is of any value; it was a religion of deeds, of life and of love, as distinguished from one of mere beliefs and professions.

But to do this man full justice in any biographical sketch is a hopeless undertaking. After one has written down all that occurs to him as fitting for the description of Judge Wilkin's personality and character, how little—how very little—has really been said! The common notion of a judge is a man sitting within the solitudes of his own vast legal knowledge, surrounded by musty precedents and heedless of all save those considerations which are the products of reason and of logic. Illinoisans of the present generation will not think thus of Judge Wilkin. At the same time, we realize that the knowledge of those qualities of his mind and heart which cause us to think of him otherwise than as a judge is perishable and cannot be preserved or transmitted. Another generation of lawyers will know Judge Wilkin simply by the opinions he wrote; they will know him as we now know Scates and Lockwood and Caton and Treat. Of Wilkin the man, radiating social kindness and cheering the drooping spirits of his associates, they must, of necessity, remain forever ignorant. The rare and subtle qualities which made up his personality and endeared him to so many of his fellow-men, while they could be appreciated and felt by his friends, must defy every effort to record them lastingly in human speech.

Although Judge Wilkin lived almost to the psalmist's limit of three score years and ten; although his life work must have been, in the natural order of things, almost completed; yet for the death of such a man the world is never prepared. None of his friends will ever think of him as a man who had even approached old age. He possessed an exuberance and boyishness of spirit that did not forsake him even in great physical suffering. His simplicity of demeanor, his absolute candor in all things, his freshness of heart and intense love of the blessed things of

the spirit were the perennial delight of his friends, and seemed to defy all the encroachments of age.

Of all the men who ever sat upon the Supreme bench of Illinois Judge Wilkin was the one most beloved by his associates. It detracts nothing from his worth as a judge to say that those who were nearest to Wilkin, the man, will think of him first of all as a companion and a friend. They will think of his kindly smile and of his genial humor; of his loyalty, his sincerity and his truth. They will think of his sturdy hate of injustice and of his abounding love of nature. And when the landscape wears its fairest smile, when the brook sings its sweetest song to the pebbles on its shore, when the flowers put on their warmest colors, and the birds carol joyously amid the branches, then will they be reminded of the rare and tender man whom they have known and loved and lost—"awhile."

JUDGE JACOB W. WILKIN DEAD.

It was with sincere regret that the many friends here of Supreme Judge Jacob W. Wilkin learned of his death at his home in Danville last Wednesday. His brief but serious illness from acute Bright's disease had been reported in the daily papers and the fatal end was not altogether unexpected.

Judge Wilkin was born in Licking county, O., June 7, 1837, and was a son of Isaac and Sarah (Burner) Wilkin, who moved to Licking township in this county in 1844.

Mr. Wilkin grew to young manhood as a Crawford county boy. He took an interest in study and at an early age attended an academy at Marshall and then McKendree College at Lebanon. For a time he engaged in teaching and then read law with Charles Constable at Marshall, then one of the prominent attorneys of the State. He married a daughter of his preceptor, who died in 1883. Five children were born of this union, three who survive the father, namely, Harry and John, of McMinnville, Oregon, and Miss Jessie, of Danville, Illinois.

Judge Wilkin was married later to Louise Archer, of Marshall, who also survives him. Two brothers are left of his father's family: H. O. Wilkin, Circuit Clerk of this county, and Rev. M. P. Wilkin, of Indianola.

In the spring of 1862 he entered the service of the Union as Captain of Company K, 130th Illinois Infantry. He took an active part in the service of his country, and was mustered out at the close with a major's commission.

After the war Mr. Wilkin formed a partnership with the late Judge Scholfield at Marshall and continued there until Scholfield was called to the Supreme bench.



REV. ELIAS D. WILKIN.

Born September 20, 1830.

Died April 8, 1895.

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Judge Wilkin was elected to the Circuit bench in 1879 and was re-elected six years later. He was assigned to the Appellate bench in 1885, and served there three years. He moved to Danville during this period and was elected to the Supreme bench in 1888, and by re-election had served with honor and distinction as a member of that able body until his death.

Judge Wilkin was a man of kindly manners and gentle ways; he was always approachable, always genial and exceedingly charitable in his estimates of his fellowman. As a jurist his ability was recognized far and near; his honesty and integrity were never questioned.

Funeral services were held at his late home in Danville, Saturday morning, and the remains were taken by special train to Marshall for interment. A large number of the state officers and members of the bench and bar attended the final obsequies.

NOTE—Danville, Illinois.

ABRAHAM WILSON.

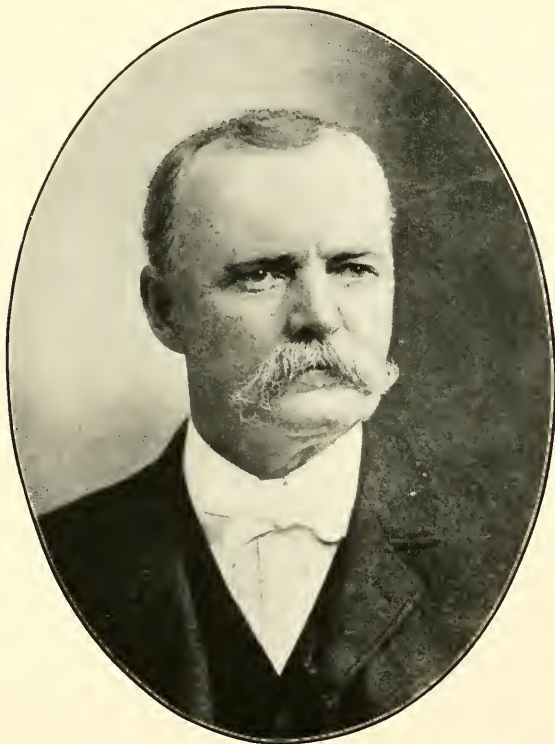
The Oldest Man in Garrett County, Maryland, Hale and Hearty.

During one of my official visits to schools, it was my good fortune to take dinner with Mr. Abraham Wilson, at his home near Altamont. After dinner I was entertained for nearly an hour by Mr. Wilson, whom I consider one of the most remarkable men in the world today. Remarkable because of his mental and physical condition at his extreme old age. Mr. Wilson will be 95 years old in July, 1911, and with the exception of the effects of rheumatism which has bent his form, he would not seem more than 65 or 70. His hair is gray, but his face and hands are not much wrinkled. His eyes are bright and he reads the Baltimore Sun every day without glasses. His memory is just as good as it ever was, his voice strong and clear. He often, in good weather, gets in his buggy and drives alone to Kitzmiller, ten miles distant, and back the same day. Mr. Wilson was born and has lived all his life in this county and not one stain or blot has ever marred his honest and honorable career of nearly a century.

He has been a farmer and cattle dealer all his life. He has bought and sold thousands of cattle, and by his honest and industrious efforts has accumulated a nice fortune. Physically he has been very much above the average man and from a truthful and moral standpoint he is no less wonderful. During my short stay with him he told me of many of his adventures in life. He said on one occasion, when he was but a boy, some gentlemen on their way to Clarksburg to attend Federal Court stayed over night at his father's house. During the evening conversation they talked

of the abundance of deer in the country. One gentleman said: "Why not have some venison for breakfast?" "We will," said his father. Next morning about 4 o'clock his father called up the stairs, "Abe, get up and go up on the mountain and get us a buck for breakfast."

"I soon shouldered our old flint-lock and hurried up the mountain to where we salted our cattle, took my stand behind a



HENRY O. WILKIN.
Born December 19, 1843.
Died October 4, 1908.
(Number 163.)

tree and just as it was getting light in came a thumping big buck. I shot him and he fell dead in his tracks. I disemboweled him, dragged him down the mountain to the road and ran home, got a sled and hauled him home. He was a fine, fat fellow and our guests surely enjoyed the venison they little expected for breakfast." On another occasion he said he heard his dogs barking

in the woods just outside the fields. He took his gun and thought he would see what they had. When he got there he said he saw a thumping big bear up a tree. He shot him and down he came and into it him and the dogs went. In a little while he had crippled all the dogs and looked around, "saw me and started for me. I had reloaded my flint-lock and turned it on him, but just as I was going to fire the bear fell dead from the wound I had given him while in the tree." I said to him, "Uncle Abe, what if you had not badly wounded him the first shot and you had missed him when he coming at you?" "Well," said he, "I should have made a club out of my long steel barreled musket and if I had hit him I think it would have been equal to a shot, but if I had missed him he would likely have done me up for I never could have managed such a bear, for he weighed more than 300 pounds." He made many narrow escapes. Once when he was yet a child his mother with him in her lap forded Cheat river on a horse when the water was so deep that the horse had to swim, and it was after floundering some time that the horse learned to swim. But the faithful old mother clung to the saddle and saved the child. This event is still fresh in his memory, although happening to him perhaps 90 years ago.

Mr. Wilson says the thing that appeals to him most is the thought that he is one of the very few living who was born when he was, and to think of the millions who have lived and died since he was a child and that he is one of the very few in the whole world who survives.

Uncle Abe has the writer's best wishes for many more years in which to enjoy the comforts of life which his well earned means can well afford him.

E. A. B.

NOTE—Mr. Wilson still living March, 1914.

JAMES MONROE HOLMES.

Remarks of Rev. J. Lewis Hartsock, D.D., August 10, 1912, at Funeral of Captain James M. Holmes.

Beloved, I am not here this afternoon for any word of my own or for very much speaking. I am sure that we all have an instinct of silence in this great time of life and there is a silence which prevails today. Somehow we find that the quotation

of the author is more expressive than the words of man, so I have not come for many words, but simply that I might remind you of some of the words of our Master, that it may better help you to bear the cross of this hour. Life is strange, with one moment here, another one elsewhere, and there come to our minds the words of the Man who we here find was Judge of men. We talk of the wonder of our going and is it any more strange than the mystery with which we came? Some day you and I will



CAPTAIN JAMES MONROE HOLMES.

Born June 15, 1837.
Died August 8, 1912.
(Number 325.)

go and they will say that he is dead, but they will mean that we have gone to something higher. We have gone with the transition to the higher life. When these changes come our plans are devastated, also our business. It breaks the home circle, and yet, my friends, that is not the great point of view, for Jesus

Christ never felt that way about it and He never felt it as you and I feel it. He never thought of it in any such way. Instead, there are no broken chains in the life of the Lord and so we can not say in the passing of our friend, "Things are not as they should be." We can not say that. We can not even judge character. We can not judge character rightly. As our friends pass out of our care we tremble, but yet we think they pass out of this into God's care, and God's care is better than our best. They are gone to be with Christ, which is far better. One author used to say that Christ would judge, and His judgment is good. What he meant by this was that God would judge every human being according to his understanding. He would judge every one in the light of his human understanding. He will not ask us to judge, and one of the satisfactions of such an hour as this is just to feel that God knows. He knows the obstacles of life. He knows and He understands, and in such an hour it is the supremest satisfaction to feel that God's judgments are just and true. There is one word of our Lord and Saviour which comes to me as one of the finest things in His earthly life—when He looked into His Father's face and said, "I have finished the work Thou hast given me to do," and just at the close of our brother's life he did not resist this claim to God's recognition, but simply thus he had done his duty and could look up into his Father's face and say, "I have done my duty, I have finished the work Thou hast given me to do." The beauty of this man's life lies in its simplicity. We can make life's beauty of so few simple things. We speak of the "Beatitudes." I like to call them "Life Beautifiers." These simple lines had their place in this man's life and they were the just and marked elements in his character. He lived as unto God. No man can serve his country who does not serve his God. This man served his country and His God. He belonged to the "Old School." Ah! There are all too few of such among us today. He served sixteen years as treasurer of his church with the arduous tasks that go with it as I have just read a moment ago. God calls some to do His will and some to suffer His will. Sometimes I think it takes more grace to suffer. He had that grace. This man served God in suffering, in prison and in war and in the final suffering in his last days, and I think he was willing to go, and perhaps the words were in his heart, if not upon his lips, "Come, Lord Jesus, quickly.

Come, Jesus, come." Remember, our beloved are not dead. Thank God they live in Him at this hour, which is our encouragement. Walter Pater, who was perhaps the greatest English critic, tells in "Emerald Uthwart," of a man who died in a foreign land and loving friends sent the inscription to be cut upon the tombstone, but through the neglect of the workman the age and the date were never cut in, and that tombstone stands today—his name on the stone, but the day, blank; month, blank. The time was never filled in. It seems to me that is the way it ought to be, for who can fill in the measure of the years of a good man, a true man. My friends, we can not measure the life of this friend who has gone. In the years to come you can not say just seventy-five years of useful life with his church and his friends. They are far more. We know how this hour found our brother. How does it find us? He was ready for the Master's summons and he was willing to meet the messenger of death. Yes, he was ready to go and I judge he heard the words of the Master, Christ, "I will come again and receive you to myself." And knowing this, how does it find us? Does it find us doubting? Does it find us with just a broken courage, or does it find us like him? Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, even thanks to mourn today; to be thankful for the victory of a life well spent and for a heaven that is earned. Robert Browning tells of his friend who had won the highest prize at a university, "I greeted my friend with a cheer." A little while after he died. "He died," said Robert Browning, "but he had won the highest battle of life. He died in Jesus' name, and ought I not to greet the end with a cheer?" So, my friends, I wonder if we ought not somehow, even through our tears, to greet with a cheer those who have become victors over death, and those only. Husband, father, friend and comrade. 'Tis needless for me to speak of his life here. It would be entering the sanctity of the home, and this is too pure to mention. God has called him unto Himself and we know where he is. But, beloved, as we go from this hour it should be to something of renewed courage. We are finishing the work given us to do that we may at last say with Him, "In my Father's house are many mansions, and I go to prepare a place for you." If this earthly house of our dwelling place should pass away, we have the eternal. Thank God for the faith we have in Him. May

God comfort these hearts and may they be at peace and rest with Him. He is not far away and He is our best friend. He comes into the home to be all of that. "Lead kindly light, amid the encircling gloom, Lead Thou me on! The night is dark, and I am far from home; Lead Thou me on." And still 'tis God's light at last.

James Monroe Holmes, youngest child of Eli and Caty Holmes, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, June 15, 1837, and died in the National Homeopathic Hospital, Washington, D. C., August 8, 1912, aged 75 years, 1 month and 23 days.

When just a young boy he joined the Methodist Church and at the age of ten years he began to lead the singing in the little church, Fletcher Chapel.

On November 9, 1862, he married Frances Turner, and Mr. and Mrs. Holmes were planning to celebrate their golden wedding with a family gathering November 9 of this year. There were four children, Hattie, Charles who died in infancy, Fannie and Mary.

On May 2, 1864, he enlisted as a private in Company B, 135th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His company was assigned to guard duty on the B. & O. Railroad at North Mountain, Va., and on July 3, 1864, during Early's Raid, after an engagement of two hours, the entire company was captured and taken south and imprisoned at Andersonville, Savannah and Milan, Ga. Of the 78 members of the company captured, just one-third, or 26, lived to leave the Confederate prison, and several of these died before reaching their homes in the North. The prisoners who were exchanged at this time were brought to Annapolis on the old frigate Constitution, and Mr. Holmes was cared for in the hospital there until he was able to be taken to his home in Ohio. He was honorably discharged January 19, 1865.

Life in Andersonville affected his health so that he was unable to resume farm work and Mr. Holmes engaged in business in Terre Haute, Ind., then in Zanesville, Ohio, after which he served for nine years as teller, then as cashier, of the Perry County Bank at New Lexington, Ohio. While living in that town, he organized Company A, Seventeenth Regiment, Ohio National Guard, in 1875, and served successively as Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant and Captain for seven years.

August 19, 1882, he was appointed to a position in the Pension Office in Washington, which position he held until the time of his death.

On taking up his residence in Washington, he at once joined Lincoln Post, G. A. R., and served as Junior Vice Commander in 1892, Senior Vice Commander in 1893, and Commander in



FRANCES TURNER HOLMES.
Wife of Capt. James M. Holmes.

1894. Later he transferred his membership to the Burnside Post and served as Junior Vice Commander in 1911.

Mr. Holmes was a Mason and had been a member of the B. B. French Lodge and Columbia Commandery, until the last year of his life, when, because of ill health, he asked for a dimit and withdrew from active membership.

During his residence of almost thirty years in Washington he was an active member of Metropolitan Memorial M. E.

Church, serving as teacher and officer in the Sunday school and as steward, and was treasurer of the church for a period of sixteen years.

He loved his church and for almost three-quarters of a century was a member of the Grand Army of Christian Soldiers. He loved the old soldiers of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Words are inadequate to express the beauty of his home life and his devotion to his family, and after a life of more than the allotted three score years and ten—a long period of loyalty and devotion to his God, to his country, and to his home—he was glad to hear and answer the invitation “Come home” to the holy city, the New Jerusalem, the home where there is to be no more pain.

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF M. E. SABBATH SCHOOL.

(New Lexington, Ohio, June 13, 1895.)

*Interesting Sketch of the Organization and History of the School.
Appropriate Anniversary Services.*

The fifty-fourth anniversary of the organization of the M. E. Sunday school was celebrated with appropriate exercises at the M. E. church on last Sabbath afternoon. Following is the program :

Singing, by the school.
Prayer, by Superintendent.
Opening sentences.
Singing, by school.
Scripture lesson.
Class study of the lesson.
Singing, by school.
Review of lesson by infant class.
Quartette—Our Sunday school.
Sketch of the Sunday school, by Miss Bessie Comly.
Solo—Sinner and the Song, by Miss Alice Larimer.
Letter from James A. Huston, former Superintendent.
Letter from A. D. Vickroy, former Superintendent.
Quartette.
Letter from James M. Holmes, former Superintendent.
Solo—Calvary, by Miss Maggie Kelley.
Recitation, by Orrin Rose.
Quartette.
Collection.
Singing, by school.
Remarks by Robert E. Huston, first Superintendent
of the Sunday school.

Following is the paper by Miss Bessie Comly :

“In the old record book of the Sunday school we find these minutes: ‘At a meeting held in the M. E. church, on the 13th day of June, 1841, it was unanimously resolved that a Sabbath school be organized, whereupon the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Thos. Wilson; Vice President, David Comly; Secretary, Thos. Whitaker; Treasurer Jos. James; Managers, R. E. Huston, Hixon Hunt, Benj. Jennings, Chas. Vanatta

and David Wright. The managers of the society, then agreeable to the constitution, proceeded to the election of officers of the school, whereupon the following were elected: Superintendent, R. E. Huston; Assistant Superintendent, John Fate; Librarian, John Battan. It devolves upon the superintendent to appoint the teachers, arrange and classify the scholars, and to open and close the school with singing and prayer."

"WM. P. STRICKLAND, Pastor.

"THOMAS WHITAKER, Secretary."

This was the beginning of our Sunday school, fifty-four years ago. This first Sunday school enrolled about fifty members. These scholars did not enjoy the privilege we do in the way of helps on the lessons. For the first thirty years they had no lesson leaves in which the lessons were selected and prepared for their study, but had to devise their own means for studying the Bible. Sometimes the teachers would have the scholars commit verses and even chapters to memory during the week and recite them on Sunday. At first the youngest scholars who could not read the Bible brought their spelling books to Sunday school and learned to spell. They were also entertained as well as instructed by listening to Bible stories, and later they were taught the catechism.

At the second meeting that is recorded in the minutes book, "it was agreed that the treasurer invest all the money he has now on hands and can get between this time and the first opportunity of sending (we must remember that this was before the day of railroads) to the depository, in books."

So we see one of the first things they did was to arrange for a library. A little further on in the minutes of a meeting held in October, we find a resolution to adjourn the Sabbath school till the next May. For the first few years the sessions were held only in summer, beginning some time in April and closing in September or October.

In 1846, the Sunday school having been progressing nicely for five years, they decided to have a celebration, and appointed a committee to draft resolutions on the subject of celebration. This committee, Thomas Whitaker, John James and J. W. Walker, offered the following resolutions:

“1st. RESOLVED, That a committee of two, viz.: J. Battan and A. M. Huston, be appointed to invite the Presbyterian Sabbath school to participate with us in the exercises of the day.

2d. RESOLVED, That Brother Fitch be invited to preside as chaplain of the day, and Dr. Flowers, orator.

3d. RESOLVED, That suitable refreshments, viz.: cakes, pies and cold water be furnished by the citizens.

4th. RESOLVED, That a committee of five, viz.: D. Wright J. James, J. Dewar, R. E. Huston and J. W. Walker be appointed to wait on the citizens to ascertain the amount that each family will give, so that a suitable amount may be provided.

5th. RESOLVED, That the 4th day of July be the day to meet, at 9 o'clock, at the church.

6th. RESOLVED, That a committee of three, viz.: T. Whitaker, Lot H. Skinner and J. Fate, be appointed to make arrangements on location, with discretionary power to meet the Rehoboth school half way.

7th. RESOLVED, That J. Battan, J. Walker, Levi Courtney, A. M. Huston and Thomas Whitaker be appointed to prepare a suitable table for the benefit of the celebration.

8th. RESOLVED, That G. W. Burgis, B. W. Comly, D. Wright, J. C. Whitaker, Jesse Skinner, J. Porter and Eli Smith be appointed to prepare the provisions on the table for refreshing those attending the celebration. (In other words to set the table.)

9th. RESOLVED, That James Dewar be solicited to read the Declaration of Independence at the celebration.”

After this we find that a celebration was held every year on or near the Fourth of July. Three years later we come upon what is certainly a new departure. In the minutes of a meeting in July, '49, it is resolved, “That a committee of eight females, viz.: Miss Maria Fowler, Susan McClellan, Martha Colborn, Melville Skinner, Jerusha Chinoweth, Lucene Mason, Sarah Barnd and Rebecca Groves be a committee to procure refreshments for the celebration.”

This is the first time a woman's name is mentioned in the minutes. The day of the emancipation of woman is surely dawning.

The refreshments for this occasion were “cheese, cakes, sweet bread, confectioneries and good cold water.” These cele-

brations, or exhibitions, as they were called later, must have been very enjoyable affairs, and although they do not come in properly under the work of Sunday school, they are of enough importance to occupy a prominent place in the records.

By 1855 the Sunday school had grown in membership from 50 to 175, and from the minutes we see that the interest and prosperity increased in proportion to the membership. The finances of the Sunday school were raised at first by each person becoming a member of the society paying a sum of money into the treasury—any sum from one cent to any amount they wished to pay. Later they had annual dues, and about the year 1870, at the suggestion of Mr. Ephraim Colborn, the penny collection was adopted.

In 1872 an effort was made to introduce the Berean System of Sunday school lessons. A motion to that effect was made and lost. Then Mrs. Taylor moved that the system be given a three months' trial, and after some discussion the motion carried, and since the first of January, 1873, this system has been used.

Not very many years ago scholars were encouraged to bring others to Sunday school by having the fact mentioned in the minutes when they did bring some one, for we find several records like this:

“Brother A. H. Burrell brought Mr. S. H. Morgan, and little Annie Avery brought two little girls to our Sunday school this morning.”

The workings of the Sunday school today are so familiar to all, that it is not necessary to speak of them. We have a membership of about 250, and may safely say without boasting that the Sunday school is not going backwards.

Since its organization the school has had twenty superintendents. Some of them have served more than one term and at different times. They are: Robert E. Huston, Samuel Carroll, John James, Thomas Whitaker, Jonathan Hatcher, John H. Kelly, T. E. Morehead, A. M. Poundstone, Charles Nourse, William A. Brown, George A. Granger, James F. Comly, James M. Holmes, James A. Huston, B. B. Wright, A. D. Vickroy, Dr. J. H. Wright, W. H. H. Mintun, Seldon McGirr and Dr. L. F. Rinehart.

It is always easy enough, though often appropriate and in order, to find some fault. This unpleasant duty will be here performed by saying the exercises were too long—two hours and almost a half. The anniversary exercises could have been much more interesting by having them separate from the regular Sabbath school session. The most interesting fact in connection with the anniversary, was the presence and address of Robert E. Huston, who was present at the organization of the school in 1841, was its first superintendent and served in that station longer than any other one person. And without disparagement to any, we are free to say the school never had a more faithful or efficient superintendent than R. E. Huston. His address might well have been much longer, and was prepared with care for the occasion.

Below is a copy of original church letter of Archibald Huston, born 1778, and his wife Rebecca Pepper, we assume, sent to them from Ireland:

"We do certify that the bearer hereof, Archibald Huston and Rebecca, his wife, have been long members of the Methodist Society on the old Castle Circuit and as such have always acted prudently and we believe have now cause to remove elsewhere.

"FRANK ARMSTRONG,
"JOHN C. IRVING."

Dated January 24, 1812.

Below are two letters written by John and Isabella Huston to Rebecca Pepper Huston, wife of Archibald Huston:

DARKLEY, Ireland, 22 February, 1849.

DEAR SISTER:—By the great mercy and blessing of God I am once more permitted to take up my pen to write a few lines to you, hoping it will find you and all your family connections well. I received, I believe, your last letter and we are all happy to hear from you, but when I read your letter and heard of the death of your two daughters, we were greatly troubled to think they were called away at so early an age, leaving their dear husbands and little families behind.

As it was the will of the Lord to remove them out of this sinful world, I hope you will not grieve any more, for we are sure they were prepared for a happier country than you live in,

or perhaps took them away from some evil to come. Therefore, as a well wishing friend, I would advise you to be resigned to the will of the Lord and grieve no more, as it will only destroy your health and break your constitution.

I wrote to you concerning two of my children going out to that country, but they did not go as yet, which I am sorry for. At that time I had plenty to send them, but there are great changes in this country since. Our taxes has got so heavy we cannot stand it. For every pound of rent we pay in the year we have nine shillings a pound to pay for the poor, and that every year. Besides, two heavy county assessments, rent and tithe, so that I think the land holders in this kingdom will shortly be reduced to poverty.

Shortly after I wrote you, my son that was talking of going over to that country took ill of a fever and was very poorly for a long time, but got quite recovered. Some time after this Mother had a sore attack of sickness, inflammation of the bowels, and was despaired of both by minister and doctor, but thank God she recovered, but still remains delicate in health.

You told me in your letter to send you a true account of the year you were born in, and according to your wishes I have done so. You were born October 22, 1778, which leaves you nearly seventy-one, and as you are advancing in years I hope you are advancing more and more in the knowledge and love of God.

Dear sister, your friends in this country who survive are all well. Your brothers are still alive. Brother Robert's wife is dead more than a year. Brother James buried three of his sons and the fourth will soon follow. They were all grown up to manhood. Your brother and sister Fargason is still living and in the same place. Your brother and sister Gray are well, but in great trouble about a son of theirs that stole off to that country contrary to their wills. Got up in the night, whilst they were all sleeping, and went his way, in the middle of winter. After sailing seven weeks in stormy weather, they were driven back into Cork again. She wrote to him to come home, but he would not, so he took another vessel and is gone again.

You wrote to me concerning your brother John. We had no account from him this long time, till of late there came a letter from him. He lives convenient to Dublin and I believe he is doing very well.

I have nothing more that is strange to inform you of, so I hope you will, as soon as you can; write and let us know how you are coming on, so I will add no more at this time and all my family joins with me in sending their kindest love to you and all your sons and son-in-law and all your dear friends. I conclude and remain your ever loving and affectionate brother and sister.

JOHN AND ISABELLA HUSTON.

DARKLEY, November 8, 1851.

MY DEAR SISTER:—By the great mercies and blessings of God I am permitted to write a few lines to you to let you know that we are all in good health at present, thanks to the Most High for all His great mercies and blessings to us. We received your last letter, dated September 20, and we were sorry to hear of your own bad health. At the time we heard of your daughter Hannah's death we were all greatly troubled and shared in your grief as well as if we had been present with you, still we thought you would have sent us a letter at that time to let us know everything concerning her sickness and death.

Now, my dear sister, you well know that if it was in our power to comfort you or remove all your troubles away, nothing but death would prevent us, as it would only be our duty to do for your loving affection and kindness to us, which we never will forget.

Your friends in this country are all well and sorry to hear of your bad health. Be pleased to remember us in the kindest manner to William Gray, and let him know that his father's family and all his friends in this country are well, and that his cousin, Mary Pepper, has got married three days before I wrote this letter. She made her own match, and I believe a very good one. The young man's name is Linster.

I need not be perplexing your mind telling you the price of every article in this country, as everything at present is very cheap, but from the great failure of the potato crop and the severe harvest weather, it is thought that provisions will be something higher, for we had about one month of wet weather. Corn was greatly injured with a heavy loss.

So now my whole family joins with us in sending their kind loving wishes to you and all your friends and dear children in

that country. So we remain your ever loving and affectionate brother and sister till death.

JOHN AND ISABELLA HUSTON.

P. S.—Dear sister, we have heard from all your children only your son John, but we never had any account from him. Now when you write be pleased to let us know is he living convenient to you, has he a family, and what employment he follows, for his aunt is very desirous to hear from him and to know he is comfortable, happy and well.

The following characteristic family letter may interest some of the friends aside from the immediate family:

NEW LEXINGTON, O., Dec. 11, 1888.

MY SON JAMES:—I received your kind letter several days ago, but have up to this time neglected to answer. Indeed, the most of the time I have not been well, suffering from bad cold and nervous trouble. I have not been on the street for two weeks or more. Feeling better now. Your mother and Mollie are both well, so was Mattie and Bert yesterday, when we heard from them.

Doctor Richard's family are all well. Bobbie will be home about holidays.

I am passing through a new ordeal for me. My energy has left me, I can only sit and look out the windows, unable to go and see my neighbors and friends, not even able to attend my favorite place by going to church; but, James, I have lived long enough to have learned that we should receive our disappointments and troubles in a businesslike way, we gain nothing by pursuing an unbusinesslike course. We should follow our better judgment and not our feelings, which are quite apt to lead us astray.

Your mother joins me in our desires to visit you and have a good long talk, but that pleasure is impossible at present. Our pleasures with our friends must be mostly at our old home, so you and your good wife will see the necessity of often coming to see us.

Tell Jamie that his big grandma wants him to come down and tell her how snow is made.

Write soon and often.

Yours affectionately,

R. E. HUSTON.

HEADQUARTERS
OHIO MILITIA AND VOLUNTEER MILITIA.
Quartermaster General's Office.

COLUMBUS, April 20, 1859.

GENERAL A. M. HUSTON,
New Lexington, Ohio.

Dear Sir — Enclosed you will find the new law and order in relation to arms. I have forwarded a copy to each of the commandants of companies in your brigade.

You will advise me of the time when the companies will be prepared for the inspection and giving bonds when I will visit them.

You will ship to the arsenal at Columbus the public arms not in service, in your command, as soon as practicable, and notify me of the shipment.

Respectfully yours,

D. L. WOOD,

Quartermaster General, O. V. M.

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF OHIO,
SALMON P. CHASE,

Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Said State:

To JOHN W. FOWLER, GREETING:

It appearing to me that, on the 27th day of July, 1858, you were duly elected Captain Company A Infantry, 3d Brigade, 14th Division Ohio Volunteer Militia,

Now KNOW YOU, That, by the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of said State, and reposing special trust and confidence in your patriotism, valor, fidelity and ability, I do, by these presents, commission you as Captain as aforesaid, for the term of five years, unless sooner discharged, and hereby authorize and require you to discharge all and singular the duties and services appertaining to your said office, agreeably to law, and

to obey such instructions as you shall, from time to time, receive from your superior officers.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my name, and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed, at Columbus, the 31st day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, and in the eighty-third year of the Independence of the United States of America.

By the Governor:

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[SEAL]

A. P. RUSSELL, Secretary of State.

H. B. CARMIGH, Adjutant General.

John W. Fowler took the oath of office of Captain of the New Lexington Legion August 10, 1858.

A. M. HUSTON,
Brig. Gen'l.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, STATE OF OHIO,

Adjutant General's Office,

COLUMBUS, November 30, 1863.

COLONEL—Being at a loss to know the best way to dispose the company in the 3rd Co. Dist. of Newton township, I refer to you for advice, and that you may understand the matter the more fully I enclose the Poll Book.

In assigning companies to the different regiments of your county only two company districts in Newton township were provided for. They both belong to your regiment (the First), which had at its first organization ten companies. Should there be three companies in Newton township? Have you room (by consolidation or otherwise) for this company? If not, to what regiment can it best be attached. Please inform me as soon as possible.

Very respectfully,

ROBERT HUME,
Asst. Adjt. Gen'l of Ohio.

COL. A. M. HUSTON,
1st Regt. O. M., Muskingum Co.

REMARKS AT THE FUNERAL SERVICE OF MY DEAR
FRIEND GEORGE F. GARDNER.

MY DEAR FRIENDS—We stand here today in the presence of death; it is said that death loves a shining mark. I am not surprised then that one so noble, so true, honorable and upright has fallen by his touch. My friend was a great man; Nature had been kind to him. He had a splendid body, a great intellect, any way you measured him. He was great if, as has been said, that the "mind is the measure of the man." No plumb line is sufficient to encompass his greatness. Try him by whatever scale, he met the condition of a great man. At the head of a corporation where exacting duties required him to be most positive, yet so well did he blend that authority that no one could be offended. He was loved by the men who worked under him as a brother. His duties as a business man did not keep him from his church work. As president of the Board of Stewards his worth was incomparable. By wise counsel and brotherly tact he managed the finances of the church well; he frequently discussed the advisability of building a Young Men's Christian Association. His thoughts were for others. How often he has remarked to me: The young men must have a place to go for recreation. I loved to sit with him and talk of this especial work.

In the home he was at his best. No one ever visited him but longed to return. A devoted father, how sacredly he fulfilled those high obligations. Whatever duties or responsibilities he must meet in public, in the home the gentleness of his nature was seen at its fullest. We meet such men but seldom. George F. Gardner was a great man in business, as a citizen, a Mason, a Christian. He was my friend. I loved him as I loved but few men. I shall see him on the other side when I have crossed the bar.

Farewell, my friend, I shall not soon see your like again.

J. M. MORSE,

Pastor M. E. Church, Gulfport, Miss.

GRAND LODGE OF MISSISSIPPI, F. & A. M.

TO ALL FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS
SHALL COME—GREETING:

KNOW YE, That our well beloved brother, George F. Gardner, who departed this life on the 24th day of March, 1910, was

a Master Mason and a member in good standing of Gulfport Lodge, No. 422, of Gulfport, in the State of Mississippi, and this certificate is granted by it as evidence that his memory is cherished as that of a true and faithful brother and delivered to Miss Mamie Gardner, the nearest surviving relative.

This 8th day of April, 1910.

WM. W. SYFAN, Master.

H. A. RANKIN, Secretary.

This is to certify that this certificate is issued under the laws of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, Free and Accepted Masons, and has been duly recorded in the office of the Grand Secretary.

Witness my signature and the seal of the Grand Lodge.

FRANCIS SPEED,
Grand Secretary.

GULF AND SHIP ISLAND RAILROAD COMPANY.

Office of the First Vice President.

GULFPORT, MISS., March 29, 1910.

MR. ROBERT GARDNER,
Gulfport, Miss.

Dear Sir:—I attach herewith copy of a resolution passed by our Board of Directors at its meeting held here last Monday, expressing the unanimous sympathy of the members present in reference to the recent death of your father.

Yours very truly,

J. A. JONES,
First Vice President.

ACTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

WHEREAS, Mr. George F. Gardner, a member of this Board, and General Superintendent of the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad Company for the last six years, departed this life, after a short illness, on the 24th day of March, 1910; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors desire to make some enduring memorial of their regard and esteem for Mr. Gardner, therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That in the death of Mr. Gardner the Gulf & Ship Island Railroad Company has lost a capable, honest, faithful and efficient officer; one whose first thought was always for the interest of the property which he represented.

2. The Board of Directors has lost a wise and useful member; one whose presence and counsel we will greatly miss at our usual meetings.

3. That we deeply and sincerely deplore the loss of our friend and associate in business.

4. That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Board and a copy of the same be transmitted to the members of his family.

ACTION OF ORDER OF RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS.

WHEREAS, In the dispensation of an all-wise Providence, the grim reaper has called to "join that innumerable caravan" our beloved General Superintendent, Mr. Geo. F. Gardner, of Gulfport, Mississippi, and

WHEREAS, We realize that his family have been called upon to face a sorrow, the like of which comes but once in a lifetime in all its bitterness, and

WHEREAS, The heart of every member of this Division beats in genuine sympathy with another in all the troubles of life, thereby expressing to our inmost beings the rock upon which all unionism principles rest secure, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, Gulf and Ship Island System, Division No. 79, extend to the bereaved family our deepest and most sincere sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That in token of our love and esteem for our superior officer, that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this division, and a copy sent to The Telegrapher for publication.

J. O. BOLTON,
C. R. CARLEY,
E. WOOTEN,
Committee.

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