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The Recital of the Life and Character of an Early Adventurer to Virginia, and Subsequently a Settler of the Province of Maryland under Lord Baltimore. A Representative Colonist, whose Industry enabled him to become a prosperous Planter, and whose strong religious convictions led to the Organization of the Parent Baptist Society of the Province, and through whose Liberality their First Church Building was Erected. He gave his Name to the Hills which marked his Settlement, and left a Line of Descendants, many of whom in their turn became Pioneers and Settlers of other States.

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"Consider The Years of Many Generations." - Deut. XXXII-VII.



P-E-E-S-A-C-E .

Oh no! To live our life armin;  
Or warmly touched or coldly dim  
The pictures of the past remain-  
Man's works shall follow him.  
- Whittier.

Peter Faneuil, a rich merchant of Boston, Massachusetts, in the year 1740, offered to build and devote to the people of that town, a market house and town hall, which was completed in 1742, when the citizens, in testimony of their gratitude, at a town meeting, resolved that it be called and known by the name of the donor. Such was the origin of the celebrated "Faneuil Hall" of Boston, widely known as the "Cradle of Liberty."

In the same year, and in a similar manner, a humble church structure (the pioneer of its denomination in the Maryland colony) was erected near Baltimore, through the generosity of an English colonist, who, in making this gift, dedicated the land and building to the Baptists forever.

Both contemporaneous edifices still bear the names of their founders. While the former was burned and rebuilt, the latter is yet standing, and continues to be used for the original purpose for which it was designed. With all the progress--the swift and frequent changes--so characteristic of American life, it is seldom that any building is occupied for the same purpose for over a century; but when such structure survives until, in the language of Oliver Wendell Holmes, "a hundred years and fifty more had spread their leaves and snows," it is a monument of historical interest.

The founder of this old land-mark in Maryland was Henry Later, an original settler, or, according to the chronicles of that period, an "ancient planter."

"When the mind reverts to the earliest days of colonial history the period seems remote and obscure," writes J. Fenimore Cooper, "The thousand changes that thicken along the links of recollections throwing back the origin of the nation to a day so distant as seemingly to reach the mists of time; and yet four lives of ordinary duration would suffice to transmit, from mouth to mouth, in form of tradition, all that civilized man has achieved within the limits of the American republic."





The writer's earliest recollections go back to the time, when a child at his grandmother's knee, he first heard the story of 'Grandfather Sater' from the lips of one who had received it from Sater's youngest daughter, Discretion.

Thus the family records and traditions of their progenitor have been transmitted to each succeeding generation, and kept alive for over a century.

"Our lips shall tell them to our sons,  
And they again to theirs,  
That generations yet unborn  
May teach them to their heirs."

This brief narrative, in which these unwritten stories and historical accounts are collected together and here presented, is not intended as an eulogium of the subject of this biography, but is solely for the purpose of rescuing them from their fragmentary condition and preserving them for those who bear the same blood in their veins.

It is principally because his life is full of associations of the historic Chesapeake province and its earliest Baptist church, -- a heritage of colonial days, -- that we treasure these memories.

"The revival of interest in Colonial and Revolutionary times has become a marked feature of the life of today," writes the authoress of "Through Colonial Doorways," "its manifestations are to be found in the literature which has grown up around these periods, and in the painstaking individual research being made among documents and records of the past with genealogical and historical intent."

The outlines of the career of this individual are memorable for many reasons, aside from being an early colonist and pioneer of the province, founder of the parent society of a large denomination in Maryland and progenitor of a long line of descendants who have in their turn been pioneers in the settlement of other states and territories, but his history is interspersed with many noteworthy events connected with the growth of this country during the first half of the eighteenth century.

Much of the documentary testimony from the archives of the State of Maryland herein contained is published for the first time. Hon. Phillip I. Laird, Commissioner of the Land Office of that State, in a report to the Governor, referring to the Files of his office, remarks:

"These records are invaluable. The original of almost every land title in the State is here, and vast stores of family and colonial history await the diligent student of these pages."



While this biography is not proposed as a genealogy of the family, it must necessarily include the descendants, to which has been added a cursory account of those whose lives are known and accessible - and is believed to be accurate for those early generations, having been corrected and verified from wills, family bibles and genealogies.

With the later descendants it has not been possible to secure complete registers of all their branches, owing to continual migrations, and the number of states and extent of territory through which they are dispersed.

In tracing out their lineage and arranging the groupings of the various members of this family in their proper order one cannot fail to observe the steady movement West, where the greatest number are collected, while the next largest proportion are distributed through the Southern States.

The family stream does not appear to have travelled north beyond New York, where his grandson, Isaac Walker, settled in 1631, and whose descendants constitute the only representatives north of Maryland.

Mr. Thomas S. Sater, of Preston, Ohio, writes: "There are numerous descendants. They are scattered through Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas and Illinois and Dakota. I have never heard of any Saters that were not descendants of the Henry Sater that I have mentioned."

While this purports to be a memoir of the individual referred to above, it necessarily includes a full account of the church which he founded.

Intent on the spiritual welfare of his fellow settlers, and leading an exemplary Christian life, his thirty odd years of frontier life in the forests of the Chesapeake colony culminated in that first expression of the pioneer's religion - a meeting house.

Lest it may be thought that this compilation relates too much to the religious associations of our progenitor, "it should be remembered that in no other way could the peculiar traits in the character of our ancestors be fully developed. It was the religious doctrines that they embraced, and the consequent principles of religious and civil liberty which they could not enjoy in their own land, that induced such a company of gentlemen, merchants and mechanics, to emigrate from the populous and cultivated towns of their fatherland to this then wilderness, and exchange, as many of them did, the sword, the awl, the needle and the yard-stick for the axe, the anvil and the plough; and to omit a sufficient allusion to their religious principles and their actual development in practice would be to narrate effects and not notice the cause which produced them."

"No one can justly appreciate the character of our forefathers and the sacrifices which they made for posterity without a knowledge of those principles which like a mainspring set everything in motion."



## CHAPTER I.

Two hundred years! — two hundred years  
How much of human power and pride,  
What glorious hopes, what gloomy fears  
Have sunk beneath the noiseless tide.  
\* \* — Pierpont.

"First things are interesting. The first step is proverbial. The first stone laid in a foundation may aid in supporting a beautiful palace or a lofty monument. In this day of centenary celebrations, every one is looking backward to the first beginnings of the great enterprises which now occupy public attention. Among the movements most interesting to the lovers of religious progress is that of the Baptist denomination in the State of Maryland."

The pioneer of this sect in that section would command more attention than he usually receives from the brief notices in the annals of early American churches were the historical incidents with which his life is interwoven better known.

Although only a layman, he was connected with the origin and growth of the baptists in his adopted province, and organized their first church and elected the building.

"So far as accessible records show," says Scharf in his History of Baltimore, "the first resident Baptist in Maryland was Henry Sater."

While the career of this first baptist of that region is marked by no thrilling episode or extraordinary event, his constancy and devotion to the same faith which the renowned Roger Williams espoused in the New England colony, has linked his name indissolubly with the history of the denomination in Maryland.

To gather together the threads of a life which sprang into existence more than two centuries ago, and weave a connected narrative, is well nigh impossible, but family tradition has preserved much of the outlines.

Henry Sater (or Souter, Sator, Saylor and Satyr, as the name is variously spelled in ancient documents) was born of English parents in the year 1690, in one of the western shires of England, during the reign of King William the Third.

Shortly after the close of the seventeenth century there arrived in Virginia a band of adventurers from England, who came to settle the new country of the western world. Among them was young Sater, scarcely nineteen years old, who at this early age cast his destinies with these hardy settlers of the infant colonies.



This expression "adventurer," now associated "with one who seeks occasions of chance," etc., was formerly applied to all original settlers.

"Whereas, the adventurers to plant that our Province of Maryland have sent unto us," etc., etc., says Lord Baltimore in one of his earliest proclamations, and in all state papers the use of the word is synonymous with "planter."

John Milty says that after obtaining his original grant "Lord Baltimore sent out his brother Leonard Calvert, Esq., accompanied by other Gentlemen and their attendants, to the number of between two and three hundred for the purpose of commencing a settlement. The Adventurers are represented to have been chiefly persons of considerable wealth and distinction, who left their country to avoid the inconveniences of religious intolerance."

Another author says: "Among the religionists whom disgust or persecution had early driven into the voluntary exile of the colonies there were more than an usual proportion of men of character and education. The reckless and the gay, younger sons, soldiers unemployed, and students from the Inns of Courts, early sought advancement and adventure in the more southern provinces where slaves offered liberty from labour," etc.

Of Sater's ancestry we are informed that but little has been preserved of the pedigree of his family other than that his parents were of Danish extraction, and that he was a person of means, and was not obliged to come here from stern necessity.

One of his descendants, whose mother was a granddaughter and namesake of one of Sater's daughters, writes:

"My mother frequently told me that she thought she had heard that the Sater family was descended from or of the same family as that of Bishop Sater, an early British martyr, whom I think she found referred to in Fuller's Church History or Worthies of England."

The causes which induced young Henry to emigrate and the circumstances under which he left his native land, his companions on the voyage, and all the interesting memories which go to make up the warp and woof of his early manhood cannot be recalled at this remote period, but the principal features of the life of this young traveller after reaching this country have been handed down through family records and traditions, and the story of his subsequent career clearly established.

The earliest account contained in a family register and transmitted from his children to the grandchildren is as viz.:





"It may be said of him that he was among the early adventurers to this country. At the age of 19, in the year 1709, in the reign of Queen Anne, he left England and arrived in company with other adventurers and landed at Little York or Smith Point, in Virginia. By tradition many pleasing anecdotes are told of this young adventurer in the new world, both among the settlers and the Indians, but possibly fancy might have exaggerated the merits of the youth."

Other accounts state that he disembarked near Jamestown, while another tradition is that he first established himself in lower Virginia.

Although these family reports are at variance as to the precise location of his first settlement, all agree that it was on the Virginia coast.

We learn further that -

"It appears that Henry Sater kept in view a previous intention of becoming a planter. From some cause or other he left Virginia and made his way to Maryland. It is understood he visited the different landings on the western shore of the State, viz.: Elk Ridge, Back River, Bush, Gunpowder, the Patapsco and Baltimore."

The population of the whole province then was scarce thirty thousand and the settlements were distributed along the shores of the Chesapeake bay and on the banks of the principal streams.

It was in the vicinity of the place he last visited that our adventurer selected the site of his plantation, for, says an historian, "about the year 1709 Mr. Henry Sater, of England, purchased a tract of land on what was then known as Chestnut Ridge, about 9 miles northwest of Baltimore Town."

This historian adds: "It is not probable that as yet (1729) there was a population of more than one thousand in the whole county, which extended from below the Patapsco river to the north line of the Province, a distance in a direct line from north to south of more than forty miles, and a considerable portion of it was on the south side of the Patapsco. The rest, save on the Spesutiae and Bush river neighborhood, were scattered along the bay. Little land could as yet have been brought under cultivation, and a house of unhewn timber from the wild forests afforded the most comfortable dwelling possessed by any one. The original terms for settling lands in this country indeed had materially hindered the increase of population. Not only had the time fixed for the emigrants sailing from England been too short as well as unreasonable, but each one was obliged to keep three servants, above three years old, upon his plantation, which many were not able to do. Besides all this, through this vast region of wild forest lay the great war path of the "Sasqueshannocks," and more northern Indians, in their too frequent forays on the Piscataway nation on the Patuxent."



It must be remembered that "less than one hundred and fifty years ago, and within the age of four generations, America was distinctively the home of the Indians; only a narrow strip of land bordering the Atlantic had been reclaimed to civilization, and even then this small section possessed very few of the comforts of the period, as compared with the mother country and nations of Europe."

After acquiring his homestead that this enterprising young Englishman entered upon his colonial life by settling this rough, wooded country, then "frontier." He probably began by felling trees, cutting paths, newing logs and building one of those old-time cabins with the huge outside chimney of rough stones gathered in the vicinity; and when he had made it weather-tight, hung his trusty rifle and powder horn on the overhanging rafters, and then started to clear and till a patch of virgin soil, and sow his first tobacco crop.

These cabins of the first settlers are described as log houses of two rooms only, a bedroom and kitchen, with an adjoining shed for the live stock, "where the horse trough was the family wash basin, where stools and benches, hung against the wall, constituting the furniture; where the kitchen table served for dining table as well, and was handsomely set out with bowls, trenchers and noggins of wood, and gourds and squashes daintily cut, to add color to the meal; while the family was counted well off that could muster a few spoons, and a plate or two of shining pewter."

Like all the colonists of that period, Sater was engaged for the first few years of his settlement in the struggle for a home, during which time we have no details of the hardships which he encountered, probably because they did not differ from the usual trials and difficulties experienced by the first settlers. They must have included many deprivations, scarcity of tools and implements, and all the annoyances from an environment of savages in an inaccessible forest, where every necessity of life had to be obtained from a great distance.

He continued raising tobacco, improving his settling and extending the acreage of his crops with the help of slaves until his modest homestead had become quite a domain.

Slaves were a necessary adjunct of every plantation at this time, and were universally employed in this section of the country.

The Sater Family History remarks:

"The prospect of success in the planting of tobacco in a great measure depends on the number of hands in the employ. These as I suppose must have been procured from the slave ships visiting the colony, of which slaves it is said he possessed a considerable number. I was personally acquainted with one of them 'Old Guinea Simon.' East of his dwelling and north of his barn was the burial



ground for his slaves. This ground was improved by his daughter Discretion by planting it with cherry trees."

And further adds:

"All taxes and purchases are payable in tobacco. The English and Spanish coin in the province only served for pocket money. It is possible he had resources in England and drew from them as he shipped tobacco on his own account and ordered that which was for his family and plantation."

This ancient slaves cemetery referred to above is pointed out on the estate of the late George Brown, known as Brookland-wood Manor, and has been visited by the writer, where vestiges of the old tombs are still seen. It is on an eminence along the turnpike, and consists of a cleared field where a number of weather-worn tomb-stones are clustered; most of them have fallen down. Among the inscriptions which could be deciphered, such names as John Cocker, died 1717; John Corsey, died 1735; besides other names, probably called after former owners and neighbors.

Only one large tree remains: the cherry trees planted by Discretion Sater are said to have been cut down not long since, and the stumps are yet visible.

The original slave quarters are standing and the stone cabins built by Henry Sater for his negroes in those colonial days are in a good state of preservation, and occupied now for farm buildings.

Many of his descendants recall anecdotes of the slave "Guinea Simon," who lived to a most advanced age. Mrs. Isaac Walker remembered him when she lived in Baltimore.

Every person of means in the province owned slaves in Sater's time, and the custom continued for many years later.

Sater's father-in-law, Mr. Lawson, mentions nine slaves by name in his will, which he distributed to his family, and Thomas Walker, Assistant of Discretion Sater, in his last testament says: "My negro woman Patty, who shall be retained as a slave by my said wife Discretion Walker during her (my said wife's) natural life and then to be manumitted and made free forever."

Isaac Walker, grandson of Henry Sater, of Baltimore, freed all his slaves as far back as 1835.

Henry Sater never abandoned the original site he selected for his home; and occupied it during his life. Here he developed that character for perseverance and industry by which he became one of the landmarks of the region of his adoption.



Scharf, in his History of Baltimore, says: "In the Green Spring Valley, on the Green Spring branch of the Northern Central railway, nine miles from Baltimore, is Brooklandville. The Sater Hills here inclose the valley, and the scene is ideally picturesque."





## CHAPTER II.

"In that mansion used to be  
Free-hearted hospitality;  
His great fires by the chimney roared,  
The stranger feasted at his board."

— Longfellow.

The first settlers who came from England brought with them their predilection for lands, and their customs of acquiring, transferring and retaining possession of same, which had been handed down for generations. Their ancient English laws and usages were transplanted to the new world, and engrafted upon the colonists.

The landed estates of Maryland are among the oldest in this country, and the deeds and grants perpetuating the title to them are complete and well preserved. Unlike many other states, neither the colonial, revolutionary nor civil wars have so devastated her territory as to cause the destruction of public buildings and official papers.

Like all new comers, Henry Sater, after he had become a planter, turned his attention to pre-existing public lands; but his original homestead he is reported to have secured by purchase. Family papers state: "Of his first settling upon Sater's Ridge, in Baltimore Co., the land records of this County show a transfer of a great number of pieces and parcels of land."

The earliest reference to him, among the files of the Land Office of the Province, is within six or seven years of his colonization, when he obtained his first tract of land from Lord Baltimore, there being due him January 7th, 1715, by virtue of a warrant, fifty (50) acres of land on the north side of Jones Falls, a branch of the Patuxent river, lying in Baltimore County.

This plot was called "White Hall," and "commenced at a bounded white oak standing by a small draft of the aforesaid Falls, and on the West side of a tract of Land taken up by Thomas Carpenter." (See appendix.)

These falls are called after David Jones, the earliest settler who took up lands June 15th, 1661, on the north shore. This stream now constitutes one of the main sources of the water supply of Baltimore.

There is a small village called "White Hall" on the Northern Central Railway, twenty-two miles north of the city — one of the principal dairy stations of the line — which probably derives its name from this old patent.

On the first of October, 1718, the patent for the White Hall tract was granted to Henry Sater by Lord Baltimore (Charles the Second) upon such terms and conditions as are expressed in a proclamation of the Lord Proprietary (Charles the first), dated 3d. of April, 1664. The proclamation was as follows:



" A P-I-O-C-I-A-T-I-O-N "

MARYLAND, ss.:

We having for divers good causes and considerations, as thereunto moving, fully resolved and determined to alter our conditions of plantation of this our province, and communicated to our council such resolutions. We have thought fitt (by and with their advice and consent) by this our proclamation to publish and make known the same in manner following. (viz.): That all persons, adventurers or owners of British or Irish descent, inhabiting, residing or trading into this province, desirous to take up any quantity or quantities of land within this our province, shall pay or secure to be paid unto us or our heirs or such officer or officers as shall be appointed by us and our heirs from time to time to collect and receive the same, the just quantity of one hundred and twenty pounds of tobacco in cask for the first purchase, together with two shillings sterling yearly rent for every fifty acres of land he or they shall make choice of and take up as aforesaid in any part of this our province except on the sea-board side and Delaware bay and river to the fortieth degree of northern latitude, which for encouragement of such person or persons as shall desire and undertake to settle the same, we will, shall and may be taken up by any person or persons of the descent aforesaid in any quantity not exceeding the number of five hundred acres in one tract to any one person, he or they paying or securing to be paid therefore unto us and our heirs or such officer or officers as aforesaid after the rate of sixty pounds of tobacco in cask for the first purchase, together with one shilling sterling yearly rent for every fifty acres, etc., etc."

All payments and fees collected with these land grants were made in tobacco.

For examining and signing every certificate of one hundred and fifty acres of land, thirty pounds of tobacco were paid, and for every hundred acres after the first, ten pounds up to three hundred acres, and for a greater quantity of land five hundred pounds of tobacco.

Among the recitals of Water's patent is the following quaint expression which has the flavor of the feudal ages:

"To be holden of us and our heirs as of our manor of Baltimore in free and common socage by fealty only for all manner of services."

According to Blackstone, these socage tenures were relics of Saxon freedom retained by those who had not forfeited them to the King or exchanged them for tenure by "knight's" service, and were not eroded over by William the Conqueror among the feudal establishments.



Conan Doyle says, "holding land by free and common socage has been explained as having no feudal superior and answerable to none less than the King."

Payments were to be made yearly "at the City of St. Maries, at the two most usual feasts in the year, viz.: the feast of the annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Michael the Archangel by even and equal portion the rent of two shillings sterling in silver or gold."

The feast of St. Michael is the 29th of September or Michaelmas Day and is an occasion of festivals in the Churches of England and Rome. In England it is one of the quarter days on which rents become due, and is observed like our Thanksgiving Day, with a dinner of geese instead of turkey.

"September, when by custom (right divine)  
These are ordained to bleed at Michael's shrine."

The patent bears the signature of "our trusty and well beloved John Hart, Esq., our Governor and Keeper of our said Greater Seals," etc.

He was the royal Governor appointed by Queen Anne as Lord Baltimore's lieutenant, and whose commission was renewed by George the First upon his accession in 1714.

The next grant to Satyr from Lord Baltimore was the 7th of March, 1723, for three hundred and fifty acres of land in Baltimore County, known as "Satyr's addition," and located on the east side of a hill near a run descending into Jones Falls.

The following is a certified copy:

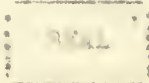
H-e-n-r-y S-a-t-y-r, n-i-s P-e-t-e-n-t, } Charles: To All, etc.  
"S-a-t-y-r's A-d-d-i-t-i-o-n," 350 a-c-r-e-s }

Know Ye, that for and in consideration that Henry Satyr of Baltimore County in our said province of Maryland hath and unto six three hundred and fifty acres of land within our said province by virtue of a warrant for that quantity granted him, the said Henry Satyr out of our Land Office the fifth day of April seventeen hundred and seventeen as appears in our Land Office, and upon such Consideration and Terms as are expressed in our Conditions of plantation of our said province bearing date the fifth day of April One thousand Six hundred Eighty-four, and remaining upon Record in our said province, together with such Alterations as in them are made by our Conditions bearing date the fourth day of December One thousand Six hundred and ninety-six, together also with the alterations made by our Instructions bearing date at London the twelfth day of September seventeen hundred and twelve and Registered in our Land Office of our said province. We Doe therefore hereby grant unto him, the said Henry Satyr, all that tract or parcel of Land called Satyr's Addition, lying in the said County: beginning at two Small bounded Black Oaks and One Small bounded Hickory standing on the East side of a Hill near a Run des-



ending into Jones's falls and running from the said Oaks and Hickory East two hundred and thirty perches, thence North three and a half Degrees West One hundred and eighty perches, thence North fifty-five perches, thence North thirty-two Degrees West two hundred and twenty-three perches, thence by a straight line to the said bounds trees, containing and now laid out for three hundred and fifty acres of land more or less according to the Certificate of Survey thereof taken and returned into Our Land Office, bearing date the thirtieth September One thousand Seven hundred and Eighteen, and there remaining, Together with all rights, Profits, Benefits and Privileges thereunto belonging (Royal Mines Excepted): To have and to hold the same unto him the said Henry Matyr his heirs and assigns for ever, to be holder of Us and Our heirs as of Our Honour of Baltimore in free and Common Socage by Fealty only for all manner of Services Yielding and paying therefore Yearly unto Us and Our heirs at Our Receipt at the City of St. Mary's at the two most usual Feasts in the year, viz.: The feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Michael the Arch-angele by Even and Equal portions the Tent of fourteen shillings sterling in Silver or Gold, and for a fine upon every Alienation of the said land or any part or parcell thereof One whole year's Tent in Silver or Gold or the full value thereof in such Commodity as We and our heirs or such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed by us and our heirs from time to time to Collect and receive the same, shall accept in discharge thereof at the Unchoice of us and our heirs or such Officer or Officers aforesaid, provided that if the said sum for a fine for Alienation shall not be paid to us and our heirs or such Officer or Officers afo- before such Alienation and the said Alienation entered upon record either in the prov-e Court or County Court where the same parcell of land lieth within thirty days next after such Alienation, then the said Alienation shall be Void and of no Effect. Given under Our greater Seal at wres this seventh day of May seventeen-hundred and twenty-three. Witness our trusty and welbeloved Richard Smith Esq., Chancellor and Keeper of Our said greater Seal of Our said province of Maryland.

Mon-d



Wigman Keep-r

D-E-P-T O-F F-I-C-E O-F M-A-R-Y-L-A-N-D, D-C-T.

I hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true copy of the Patent of "Matyr's Addition," as recorded in Liber P.L.No.2, folio 228, one of the Record Books of this office.

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 : SEAL :  
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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Land Office of Maryland, this 13th day of July, eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

WILLI D. LIND,  
 Commissioner of the Land Office.





This property, from its name, was probably adjoining his original tract which he acquired by purchase or colonization, and here he had his dwelling. It was the plantation spoken of by historians, where he was wont to entertain travelers with great hospitality, especially itinerant Baptists on their journeys through this region.

These colonists were said to be most lavish in their hospitality, and it was not unusual for them to throw open their houses and extend a welcome to all guests, even strangers whom they had not met before—

"Planter's tables, you must know  
are free to all that come and go."

The Baltimore deed roll shows that "one acre, part of 'Satyr's addition' 350 acres (which was patented to Henry Sater, 7th of May, 1743, was transferred by Henry Sater to Henry Loveall, 16th Nov., 1743," for a church site, and the following is the deed of sale:

Henry Sator	}
to	
Henry Loveall and Others.	
Conveyance	

This indenture made this sixteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty two, between Henry Sator in the Province of Maryland and County of Baltimore, planter, on the one part, and Henry Loveall, Thomas West, William Towson and William Browne in the Province and County aforesaid, w-i-t-n-e-s-s-e-t-h, that the said Henry Sator, for and in consideration of two millions sterling to him in hand paid by the said Henry Loveall, Thomas West, William Towson and William Browne aforesaid, the receipt whereof he the said Henry Sator doth hereby acknowledge that he is therewith fully satisfied, contented and paid, and thereof and from all and every part and parcel thereof let, by these presents acquit and forever discharge the said Henry Loveall, Thomas West, William Towson and William Browne and their heirs, executors and administrators, then and every of them forever, with given, granted, bargained, sold, sett over, delivered and forever confirmed and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sett over and deliver and forever conform unto the above said Henry Loveall as Pastor, and Thomas West, William Towson and William Browne as Deacons and Elders to the Church Congregation or People of God, commonly called General Baptists and to their Successors as such forever, as chosen by the Church of Congregation as above said to the end of the world and end of land situate and lying in or on his dwelling, plantation, otherwise called Sator's addition.



B-e-g-i-n-n-i-n-g at a red oak tree marked on four sides running due North sixteen perches, then due West twelve perches, then due South sixteen perches, then East to the first mentioned tree be the same more or less. To have to hold the said bargained land and premises for the building a meeting-house, burying place, and and all other buildings, erections and conveniences needful for the Church and Congregation above said, and the said Henry Loveall, Thomas West, William Townson and William Browne and their successors as aforesaid, together with the Church Congregation as above said, shall and may from time to time and at all times hereafter have, hold, enjoy and improve the said bargained land and premises free and clear of and from and all other gifts, grants, bargains, sales, dowerys, joyntures and all other gifts, bargains, grants, sales, dowerys, joyntures, and all other incumbrances whatsoever, the lord of the fee forprized and excepted from the date of these presents, and that without any manner of lett, hindrance, deniall, molestation whatsoever in any kind scoever from him the said Henry Sator, or his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, or from any of them or any other person or persons whatsoever by virtue of him, them or any of them, and the said Henry Sator both for himself, his heirs, executors and assigns, and for any of them further covenant and agree to and with the above said Henry Loveall, Thomas West, William Townson and William Browne and the successors as Pastor and Deacons and Elders elected, chose and appointed by the Church and Congregation aforesaid, to warrant and forever defend the aforesaid bargained land and premises with all the right, title, interest, profits, benefits, and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging, or in any manner of ways appertaining to the same, from against all and all manner of persons, whatsoever claiming or to claim any right, title or interest, purchase, property or descent whatsoever, unto or out of the same by virtue of him the said Henry Sator, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, or any other person or persons whatsoever by virtue of him, them or any of them, and the said Henry Sator both for himself and for his heirs, administrators and assigns by these presents covenant, engage, and oblige themselves to give, grant, cause to be given and granted at any time or times hereafter any other writing or deed of conveyance for the further assurances and confirmation of these prealses unto the above said Henry Loveall, Thomas West, William Townson and William Browne, at the request of them or any of their successors as they shall be advised by their Counsel in Law.

In witness hereunto he the said Henry Sator, in confirmation of all and every part and claim hereof, has set to his hand and seal the day, and year above written.

his  
Henry Sator.      SEAL  
mark



In presence of  
his  
George J. Elliott, Ralph Broda.  
mark.

And's- That on the 7th day of February, 1744, came the above Henry Saylor, party to the within deed, and acknowledged the within bargained tract or parcel of land to be the right estate of the within Henry Loveall, Thomas Vest, William Towson and William Browne, as Deacons and Elders of the within Church, and their successors forever, and at the same time came Dorcas Saylor, wife of the said Henry Saylor, and acknowledged her right of dower of the above tract or parcel of land to the aforesaid Henry Loveall, Thomas Vest, William Towson and William Browne and their successors for the uses within mentioned before.

George Buchanan.  
Charles Widgeley.

Received a half-penny sterling for an alienation fine of the within land for the use of the Lord Baltimore by one of Benjamin Tasker, Esq., per Thomas Franklin. Received June the eighth, same month, One thousand seven hundred and forty-three and then recorded.

F. Brerewood, Clerk.  
Balt. County Court.

In testimony hereof, that the aforesaid is a true copy taken from Liber P.D.No.9. Folio 236, etc., one of the land records of Balt. County, which records are now in my keeping.

I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of the Superior Court of Balt. City, this 21st day of June, A. D., 1865.

Alfred Pace, Clerk.

On the 30th of May, the following year the grant of "Esty's addition," he received another patent of one hundred acres of land, being part of a tract of three hundred and fifty (350) acres which was due him by virtue of a warrant granted the 22d day of September, 1713, and described as

"All that tract or parcel of land called Hale's Discovery, lying and being in Baltimore County aforesaid on the North West Branch of Herring Run descending into Back River. Beginning at a bounded white Oak, a bounded sea Oak and a bounded Spanish Oak standing on a hill on the North of the said branch, and by a road called Richard Taylor's Bowling Road," etc.



This document is likewise signed by Richard Pilgman, Esq., Chancellor and Keeper of the Greater Seal, etc.

Among Sater's later grants from the Lord Proprietary was one for two hundred and seventy-seven (277) acres in Baltimore County, known as "Chevy Chase," by virtue of an assignment of a warrant from George Brown for the quantity of two hundred acres, granted the said George Brown the eighth day of July, seventeen hundred and twenty-eight, and the remaining seventy-seven acres by virtue of an assignment of a warrant for that quantity from Richard Sallaway of Anne Arundel County."

It is described as commencing at "two colored white Oaks standing in the first line of a tract of land called Nicholson's Manor," and is dated June 16th, 1734, and has the signature of Samuel Orie, "Lieut. General and Chief Governor of our said Province of Maryland, Chancellor, etc."

There is no clue to the name of this patent, as it is so unlike the others, except that it was a popular tale of the period. Edward Gledhill, in an article on the "Colonists at Home," says:

"One is not surprised to learn that by such firesides, 'Chevy Chase' and other ancient ballads of blood and slaughter were sung. Stories of more recent encounters with the Indian must have mingled well with old English folk songs."

This patent must have been acquired by Sater by the purchase of warrants of others, as also another grant of fifty (50) acres called "Egypt."

According to the Tent Roll of Baltimore County filed at Annapolis, Md., he possessed in 1823, "Sater's Addition," surveyed 3 1/2 Sect., 1718, and also "Egypt," which had been patented by Henry Taylor Dec. 31, 1743.

We learn from the records of the Land Office of Maryland, that Sater's eldest son George received the 25th of September, 1763 (after his father's decease, a tract called "Egypt Enlarged" comprising eighty-two (82) acres, which was a resurvey of the original Egypt patent.

Dr. Geo. W. Archer, of the Harford Co. Historical Society, and an eminent genealogist of Maryland, writes that in Sheriff Hall's assessment reaver of Baltimore County: "Henry Sater" (another son) "is assessed 1765 for White Hall, 55 acres; Sater's Addition, 356 acres; Egypt 30 acres; and Chevy Chase, 77 acres."





The Kent Roll also states "that 'Hole's Discovery,' one hundred acres (which was patented to Henry Bater 20th May, 1729), was in the possession of Sarah Boring and that a transfer of said tract from said Sarah was made to William Askew 3d of May, 1751, also same tract by William Askew to Alexander Stewart, 6th Oct., 1761."

From this it would appear that Bater had disposed of part of this original patent.

The dates of entry of his several warrants and his grants in Baltimore County, as surveyed and filed in the land office are as viz.:

Tract	Acres	Surveyed	Warrant	Patent
White Hall	50	16 Jan. 1716	7 June, 1716	21 October, 1718
Bater's Addition	300	30 Sep. 1718	5 Apr., 1718	7 May, 1723
Hales Discovery	300	28 Feb. 1719	22 Sep., 1716	20 May, 1728 (100-
Chevy Chase	200	6 Feb. 1726	6 July, 1726	10 June, 1734
Chevy Chase	77	6 Feb. 1728	14 Aug., 1728	10 June, 1734
Forest	50			3 Dec., 1743

"The men who settled the Southern Colonies — Virginia, Maryland and the Carolinas, were Cavaliers" says Miss Goodwin, the authoress of a recent work on Southern life before the Revolution, "not necessarily in blood, or even loyalty to the Stuart cause, but cavalier in sympathies, in the general view of life, in virtues and vices. So far as the provinces could represent the mother country, Virginia and Maryland reflected the Cavaliers, as Massachusetts and Connecticut reflected the Puritans."

It was to the colonial cavalier type Henry Bater belonged, whose ideal was a large landed estate.

Commencing with the little "White Hall" plot of only fifty acres, for which he obtained a patent when twenty-six years old, his borders were gradually enlarged until he became the owner of a manor of over one thousand acres with the usual dwellings and necessary improvements.

This is confirmed by traditions in his family as it has always been understood among Bater's descendants that his plantation was over a thousand acres of land.

The writer's mother, who lived in Baltimore when a young girl, and was familiar with many incidents of her great grandfather Bater's history, said that he came from England with one of the Baltimores, had a manor with a large reservation, including a deer park, — that he was very wealthy, and entertained in a very hospitable manner.



his success as a planter is shown from the fact that from 1716 to 1726, a period of only twelve years, he had pre-empted over a thousand acres of land besides what he might have acquired by purchase.

By the time he had taken out his next to last claim, (14th August, 1728) he had reached the age of thirty-eight.

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Note:- Joseph Bater (Bater's youngest son), appointed guardian of Charles Bater, orphan son of George Bater, late of Baltimore Co. (Baltimore Co. Orphan's Court, June Term, 1779). The Guardian's account, rendered 20th Jan., 1767, mentions items: "Agg't enlarged," "addition to white Hall," and "Bater's addition."

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### CHAPTER III.

"Laws mild, impartial, tolerant and fixed  
A bond of union for the people mixed;  
Such as good Calvert framed for Baltimore."  
- Burroughs.

Within the borders of the Maryland province religious toleration was the watchword which was the guide and rule of action, and protection to all sects was not only secured by liberal statutes but strictly enforced by the Courts.

The baptists had early promulgated the doctrine of religious liberty, and freedom from all state or government interference in ecclesiastical affairs.

It was natural therefore that their denomination should take root and thrive in a colony where toleration was the prevailing sentiment, and where laws were enacted to repress all feuds of sects and allay any antagonisms arising from differences of creeds and beliefs.

Under these circumstances the rise and growth of the Maryland baptists was rapid and free from all those bitter persecutions which had engendered so much feeling among the Puritans.

All baptist historians, as well as other authorities, agree in ascribing to Henry Sater the credit of organizing the parent society of that denomination in the province of Maryland.

Benedict's history of the baptists contains the following account of the origin of the Chestnut Grove Church.-

"This body was formed in 1742, and Henry Sater, a layman, is represented as its founder. He was a General baptist, and removed thither from England in 1709. Soon after his settlement in this colony, which was in its northern parts, he invited baptist ministers to preach in his house, by which means a few, from time to time, were proselyted to his sentiments, and after many years a church was gathered in his neighborhood."

"Among the ministers who officiated with this infant community as pastors or supplies, in early times, were George Eglesfield from Pa.; Paul Palmer, whose name will appear among the baptists in N. D.; Henry Loveall, and probably others."

"The covenant entered into by this people, and which was presented to the Governor and Court of this then Catholic Province, when the society was taken under the protection of the toleration laws, was expressed in the following terms:"



"We, the humble professors of the Gospel of Christ, baptized upon a declaration of faith and repentance, believing the doctrine of general redemption (or the free grace of God extended to all mankind), do hereby seriously, heartily, and solemnly, in the presence of the Searcher of all hearts, and before the world, covenant, agree, bind, and settle ourselves into a church, to hold, abide by, and contend for the faith one delivered to the saints, owned by the best reformed churches in England, Scotland and elsewhere, especially as published and maintained in the forms and confessions of the baptists in England and Scotland, except in infant baptism, modes of church government, the doctrine of absolute reprobation, and some ceremonies. We do also bind ourselves hereby to defend and live up to the protestant religion. We do also engage with our lives and fortunes, to defend the crown and dignity of our gracious sovereign King George, to him and his issue forever; and to obey all his laws, humbly submitting ourselves to all in authority under him, and giving custom to whom custom, honor to whom honor, tribute to whom tribute is due. We do further declare that we are not against taking oaths, nor using arms in defence of our King and country, when legally called thereto; and that we approve and will obey the laws of this Province. And further, we find ourselves to follow the patterns of our brethren in England, to maintain order, government, and discipline in our church, especially that excellent directory of Rev. Francis Stanley, entitled, 'The Gospel Honor and Church Ornament,' dedicated to the churches in the counties of Lincoln, Nottingham and Cambridge. We also engage that all persons upon joining our society shall yield consent to and subscribe this our solemn league and covenant. Subscribed by us whose names are underwritten, this 10th day of July, 1742."

"Mr. Bator bore an excellent character, and may be considered not only the founder of this society, but of the baptist interest in Maryland. His assistance in building the place of worship and his gifts of land to the minister are mentioned as peculiar marks of his liberality."

Scharf pays the same glowing tribute to him:

"Although not a minister, he was an active and zealous baptist christian, and so respected by his neighbors and by the civil authorities that there is no evidence of any interference on account of his belief or worship. He was pious, liberal, loved and long remembered. In those days most of the baptist ministers were accustomed to travel and preach as invited or permitted, sometimes sending appointments in advance, and sometimes using providential opportunities on the spot. Such ministers Henry Bator was wont to entertain and to ask them to preach at his house."





Weissnaupe's "History of Baptist Churches in Maryland" describes the organization of the church and says:

"He was frequently called upon to entertain strangers. Among the travelers from Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia there was found occasionally a Baptist minister, and such Mr. Sater always invited to his 'plantation' to preach at his dwelling. Encouraged by the number who attended services, he at length determined to provide a more suitable place of worship, and erected a meeting-house on his own land at his own expense."

Among the middle and southern colonies, where the residences of the settlers were widely scattered, religious exercises were not infrequently held in groves, and in bad weather, private dwellings and barns were used.

Sater's Family History continues: "The barn has been removed; before the meeting house was built, that was used for a place of worship. The religious of all denominations were invited." "Previous to building a meeting-house, Henry and Dorcas Sater convey the lot in 1742 to Henry Loveall and others in trust for the use of the General Baptist Church and congregation. Dorcas (daughter of Mr. Lowson) laid the corner brick in the foundation of the house."

This place of worship was built upon "Sater's Addition," the 350 acres patent from the Lord Proprietor the 7th of May, 1723, and is two miles distant from Brooklandville Station, on the Green Spring Branch of the Northern Central Railway.

It is on an elevated plateau, running along for some distance, and known as Chestnut Ridge, and near another ridge called Sater's. The view is commanding, and the surrounding country very attractive.

The church is approached by a very old road known as "church land," lined with extremely tall trees, very close together, and forming a hedge on either side. This lane is a straight road from the "Falls turnpike" to the church entrance, with a cleared field on one side and on the other an ancient forest abounding in hickory, oak and chestnut trees, being first growth of timber.

The meeting-house, a one story and brick structure, with white trimmings, shingle roof, and two outside chimneys built up from the ground, is substantially the same as when first erected, excepting those alterations mentioned hereinafter.

Like the mansions of the wealthiest planters of the colony, it was of brick, the old portion of which was made from English brick, (according to tradition imparted by Henry Sater). The windows placed on each side of the building and at the gable ends consisted of the small panes of glass of that period which were also said to have been sent for from abroad by the founder. They have since been replaced by large sized glass and modern window sashes.



Originally the church opened directly outside with only a single pair of doors. When the last changes were made, a vestibule eight feet two inches long and thirteen feet four inches in width was added, with extra doors, one side of this addition being filled up with book shelves for the library.

The present dimensions of the building are:

Length of main building,	-	41 feet.
Width " " "	-	30 "
Height " " "	-	15 "

It contains 21 pews, with aisles at each end.

Few members of the church and congregation are left in this neighborhood, except the sexton, Miss Laura Cockey, who lives with her mother near the church, and has the custody of the keys and general care of the property.

Mr. W. F. Foster, a deacon of over forty years connection with its history, and his son, Mr. Edward F. Foster, Superintendent of the Sunday School, reside at Sherwood, about four miles distant.

Regarding the history of Saters, Deacon Foster writes:

"The existence of this church is prior to the date of the deed, and they used his (Mr. Sater's) house for meetings before the church house was built. The largest number of membership was about 180, but for many years, owing to the sparse population, the number has been below 50. The population is beginning to thicken up some little and we hope for better things in the future.

"You ask for church records. There is nothing of its history except as I have stated what is to be found in Benedict's Church History. Tradition is largely drawn upon for most of the so-called history. The archives or church records were said to be burned in the house of the clerk. This is the first of the baptist churches in this state, and is held in high esteem by our baptist brethren far and near. Of course the organization is not continuous from 1742 to the present time, but in all probability has been reorganized more than once."

Aside from the many associations with which this mother church of the large denomination in Maryland is invested, it is doubly interesting from the fact of its survival through the ravages of the French and Indian wars, the hostilities of an Indian independence struggle, the conflicts of 1812 and the civil war, and that it has outlived so many generations of its worshippers.



Carlyle recalls one of these old meeting-houses which he used to attend as a boy in the following touching language:

"Poor temple of my childhood," he wrote sixty years after, "to me more sacred at this moment than perhaps the biggest cathedral extant would have been; rude, rustic, bare, no temple in the world was more so, but there were sacred labencies, tongues of authentic flame from heaven which kindled what was best in me, what had not yet gone out."

Around the church are some gigantic oaks that must be at least two hundred years old, besides great chestnuts and evergreens. This corresponds with the recollection of Prudence Bater's family, describing the building as, "in the heart of a magnificent grove of oak trees, there being no more beautiful spot upon his great plantation."

This site includes one acre of land used as a church-yard, containing the last resting place of many of the original settlers and their descendants.

The use of a single acre plot for this purpose is of very early origin, Longfellow says:

"I like that ancient Saxon phrase, which calls the burial ground God's acre: it is just: it consecrates each grave within its walls and breathes a benison o'er the sleeping dust."

The cemetery surrounds the church on all sides and contains many old tomb stones, some of which are so worn that the inscriptions have become obliterated.

Among a row of graves nearest the meeting-house and towards 'church lane,' (and on the right of the entrance as one enters the building) are to be found the Baters, Walkers and Howsons, side by side in one line.

Near the church doors the remains of Henry Bater's daughter Discretion and her husband, Thomas Walker, are marked by two marble tombs, (erected by their descendants, the Leverings of Baltimore), bearing the following:

S a c r e d  
to the memory of  
D-i-s-c-r-e-t-i-o-n W-a-l-k-e-r,  
Relict of Thomas Walker, who  
Departed this life  
D e c . 7 t h . 1 8 2 3 .  
Aged 76 years.

S a c r e d  
to the memory of  
T-h-o-m-a-s W-a-l-k-e-r,  
who was born Sept. 1742  
and  
Died 18th Oct., 1818  
Aged 76 years and 1 month.



alongside of these is a slab marked:

A-n-n, W i f e o f  
Phil Towson, Died June 5th, 1800.  
aged 36 years, 10 months and 6 days.

This was probably the wife of Philemon Towson, a brother of Gen. Nathan Towson, U. S. Army, and grandson of William Towson, one of the trustees of the church. The Baltimore directory for 1825 contains the name of Philemon Towson, (Liberty, near Baltimore Streets).

In the same row, near the former grave, is a stone marking the last resting place of Henry, (second) son of Henry Sater, with the record:

H-e-n-r-y S-a-t-e-r  
D i e d M a r c h 8 t h, 1 7 8 6,  
in the 44th year of his age.

This son was born 27th of April, 1745, and married Hannah, daughter of John Stansbury of Baltimore County, Maryland.

The next grave is that of Henry Sater's Grandson, and fourth son of Henry (second) and Hannah (Stansbury) Sater, and is inscribed:

G-e-o-r-g-e S-a-t-e-r  
D i e d S e p t e m b e r 1 5 t h, 1 7 9 8  
a g e d 2 6 y e a r s.

A most ancient slab near one of the church windows bears the simple inscription, Henry Sater; but there is nothing left to indicate for which of the saters it was intended, the name scarcely being legible.

Besides these, there are many weather worn stones which were placed there to mark the burial places of others of the family, but have since crumbled away or fallen down.

One stone records the death of Capt. John Cockey, who departed this life Feb. 5th, 1800. He was generally known as "Gentleman John," and married Rebecca, daughter of Joseph Crowell; another daughter, Sarah Crowell, was the wife of Ezekiel Towson, (Mrs. Henry Sater's brother).

Among other names of old inhabitants recorded here are those of Gorsuch, Merryman, Correll, Furness, Rider and Jones.

One is reminded of Washington Irving's description of Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in passing through the Sater churchyard:





"Long rows of Grave Stones, side by side, of similar sizes, but various dates, showed that generation after generation of the same families had followed each other and been gathered together in this last gathering place of kindred."

One of the restrictions made by Sater in his deed of the property was that the burial grounds, etc., were to be "forever free," which provision has continued in force until the present time. No burial plot has ever been sold in this cemetery. Mr. George Brown, the owner of the surrounding land, has since donated two additional acres to the church, which will permit the sale of lots hereafter from the new addition.

A resident of Brooklandville, Md., wrote in 1890: "The foundation of the barn of the Sater homestead was torn away last spring (1894) by Mr. J. M. K. Merryman, present owner of the original Sater Homestead."



CHAPTER IV.

"They are all passing from the land  
Those churches old and gray  
In which our fathers used to stand  
In years gone by and pray."

- Elizabeth Lakes Smith.

The little old-fashioned meeting-house, nestling among the Brooklandville hills on the outskirts of Baltimore is one of those stepping stones which connect us with the earliest colonial times.

A trifle more than a century before the birth of this church, the first baptist movement in this country was inaugurated at Providence, Rhode Island, when Ezekiel Holliman baptized Roger Williams, and this famous clergyman in turn baptized Holliman and ten others, (March, 1639).

Next to the Episcopalians and Congregationalists, the Baptists are the oldest of the Protestant organizations of America, and the earliest baptist community in Massachusetts is the first church of Swansea, and next in age to the Providence church.

Although the Swansea society dates from 1663, it was organized as early as 1642 by the noted Ebediah Holmes and others.

Two Rhode Island baptist churches - the first and second - of Newport, come next in chronological order, dating back to 1644 and 1656 respectively, and they were followed by the first baptist church of Boston, Mass., May 26th, 1655.

"In Sater's church," according to a circular issued from the church, "we have the beginnings of the Baptist interest in Maryland. Because of the immense territory of time covered by the experiences of this church, a full satisfactory history thereof is not intended. The facts here secured are but the outposts that indicate the boundary of time's territory covered by her history."

To fully appreciate the circumstances, and understand the surroundings of this anti-revolutionary landmark, it is necessary to recall other houses of worship of the same period.

The second (or Baldwin Place) Baptist Church of Boston was contemporaneous with it.

"Public worship was continued in James Bown's dwelling house, Sheafe Street, from October 3d, 1743, until June 23d, 1745, and then,"



says the clerk in his journal, "we removed the meeting to my school house, and there held our public worship until Lord's day, March 15th, 1746, when we met in our new meeting-house for the first time."

The Rev. Baron Stowe, in his centennial discourse in this church a century later, remarks that, "at this period (1740) the baptist denomination on this continent was exceedingly limited, numbering only thirty-seven churches and probably less than three thousand members."

The renowned South Church of Boston, corner of Milk and Washington Sts., one of the best known landmarks of New England, was, only twelve years earlier, built in 1739 upon the site of a church dating back to 1669.

Among contemporaneous buildings erected the same year as Sater's, we recall Faneuil Hall, Boston, (alluded to in the preface); the old Lutheran meeting-house of Philadelphia and the baptist church of Ringwood, N. J.

Sater's church grew so rapidly that within four years its membership had increased to 181, and during the founder's lifetime was very flourishing, and gave rise to numerous other churches, spreading to different colonies.

The first company of baptists in Virginia were emigrants from England, who organized a church in 1714, opposite Jamestown, on the south side of the river, Isle of Wight County, and afterwards another at Brandon in Surrey County.

"While this movement was in progress in the southern part of Virginia," says Armitage in his History of the Baptists, "the influence of the Welsh baptists in Pennsylvania and Delaware began to be felt in Berkeley, Loudon and Rockingham Counties, which were visited by their ministers. Deapia thinks that these laborers first reached the colony through Edward Days and Thomas Yates, members of the Sater's Baptist Church in Maryland, and that Revs. Loveall, Heaton and Garrard soon followed them."

This branch church was at Speckon Creek, Berkeley County, Va., near the site of Martinsberg, and was subsequently known as Mill Creek Church.

The origin of the second company of baptists in the Virginia colony is given by Benedict in his History of the Baptists, as viz.:



"In the year 1743, a number of the members of the General Baptist Church at Chestnut Ridge, in Maryland, removed to Virginia and settled in this place, the most noted of whom were Edward Gays and Thomas Yates. Soon after their removal, their minister, Henry Loveall, followed them and baptized about fifteen persons, whom he formed into a church on the Armenian plan."

"The country in which they had settled was but thinly inhabited, and was subject to incursions of the Indians."

"Some of these savage irruptions took place not long after Mr. Garrard had settled among them; in consequence of which he and many of the church removed below the Blue Ridge, and resided for some time in Loudon County on Ketockton Creech."

Here another church was organized with Mr. Garrard as pastor.

In addition to the spread of the denominations from Gater's to Speckon and Ketockton, Virginia, and others to North Carolina, it is stated that Winter Run, the First Baltimore, Taney Town, and Gunpowder Creech churches in Maryland originated from it.

"The second baptist church formed in Maryland sprang from this; in 1747, or five years after Chestnut Ridge was constituted, some of the members invited 'Particular Baptists' to preach among them, as their church was pastorless and supplies were only occasional. Fourteen of these Chestnut Ridge members became 'particular Baptists.' Of these, in 1754, a church was organized at Winter Run, which was afterwards called Hartford or Martford, by Benjamin Griffiths and Peter Patterson Van Horn, ministers from the Philadelphia Baptist Association. This Hartford Church, 'constituted in Baltimore County, Maryland,' was received into the Philadelphia Association, Oct. 7th, 1755, under the name Baltimore, and bears that name in the minutes until 1774. The church grew rapidly, absorbing the Chestnut Ridge church, and was for a long time regarded as one of the principal churches of the country. In 1771 it had four meeting places. Besides the main church at Winter Run, one branch met in the house at Chestnut Ridge, belonging to the General Baptists, another at Metesco, and a third near Winchester."

"During the War of the Revolution," says the Rev. C. F. Adams, "the members were very much scattered and the church became extinct. After the country was blessed with peace the scattered fragments were gathered by the ministry of the venerable Joan Davis and were reorganized under the name 'Gater's.' Elders Absalom Butler and George Orice, both of them good men and true, afterward ministered to this church."





"The original meeting-house built by Mr. Sater became too small and was enlarged early in the present century (by the addition of about fourteen feet). To celebrate the re-dedication of the house after its enlargement, a 'June Meeting' was established. From that time to the present, this meeting has been irregularly maintained on the second Sunday in June. Scores of people come from the surrounding country and from the City of Baltimore to hear the word preached. Sometimes the crowd has been so large that they have been obliged to abandon the house and hold their services in the grove of primeval oaks surrounding the house."

"Mr. Grice continued to be their pastor till his death in 1826. His remains lie buried near the northwest corner of the meeting-house."

In June, 1898, the usual anniversary was held, and is thus described in a Maryland paper:

#### "Venerable Sater's Church.

"Sater's Baptist Church, on Chestnut Ridge, in the eighth district of Baltimore County, was crowded Sunday. The second Sunday in June is always an occasion of much interest there, and it is called the 'June Meeting' where people attend from many miles around the country.

"The all-day meeting on the second Sunday of this month has been held at Sater's for over a century. By some the yearly gathering has been called the 'cherry meeting,' because cherries are ripe at that time.

"The church is one of the oldest in the State, having been built before the revolutionary war. Many persons who make their annual pilgrimages to the 'June Meeting,' do so for the purpose of meeting old friends and relatives."

#### All-Day Meeting at Sater's

The annual all-day meeting at Sater's Baptist Church, on Chestnut Ridge, was held yesterday, and was in charge of the pastor, Rev. Charles Adey. A Bible school was held at 10 A.M. There was preaching at 11 A.M. by Rev. John L. Fraser, and exercises were held by the Sunday School at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Sater's Church is one of the oldest in the State.

— Baltimore Sun, June 15th, 1898.

After the decease of Mr. Grice, this church had no settled pastor, but was obliged to depend upon visiting clergymen from other churches, until about 1840, when this church had become nearly extinct.

At the commencement of its second century of existence in 1812, the church was incorporated by the Legislature of the State of Maryland, and among these incorporators were the Revs. Sater, Tass, Walker and George F. Adams; the former a grandson of the founder.



and the latter, the author of an article on this church, as quoted above.

For a few years after this, there was no regular organization at Ester's; but sometimes the Rev. Joseph Lettan and Rev. Daniel Canning filled the pulpit.

Among other clergymen who subsequently visited and officiated there were Revs. H. Wilson, J. A. McLean, S. F. Hill, Geo. T. Adams and Robert Fuller.

In November, 1834, the Executive Board of the Maryland Baptist Union Association appointed Rev. J. L. Lodge to the charge of this church.

The structure was almost ruined from neglect and exposure to the weather. Mr. Lodge soon gathered a Sunday school of nearly forty children, and in a short time quite a large congregation to regular preaching services.

At the time of his accession to the pastorate, there had been no material alterations of the interior since it was built. The same old-fashioned high pulpit with winding stairs existed, surmounted by the customary canopy, an octagonal sounding board.

"That sounding board, to me it seem'd  
A cherub poised on high--  
A mystery, I almost deem'd  
Quite hid from vulgar eye."  
-- E. Oakes Smith.

The old organization having practically become extinct through the deaths and changes of residence of its members, it was reconstructed under the able ministry of Mr. Lodge, with a new board of trustees.

In September, 1835, the surviving members of the old board of trustees transferred the property to the new board, and the church revived, so that in November of the same year it received an accession of fifteen members by baptism. Mr. Lodge occupied the pulpit for four years, during which time there were considerable gains in membership.

"During Mr. Lodge's pastorate, the house was completely renovated. The old high wine glass pulpit, reached by a winding staircase, with an octagonal sounding board suspended from the ceiling over the preacher's head, gave place to a modern platform. A cupola was erected, a bell procured, new seats furnished, doors and windows repaired, the whole painted, and a new substantial fence placed around the lot."

This ancient meeting-house is a well preserved structure with the air of antiquity, notwithstanding its renovations and improvements. It was built without steeple, cupola or bell, probably because dissenters were forbidden these things in England.



This letter explains the inscription upon the bell erected upon the baptist church at Providence, completed in May, 1778:

"For freedom of conscience the town was first planted,  
Persuasion, not force was used by the people;  
This church is the eldest and was not recanted,  
Enjoying and granting bell, temple and steeple."

Another reason for the absence of the bell, in ye olden days, the worshippers, as was the ancient custom, were often assembled at the sound of the drum, and sometimes by the notes of a horn.

The baptist meeting-house in Reading, Mass., was in like manner enlarged in 1828 by an addition and a cupola and bell.

The town records of Newbury, Mass., however, show that the church bell was in early use there, Jan. 4th, 1706:

"Voted that the new bell be hung in the turret of the meeting-house, with all convenient speed. Also to take care that the bell be rung at nine of the clock every night and the day of the month be every night tolled."

After Mr. Lodge's resignation in 1867, the Rev. John W. Jones became pastor, and continued until 1871. Subsequently the pulpit was filled semi-monthly by Dr. Isaac Cole.

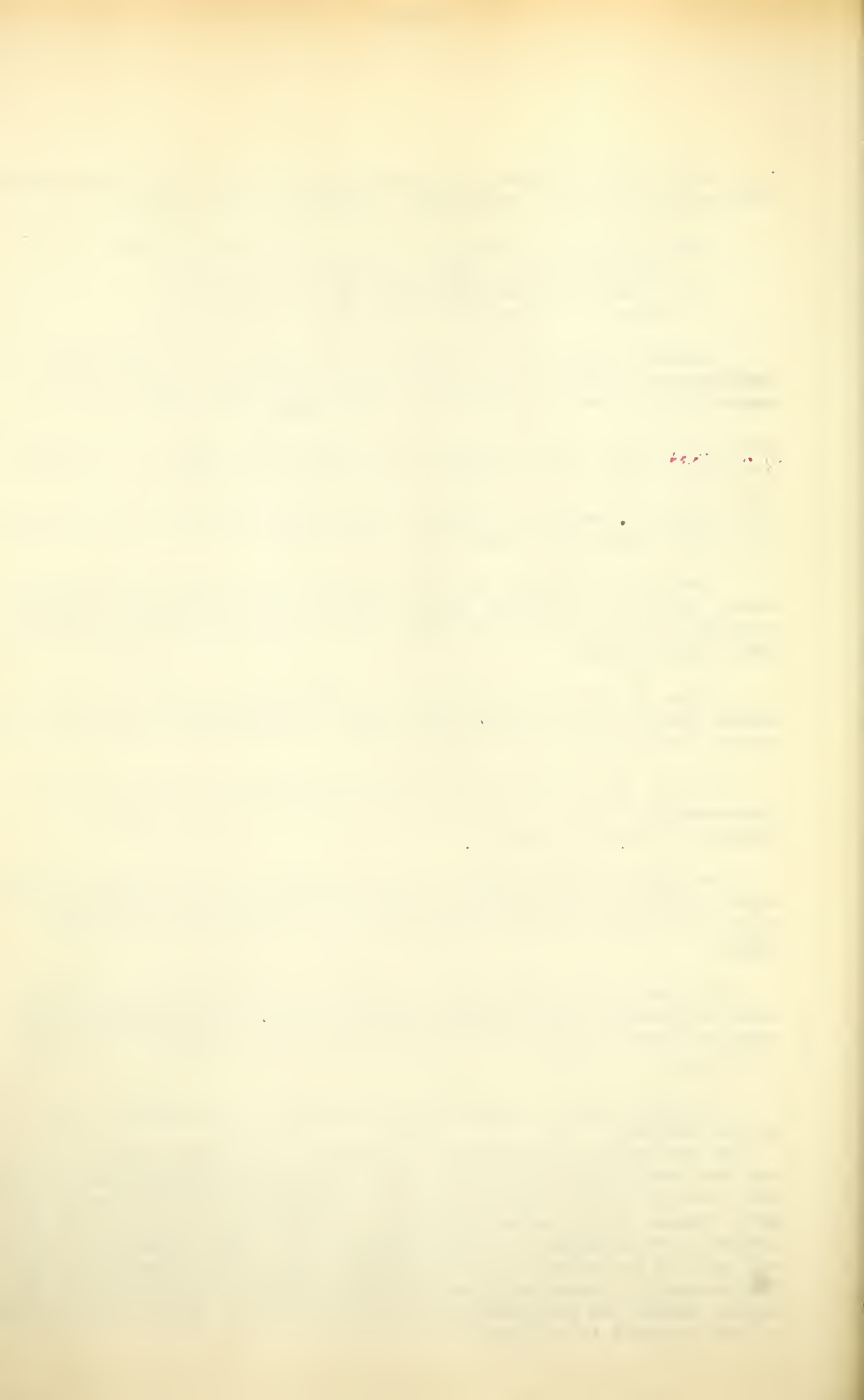
Rev. W. B. Waits was its minister from 1875 to 1880, and was succeeded by Rev. J. D. D. Clark, and Dr. G. B. Parker, who preached for short periods.

In 1885, the Rev. James A. Woolf assumed the pastorate, at which time this church was reported as being in a flourishing condition, self-supporting, and as having enlarged and repaired the building again.

The Revs. W. H. Nicholl and W. Hubbard successively followed Dr. Woolf as pastors, and from June, 1892 to 1894, W. E. Robertson, of Calvary Church, Boston. Rev. Chas. May, of Lutherville, now fills the pulpit.

The following are the concluding remarks of an address issued by the church:

"If the trees, by whose arms the building has been shielded from sun and storm, could speak, or the sainted ones, whose mortal remains are confined in the moulds that seem to keep vigil around her walls, could reveal their respective links of knowledge in the chain of her history, how ponderous a volume would result! Many persons now living may tell of the material and visible struggles and rejoicings; but only eternity, interpreted by the Omnipotent One, can make known the moral, mental and spiritual worth and work of the "Grand Mother Church" of the Baptists in Maryland."



LIST of PASTORS  
of  
SABETH BAPTIST CHURCH

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- George Eglesfield, of Pa. }  
Paul Palmer } ----- before the church was built
- Henry Loveall, 1744-1746.
- Benj. Griffith, }  
Peter Van Horn, } - 1754-1756
- John Davis, 1756-1809.
- Absalom Butler, 1757-1808.
- George Grice, 1803-1826.
- Joseph Mattan }  
Daniel Gummig. } ----- after 1840, occasionally preached
- P. Wilson,  
J. A. Mc Veon, }  
E. P. Hill, } ----- Visited and preached.  
G. F. Adams,  
A. Fuller,
- J. L. Lodge, 1864-1866.
- John W. Jones, 1868-1871.
- Issac Cole, 1871-1876.
- E. B. Smith, 1876-1880
- T. D. D. Clarke, }  
C. D. Parker, } - 1880-1882
- Jas. A. Woolf, 1884-1885.
- Wm. Nicholl, 1885-1890.
- Wm. Hubbard, 1890-1891
- Wm. E. Robertson, June, 1892-1895.
- Chas. Adey, June, 1895-1897.





CHAPTER V.

"Who are they but the men of toil  
Who cleave the forest down  
And plant, amid the wilderness  
The hamlet and the town."  
— Stewart.

Among the chronicles of the lives of the early settlers was formed the vanguard of American civilization, the accounts of their marriages and family history are usually scarce and brief, and in the case of our colonists' well-to-do, we are only furnished with an outline.

It was not until his fortieth year — that is about 1730 — that Henry Sater took a wife, Miss Stevenson, (probably the daughter of a neighbor) by whom he had no children.

Family history has not preserved the names of the parents of his first wife, other than Stevenson. As there is a station on the Green Spring Branch Railway, only two miles distant, of the same name, it is presumed that his wife's family were the original settlers of the district after whom it was called.

Jockeyville, Johnson, and adjoining places in this vicinity owe their names to the families who were founders.

All that tradition has handed down to us on this subject is that after some years of married life, she died and was buried in the south east corner of his garden, in front of his dwelling, in the direction of the meeting house afterwards erected.

Regarding the site of the homestead, Mr. Foster, of Alder, Baltimore Co., Md., writes:

"As to the house Mr. Sater lived and died in, I have never seen; but the foundations of his dwelling house are there and doubtless the garden in which his first wife was buried; persons who pulled the old house down are living now and have told me it was known as the house Mr. Sater lived in."

There is still living in this neighborhood a very old man called Edward Barnham who remembers the home of Sater, and helped tear down the old building. In another letter Mr. Foster adds: "I could have aided you in locating Mr. Sater's dwelling; you no doubt noticed the grove of trees near the house which is nearest to the church, it was in this grove where tradition locates the dwelling, and it is marked by a rude hole some ten feet square and nearly covered up with old things."



Here the Saters 'lived, according to tradition, an ideal country life, in the midst of their prosperous plantation of one thousand acres of wood and better land, attended by the customary compliment of slaves and dispensed to all comers the generous hospitality."

About ten years after his first marriage, Sater ventured upon matrimony again. Early in 1740, he married Dorcas, the daughter of William and Catherine (Allen) Towson, of Towsontown, Md.

From Sater's second marriage, he had four sons and two daughters, all born on his Chestnut Blace plantation.

The record of these births is contained in the family bible of the youngest son, Joseph, now in the possession of his (Joseph's) grandson, Mr. Thos. Knock Sater, of Fresto, Ohio. It reads as viz.:

Children of Henry Sater.

- George Sater was born the 21st day of October in the year 1740, and departed this life in April, 1768, the son of Henry the Elder.
- Fruence Sater, daughter of Henry and Dorcas, was born Nov. 25th, 1743.
- Henry Sater, son of Henry and Dorcas, was born April 27th, 1745, and departed life.
- Discretion Sater, daughter of Henry and Dorcas, was born April 3d, 1747.
- John Sater, son of Henry and Dorcas, was born April 1st, 1751.
- Joseph Sater, son of Henry and Dorcas, was born December 20th, 1754, (and departed this life October 27th, 1843.)

"The above are the first generation of Saters born in Baltimore County and State of Maryland, North America."

Henry Sater's family history contains the following reference to the Indians of the Province about this time:

"In 1740, this province raised three hundred men to go to join the other forces against the French and Indians from Canada. Maryland had suffered but little from the Indian wars. In 1677 Col. Corsey negotiated a peace with the Senecas and the rest of the five nations at Albany for Maryland and Virginia. To this confederation was added the Tascaroras in 1712, making six nations. There yet remained many Indians in this State. Often the inhabitants would have to take to the forts to protect themselves from their scouting parties and drive their stock towards the landings, although there was a general cessation of hostilities from the treaty of peace concluded in 1725 by the council ordered by the General Court at Boston as far south as Virginia. It was supposed they would be again disposed to hostilities had they not been under the immediate influence of French interest."



"When this took place Henry Bater was in the enjoyment of a family and plantation on the ridge of land known as Bater's Ridge, ten miles north of Baltimore, engaged in the cultivation of tobacco."

"He held considerable bodies of land in possession, through what means he came by them I am not prepared to say, further than I never heard of any grants in his favor, nor have I any knowledge of his pecuniary means, but suppose his resources must have been considerable."

Dr. Alex. J. Casnewell has informed the writer that he thought the patents which Henry Bater received from Lord Baltimore, "in free and common socage, etc.," were rewards for military service,

Referring to the first settlers, in his Genealogy he says: "Each male member was constantly under arms ready for military service. The tenure of land by grants from the Lord Proprietor, Lord Baltimore, was drawn in recognition of this service. The exposure and hardships, encounters with savages, numerous and unrecorded in many cases, have left impressions of true patriotisms worthy of commemoration."

About the time of Braddock's defeat, the life of this colonist was drawing to its close; but the records give us but few facts which throw much light upon his end.

We learn, however, that he expired May, 1754, at his plantation on Chestnut Ridge, in the 54th year of his age, and the 46th year of his settlement, and was buried under the center of the meeting-house which he loved so well.

Thus closed the earthly career of a representative planter, and "first settler" of the early part of the eighteenth century, and whose name, though not associated with any daring deed or heroic act, has nevertheless been handed down to posterity as a shining example of a true Christian, to whom the words of Whittier may be applied:

"With weary hand, yet steadfast will  
In old age as in youth  
My master found thee sowing still  
The good seeds of his truth."

His life opened under the reign of William and Mary; he emigrated in the time of Queen Anne, and lived in Maryland while the two Georges, first and second, were on the throne, under the jurisdiction of the three lords Baltimore, Benedict Leonard Calvert, Charles Calvert and Frederick Calvert.

There must have been some extraordinary talent which enabled this sturdy pioneer to new out for himself a fortune amid the wilds of the infant colony.



That his course was marked by an uncommon fixedness of purpose and strong determination is shown by all his acts.

Resolute and inflexible he carried his religion with him into the primeval forests and established it amid the most unpropitious surroundings and adverse conditions of the new settlement.

He belonged to that class of pioneers of this country who have contributed so much to its civilization and have been so-called the "makers of America."

Distinguished not only as a founder of the Baptist Society in the province, and a life long and earnest supporter of their principles, he was also noted for his liberality, courage and probity.

Every man, however humble, exerts an unconscionable influence and power-- for good or evil-- which works long after he is gone and forgotten -- works through the thoughts and deeds of survivors, with an unfaltering energy.

Who can measure the far reaching influence of this progenitor's character and example, as stamped upon his associates and descending to later generations.

Mercas Sater, his widow, was left with a family of six small children; the eldest son being but fourteen years of age. The two boys, Henry and Joan were aged respectively nine and three, while the daughters, Prudence and Discretion, were eleven and five years old, and the baby, Joseph, was but six months of age.

The faithful mother, who was much her husband's junior, reared this family of little ones, and lived to see them all grow up and marry. She survived her husband many years, and according to the tradition of one branch of the family, married again and became Mrs. Hossage.

Six months before his death, Sater executed a will, which was duly filed and probated in the Orphan's Court of Baltimore, Md. It is a quaint document, with its ancient spelling and curious phraseology, as viz.:





HENRY SATER'S LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.

In the fear of Almighty God and regard to the uncertainty of Time in this world I becometh good to me Henry Sater of Baltimore County in the province of Maryland to make this for my Last Will and Testament relating to those things it hath pleased God to bless me with in this world being at this time in perfect Memory and sound disposing mind First my Will and desire is that all those Lawfull debts which shall be due from me at the time of my decease with my funeral expenceses be well and truly paid: Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved Sons George Sater, Henry Sater, John Sater, &c. all my Lands whereof I shall die possessed; with all my right, Title and Interest therein and appurtenances thereto belonging to be Equally divided into four parts with due regard to quality as well as quantity to them their heirs and Assignes forever; but provided &c. that any of my aforesaid Sons die without heirs lawfully begotten before arriving at Age lawfully to receive an Equal part of my Lands as aforesaid; that they and in such case all my aforesaid Lands shall be equally divided unto and amongst my living Sons as aforesaid as they shall arrive at Age lawfully to receive the same, such Division to be made by three respectable freeholders of the County aforesaid, to be chosen and Directed thereto by my heir or heirs aforesaid and my executor hereafter named or the Vestry of the parish wherein I now dwell. Lastly I constitute appoint and ordaine my neighbour Joseph Taylor my sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament having no other in the world in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th day of November, 1753.

His  
Henry Sater.  
Mark

SEAL

Signed, Sealed and declared to be his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us.

Joseph Taylor.  
Charles Gorsuch.  
Loveless Gorsuch.



Baltimore County, May 30th, 1784.

Came Joseph Tayler being one of the people called Quakers and Solemnly Affirmed, that he saw the Testator Henry Taytor, sign the foregoing will and heard him publish and declare the same to be his Last will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was to the best of his apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory at the same. Came Charles Gorsuch and Loveless Gorsuch the other Two subscribing witnesses and being duly and solemnly sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God depose and say that they and each of them saw the Testator Henry Taytor sign the said will and heard him publish and declare the same to be last will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and disposing mind and memory and that they severally subscribed their respective names in the presence of the Testator and at his request.

Sworn before  
William Young,  
D. Com. Baltimore County.

STATE OF MARYLAND,

Baltimore City, ss.

I, Thomas W. Morse, Register of Wills, and, by law, Keeper of the Seal and the Records, and of the Original Papers of the Orphan's Court for Baltimore City, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and full Copy of the Last will and Testament of Henry Bater, late of said City, deceased, and of the proofs and probate thereof taken from "Wills" Liber B.No.2, folio 271, etc., being one of the records kept in the Office of Register of Wills for Baltimore City.

In Testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the Seal of said Court and Office, this 7th day of May, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

SEAL

Thos. W. Morse,  
Register of Wills for Balto. City.

MARYLAND, Act.

I Geo. W. Lindsay, Presiding Judge of the Orphan's Court for Baltimore City in the State aforesaid, do certify, that the foregoing attestation of Thos. W. Morse, Register of Wills for said City, is in due form, and by the proper Officer.

Given from under my hand, at the City of Baltimore, this 7th day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

Geo. W. Lindsay.



STATE OF MARYLAND, Baltimore City, Oct.

I hereby certify, that the Honorable Geo. W. Lindsey, by whom the above certificate was given, and who hath thereto subscribed his name, was at the time of so doing, Chief Justice of the Orphans' Court for Baltimore City, duly elected, commissioned and qualified.

In Testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the Seal of the said Court, this 7th day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

Thos. W. Morse,  
Register of Wills for Balto. City.

Following the old custom, transplanted from England, he bequeathed all his realty to be equally divided among his sons as they came of age, making no mention of any provision for his daughters.

The selection of his executor, Joseph Taylor, from "one of the people called Quakers," as well as the witnesses, shows the liberal spirit which characterized Henry Sater.

By a curious coincidence this executor also donated the site for the Friend's Meeting-house, called Patapsco Station.

"In this vicinity," says Griffith's Annals of Baltimore, "there were the families of Gersuch, Giles, Fell, Hopkins, Matthews, Taylor, and others who were Quakers, for whom the last mentioned gentleman appropriated grounds near the one mile stone on the Harford Road, where they erected a meeting house and worshipped many years."

Wm. Crowwell, of Anne Arundel Co., province of Maryland, (a lived descendant of Sir Oliver Crowwell of Lincen Brook, an uncle of the Lord Protector), in his will dated 9th May, 1755, appoints his friend, (the same) Joseph Taylor, and his brother, Joseph Crowwell, executors.

The following is on record 7th July, 1758:

I hereby releaseth unto Joseph Crowwell all Right and Title and Interest in and unto the Administration on his brother's, William Crowwell, Estate which by will might have otherwise issued to me.  
Joseph Taylor

Sarah, daughter of Joseph Crowwell, married Ezekiel Towson, a brother-in-law of Henry Sater.

Charles Gersuch, one of the witnesses to Sater's will, was descended from Charles Gersuch, who patented fifty acres of land comprising the grounds of Ft. Mc Henry, soon after the settlement of the province.



Charles, the witness, was born in 1716, and was therefore only thirty-eight years old at the time of Sater's death. He is buried in the Sater Church yard, and his tombstone is still standing with the inscription:

C-h-a-r-l-e-s G-o-r-a-u-c-h,  
D-i-e-d A-p-r-i-l, 1806,  
In the 91st Year of his Age

"Few of the personages of past times," says Hawthorne, "(except such as have gained renown in fireside legends as well as in written history, are anything more than mere names to their successors."

The memory of our forefather, however, is a reality, and we trust that this sketch will help to keep the record of his life fresh in the minds of his descendants.

Perhaps no better tribute could be paid him than is expressed on the memorial tablet erected to him on the walls of his meeting-house by his grandson Sater W. Walker's granddaughter, Mrs. Augusta A., wife of the Rev. David Laughlin.

In a letter of March 30th, 1895, she writes:

"It had always been one of my mother's most cherished desires to have a tablet placed in the church to the memory of Henry Sater, but after repeated efforts she was not able to accomplish it during her lifetime. After her death I put myself in communication with the Pastor and Trustees of the church and told my wish, so I succeeded in getting their consent and had placed at the right of the pulpit an Italian marble tablet to the memory of Henry Sater with suitable inscription, etc."

This stone bears the following:

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1742

1803

In Memory of

HENRY SATER.

Founder of this Church

and Donor of the

Property.

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"He that soweth to the Spirit  
Shall of the Spirit reap life eternal."

--Gal.vi.8.

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CHAPTER VI.

"We are builders, and each one  
Should cut his cares as best he can;  
Every life is but a stone,  
Every one shall hew his own."  
— Bishop Doane.

"I love to people these solitudes again," writes Cecilia Baxter, "and think that those who lived here centuries ago were decent God-fearing folks, — most of them, — for so tradition says," and in reviewing the history of the families of the yeomen colonists, one cannot fail to notice the deep religious impress which marked their lives.

It would be interesting to recall some of the fellow workers with Henry Water in the organization of this little band of Christians, the original members of this church.

Many of the emigrant settlers in "ye olden time," who formed groups along these shores, came from the same neighborhood in the parent country, with similar religious associations and views.

"An English Baptist," says Rev. E. B. Cook, "Henry Water was the first to introduce Baptist usages in Maryland," and Sprague, in his "Annals of the American Baptist," writes: "In Maryland, there were few Baptists who had removed thither from England as early as 1709; but the first Baptist church in the Colony was founded by Henry Water, a layman and a General Baptist."

Of the visiting preachers whom Water invited before the meeting-house was built, George Egiesfield was at the first Baptist Church of Philadelphia from 1723 to 1725, when he removed to the New Jersey church of Middletown, where he is mentioned as one of the gifted brethren.

Paul Palmer, another, was a native of the Province. After ordination in Connecticut, he preached for a considerable period in New Jersey and Maryland, then settled in North Carolina on the Chowan river, where he founded in 1727 the first Baptist church of that colony.

The first regular pastor of Water's meeting-house — Henry Loveall, was born in Cambridge, England, in 1694, came to this country, young, and preached at Newport, N. I., as early as 1720. After a pastorate of about four years at Chestnut Ridge, Maryland, he removed to Virginia, but subsequently returned to Chestnut Ridge, where he is mentioned as living in 1772. His successor, Benjamin Griffith, is said to have been one of the most prominent of the denominations at that time. Born in Wales 16th October, 1688, he emigrated to the colonies in 1710, and commenced his ministry with the Montrossery, Pennsylvania, church in 1722. For many years he was connected with the Philadelphia Asso-



elation and died the 25th of October, 1768.

Among the trustees of the meeting-house, and those to whom the property was deeded, was William Towson (father of Dorcas later), who is described as one of the "Deacons and Elders to the Church Congregation or People of God, commonly called General Baptists," and who was not only allied to later by ties of marriage and religion, but was also a neighbor and likewise a large land owner.

Dr. Archer of Baltimore Co., Md., furnishes the following:

"The assessment ledger of Sheriff Hall, kept in 1763, shows that Wm. Towson was assessed in that year for 400 acres in three tracts as vis.: Gunner's Range - Towson's Chance - and Adam's Garden, 200 acres, with 200 acres of vacant land added. This land was in Back river (upland), which included all the country north of Baltimore for ten miles and embracing the present Towson town.

"Thomas and Ezekiel (sons) were also assessed in the same manner."

An account of the origin of the Towson's in America is given by a descendant residing near Flint Hill, Appomattock Co., Va., in a letter of June 7th, 1894, to Dr. Isaac J. Walker:

"My grandfather was named Captain Thomas Towson, he having been a captain in the war of 1812. He was raised in Towson town and Baltimore and married a Miss Norman of Stafford Co., Virginia. I was named for him, my name being Thomas Towson Smith."

Mr. Smith continues:

"Now after much trouble I found in Baltimore and elsewhere this to be a fact about the Towson family. - William Towson 'The Settler,' came from Germany (from whence I think) to London, he married Catherine Allen of London. "He emigrated to America and settled at Towson town, Md. He had four sons, one of whom was my grandfather Towson's father."

Wm. Towson married a second time, Dinah, daughter of John and Rachel Elmott of Maryland. Another daughter was the wife of William Crowell, previously alluded to as having had the same executor (Joseph Taylor) as Henry Peter.

There were others of the same name in the Province about this period, probably brothers of William, (for the bands of early emigrants often included two or three brothers), for among the Register of Wills for Baltimore County is the record that Thomas Towson died in 1731 intestate. Also the will of Joseph Towson, dated 17th January,



1745, witnessed by Wm. and Thomas Towson and John Bond - Proved 5th March, 1745.

Wm. Towson, "the settler," and father-in-law of Henry Cater, survived the founding of the church thirty years, making his last will the 8th of April, 1772, and expired within two months, as the will was probated the 6th of July following.

This document commences:

"In the name of God, Amen; I, William Towson, of Baltimore County, in the Province of Maryland, do hereby certify."

and then makes disposition. (as he reverently expresses it), "of what worldly estate it hath pleased God to bestow upon me," etc.

Thomas Bailey, his son-in-law, is constituted sole executor, and several slaves, other personal property and the following tracts of realty divided:

"Hunter's Piece," on which Abiel his son was living, conveyed from Sam'l Cott.

"Adam's Garden," conveyed from said Bailey to Mrs. Herley and wife.

"Vulcaney," 200 acres on south side of Great Falls of Manpowder river, patented to Thos. Towson 10th July, 1720.

"Little Valley," conveyed from his son-in-law John Every, and a lot of land in Jones' Addition to Baltimore Town. Also a lot with improvements "laid in assurance from Brian Philpott, lying before St. Aismith's door."

Wm. Young, Deputy Commissary Baltimore Co., adds the following certificate to the will:

"August 1st, 1772, the Widow renounces the devise in the Will and abides by what the Law gives her."

Although ample provision was made for Dinah, she was dissatisfied, and in her will dated 27th July, 1772, and probated 15th October, 1783, names her daughter Ruth, wife of George Green, sole legatee of her "estate in Maryland and elsewhere," probably because Ruth received no other inheritance from her father than one cow and a calf.

The site of the First Baptist Church of Baltimore City, on the corner of Happiness and Front Streets, (Jones' Addition) belonged to the Towson estate, and was purchased from Thos. Bailey the executor, in 1773, for 150 pounds. A part of the church was then built, and Rev. John Davis of Harford sometimes preached until an organization was effected January 15th, 1780, when a church, school house and parsonage were erected, and continued in use until replaced by the Merchants Shot Tower in 1828.



Towson (formerly Fossontown), a thriving town, seven miles north of Baltimore, and five miles distant from Brooklandville, owes its name to this family who originally owned most of the land in this vicinity, and in 1804 was chosen as the seat of Baltimore County.

"The result was celebrated in the new county seat, with such enthusiasm, and with a grand illumination, the old frame tavern belonging to H. S. Chew, on the top of Water Hill, being set on fire, the more fittingly to honor the important occasion."

-- Sewall's History of Baltimore Co.

An ancient highway to Philadelphia from Baltimore passed through this old town, and was the route for the stages before the fork road was built. It is said that the line of the former can yet be traced through Midway's woods until it intersects the Johns road near Mr. Surr's at Towson.

In the year 1795, when the York road was resurveyed, Ezekiel Towson, (son of William) considering himself injured by the proposed route, petitioned the General Assembly for relief, whereupon it was enacted that:

"The York turnpike road when altered shall pass by or near the buildings of the said Ezekiel Towson; that is to say, beginning for the said alteration at the place where the turnpike road intersects the orchard of John Hopkins, and running thence with a straight line until it intersects the old York road at or near Ezekiel Towson's tavern."

His petition recites that he is the owner of a tract of land "on which there are considerable improvements; that he hath for many years kept the said place a house for public entertainment," etc.

During the War of Independence, the same Towson was one of the Committee of Observation from Back River Upper 16th January, 1775, and at an election held in Baltimore, September 13th, 1775, was chosen a member of the Provincial Assembly.

Just a year later, the Committee of Safety of Baltimore County resolved:

"That Lieut. Ezekiel Towson be recommended to the Honorable Council of Safety as a proper person to command the Guard to be stationed at the Magazine." -- (Maryland Archives, 1776.)

Consequently the said Council on the 26th of September, 1776, appointed him "Captain of the Guard and to have Captain's pay."





Ezekiel's first wife, Sarah, daughter of Joseph and Comfort Crowwell, was born May 20th, 1738; her sister, Rebecca, married John Jockey, who was interred in Sater's church-yard. Eata Towson, the second wife, outlived her husband, and died December 1st, 1806, aged 58.

The strong attachment which united the two original settlers, heads of the Towson and Sater families, continues to bind together their children and kinsmen.

The record of the Baltimore Co. Orphan's Court -- Second Tuesday, October, 1780, show that: "Jacob, orphan of Wm. Pooley Towson, chose Joseph Sater for his guardian. -- Henry Sater became security of guardian." These two latter were sons of Henry Sater, (settler).

There is on file among the same court records, April, 1783, that Wm. Towson, an orphan and son of William Towson, was bound to Joseph Sater to learn the trade of hatter, and also August, 1780, that William Towson, being 30 years of age, chose Jacob T. Towson for his guardian with Henry Sater as security.

As a sequel to the life of Henry Sater, and as a connecting chain, we are enabled to give an account of the present condition of the church from the pen of Rev. Jas. Adey, the young pastor, thus tracing down its history to our day.

"The corporation," says Mr. M. A. Foster, the treasurer, "bears the name of 'The Baptist Church at Sater's meeting house, Baltimore County,' which is its title in law."

"Historic Sater's Church entered upon a new epoch in its history on June 1st, 1870, when the relation that had existed for some time previous between this Church and the Calvary Baptist Church of Towson, the youngest child of Mother Sater's, now severed. This separation was caused by the fact that Towson Church had grown to feel her size and importance. Established in the centre of a steadily growing town and having a community to draw upon, her progress promised greater rapidity than that of the Mother Church.

"The church being now without a pastor, invited Charles Adey, then a student just completing his second year at Croyer Theological Seminary, to come and preach for them.

"The following month a council of ordination was called by the Sater's Church at the request of the Broadway Baptist Church of Providence, N. I., of which Brother Adey was at that time a member, and the newly elected pastor was set apart by the Baptist Conference of Maryland for the work of the Gospel ministry.



"The land denoted for enlarging the burying ground previous to his arrival had not been enclosed, and the fence of the old yard being very dilapidated, a new one was required.

"The pastor, with the aid of a few of the brethren, and supported by many friends, undertook the task. A fence was built, sufficient money raised to defray all expenses, and the whole property is now in one enclosure.

"At the commencement of the present pastorate the membership numbered thirty-eight; the present membership is fifty, and those souls, with few exceptions, are living within a radius of three miles of the building.

"They maintain regular weekly services and conduct an interesting and prosperous Bible school and are a live force in the Christian world."

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Note:- Regarding the genealogy of the Towsons, Mr. Jacob Tolley Towson of Baltimore, Md., writes Feb. 22, 1850; I have my Grandfather's Bible which records the following: Wm. Tolley Towson, (my great grandfather) born 1730, died Nov. 8th, 1767 aged 37 years.  
He was the son and daughter of W. Tolley Towson:  
Susannah; born Oct. 28th, 1750.  
Jacob Tolley Towson (my grandfather) born Jan. 3d, 1753.  
Wm. Towson; born Jan. 12th, 1761.  
My father was named William and I have a brother and a son named William.  
Nathan Towson, Paymaster General U. S. Army, was a cousin of my grandfather.

Note:- Mrs. Laughlin, of Baltimore, has made another gift to the church as explained in the following letter of March 23d, 1897:  
"In regard to the communion service which I presented to Sater's Church which belonged to my mother, as the youngest daughter of Rev. Sater T. Walker, it was the same which he (Rev. S. T. Walker) used at the church, but it having become a little abused from use, little tin and some dents, I had a heavy silver plating put on, merely to give it a bright, smooth and new appearance, also had an inscription placed on each of the effect that it was presented by me, (a granddaughter of Rev. Sater T. Walker), with date of presentation, etc."



ERRATA.

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The Dutch antedates the most ancient of the English churches in this country; but next to the Episcopalians and Congregationalists, the Baptists are the oldest of the English Protestant church organizations.

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Miss Laura Cockey should read, Mrs.



T-H-E S-A-T-E-R S-E-N-N-A-S-I-D-E-S

THE GENERATION PARTETH AWAY AND ANOTHER GENERATION COMETH; BUT THE EARTH ABIDETH FOREVER.

— Ecclesiastes I.

HENRY SATER, born in 1690 in one of the western shires of England, of Danish extraction, came to this country in 1709, and first settled in Virginia. He subsequently became a colonist of the Province of Maryland, and established a plantation at Chestnut Ridge, ten miles north of the City of Baltimore, from grants of land which he received from Lord Baltimore.

He married (first) a Miss Stephenson about 1730 — no issue.

He married (second) 1740, Dorcas, daughter of William and Catherine (Allen) Towson, of Towsontown, Maryland.

Henry Sater died May, 1784, at his plantation, in the 65th year of his age, and the 46th year of his settlement.

The earliest progenitor of his family of which we have authentic information is William Towson, who was an original settler from London, England, and after whom, Towsontown, Baltimore County, Md., was called.

FIRST GENERATION IN AMERICA

William Towson, married (first) Catherine Allen of London, a descendant of Oliver Cromwell; (second) Dinah. He died June 1772.

SECOND GENERATION

Children of William and Catherine (Allen) Towson:

1. Ezekiel; married Ruth
2. Rachel, married Thomas Bailey.
3. Dorcas; married Henry Sater.
4. Joan
5. Thomas.
6. Ruth, married Green.
7. Catherine; married John Every.
8. Charles.

Child of William and Dinah Towson:

Abraham.





THIRD GENERATION

Child of Ezekiel and Ruth Towson:

Ann.

Child of Thomas and Rachel (Towson) Bailey:

Rachel.

Children of Catherine (Towson) Overy:

1. William Towson Allen.
2. Isaac Towson Overy.

Children of Henry and Dorcas (Towson) Sater.

1. GEORGE; born 20th October, 1740; married Rachel Hamilton, and lived in Baltimore County, Md., until his decease April, 1768, aged 28. He left a son and daughter.
11. PRUDENCE; born 20th November, 1743; married 21st September, 1762, Benjamin Howard of Baltimore Co., Md., and then moved to Wilkesboro, in what is now Wilkes County, North Carolina. She had four sons and eight daughters, and died 21st September, 1812.

One of her descendants, Mrs. E. M. Turnley writes: "My mother told me when I was a little girl something about my grandmother Howard, which was so interesting to me that I have never forgotten it, although I am now 75 years old. It was this:

In those days there were no factories in America, and the men did most of the weaving of cloth on hand looms. A man by the name of Sater had Howard weaving for him, (I imagine he was running a large business of that kind). Howard and Sater's daughter concluded to get married. Sater opposed it; but they did get married. She jumped out of the dining-room window and ran away with him. All turned out well, and they were all satisfied afterwards. Howard and wife moved to North Carolina, and when their daughter Polly grew up, grand-mother Howard took Polly and went with her back to Baltimore, five hundred miles on horseback, all alone, to see her kinsfolk.

This I have no doubt came from the mouth of the old lady to my mother in North Carolina, where she knew her very well. She also told me of some other interesting and amusing occurrences that happened during their travels. I think she must have been a remarkable woman, of great energy."



(as Prudence was only eleven years of age when her father died, the Sater referred to above could not have been Henry Sater; but was probably her brother George, who after-ward joined them in Wilkesboro.)

Concerning the ancestry of Prudence's husband, Mr. Geo. E. Howard of Palestine, Texas, (a descendant) writes: "I learned from my mother that the Howards were English and emigrated from England, and settled in Maryland."

Benjamin Howard was born 17th February, 1742, and deceased 4th June, 1828.

III. HENRY; born 27th April, 1746; married Hannah, daughter of John Stansbury of Baltimore Co., Md., and lived and died in his native country.

IV. DISCRETION; born 3d April 1749; married 3d March, 1766, Thomas Walker of Baltimore City, and had eight sons and three daughters. She died 7th Dec. 1823.

Thomas Walker, her husband, was born September, 1742, in the then town of Baltimore, near Jones Falls, west of a stone mill and near the present intersection of Calvert and Bath streets. According to the family register:

"At the age of twenty years he married Discretion Sater. Shortly after he took to the pursuit of a farmer and settled upon a piece of land near by. From this first settlement he removed to a farm, four miles south of Westminister in Carroll County, where he remained until April 1796, when he removed to the City of Baltimore and continued there until his death in 1818 (Oct. 16), aged seventy-six years, and was buried at the Baptist Meeting House upon the plantation of Henry Sater, where he was married." His wife is buried by his side. Their graves are marked by two marble monuments near the front entrance of the church.

There is a family tradition (perhaps legendary) about the elopement of Discretion, in which it is related that she ran away from home, and jumped upon Thomas Walker's horse, where seated behind him, they rode to a minister's and were married.

Thomas Walker is described as "of middle stature though well proportioned. His costume was always plain, with the old custom knee breeches and shoe buckles, with the clear soul showing through his blue eyes - white brow and bald head bare the impress of thought."

The will of Thomas Walker, executed 12th of September, 1818, and probated 24th of October, 1818, is filed in Baltimore, Md.



He bequeathes all his personal property to his wife, Discretion, and also all his real and landed property during her natural life. She is made sole executrix. Among his different parcels of real estate, was his plantation and tract of land in the Forks of Patapsco falls, called "Society Hillis," another tract called "Lebulon's Fancy," and another tract called "Walker's Paradise," all adjoining and being in Baltimore County.

The earliest account of the Walker family in Virginia is contained in the "Genealogy of the Page Family in Virginia," by Dr. A. C. W. Page, in which he says: "The Walkers of Virginia, came from Staffordshire, England, about 1650, at an early period in the history of the Colony of Virginia. The Walker family Bible is in the possession of Dr. Bernard L. Walker of Stevensville, Kings and Queens Co., Va., and was printed in 1889.

"Thomas Walker of Gloucester County, Va., progenitor of the Walker Family in Virginia, was a member of the Colonial Assembly in 1682."

This progenitor had a grandson, Thomas Walker, of Kings and Queens Co., Va., who had a son Thomas Walker, of Albemarle Co., Va., of whom Dr. Page's remarks: "He was probably the first white man that ever entered Kentucky, having gone there in 1750, or thirteen years before Daniel Boone."

The history of the Walker family in Pennsylvania, and their first appearance in America, is as viz.: "There were five brothers came from Wales in a British trading ship in the year 1699, and landed at New Castle. Two of the brothers died soon after they landed. Lewis Walker, one of these brothers, purchased a large tract of land from William Penn at Valley Forge, where it is said William Penn visited him the following year. He erected a commodious stone edifice thereon, at which a meeting of the Society of Friends was established in the year 1713. The same house was occupied by General Washington as his headquarters during the Revolutionary War." -- Biographical History of Lancaster County.

Isaac Walker, a descendant of this original settler wrote: "About the year 1700, (as I have been informed), three brothers by the name of Walker, said to be the sons of Isaac Walker, emigrated to Pennsylvania from the Principality of Wales, one of them, Lewis Walker, settled at the Valley Forge, near the line between Montgomery and Chester Counties.



"He was my grandfather's grandfather, and I have been told that he had a brother Thomas, which name was a common name among the descendants of Lewis Walker. Isaac was also a very common name in the family. My own father's name and also that of my great grandfather was Isaac. Although I am not certain, yet I have reason to believe that either Thomas, the brother of Lewis Walker, or one of nine of his sons, settled in the southern part of our County, contiguous to the Maryland line, as there is a large family connection of the Walkers in that locality, and there appears to be a strong family resemblance between their families and ours, and the names Isaac and Thomas are common names amongst them also.

"My grandfather was the grandson of Lewis Walker, and was born in the year 1746, and in all probability was the grandson of Thomas Walker, his brother. There was also a branch of the Walker family settled in the Shenandoah Valley near Winchester, Virginia, who were distantly related to my grandfather, and quite likely to yours, also the name Isaac Walker was a common name in that family.

"Isaac Walker of Winchester, has visited here at our place within my own recollection, (about the year 1827), and I heard my father say that he was distantly related." Gal., Pa., April 3d, 1876.

There is another account by Mary Roberts, of Schuylkill, Chester Co., Pa., viz.: "A record of our great grand-parents, Lewis and Mary Walker, of Great Valley, Mredyfflin Township, Chester Co., Pa., their families down to the sixth generation that have lived in the same place, and the same name of the Walker family."

"Lewis Walker, of Great Valley, by the Spring Kenobeth, now the residence of William, left Merrioth in Wales, in the year 1686, and arrived in Pennsylvania in the year 1687, after a tedious passage of 13 months. Mary Morris sailed in the same ship, whom he afterwards married. He purchased a tract of land belonging to David Evans of Cadnor, Delaware Co., on which he resided some time; he then bought a valuable tract of land in the great Valley, etc."

The genealogy of the Walker Family, according to the memory of Isaac Walker, of Buckley Co., Va., January 20, 1846, recites: "My grandfather, Abel Walker, moved from Chester Co., Pa., during or near the time of the Revolutionary War, and settled at the Falling Waters, near the Potomac River, in Buckley Co, Va., eight miles from Martinsburg."





- V. JOHN; born 1st April, 1754, removed to Wilkesboro, Wilkes County, North Carolina, with his sister Prudence Howard, married and settled there, and had a family of several sons and one daughter. Wilkesboro is near Nolan's Ford, on the Yadkin River, where the celebrated Daniel Boone then lived, his father having removed from Buck's Co., Pa., in 1752, when his son was 18 years old.
- VI. JOSEPH; born 28th December, 1755; married 7th October, 1784, Hannah, daughter of William and Martha Levering, of Roxborough, Pa., and had four sons and three daughters.

They moved to the west in 1811 with six children, and settled in Crosby Township, Hamilton County, Ohio.

According to the History of Hamilton County, "they landed at Cincinnati and pushed their way across the country to the fertile Congress lands beyond the Great Miami, where he first settled among friends near Harrison, and then in 1812, he farmed a piece at Round Bottom in the fertile Miami Valley. In 1813, he bought a tract of about three hundred acres from Capt. Jacob White, occupied by his son, Prudence White, at ten dollars per acre, having declined to purchase in the Mill Creek Valley, where Cumminsville now stands, on the ground that it was too high. The original Sater tract is now in part the property of John and Jacob Schwing, adjoining the farm of Thos. E. Sater, and in part is owned by the Shaker Society. Here Joseph Sater made his pioneer improvements, and remained until his death.

Joseph died there 27th October, 1833, his widow who was born 16th January, 1764, died 9th April, 1834, in the 91st year of her age.

Most of these records are from the family Bible of Joseph, and are furnished by his grandson, Mr. Thomas Knock Sater of Preston, Ohio, who writes:

"The above are the first generations of Saters born in Baltimore County, and State of Maryland." Grandmother Sater lived with me for several years before her death, and died at my house, and she gave me the old Bible which I prize very highly."

#### FOURTH GENERATION

- I. Children of George and Rachel (Hamilton) Sater.

Charles, the son, lived south of Westminster, Md., and afterwards moved west.

There was a daughter, from whom spring a branch of the Merryman family.



(These records are very incomplete — no history of the descendants of George Sater could be obtained.)

11. Children of Benjamin and Prudence (Sater) Howard:

1. DISCRETION; born July 29th, 1764; married 21st February, 1782, Thomas Isbell.
2. PHILLIP; born 6th January, 1766.
3. MARY; born 1768.
4. GEORGE; born 4th February, 1770.
5. SARAH; born 21st October, 1771.
6. ELIZABETH; born 1st February, 1774.
7. NATHAN; born 27th December, 1776.
8. REBECCA; born 10th February, 1778.
9. BENJAMIN; born 11th March, 1780; married Betsy Walker. Died 21st July, 1835, Wilkes County. His son, George R., born 6th January, 1816.
10. CONNELLIN; born 7th April, 1782; married Belphia Hagler.
11. NANCY; born 20th February, 1784; married Joseph Callaway. They had one son, Thos. H.
12. MARGARET; born 1787, died 1788.

Moses ISBELL, son of James and Frances (Livingston) Isbell, who married Discretion Howard, was born 27th June, 1754 in Albemarle County, Va., and died 27th October, 1819. His widow died 26th June, 1848.

The above is a transcript of the family records as kept by Benjamin Isbell, son of Thomas and Discretion Isbell, in their old family Bible, and is furnished by his son, Dr. J. L. Isbell of House Creek, Wm. Minn County, Tenn.

Benjamin Isbell wrote over twenty years ago as viz:

"The Isbells, by father's connections, immigrated from England, as I have been informed, and settled in Virginia. My father's given name was Thomas. He married my mother, Discretion Howard in Wilkes County, North Carolina. My wife and I have raised eleven children and those now living are doing well. I have written the foregoing for the satisfaction of my children and grandchildren. I was eighty-four years of age on the 19th of October last, and I have this, the 17th day of February, 1870, written out the foregoing and signed it.  
(signed) Benjamin Isbell.

P. S. — My father and mother were members of the Baptist Church at Kings Creek, Wilkes County, North Carolina."

Prudence Sater was the progenitor of a long line of descendants in the states of North Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Texas and Indiana.



III. Children of Henry and Hannah (Stansbury) Sater:

1. HENRY (third); married Patsey, his cousin, daughter of Joan Sater. In 1803, they removed to the Wabash.
2. JOSEPH (unmarried); emigrated to Louisville, Ky., 1799.
3. THOMAS; married Beturah, daughter of Joan Bond, and lived near Manchester, Baltimore County, Md. They had eight sons and three daughters.
4. GEORGE; died in 1798 in Baltimore County, (no records).
5. JAMES (unmarried); in 1803 emigrated to the Wabash.
6. DOUGLAS; married Stansbury, and removed to the Wabash in 1803 also.

There was practically an exodus of most of this family West in 1803, since which event we have no record of them, with the exception of the family of Thomas and Beturah Sater, whose register is furnished by Dr. John W. Sater of Baltimore City, Md., their grandson.

IV. Children of Thomas and Discretion (Sater) Walker.

1. ELIJAH; born 17th March, 1767; married 3d March, 1794, Salinda, daughter of Elias Saters. Died 17th November, 1796.
2. HENRY; born 28th May, 1768; married 20th August, 1784, Hannah, daughter of Elias Saters. Died 30th January, 1799.  
His widow died 16th April, 1829, leaving a son and daughter.
3. PRUDENCE; born 28th May, 1770; married 6th January, 1788, Edward Welch. She died 21 August, 1840.
4. THOMAS; born 26th September, 1773, and died 1st August, 1781.
5. BEBERCA; born 27th August, 1776, and died 1st November, 1786.
6. DOUGLAS; born 26th August, 1777, and died 4th January, 1784.
7. BATEW WALKER; born 11th May, 1783 and died 6th March, 1786.
6. ISAAC; born 22d February, 1786; married 18th May, 1812, Guillema, daughter of Moses Foster of Belair, Harford County, Md., and had two sons and six daughters. Died 3d October, 1868. His widow died 5th November, 1874.

Isaac Walker's native city was Baltimore. His ancestors on both sides came to this country about 1700. In early life he engaged in mercantile pursuits and was associated in business with his brother Joshua. His residence in Baltimore, says Mrs. Hargely, his niece, is the present site of Hamilton Easter's dry goods store, Baltimore Street near Light Street.

During the war of 1812, he served in the 39th Regiment of Maryland militia, commanded by Col. Benjamin Fowler, and was engaged in the battle of North Point. Mr. Walker belonged to the Society of "Old Defenders of Baltimore."



In the spring of 1831 he removed with his family to New York City. Some time before this he freed all his slaves.

In Colton's Gazetteer of the U. S. of 1838, Mr. Walker's name is mentioned as the fourth largest taxpayer in Missouri.

During the last war he was a pronounced Union man, and gave one of his hotels in St. Louis, Mo., for government use without receiving any compensation.

In personal appearance he was a very striking, over six feet in height, with an erect form, and ruddy complexion when beyond eighty years of age.

Juliana Foster, his wife, was descended (through her mother), from Mr. Jones of Bear Creek Hundred, an original settler from Bristol, England, who was granted a patent of land from Lord Baltimore 10th of May, 1729.

Her grandfathers, Robert Kennedy and Samuel Foster, were in the War of the Revolution, and her father, Moses Foster, served in the 7th Regiment Maryland Troop during the Revolution, and was awarded a tract of land westward of Fort Cumberland, Washington County, pursuant to an act of the General Assembly passed November Session 1786.

9. **SARAH BROWN**; born Sept., 1786; married 10th March, 1807, (by Rev. Archibald MacLay) Catherine Ann, daughter of Thomas Kelly, and died 24th July, 1849. They had five sons and nine daughters.

Eater Thomas Walker, like his brother, was in the War of 1812, and belonged to the Maryland Chasseurs. He was baptized 5th May, 1815, and ordained a Baptist Minister in 1826.

In 1842 he was made one of the corporators of the church (founded by his grandfather Eater) by an act of Legislature creating trustees. His wife was born 15th October, 1766, and died 9th October, 1846.

10. **CHARLES**; born 11th August, 1791; married 31st March, 1833, Mrs. Cox of Washington County, Mississippi. (where he resided many years). He died 30th March, 1846.

11. **JOSEPH**; born 20th September, 1793; married 23d February, 1823, Mary Saborg. She died 1st July, 1845, having had eight sons and nine daughters. He married again 13th May, 1846, Elizabeth, daughter of Jean Stouffer, and died 26th August, 1854.





Joshua Walker was a prominent merchant of Baltimore and possessed a great deal of property. He formerly owned the Carleton house, corner of Leonard street and Broadway, N. Y. City, where he resided. He also had a large plantation and country seat on the James River, near Richmond, Virginia.

The family register of Thomas Walker is in the possession of his grandson, Mr. Isaac H. Walker, of this city, and was received from the late Patrick Henry Walker, son of Noah Walker of Baltimore many years ago.

Mr. Sater Thomas Walker of Baltimore, son of the Rev. Sater Thomas Walker, has also preserved the "Walker" family records.

#### V. Children of John Sater:

There were several sons and one daughter, Patsy, who married her cousin Henry, Eldest son of Henry and Hannah Sater.

No record of this family in North Carolina, after their removal.

#### VI. Children of Joseph and Hannah (Levering) Sater.

1. ~~MARIA~~; born 13th January, 1786; married Henry Sater. Died 6th August, 1812.
2. ~~MARY~~; born 5th May, 1788; died 3d April, 1810.
3. ~~JOHNS~~; born 20th February, 1791; married 27th January, 1820, Elizabeth Pottenger; he died 2d September, 1834.
4. ~~WILLIAM~~; born 17th September, 1793; married September, 1813, Nancy Jones, daughter of Jean Jones, a pioneer from Maryland, to the valley of the Whitewater in 1809, and a descendant of Wm. Jones, the original settler from Bristol, England.

Mr. Sater, according to the "History of Hamilton County, Ohio," occupied a portion of the old homestead in Crosby township, Hamilton County, Ohio, and after his father's death, built the brick mansion in which his son (Thomas Lucca) resides, and died there 30th January, 1849.

His widow was born 3d August, 1790, and died 3d September, 1871, and had five sons and three daughters.

5. ~~DOUGLAS~~; born 31st of October, 1796; married Henry Milbourne; she died 15th July, 1833.
6. ~~MARSH~~; born 12th January, 1801; married 3d June, 1824, Eleanor Pottenger; he died October, 1885.



7. MARY ANN LIVERING; born 5th March, 1805; married February, 1825, Stout Atherton; she died 27th April, 1835.

#### FIFTH GENERATION

##### I. Children of Thomas and Discretion (Howard) Isbell.

1. PRUDENCE; born 5th September, 1783; married Carleton.
2. BENJAMIN; born 19th October, 1785; married 17th February, 1818, Martha Parkes in Wilkes Co., N. C., who was born 10th April, 1793. He died 23d July, 1870. His widow died 15th July, 1840.
3. JOHN; born 11th February, 1788; died 27th October, 1825; no issue.
4. FRANCES; born 2d July, 1791; married Elcajan Ferguson.
5. LIVINGSTON; born 15th April, 1794; married Edmonds; had three sons.
6. ELIZABETH; born 18th November, 1796; married Nimrod Ferguson.
7. THOMAS; born 28th January, 1800; married Lucinda Petty, and had a son and a daughter. Died 29th November, 1865. Lucinda died May 20th, 1886.
8. MARY; born 31st December, 1803; married Joseph Tucker.
9. JAMES; born 15th September, 1805; married 19th March, 1833, Rutelia, daughter of Robert and Margaret Johnston, of Knox Co., Tenn. They had two sons and three daughters. He died Dec. 6th, 1871.

Note. Isbell served five years during the Revolutionary war.

(One above is from the family Bible of Major James Isbell of Talladega, Alabama, now in possession of his son-in-law, Wm. W. Armstrong, President of First National Bank, Selma, Ala., and from records furnished by Mr. James M. Isbell, Blackstone, N. C.)

Thomas Isbell, Jr., remained on the old homestead in Wilkes County, N. C. Livingston and James went to Alabama, where the latter engaged in banking business at Talladega.

Mary (Isbell) Tucker settled near Cleveland, Tenn., and the two sisters Frances and Elizabeth, who both married Fergusons, removed to Indiana.

Benjamin and Martha (Parkes) Isbell had eleven children, the eldest of whom Mrs. M. M. Furnley, has furnished most of the register relating to this branch of the family.



II. Children of George Howard:

1. JOHN W.; who lived near Athens, Tenn., had five sons and four daughters.
2. CORNELIUS; who lived on the Tellico river, Monroe Co., Tenn., had two sons and two daughters.
3. BENJAMIN; who married Fanny Hall, and died leaving two sons and one daughter.
4. HENRY; who lived in Blunt Co., Tenn., married Fanny, his brother's widow, and had three sons and three daughters.
5. Walter W.; married Martha Hardin, and lived in Monroe and Polk Counties, Tenn. had four sons and one daughter.
6. JAMESON; lived first on the Tennessee river in Monroe County; but afterwards in Fork Creek Valley where he died. Had sons and daughters.
7. ELVIRA; married Buck Lattimore, and settled on the Tennessee river. Died two years ago. Had two sons and two daughters.
8. MARISSA; married Henry, and settled and died in Blunt County, Tenn., leaving four sons and one daughter.

III. Children of Cornelius and Delphia (Magier) Howard:

1. WILLIAM W.; married Eliza Steed, and lived in Athens, Tenn. Had one son and seven daughters.
2. BENJAMIN; married Miss Wood
3. WALTER;
4. PRUDENCE;
5. JOHN;
6. ELIZABETH;
7. CORNELIUS;

Cornelius and Delphia Howard lived in Bradley Co. near Cleveland, Tenn.

IV. Children of Thomas and Returaa (Bond) Sater.

1. JOHN; born 1801; married Catherine Wilhelm; died 1881. She died 1866. They had six children.
2. OLIVIA; (deceased).
3. ESTER; "
4. SARASOTA; "
5. EPHRAIM; "
6. HENRY; " no issue.
7. ABIGAIL; "
8. ABIGAIL;
9. THOMAS J.; deceased an infant.
10. SARAPTA; deceased.
11. CLARISSA;
12. MIRIAM; deceased an infant.

Clarissa and Abigail moved to Indiana, where they are living.



V. Child of Elijah and Malinda (Wagers) Walker.

REBECCA; married Littlejohn. She had one daughter.

VI. Children of Henry and Hannah (Wagers) Walker.

1. NOAH; married 1833 Sarah, daughter of Patrick Caughey; deceased 2d February, 1874. They had two children.

He owned and resided for many years at "Lumberton," a county seat of 500 acres in the suburbs of Baltimore, near Pikesville, on the Green Spring Valley road. He was engaged in business at the corner of Baltimore and Grant streets, Baltimore, Md. The front of his store was adorned with the celebrated marble statue of Washington, since presented to the city and now in Druid Hill Park, Baltimore.

2. DOUGLAS; married Michael Caughey, nephew of Patrick. She had four children.

VII. Children of Isaac and Galielma (Pester) Walker.

1. LOUIZA; born 21st February, 1813, married 7th August, 1831, George V. Bull of Baltimore and died 18th May, 1836, leaving two sons. She lived and died in Baltimore. After her death her husband moved to New York where he died, April 1871.

2. JULIA ANN; born 15th October, 1814; married 7th July, 1834, by the Rev. Archibald MacLay of New York City, to his son Archibald MacLay, Jr., M. D., of New York; she died 29th October, 1865. She had five sons.

Dr. Archibald MacLay, Jr., was born in New York City, 25th of March, 1812, and resided in his native city, practicing medicine until his death the 1st of November, 1882, where he was widely known.

Rev. Archibald MacLay, his father, was born at Willearn, Scotland, 14th May, 1776, the son of Archibald and Jean Thomas MacLay. The paternal homestead, known as Green End, on the banks of Loch Lomond, was occupied by his ancestors for a great many generations, as they belonged to a very ancient highland clan. He well remembered the character "Old Mortality," made famous by Sir Walter Scott, and said: "When a boy, I have often seen Old Mortality, who always made his home at my mother's house when he visited our part of the country, and the deeply thrilling incidents which he told me of the martyrs and the sufferings they endured for Christ's sake, left a permanent impression on my mind."





It is related of Dr. Macloy's paternal grandmother, who was a woman of strong character, that by her address and knowledge of Gaelic, she saved her native village from pillage and destruction.

Graduating from the University of Edinburgh, he married Mary, daughter of Mr. Brown of Glasgow, and sailed for America 25th October, 1835.

From 1835 to 1837 he occupied the pulpit of the Mulberry Street Baptist Church, New York City, and continued to preach up to a short time of his death, which took place 23 May, 1860.

Among the records of a meeting held in Baltimore, 27th October, 1836, for the organization of the "Maryland Baptist Union Association," including the later Church, is the following: Rev. Archibald Macloy of New York, present by request.

"He belonged to a race of ministers who may be justly regarded as the pioneers of the Baptist denomination in this country, and whose names are associated with the origin and progress of the various societies now permanently established."

3. MARGARET; born 20th of August, 1816, married at Council Bluffs, Iowa, 12th June 1871, Mary Charlotte, daughter of Dr. Edward G. and Mary Brown Austin Williams; and died 22nd November, 1882. They had four sons and one daughter.
4. EMILY DISBROW; born 25th March, 1819; married 30th September, 1843, Judge Gilbert M. Speir of New York City. She had three sons and four daughters, and died 6th of February, 1886.

Gilbert M. Master Speir, son of Archibald and Margaret Speir, was born at Wallington Springs, Saratoga Co., N. Y., 14th September, 1812, and graduated from Union College in 1834. He was admitted to the N. Y. Bar, May, 1839, and practiced law until November, 1875, when he was elected Judge of the Superior Court, N. Y. City, and served on the Bench until December, 1881. He was Vice-president of the Century Club, and trustee of Manhattan Savings Institution, College of Physicians, etc. Deceased: 23 May, 1884.

5. ANN ELIZA; born 6th of July, 1823; married November, 1857, William M. Gawtry of New York. She has had one son and one daughter.

Wm. M. Gawtry was born at Livingston near York, England, January 10th, 1806. He was a merchant and importer in N. Y. City for many years, with John Kortimer, the firm being Kortimer & Gawtry.



Mr. Sawtry was one of the early residents at Long Branch, N. J., and was identified with the improvements and development of that city. He occupied the adjoining house to General Grant, which he afterwards sold to Collector Sargy. Deceased 18th December, 1823.

- 6. MARY MALINDA; born 19th of March, 1823; married 18th February, 1845, Peter I. Nevins of New York City, and had four sons and three daughters. She died 7th of June, 1870.

Peter I. Nevins was born 21st October, 1814, and descended from Rowland Nevins, who was a "burgher" or alderman of New York in 1665.

His father, Peter I., held the same office in 1829. Peter I. Jr., was associated with his father in business in the same store, No. 11 Beekman Street, where his father had commenced in 1810, and continued until his death, 8th of July, 1883.

- 7. MARY JENNINS; born 6th of May, 1820; married January, 1848, Silvanus F. Jenkins of New York City. She had had two sons and one daughter.

Silvanus F. Jenkins was born in New York, 20th March, 1812, and had been engaged in business in his native city all his life. Is treasurer of the Women's Club for Saviers, which position he has filled for many years.

- 8. ISAAC HENRY; born in New York City 22d of June, 1831; married 10th December, 1856, Cornelia daughter of William M. Macy of New York. They have one son.

Isaac Henry Walter was Vice-President of the "Sun Mutual Insurance Co.," for several years, and is Cashier of the Leather Manufacturers National Bank of New York. He belongs to the Sons of the Revolution, and is a member of the "Society of the War of 1812."

Cornelia Macy, his wife, is a direct descendant of two of the original pilgrim fathers who came over in the first voyage of the Mayflower, John Howland and Edward Tilley, who landed at Plymouth Rock. They also signed the first form of government ever drawn up in this country, and recorded as viz.:

- 13. John Howland (in Osver's family)
- 15. Edward Tilley (with wife, died before the end of March. Tucker in family - 4.

She also traces her lineage back to Col. John Scruss, who was famous in the French and Indian War.

The instructions for Major Benjamin Church, Commander of the forces raised for his Majesty's service against the French and Indian enemy and rebels concludes with the following:



"You are to advise, as you can have occasion, with Captain John Cornes, who accompanied you in this expedition, and is to take your command in case of your death. A copy of these instructions you are to leave with him, and to give me an account from time to time of your proceedings." - Boston, Aug. 12, 1696. - William Stoughton.

VIII. Children of Sater Thomas and Catherine Ann (Kelly) Walker.

1. MARY JANE; born 4th April, 1808.
2. (Infant); born 11th December, 1809; died 12th December, 1809.
3. DOUGLAS ANGELINE; born 15th February, 1811.
4. (Infant); born 27th July, 1812; died 27th July, 1812.
5. CAROLINE C; born 5th August, 1813.
6. (Infant); born 15th October, 1814; died 15th October, 1814.
7. (Infant); born 1st July, 1816; died 1st July, 1816.
8. (Infant); born 23d July, 1819; died 23d July, 1819.
9. (Infant); born 16th November, 1823; died 16th November, 1823.
10. ANN GEORGINA; born 2d February, 1821; married 30th July, 1858, Charles George Wiggely, son of Lot Wiggely, and had one son and two daughters.
11. CATHERINE ANN; born 30th December, 1822.
12. JEWELLINE S; born 2d September, 1825; married (first) 10th August, 1847, Daniel Albert Harrison; (second) 16th October, 1848, Alexander Spolegarth. Had one daughter by first marriage. First husband deceased 6th December, 1860.
13. ELIZABETH ANN; born 16th January, 1828; died October 24th, 1828.
14. SARAH ANN; born 13th May, 1831; married 11th June, 1849, Mary J. Kirby.

This record is furnished by Mr. Water Thomas Walker, a resident of Baltimore, Md., who served during the Civil War in the First Maryland Veteran Volunteers, Col. John A. Kenly, 2d Division, 2d Brigade, 5th Army Corps, and was honorably discharged after Lee's surrender.

He was in two battles before Petersburg, and also at the battle of the Weldon R. R., and Hatcher's Run.

IX. Children of Josiah and Mary Elizabeth (Leberg) Walker.

1. ANN WALKER; born 23d October, 1823; married 4th October, 1842, Eugene Levering.

Eugene Levering was born in Baltimore, 24th of October, 1813, and was the twelfth of fourteen children, and in the direct line of descent from Josiah Levering, born in 1603, a refugee in Germany on account of the wars and persecutions of the Waldenses and Huguenots.



The "Levering Genealogy" gives Mr. Levering's lineage as viz.:

Parents:- Peter, born 4th February, 1766; married Hannah Wilson.

Grandparents:- Enoch, born 21st February, 1742; married Hannah Lighter.

Great grandparents:- William, born August, 1705; married Hannah Hardin.

Great Great grandparents:- William, born 4th May, 1677, married Catherine.

Great Great Great grandparents:- Wizard, born 1648; married Magdalena

Wicker.

Wizard was one of the pioneer settlers of Roxborough, Philadelphia Co., Pa., who came to America in 1688, and brought his son William, aged 8, with him. He was naturalized "on the 7th of the 3d month, 1691.

The Pennsylvania Gazette of February 12th, 1748, contains the following notice of his death:

"Last week died not far from this City, Mr. Wizard Levering, aged 109."

It has since been proved, however, that he was only 97.

Mr. Levering, of the 3d generation, who belonged in Roxbury, built the first school house there, and gave the land for that purpose. He also built and owned the first hotel in that place.

The Leverings are a well known Baltimore family, who have been prominent in mercantile and financial circles for over a century. They are strongly identified with the Baptist denomination, having been members of that church for several successive generations.

Mr. Eugene Levering was for a long time treasurer of the Maryland Baptist Union Association, of which his father was one of the organizers, and a member of the first executive board. He died in June, 1870, having had a family of twelve children.

2. MARY ELIZABETH; born 27th October, 1824; married Armstrong.
3. SARAH ANN; born 31st October, 1825; died 6th October, 1825.
4. CHARLES WILLIAM; born 20th July, 1826; died 3d June, 1871.
5. MARTHA JANE; born 11th October, 1827; died 6th April, 1833.
6. AGATHA MARIA; born 22nd October, 1828; died 30th Aug., 1874.
7. ABELINE ANNIE; born 23d December, 1829; married Graham.
8. JESSIE; born 29th January, 1831.
9. THOMAS HENRY; born 9th June, 1832; died 20th September, 1862.
10. LOUISA HENRY; born 6th December, 1833; died 7th September, 1854.
11. CHRISTOPHER LAMOND; born 16th February, 1835; died 13th July, 1835.





12. JERRY ADAMS; born 6th October, 1836; died 9th August, 1887.
13. ELLEN MIEN; born 22d February, 1838; married Armstrong.
14. EDWIN; born 18th June, 1839.
15. JOHN WICKHAM; born 29th March, 1841.
16. ALICE; born 26th April, 1843; married Meyer.
17. MARTHA JOSE; born 29th April, 1844; married Ackell.

Mr. Josias Walker's first wife, Mary Elizabeth, was the daughter of Christopher and Mary Saborg.

This family record has been contributed through the kindness of Mrs. H. W. Armstrong of Delav, Maryland.

I. Children of Henry and Martha Sater:

1. HANNAH; born 16th September, 1806; married; deceased Aug., 1856.
2. HENRY; born 4th January, 1808; married.
3. JESSE L.; born 19th March, 1810. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

XI. Children of Joseph and Elizabeth (Pottenger) Sater.

1. BRUCE POTTSER; born 17th November, 1820; married Eleanor Dick, 22d October, 1840; they had three sons and three daughters.
2. JOSEPH LEVING POTTSER; born 27th February, 1822; died 10th September, 1843.
3. SYDNEY; born 1st January, 1824; married Jas. H. Smith, 24th October, 1841; they had three sons and a daughter.
4. ISAAC POTTSER; born 23th August, 1825; married Philena Cone, 1st October, 1851; they had a son and daughter.
5. THOMAS POTTSER; born 21 October, 1827.
6. JAMES POTTSER; born 20th August, 1829; died 12th October, 1830.

XII. Children of William and Nancy (Jones) Sater.

1. JOHN JONES; born 10th June, 1814; married 19th February, 1834, Nancy Harrison; died April 3d, 1864. Had eleven sons and two daughters.
2. HENRY; born 16th July, 1816; died 29th July, 1816.
3. ELIZA ANN; born 6th January, 1818; married June, 1843, Wm. B. Hill. They have two sons and three daughters.
4. SARAH; born 19th December, 1819; married 7th February, 1843, James Swainey. They have had three sons and six daughters.
5. WILLIAM; born 21 September, 1821; married March, 1844, Sarah Jane Skillen, and died 4th April, 1852. They had two sons and two daughters.



6. JOSEPH; born 20th November, 1822; married 25th March 1849, Eliza Ann Hedges. They have had two sons and two daughters.
7. OLIVER; born 20th June, 1829; married 18th August, 1850, Maria Foster. They had five sons; he died 7th November, 1860.
8. THOS. KNOX; born 2d November, 1831; married 1st, Mary Ellen Fottenger, 19th December, 1858, and had one son. She died 25th May, 1858. He married 26th September, 1860, Mary Gwaltney. They have had one son and two daughters.

Of this family, Eliza Ann, resided two and a half miles north of St. Pleasant, Township of Springfield. Sarah lived in Morgan township, Butler County, and William lived near her. Joseph, who resided on his farm, Crosby township, near his brother, Thomas T., was elected township treasurer in 1860, and served eleven years. He served as school trustee for over twenty-five years, and held various positions as township trustee and assessor, county commissioner, etc., and is noted for his integrity and high character. Sarah Helstead said of him: "I would with sincerity join in the recognition proposed of the faithful and valuable public service of Mr. Joseph Bater, whose name is identified in this community with vigilance and integrity in the discharge of the duties of a position of responsibility," and the late Judge Longworth said: "It was better to have written on Mr. Bater's record, as it was now written, than on the tomb, the tribute to his honesty and capability."

Oliver Bater occupied the original cabin built by his grandfather at the old home until about 1858, when he built a larger house on the same site.

John J. Bater, the eldest son, lived nearly all his life in Crosby township, of which he was trustee. In the late war he was a member of company C, 89th Ohio Infantry, and was honorably discharged. He and his wife were members of the Baptist Church.

Thos. Knox Bater, the youngest son, was but sixteen years old at the time of his father's death. He remained at home, assisting on the farm, and when the property was divided, the homestead and seventy-five acres fell to his share, which he has increased but always carried. Mr. Bater was elected to Ohio Legislature in 1870, and has held various offices of public trust and responsibility.

### III. Children of Thomas and Eleanor (Fottenger) Bater.

1. MARY; born 18th October, 1823; died 11th August, 1846.



2. SUSANNA; born 15th December, 1826; married Wm Blackes, 1845; they had one son; she died 6th August, 1880.
3. THOMAS JAMES; born 18th June, 1829.
4. MARGARET ANN; born 30th January, 1831; died 31st April, 1831.
5. MARTHA ANN; born 9th March, 1832; died 17th February, 1833.
6. JAMES G. F.; born 30th January, 1834.
7. MARGARET F.; born 15th March, 1836.
8. MARGARET F.; born 24th November, 1837.
9. MARY ELIZABETH; born May, 1843.
10. MARGARET F.; born 15th March, 1845.
11. JAMES WATSON; born 25th August, 1847; died 15th August, 1880.
12. MARGARET WATSON; born 1st October, 1849.

XIV. Children of Robert and Mary Ann (Water) Allerton.

1. MARGARET WATSON; born 7th February, 1836; died 13th September, 1840.
2. JAMES G.; born 6th July, 1838.
3. MARGARET F.; born 13th July, 1839; died 11th December, 1846.
4. MARGARET ANN; born 17th February, 1834; married 10th December, 1854, Francis E. Gilby; they had two sons.

LIST OF OTHER GENERATIONS.

1. Children of Benjamin and Martha (Wakes) Isbell, of  
Mc Lean Co., Tenn.

1. Nancy Miriam; born 25th February, 1819; married 20th May, 1837, to Matthew Jacob Faraley, of Litcham. He was born 30th November, 1805, and died 23d March, 1869.

Their Children:

- A. Martha Wells; born 8th March, 1840; married 19th December, 1867, J. S. Armstrong.

Their children:

- a.- Faraley.                      b.- Wells a.

- B. George Isbell; born 15th August, 1843; married (first) Miss Woodward, February 15th, 1870; married (second) Leta Ross.

- C. Mary Ann; born 6th December, 1840; married 25th July, 1873, John A. Reynolds, Rose, Va.

Their Children:

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| a.- Hughes Farnley | d.- May          |
| b.- Wm. Barton     | e.- Ruby         |
| c.- Miriam.        | f.- John A., Jr. |



2. James Benjamin; born 24th February, 1848; married 11th February, 1873, Miss Chinsky.

Their children:

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| a.- Louise        | d.- James    |
| b.- Jean Chinsky, | e.- William. |
| c.- Jessie.       |              |

3. William V. S.; born 19th November, 1808.

7. Thomas Howard; born 15th March, 1844.

8. Frances Amelia; born 23d February, 1857.

9. Lydia S.; born 17th December, 1807.

2. Thomas Martin; born 2d March, 1821; married Miss Decker, 1843, Sarah Ann Perry. He died 18th June, 1888.

Their children:

1. Estlin; married Forrest.
2. William.
3. Thomas
4. Benjamin
5. Columbus.

3. Frances Dorothea; born 11th March, 1823; married (first) 25th March, 1844, John James, who died 7th March, 1855; married (second) 1857, G. L. Rice, deceased 24th January, 1876.

Their children:

1. J. I.
2. Elizabeth James; married William S. Decker.

Their children:

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| a.- Two daughters, Ann | b.- Benj. Lebel James. |
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4. Martha Ann; born 9th November, 1821; married 3d September, 1844, Henry G. Allen. She died 17th April, 1880.

Their children:

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| 1. James A. | 2. Alice. |
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5. Mary Louisa; born 5th November, 1827; married 5th November, 1844, Richard Franklin Nelson Haxton, who was born 31st July, 1821, served in Co. A, 10th Virginia Cavalry, Confederate States Army, and was captured in the Valley with Wade Haxton Scouts. Died a prisoner of war at Elmira, N. Y., 18th October, 1864.





Their children:

- A. Robert Isbell; born 24th November, 1848; married 18th November, 1780 (first) Effie Elizabeth Glabaugh, (deceased). Served in the Confederate States Army, and received a rifle ball through the lung at the Battle of the Wilderness.

Their children:

- a.- Effie Elizabeth Glabaugh; born 20th March, 1872; married 12th May, 1898, Chas. Alder Rowland, of Mass., Ga.  
 Their child (Ninth Generation), Charles Hampton, born 12th May, 1893.
- b.- Robert Richard, born 12th March, 1876.

Robert L. Hampton, married (second) 11th January, 1881, L. Lavelle Comer.

- B. James
- C. Fannie, married Mc Mill.
- D. Lura.
- E. Richard.

- 6. Carol Elizabeth; born 29th September, 1829; married 6th December, 1848, Jesse H. Gant. Deceased 26th May, 1887.

Their Children:

- A. Thomas Isbell.
- B. Orlando.
- C. Casser.

- 7. James Parker; born 23rd July, 1831; deceased 19th April, 1888.
- 8. Benjamin Howard; born 1st July, 1836; deceased 8th September, 1884; served in the U. S. Army during late War; was a private in Co. F, 4th Reg. Tenn. Cav. Remains transferred to National Cemetery in Corinth, Miss.

- 9. John Williams; born 7th August, 1830. He served in the Civil War as Captain of Co. F, 4th Reg., Tenn. Cav. He died 9th July, 1864, near Shelbyville, Tenn., at Dr. Grear's was buried his while sick. His remains were transferred to the National Cemetery at Corinth, Miss.

- 10. Lucinda Missouri; born 4th July, 1837; married 9th July, 1855, Robert Mc Millen.

Their children:

- A. Robert.
- B. Fannie.



11. Dennis Rowan; born 1st September, 1839; married 25th December, 1871, Emma E. Calloway; she was born 29th November, 1846.

Their children:

- A. Joan Calloway, born 7th October, 1873.
- B. Ernst; born 22nd April, 1878.

11. Children of Thomas and Lucinda (Petty) Isbell. Of Blackstone, S.C.

1. James E.
2. A daughter.

111. Children of Livingston and Elizabeth Isbell, of Alabama:

1. Thomas.
2. Lewis.
3. Rowlin.

- IV. Children of James and Matilda (Houston) Isbell, of Alabama:

1. Houston.
2. Thomas E.
3. Maggie; married Joseph Hardie.
4. Minnie; married Wm. Houston.
5. Alice; married Wm. Armstrong of Selma, Ala.

- V. Children of John B. Howard, of Stearns, Tenn.:-

1. Julia; married Calvin Dent; emigrated to the Indian Territory and died there.
2. Willie; married John Rice. Deceased; left two sons.
3. William H.; married and died in Chattanooga. Left one daughter.
4. John; married Mattie Rice; lives in Knoxville, Tenn. Has three children.
5. Berriessa; married Samuel Wilson. Died, leaving a daughter, Mizabeth.
6. Louisa; married Charles Watson. Died, leaving three daughters and two sons.
7. James; living in Chattanooga.
8. Benjamin; married Mrs. Giles. Lives in Chattanooga.
9. Cornelius E.; married Miss Harris. Lives in Chattanooga, and has two daughters.



VI. Children of Cornelius Howard; of Monroe Co., Tenn.:

1. Asbury; lived and died at London, Tenn.
2. Samuel; married Eliza Sibbro's daughter and went West.
3. Mary Ann; married, and settled in Georgia.
4. Samantha; married, and settled in Georgia.

VII. Children of Benjamin and Fanny (Bell) Howard; Monroe Co., Tenn.:

1. George.
2. James.
3. Nath.

VIII. Children of Burton and Fanny (Bell) Howard; of Grant Co., Tenn.:

1. Bettie; married Arnold Cruse.
2. William.
3. John.
4. Carrie.
5. Maggie; married Joseph Henry.
6. Dennis; married Miss Lawrence.

IX. Children of Walter V. and Corbus (Gardin) Howard; of Felt Co., Tenn.:

1. Mary E.; deceased
2. John; married Miss Nancy, daughter of Ford Mc Murray.

Their Children:

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| A. Bettie; married. | V. Mary. |
| B. Nellie.          | W. Cora. |
| C. Walter Lee.      |          |
3. Joseph later; married Mary Howell; deceased; no issue.
  4. Dennis; married Sessie G. Sten; lives at Donetsater, Tenn. has one daughter.
  5. James; married Rosa Frontier. They have three sons and one daughter.

X. Children of Buck and Vivian (Howard) Lattimore; of Tennessee River, Tenn.

1. John; married Ellen Crowley.
2. Callaway; married, and has two daughters, Elizabeth and Susan.
3. Bettie; married Rufus Post; settled near Westwater, Tenn.
4. Susan; married W. L. Tins; settled near London, Tenn.



XI. Children of Joseph and Narcissa (Howard) Henry; Stuart Co., Tenn.:

1. George; married
2. Howard.
3. John.
4. Rufus.
5. Isabell.

XII. Children of Wm. H. and Eliza (Steed) Howard; of Athens, Tenn.:

1. James; married Carrie Lee Brown, and settled in Nashville. Deceased February, 1887, leaving one daughter, Lee.
2. Carrie; married Powell George, and had one daughter, Mary, who married Taylor Lowrey.
3. Mattie; married Wiley Gaston. Deceased June, 1889, leaving one son and one daughter.
4. Willie; married Wm. H. Gaston.
5. Corda; married George Gaston. Had one daughter, Bessie, who married Wm. Guffington.
6. Mary.
7. Bell; married Charles Davis, of Athens, Tenn.
8. Catherine; married James Taylor. Lives at Knoxville; has two sons.

XIII. Children of John and Catherine (Wilhelm) Oster; of Salto., Va.

1. Margaret.
2. Miriam.
3. Thomas.
4. Henry.
5. Returan.
6. John W. born 1833; married, April, 1861, Willie, daughter of Elisha Jackson, of Black Rock, Va. She was born 1832, and died 1885.

Their Children:

- A. Elisha Bradford; born 1862.
- B. John Albert; born 1866; deceased 1884.

XIV. Child of Rebecca (Walker) Littlejohn; of Baltimore, Md.

Sister; was married to George of Johnson, Va.

XV. Children of Wood and Sarah (Coomes) Walker; of Baltimore, Md.

1. Patrick Henry; married Rosa, daughter of George Wilcox, of Pikeville, Va. Deceased in 1887.

Their children:





- A. Loan; married Miss Matthews.
- B. Dixon; married George Hoopes.
- C. Henry; married Alice Mc Elion.
- D. Samuel Hamilton.
- E. Dorcas; married (first) Charles Hamilton, of Va., (second)  
Gen. Councilman of Va.

2. Josh Dixon; killed at the Battle of Chancellorsville, on  
Gen. Stonewall Jackson's staff.

XVI. Children of Michael and Dorcas (Walker) Cawsey:

1. John; married Elizabeth Cawsey, his cousin.

Their Children:

- A. Michael Patrick; married Mary Norah Fendergast.
- B. Sarah.
- C. Dorcas Brown; married W. West.
- D. Alverta.
- E. John Hamilton; married Laura Hiltzack.
- F. Alice.

2. Samuel Hamilton; married Alice Fendergast.

Their Children:

- A. Charles Fendergast, D. W. Consul to Messina, Italy.
- B. John Walker, a Catholic priest at Laurel, Md.
- C. Frank
- D. Alverta.
- E. Adelaide.

3. John; married Mary Jane Troney.

Their children:

- A. Catherine; married Henry Bell.
- B. Alverta; married Dr. Windle.
- C. Grace; married Carroll Bell (nephew of Henry).
- D. Frank (unmarried).

4. Alverta; married Charles Moore.

Their children:

- A. Dorcas.
- B. Mary Bell; married Edward Bevans.
- C. Alverta.
- D. Elizabeth.



VII. Children of George W. and Louisa (Walker) Bull; of Baltimore, Md.:

1. Thomas Walker; married 13th January, 1858, to Eliza, daughter of Dr. Robert H. and Eliza Labatt Macy, of N. Y. City. She was born 5th of June, 1836, and died 11th January, 1868. He died 1st January, 1864.

Their children:

1. Robert MacLay; married 16th April, 1884, Alice Grevoort, daughter of Hon. Frederick A. Motta. They have had two children.
2. George Walker; married Cecelia De Ruyter.

Their children:

- A. Miss De Ruyter.
- B. Genevieve Collins; married Francis Black.

Their children:

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| a. - Alexander Wright. | c. - Majorie.   |
| b. - Thomas.           | d. - Genevieve. |
- C. Julia Josephine (deceased); married J. W. Simonis York; left one daughter.
  - D. Cecelia Desirée.

VIII. Children of Archibald and Julia Ann (Walker) MacLay; of New York City:

1. Archibald; born 19th October, 1837; deceased 17th December, 1887.
2. William Walker; born 1st August, 1839; deceased 3rd October, 1884.
3. Isaac Walker; born 14th May, 1841; married Laura A., daughter of Sarah Anne Craig and Hon. W. F. Cavanaugh, of N. Y. City.

Their children:

- A. Julia Cavanaugh.
  - B. Agnes Craig.
  - C. William Frederick.
  - D. Henry Cavanaugh (deceased).
  - E. Archibald.
  - F. Laura Grace.
4. Augustus Walker, M. D.; born 3rd January, 1844; graduated at the University of the City of New York, as a physician, in 1865, and practiced medicine in N. Y. City for many years. Married Elizabeth Boyd, who died in 1881.



5. William Walter; born 27th March, 1848; married Brian Bonsel.

Their children:

A. Alice.

B. Walter; born 10th December, 1879; deceased 5th June, 1887.

XIX. Children of Thomas W. and Mary G. (Williams) Walker;  
of Council Bluffs, Iowa:

1. Isaac; born 2d March, 1872; died 5th December, 1879.

2. Edward Williams; born 7th January, 1873.

3. Julianna Foster; born 26th July, 1876.

4. Brown Austin; born 8th December, 1878.

5. Archibald Alexander; born 18th July, 1881.

XX. Children of Gilbert W. and Emily Discretion Walker; Spair;  
of New York City.

1. Archibald; graduate of New York University, and lawyer, New  
York City; belongs to the Century Club.

2. Louise Williams; deceased, 18th January, 1880.

3. Emily, married Dr. Silver Arnold of N. Y. City.

Their children:

A. Emily.

B. Julia.

C. Anna Louisa.

4. Isaac Henry; deceased, 10th June, 1849.

5. Anna Louisa; deceased.

6. Gilbert W. Jr., graduate of Columbia College and lawyer,  
New York City.

7. Julia; married W. T. Wright, Surgeon U. S. Navy.

XXI. Children of Wm. W. and Ann Eliza (Walker) Waring; of New York City:

1. Louisa; married 1st June, 1853, Wm. Smith Griggs. They have  
one son, Frederick Brayton.

2. Willina; deceased.



XXII. Children of Peter L. and Mary Catalina (Walker) Revis; of  
New York City:

1. Annie Walker\*; married Alexis A. Julien, professor in Columbia College.\*
2. William H.; married Catherine G. Ushan.
3. Galiena Foster\*\*\*; married Dr. Stuart Church; is a practicing physician in Brooklyn, N. Y.
4. Peter I.
5. Augusta Rebecca; married Joan Jacobson, an architect of N.Y. City.
6. Louise.
7. John Foster.
8. James; deceased.

XXIII. Children of Sylvanus T. and Augusta Rebecca (Walker) Jenkins;  
of New York City:

1. William; deceased.
2. Henry; deceased; married Miss Cecil; left two children.
3. Sylvanus T.; of Rochester, N. Y., married daughter of Sylvanus J. Macy. They have two children.

XXIV. Child of Isaac H. and Cornelia (Macy) Walker; of New York City.

William H.; married Miss Pauline Buschert. They have a son,  
Isaac Henry.

XXV. Children of Charles H. and Ann Rebecca (Walker) Hildely;  
of Baltimore, Md.

1. Charles George; born 22d May, 1837; deceased 5th February, 1843.
2. Laura Louisa; born 1838.
3. Annie Rebecca; born 1838; married Jacob, 1861, Louis Kemp of Frederick, Md.

Their children:

- A. Charles H. Hildely; born 31st September, 1862.
- B. May; born 16th May, 1866.
- C. Annie; born 12th March, 1869.
- D. Maria; born 30th October, 1873.

XXVI. Child of Daniel B. and Josephine Ester (Walker) Harrison; of  
Baltimore, Md.

Augusta H.; born 26th June, 1863; married Rev. David Lausslin,  
a Presbyterian minister.





XVII. Children of Sater Ems. and Mary Jane (Birby) Walker; of Baltimore, Md.:

1. Anne Rebecca; born September 5th, 1850; married 4th July, 1867. Frank Sherman.
2. Sater Thomas, Jr.; born 27th June, 1857.
3. Ellen; born 24th August, 1858; married, 7th January, 1889, Frederick Watson.
4. Mary Lizzie; born 30th September, 1871; married 10th March, 1891, John Warner.

XVIII. Children of Eugene and Ann Sater (Walker) Levering; of Baltimore, Md.:

1. Wm. Thomas; born 7th July, 1850.
2. Eugene; born 11th September, 1854.
3. Joshua; Eugene married 1868, Mary E., daughter of James W. and Mary Walker Armstrong.
4. Mary Elizabeth; born 26th March, 1847; deceased 7th March, 1868.
5. Frederick Augustus; born 18th July, 1849.
6. Leonidas; born 18th November, 1850.
7. Wilson; born 24th January, 1852; deceased, 24 February, 1862.
8. Edwin Walker; born 11th November, 1853.
9. Leonard Matthews; born October 25th, 1856.
10. Annie Eugenia; born November 23rd, 1857.
11. Franklin Wilson; born June 20th, 1860.
12. Martin; born December 18th, 1864; deceased January 24, 1885.

Note:- Isaac Walker Leacy entered the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, July 1st, 1855, and graduated June 15th, 1859, and was appointed 2d Lieutenant, 1st U. S. Artillery. Served during the late war, 1861-65. Was instructor of Artillery to the 69th Reg't New York Volunteers, transferred to Ordnance Corps, 17th September, 1864. Served as Assistant Ordnance Officer, Washington Arsenal, Washington, D. C., Watertown Arsenal, Massachusetts, and 1st. Capt. Springfield Armory, Mass., 1867-68. He was Chief Ordnance Officer on the Staff of Gen. D. G. Buell, Dept. of the Platte, 1868-69. Commissioned 1st Lieut., Ordnance Corps, 13th Nov. 1868, and subsequently stationed at Watervliet and Rock Island Arsenals, 1869-73. Resigned Nov. 1873 and became Civil Engineer and City Surveyor. Was Topographical Engineer of the Dept. of War, and Chief Engineer



of Long Island N. Y. He belongs to the Association of Graduates, U.S. Military Academy, Sons of the Revolution, the Military Society of the War of 1812, the N. Y. Historical Society, and corresponding member Hartford Historical Society, Ind.

Note:- Wm. S. Tweed was born in New York City, 12th February, 1804; and died 30th November, 1874. He graduated from Columbia College in 1823, and was engaged in sugar refining, 1827-1842; resident of the bank of North America, 1801-1861; Presidential elector on the York ticket, 1864; President of the First Commission of Emigration, New York City; Founder of the Pennsylvania Coal Company; Mayor of New York City, 1842-1846; 1846-1849; 1872-1874; Chairman of the Committee of Seventy, and the leader in the overthrow of the Tweed ring.

Anna Cooper, his wife, born 26th July, 1807; died 14th December, 1894, was the daughter of Hector Craik, a representative in Congress from Crainville, N. Y., 1827 to 1828, and 1829 to 1830, then he resigned, and was appointed Governor of the Port of New York, by President Andrew Jackson. His mother, Anna, was the daughter of Captain Hector Le Well, U. S. Navy, who commanded the U. S. Ship Boston in 1777, having been appointed third among the twenty-four Captains by Congress, October 14th, 1776.

In 1750, his father, James Craik, erected the paper mill in the county, of Crainville, Orange Co., N. Y. Hector Craik married the daughter of John Chandler, a staunch patriot during the Revolutionary struggle in America, and a descendant of the early settlers of the town of Sarawell, Orange County, N. Y.

Note:- William Miller Slocum entered the U. S. Naval Academy as midshipman, Oct. 1849, graduated in May, 1853, and commissioned Ensign, U. S. N. Promoted to Master, U. S. N., Nov. 1855. Served on the Alexander in both compartments of Fort Fisher, 1864-65. Appointed on a light house sold by the Japanese Government for lighting Iodo Bay, Nov. 1856. Commissioned lieutenant U. S. N., Nov. 1856, and lieutenant commander, Oct. 1860, appointed fleet lieutenant and acting fleet captain of the U. S. Asiatic Squadron, January, 1868. Was Asst Prof. of Mathematics, U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. Resigned Oct. 1871. Appointed Asst Engineer of the Dept. of Docks, N. Y. City, Oct. 1873. Received the "Thomas Cook Medal" from the American Society of Civil Engineers, Nov. 1878. Is President of the American Portland Cement Co., Glens Falls, N. Y., and member of the Institution of Civil Engineers of London, the American Society of Civil Engineers and Manhattan Club.



\*Prof. Julien was born 13th February, 1840, and graduated from Union College. In 1862, he made a geological survey of the islands around St. Bartholomew, and received a gold medal from the King of Sweden. In 1863, he was connected with the geological survey of Michigan, and in 1872 was engaged on the state geological survey of North Carolina. Was Vice-Pres. of the N. Y. Academy of Sciences in 1864, and one of the founders of the N. Y. Microscopical Society in 1863. He was one of the originators of the Society of Naturalists of the Eastern U. S. In 1863 he was appointed instructor in the Columbia School of Mines.

\*\*Daughters of the Revolution.

\*\*\* in note.

Mr. Eugene Levering, with his brothers, William T. and Joshua, became partners with their father in 1833, and in January, 1873, the present firm of four brothers succeeded the old firm. It is the largest coffee house in the country. Mr. Eugene Levering has been President of the National Bank of Commerce of Baltimore, and has been very active in the Baptist Church, was one of the Building Committee of the Baltic Place Church, and among the first deacons elected; is President of the Md. Baptist Education Society and Treasurer of the Maryland Baptist Union. Joshua Levering has also been connected with financial institutions, trust companies, etc., and is prominent in the Baptist denomination of Baltimore.



PATENT FROM LORD BALTIMORE TO  
HENRY WATER.

H-e-n-r-y W-a-t-e-r, his W-a-t-e-r-t, } Charles the Second, &c.  
W-a-n-i-t-e W-a-l-l-i, } to all persons, &c.

Know Ye, that for and in consideration that Henry Water of Baltimore County hath done unto his Majesty's Lord of Baltimore within our said Province of Maryland, before the date here by virtue of a warrant for that quantity conveyed to him the said Henry, the seventh day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixteen, as appears in our Land Office and upon such Conditions and Terms as are expressed in our Conditions of Plantation of our said Province, bearing date the fifth day of April one thousand six hundred sixty and four, and remaining upon Record in our said Province, together with such alteration as in them are made by our further Conditions, bearing date the fourth day of December one thousand six hundred ninety and six and registered in our said Province.

We do therefore hereby grant unto him the said Henry all, that tract or parcel of Land lying in Baltimore County on the North side of Jones' Falls, a branch of Patuxent River called "White Mill."

Beginning at a bounded white oak standing up a small tract of the Successor's Mills, and on the East side of a tract of Land taken up by Thomas Carpenter, and running thence East, one hundred perches; thence North, eighty perches; thence West, one hundred perches; then with a straight line to the beginning trees.

Containing and now laid out for fifty acres or less according to the Certificate of Survey thereof taken and returned into our Land Office, bearing date the sixteenth day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixteen, and there remaining, together with all rights, profits, emolumenta and priviledges thereunto belonging (Legal fines excepted): To have and to hold the same unto him, the said Henry his heirs and assigns forever, to be holden of us and our heirs as of our Manor of Baltimore, in Fee and Custom according by fealty only for all manner of services, Fielding and Bayles therefore yearly unto us and our heirs at our receipt at the City of St. Charles, at the two next usual feasts in the year (viz.) the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Michael the Archangel, by even and equal portions, the Tent of Two Shillings Sterlin in Silver or Gold, and for a fine upon every alienation of the said Land or any part or parcel thereof, one whole Year's Rent in Silver or Gold or the full value thereof in such Commodities as we and our heirs or such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed by us and our heirs from time to time, to Collect and





Receive the same, shall accept in discharge thereof at the Choice of us and our heirs or such Officer or Officers aforesaid, Provided that if the said sum for a fine for Alienation shall not be paid to us and our heirs or such Officer or Officers aforesaid before such Alienation, and the said Alienation entered upon Records either in the Provincial Court or County Court where the same parcel of Land Lyeth within one month next after such Alienation, then the said Alienation shall be Void and of noe Effect.

Given under our Greater Seal at Anns this twenty and first day of October One thousand seven hundred and eighteen.

Witness our Trusty and well Beloved John Hart, Esq., our Governor and Keeper of our said Greater Seal in our said Province of Maryland.

JAN 21 1718



Land Office of Maryland, D. C. :

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a true copy of the Petition of "White Hall," as recorded in Liber 7. L., 98. 4, folio 44, one of the Record Books of this Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Land Office of Maryland, this thirtieth day of July, eighteen hundred and ninety-four.



THOMAS D. LAIRD  
Commissioner of the Land Office.



HISTORICAL SKETCH

OF THE CHESTER RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH, NOW KNOWN AS WALTER'S CHURCH.

(From "The Baptist," Baltimore, September 26, 1894.)

The above named church was organized in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and forty-two (1742), and Henry Leter is represented as its founder, as no doubt he was. He was soon afterwards called at that time a "General Baptist" in contradistinction from "Separate Baptists." He was a layman, and the historian tells us that he bore an excellent character. He came from England in 1709. Soon after his settlement in this colony he invited Baptist ministers to preach in his house, by which means a few free time to time were proselyted to his sentiments, and after many years the church was formed, it being the first Baptist Church organized in the State of Maryland, among the ministers who officiated with this infant church its pastors or supplies in early times were Joseph Smithfield, from Pennsylvania, George Walker, Henry Overhill and probably others. Those wonderful pioneers of the Gospel, Samuel Turner, of Massachusetts, who was converted under the preaching of Smithfield, David Shanks, of Pennsylvania, and Charles A. W. Creeve, of Maryland, and afterwards settled with the Methodist Baptist Church in Loudoun County, Va., and John Wynn, often preached the Gospel to these faithful disciples, as they journeyed from State to State. For it was no uncommon thing in that day for Baptist preachers to travel on horseback from one hundred to three and four hundred miles, preaching as they went, as opportunity offered, in private dwellings and barns, but still more frequently in wood groves, having "log-chairs," with a rustic board nailed to the side of a tree for a pulpit and the vaulted heavens above for a cathedral; and how wonderful did God bless the labors of these faithful men! and Mr. Leter may be justly considered not only as the founder of the first church, but of the Baptist interest in Maryland. His liberal assistance in building the house of worship and his gifts of land to the church on which the house stands, and to the ministers as well, are mentioned as peculiar marks of his liberality.

The cause, immediately after its organization increased very fast and began to spread over the country, and soon extended over to Spoketon and Keteckton in Virginia; indeed, that in four years the number of communicants amounted to 151.

The Spoketon church in Berkeley County, Va., and Keteckton church in Loudoun County, were formed to a great extent out of members moving from Leter's church in Maryland to Virginia, and out of which grew the "old Keteckton Association," one of the oldest and most influential bodies of Baptists in the State for nearly a century.



The covenant entered into by this people, that is to say, by the "Christian and Baptist Church," now Water's, and which was presented to the Governor and Court of this then Catholic Province, when the society was taken under the protection of the "Toleration Laws," was expressed in the following terms:

"We, the humble professors of the Gospel of Christ, baptized upon a declaration of faith and repentance, believing the doctrines of general redemption (or the free grace of God extended to all mankind), do hereby seriously, heartily and solemnly, in the presence of the searcher of all hearts God before the world, covenant, agree, bind and settle ourselves into a church, to hold, abide by and contend for the faith and deliveries to the spirit, owned by the best reformed churches in England, Scotland and elsewhere, especially as published and established in the forms and confessions of the Baptists in England and Scotland, except in infirmities, modes of church government, the doctrine of absolute reprobation and perseverance. We do also bind ourselves hereby to defend and live up to the Protestant religion, &c." We do also engage with our lives and fortunes to defend the crown and dignity of our excellent sovereign, King George, to his and his issue forever, and to obey his laws, humbly submitting ourselves to all his authority whatsoever, and giving custom to whom custom, honor to whom honor, tribute to whom tribute is due. We do further declare that we are not against taking oaths, nor being arms in defense of our king and country, upon any law called heretofore, and that we do approve and will obey the laws of this Province. And further we do bind ourselves to follow the patterns of our brethren in England, to maintain order, government and discipline in our church, especially that excellent directory of the Rev. Francis Stanley entitled "The Gospel, Honor and Church Government, dedicated to the Church in the counties of Lincoln, Nottingham and Warwick." We also engage that all persons upon joining our society shall yield assent to and subscribe this our solemn league and covenant. Subscribed by 74 whose names are subscribed this 12th day of July, 1742.



EARLY DEDICATION of BATES'S CHURCH  
HOUSE.

"A Place where the Baptist People of Long Ago Gathered for worship  
amid the Forest Primeval. -- Fair and true Declaration of Faith.--The  
Deed, to the End of the World. Made by Henry Bates in the Year 1732."

(From the "Baltimore-American," February 10, 1890.)

Out in Baltimore county, on an elevation known as Chestnut Bluff,  
stands an ancient Baptist Church, in the centre of a primeval grove of  
majestic oaks. On the sacred ceiling of every dome spiritual benediction  
fruits this city and from various sections of the State (carry to this  
little church to worship at the service where so many lights have  
shone, and to date upon the weather-stained tombstones that witness well of those benighted and  
lived and died in the faith.

This church, so hallowed in its age and so holy in its sanctity,  
is known as Bates's Meeting-house. It was named after the first  
Baptist, Henry Bates, who over a century and a half ago, built and  
dedicated it in his lifetime in the faith. Through the years that have  
gone since then the church has been carefully preserved, both from the  
hand of progress, which too often is heir to that of vandalism, and  
from decay. Therefore, it stands today as its founder built it, an  
object of veneration and admiration of all believers.

The history of its founding is like unto the history of many  
other churches in this city which raised their sacred walls to  
Heaven in colonial days. Bates in 1732 or thereabouts went out from  
this city into the primeval forests of Baltimore county and purchased  
a plantation. A portion of a river, or river-grown, upon which  
grew what chestnut trees, was in this process, and the earliest  
visitors to his home saw trees so huge and elevated as "Chestnut  
Bluff." The plantation was in those days a long distance from  
Baltimore town, but the growth of the latter into a great city, and  
the spread of its population, was so great that Bates was obliged  
to erect a small distance of its woods, and never returned to that body of  
religionists known as "General Baptists," called as in those early  
days to distinguish them from "Particular Baptists." He was a  
religious man, and believed in good service. A Sunday-school  
was always his most welcome visitor to cross his threshold, and his  
hospitality was prodigious. When such a minister came, his friends  
and neighbors were notified, and they gathered at Mr. Bates's home  
to join with him in worship. As time wore on the numbers that  
attended these services grew greater, and soon formed a little  
congregation. Mr. Bates then determined to build a suitable place  
of worship, where all could gather, and where regular services could  
be held. He looked over his great plantation and decided that there  
was no more beautiful spot upon it than was found on the crest of





Chestnut Ridge. So he selected there, in the heart of a magnificent grove of oak trees, a site for his meeting-house. At the foot of this grove there ran a little stream of water, since named "Shoemaker's Run," whose clear depths reflected the stately trunks of the oak trees and whose cool, pure water quenched the thirsts of man and beast when they should come from afar to gather at the church. In the midst of these beautiful pastoral surroundings Mr. Water built his meeting-house, and on November 16th, 1745, he dedeed the house, with one acre of land for a burying place, "to the congregation forever, to the end of the world." The trustees to whom he made the deed were Henry Loveall, Thomas West, William Towson and William Browne.

A Confession of Faith.

The covenant under which the church was organized was very unique. It begins as follows:

"We, the humble professors of the Gospel of Christ, baptized on a declaration of faith and repentance, believing the doctrine of general redemption (of free grace of God to all mankind, as freely, seriously, heartily and willingly, in the presence of the heavenly Father, and before the world, covenant, agree, bind and settle ourselves into a church, to abide, abide as and contend for the faith once delivered to the saints.

We do further declare that we are not against the civil laws, nor any laws in defence of our King and Country, when legally called thereunto; nor that we do approve nor will bear the loss of this Province.

We also declare that all persons, on joining our society, shall yield consent to and subscribe to this our solemn league and covenant."

A Legal Document.

The instrument of the formal transfer of the property to the trustees of Mr. Water, or his indenture, is lost or unknown. The following was taken from the original, preserved among some documents at Ipswich:

Henry Water to Henry Loveall and others. Conveyance.

This indenture, made this sixteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty-five, between Henry Water, in the Province of Virginia, a Merchant, of Middlesex County, on the one part, and Henry Loveall, Thomas West, William Towson and William Browne, in the Province and County aforesaid, witnesses that the said Henry Water, for and in consideration of the moneys sterling, to him in hand paid by the said Henry Loveall, Thomas West, William Towson and William Browne, do hereby, the receipt whereof he,



the said Henry Lovell, with hereby acknowledge, that he is therewith fully satisfied, contented and paid, and thereof and from all and every part and parcel thereof both by these presents admit and forever discharge the said Henry Lovell, Thomas West, William Cowson and William Browne, and their heirs, executors and administrators, laws, and every one of them, forever, unto given, granted, bargained, sold sett over, delivered and forever confirmed, and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell, sett over, deliver and forever confirm unto the above said Henry Lovell, as pastor, and Thomas West, William Cowson and William Browne, as deacons and elders, to the church congregation or people of God commonly called General Baptist, and by their successors, as such, forever as chosen by the church or congregation, as above said, to the use of the world, as and of like effects and using in or on his peculiar plantation, to serve the said church's meetings, both at a regular time called the first sabbath, containing one whole sabbath period, and one whole week's period, from the said sabbath period, then next to the first-mentioned time, as the same time or less, to have and to hold the said bargain and sell and premises for the building a meeting-house, buying place and all other buildings, erections and conveniences useful for the church and congregation above said, etc. before:

Geo. Anderson, Jas. Lewis.

Witness a half-penny signet for an attestation first of the said land for the use of the said church, by order of Saml. Foster, Esq., one of the said justices.

The peaceful history.

Thus the church was founded, and soon have gathered about a numerous congregation for as talking settled a minister. The first minister to supply the church was George Angierfield, of Massachusetts. He was followed by Mr. Foster. Then came Rev. Henry Lovell, the first regular pastor of the church. He pastored one hundred persons, and his congregation were numbered sixty-seven members. Mr. Lovell remained with the congregation four years. Tradition says that Mr. Lovell supplied the first converts in Newmarket's pond, selecting for that purpose one spot where the water was deeper than elsewhere. This spot was called the "hole," and in it the work of instruction was easy. In later years this church was neglected and now the spot is remembered chiefly by anglers, who frequent the run to secure from its clear waters the spotted trout which abound therein. But loving hearts have guarded the old "meeting-house," and it stands today a monument to its devout and generous builder. Services are regularly conducted therein, and descendants of those who lie buried in the old burial ground gather there on Sunday to kneel where their forefathers knelt, and offer their prayers to their Maker, even as their fore-ancestors did a century and a half ago. The pulpit of the church is now supplied by Rev. William Nichols.



LIST OF A CENTURY OF OUR EARLIEST BAPTIST CHURCHES IN THIS COUNTRY,  
AND THEIR FIRST PASTORS.

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Providence, R. I. - Roger Williams . . . . .	1639
First Church, Newport, R. I. - Dr. Joan Clark . . . . .	1644
Second Church, Newport, R. I. - Rev. W. Vaughan, . . . . .	1655
First Church, Swansea, Mass. - John Allen, . . . . .	1665
First Church, Boston, Mass. - Thomas Wain, 1670 May . . . . .	1665
Salem, Minn. . . . .	1668
Levanta Bay, Newport, R. I. . . . .	1671
South Kingston, R. I. . . . .	1680
Century, Mass. . . . .	1681
Quartermen, N. H. - Mr. Screeves, . . . . .	1688
John Spring, Bucks Co., Pa. - Miss. Wagoner . . . . .	1691
Riverton, N. Y. - John Foster Winslow, Societari, . . . . .	1695
Wilmington, N. J. - John Brown, . . . . .	1698
Connepeck, Pa. - Elias Wain, . . . . .	1699
Piscataway, N. J. - John Bruce . . . . .	1699
Coventry, N. J. - Miss. Williams (Wm) . . . . .	1699
Second Church, Newark, N.J. . . . .	1699
Christ's Vineyard, Philadelphia - Rev. Peter Miller, . . . . .	1699
First Church, Philadelphia, Pa. - John Foster, . . . . .	1699
First Church, Phila. - Rev. Wm. Smith . . . . .	1703
First Church, Brown, Penn. - Rev. William Dickinson, . . . . .	1703
Wilmington, N. J. . . . .	1703
Levanta Bay, Massachusetts, . . . . .	1707
Amherst, N. Y. . . . .	1708
Great Valley, Pa. - Rev. John Davis, . . . . .	1711
Cape May, N. J. - Rev. Nathaniel Jennings, . . . . .	1711
Burling, Isle of Kings Co., Va. - Rev. Robt. Worme, . . . . .	1714
Coventry, N. J. . . . .	1715
Amherst, Pa. . . . .	1715
Montgomery, Pa. - Rev. John Dickinson . . . . .	1719
Cyster Bay, Long Island, N. Y. - Rev. John Davis . . . . .	1724
Wilmington, N. J. . . . .	1725
Warwick, N. I. . . . .	1725
French Creek, Pa. . . . .	1725
Second Church, New London, Conn. - Rev. Stephen Burdett . . . . .	1725
Indian Town, Pa. . . . .	1725
Wareham, N. I. . . . .	1725
Swanton, Mass. - Rev. John Foster . . . . .	1725
Union, N. J. . . . .	1725
Burling, Mass. - Rev. John Davis . . . . .	1725
South Springfield, Mass. - (Rev. John Davis) . . . . .	1725
Walley River, N. C. - Rev. Isaac Chandler, . . . . .	1725
Wells River, N. C. - Rev. William James . . . . .	1725
Southampton, Conn. - (Parliament Church), Rev. John Burdett . . . . .	1725
Leicester, Mass. - Elder John Bruce . . . . .	1725
East Springfield, Mass. - Rev. George Spauld . . . . .	1725
Windsor, N. C. - Rev. John Partis . . . . .	1725
Chestnut Hill, (Waterbury) Baltimore, Md. Henry Lovell, . . . . .	1725

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A-D-D-E-E-D-A.

by

FRANCIS WALTER MACLAY,

1887.





A-D-D-E-N-D-A .

Descendants of

ISAAC WALKER,  
CAPT. THOMAS WALKER,  
JOSEPH WALKER.

Sons of Thomas Walker and Grandsons of Henry Sater.--

Thomas Walker received three patents in Baltimore Co., "Walker Paradise," 264 acres, 29th May, 1787; "Walker's Chance," 258 acres, 21st May, 1788; and "Walker's Discover," 273 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres, 17th April, 1793.

"As early as 1776, (when 'Walker's Paradise' was resurveyed,) as well as in 1786 and 1793, we find a Thomas, who was quite a large land holder, as the above patents show. In 1793, a deed for part of 'Walker's Paradise' to Richard Swings, mention said Thomas as a farmer. And again in 1797, a deed from Jno. Sater toward for Lot No. 618 to Thomas Walker of Baltimore City, as an Inn holder." -- Letter of Feb. 11th, 1896, Commissioner of Land Office of Maryland.

THE WALKER FAMILY.

Descendants of ISAAC WALKER, of New York City.

Seventh Generation.

Julia Haveneyer, daughter of Isaac Walker DeClay, (grandson of Isaac Walker), and Laura A. Haveneyer, of Yonkers, N. Y.; married 7th Jan., 1896, Charles Ward Hall, of New York City.

Eighth Generation

Their child:

Charles Ward Hall, Jr., born 4th Nov., 1896, is the youngest Sater descendant.



Descendants of SATER THOMAS WALKER; of Baltimore, Md.

Fifth Generation.

Mary Jane, daughter of Rev. Sater Thos. and Catherine Ann Walker; married 27th Sept., 1831, Benj. Jefferson Clark. He was born 23d Feb., 1808, and died 7th Sept., 1870. His widow died 6th Sept., 1884.

Sixth to ~~Ninth~~ Generation.

(Ninth)

Their children:

1. GEORGIANA ELIZABETH; born 27th Feb., 1833; married 5th Nov. 1846, Ben. Carrol Gerson; and died 3d Oct., 1865.
2. GENJ. JEFFERSON; born 14th April, 1837.
3. MARY JANE; born 15th Jan., 1835; married 6th Jan., 1856, Jos. H. Fuller.
4. CATHERINE ANN; born 26th May, 1839; died 21st Sept., 1840.
5. CATHERINE ANN WALKER; born 19th Jan., 1841; married 6th July, 1860, Benj. Franklin Auld, who was born 27th Dec., 1828.

Their Children:

- A. Hugh; born 5th Dec. 1861; married 13th Sept., 1886, Elizabeth B. Wood.

Their Children:

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| a. Ethel.  | c. Mattie    |
| b. Sessie, | d. Catherine |

- B. Ella Virginia; born 7th Sept., 1863; married 14th March, 1888, Harry A. Kenley.

Their Child:

- A. Edith Auld.

- C. Benjamin Franklin, Jr.; born 13th Jan., 1866; married 8th March, 1887, Ida Black.

Their children:

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| a. Franklin Decatur | b. Hugh. |
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D. Edward Wesley; born 3th Jan., 1868; married 27th July, 1891,  
Bertha A. Mc Daniels.

Their children:

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| a. Edward   | c. Naomi.      |
| b. Franklin | d. Wm. Hubert. |

E. Wilson Clark; born 13th Feb., 1871; died 3d July, 1872.

F. John Summerfield Deal; born 27th Feb., 1873; married 16th  
July, 1895, Rebecca Yane.

Their child:

a. John S. D., Jr.

G. Catherine Ann; born 10th July, 1875.

H. Wilson; born 5th Dec., 1877.

I. Annie Sophia Whitsen; born 6th Dec. 1880.

6. JOHN WESLEY; born 20th Jan., 1843.

7. ABEL KENNEDY CLAWNTON; born 25th Dec., 1844; died 27th  
April 1884.

8. PETER THOMAS WALKER; born 20th May, 1847; died 15th March, 1848.

9. MARY LAMPA; born 27th Jan., 1849; died 4th May, 1872.

10. CLARA; born 4th April, 1853; died 6th April, 1853.

(The above record is furnished by Mrs. Catherine Ann Walker Guld  
of Baltimore, Md., from the family bible of her mother.)

#### Fifth Generation.

Caroline Catherine, daughter of Rev. Peter Thos. Walker, married  
29th July, 1832, Wm. Thos. Bishop, son of Chas. Carroll Bishop, and  
grandson of Rev. Wm. Bishop of Maryland. The Bishop family were  
English settlers in Virginia during the colonial period.

Charles Carroll Bishop was born in Baltimore, Md., and was an  
officer in the war of 1812. Wm. Thos. Bishop died 5th Feb., 1865.  
His wife died 29th Sept., 1863.

#### Sixth to Ninth Generation.

1. ELIZA ANN.

2. CAROLINE WALKER; married 31 Nov., 1859, Jas. Adams Congdon  
of Harrisburg, Pa.



Their children:

1. Chas. Congdon; dec.
2. Alice Bishop; married J. E. Cooney, of Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Their children:

- a. Helen Congdon.
  - b. Jean Congdon
  - c. Caroline Bishop.
- C. William Bishop; dec.
  - D. Clement Hillman; married Naomi Julia Brodeaux, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Their child:

- a. Clem Congdon.
3. Sarah Whaland; dec.
  4. Wm. Dennis, M.D.; born 11th Nov. 1840; married 18th June, 1867,  
Emily Taylor Laning, who died 13th April, 1879.

Their child:

- A. Anne Laning; born 27th August, 1868; married 29th Oct., 1891,  
Jas. Dudley Humphrey, of Tonawanda, Pa.

Their child:

- a. Robert Laning; born 7th August, 1898.
5. JULIA.
  6. CHAS. HENRY; dec.
  7. JOHN; dec.
  8. JOHN HENRY; dec.
  9. An infant; dec.

(This record is furnished by Miss Julia Bishop of Harrisburg, Pa.)

Fifth Generation.

Catherine Ann, daughter of Rev. Sater Mos. Walker; married 20th  
Sept. 1843, Horace Hillingman.

Their child:

Blanche; dec.





Descendants of JOSHUA WALKER of

Baltimore, Md.

Sixth Generation.

- 1. EUGENE LEVERING; son of Eugene Levering and Ann Ester Walker, daughter of Joshua Walker; married 23d Jan., 1868, Mary E. daughter of Jas. D., and Mary Elizabeth Armstrong, of Baltimore, Md.  
Jas. D. Armstrong; born 7th Jan., 1806; died 20th Jan., 1862.

Seventh Generation.

Their children:

- a. Eugene, Jr.; born 13th July, 1869; married 14th Nov., 1896, Adelaide L., daughter of Hon. Jas. A. Gary, of Baltimore, Postmaster-General in Cabinet of President McKinley.
- b. Mary Armstrong; born 9th Feb., 1875.
- c. Ethel; born 10th June, 1878.
- 11. JOSHUA LEVERING, of Baltimore; married (first) 24th Nov. 1870, Martha W., daughter of Chas. W. Keyser. She died 16th May, 1888.

Seventh Generation.

Their children:

- A. Wilson W; born 16th Nov., 1872.
- B. Mary G.; born 23d Nov., 1875.
- C. Joshua, Jr.; born 4th May, 1878.
- D. Margaretta; born 11th July, 1879.
- E. Martha W.; born 16th May, 1881.
- F. Ernest; born 26th Sept., 1882.
- G. Louise Alexander; born 21st July, 1885.

Joshua Levering married (second) 23d March, 1892, Margaret J. Keyser, who died 27th August, 1899.

Note:-James Adams Congdon served as Capt. 14th and 16th Reg. Pa. Volunteers, during the late war; was Major and Col. of 12th Reg. Pa. Cavalry, and was brevet Maj.-Gen'l of Volunteers.



Note:- Dr. Wm. Mos. Bishop, of Harrisburg, Pa., was a private and officer in different Pennsylvania regiments during late war; graduated from the Medical College of Chicago, Ill., in 1879, and has practiced medicine in Harrisburg since then. He is a member of many scientific and medical societies, and has contributed to various medical journals. In 1866 he was president of the Harrisburg Pathological Society, and in 1888 of the Dauphin Co. Medical Society of his State. At present he is serving as president of the American Electro-Therapeutic Association, and is a member of most of the prominent medical organizations both National and State.

Note:- During the late presidential contest, Joshua Levering was the prohibition candidate for President of the U. S.

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THE FERGUSONS.

Three Generations of Ten make an Hundred Years. -- Herodotus.

WILLIAM FERGUSON was descended from Scotch ancestors, who came to America in the early part of the 17th century and settled in Virginia, but subsequently removed to Wilkes County, North Carolina. His two sons, Micajah and Miron, married two sisters, Frances and Elizabeth Isbell, who were descended from Henry Peter.

MICAJAH FERGUSON BRANCH.

Fifth Generation

MICAJAH FERGUSON married in Wilkes County, N. C., 25th September, 1808, Frances Isbell. They settled in 1816 in Wayne County, Indiana, three miles south of Milton.

He was born 15th of May, 1784, in Wilkes County, N. C., and died 29 of July, 1868. His widow died 23d of October, 1871.

Sixth to Ninth Generation

Children of Micajah and Frances (Isbell) Ferguson: of Wayne Co., Ind.

- 1. MARISSA; born 9th May, 1813; married 1st November, 1827, Joel Liatt; died 26th August, 1862, (Leavenworth County, Kansas.)

Their children:

- 1. Cornelia; born 1st August, 1831; married 19th April, 1849, John White Broadus, who died 9th January, 1862.

Their children:

- a. W. Liatt; born 25th July, 1850; married 20th November, 1865, Mary A. Morris; died 21st September, 1885.

Their children:

- Jesse Morris; born 23d September, 1863.
- John Willis; born 7th September, 1865.



- b. Joel; born 23 d July, 1853; died 19th December, 1879.
- c. Robert Louis; born 2d February, 1856; died 30th May, 1880.
- d. Andrew Shirley; born 2. th December, 1856; married (first) 21st March, 1886, Margaret Cunan, who died 4th March, 1888; married (second) 30th September, 1892, Eva S. Ellis.

Their children:

First marriage - Mina Lucille; born 14th February, 1894.  
Second marriage - Edith; born 9th December, 1893.

- e. Ezra Lovette; born 17th July, 1868; married 14th July, 1896, senj. F. Perry.

Their children:

Robert S.; born 6th August, 1896.  
Benjamin S.; born 20th June, 1899.  
Lovette; born 1st February, 1894.

- f. Hicajan; born 22d December, 183 ; died 23d May, 1889.
- g. Chas. Morse; born 23d February, 183 ; died 7th August, 1889.
- h. Morton Ferguson; born 25th September, 1840; married 22d November, 1863, Rebecca T. Wilson; died 4th October, 1874, (Kansas).

Their children:

- a. Mattie Elizabeth; born 1st February, 1863.
- b. Elsie Murphy; born 1st February, 1867.
- c. Jackson S.; born 14th September, 1869.
- d. Houston Isbell; born 6th July, 1873.

- i. Elizabeth Francis; born 5th April, 1843; married 14th September 1866, Fernando S. Buckley (Leavenworth County, Kansas.)

Their children:

- a. Mary Virginia; born 17th February, 1866.
- b. Edna; born 22nd February, 1868; died 2nd April, 1868.
- c. Andrew Eliot; born 1st April, 1873.
- d. Josephine Francis; born 2nd May, 1873.
- e. Donna C.; born 23d December, 1874; died 29th March, 1876.
- f. Savanna; born 24th August, 1875.
- g. F. C.; born 29th May, 1877; died 7th March, 1893.
- h. Genevieve; born 3rd January, 1886.





- F. Davenna Jane; born 15th August, 1848; married 23rd April, 1873,  
Alfred L. Stevens; died 4th April, 1877.

Their children:

- a. Alfred Lorette; born 8th December, 1874.  
b. Fred Gates; born 1st April 1876.

Their children:

- G. Mary; born 7th September, 1848; married 16th November, 1875,  
Wm. A. Cox (Chicago, Ill.)

- a. Matt; born 12th September, 1876.  
b. Rosa; born 18th November, 1878.  
c. Roy; born " " " " ; died, 14th July, 1879.  
d. Wm. V.; born 1st September, 1882.

- H. Joel; born 30th August, 1851; married 16th November, 1875,  
Flora S. Lee; died 13th September, 1879.

Their child:

Gertrude Lee.

- I. Hannah; born 17th July, 1813; married 8th October, 1838, Martha  
Hunt; died 3d November, 1871.

- J. LINVILL: born 17th August, 1815, in Wilkes Co., N. C.; married  
22nd November, 1838, Elizabeth M. Loder, daughter of John  
Loder and Isabel Sigland, who was born 1st July, 1820. Hon.  
Linville Ferguson is president of a bank in Cambridge and  
also president of the Bankers' Association, and a very prom-  
inent citizen of Milton, Ind.

Their children:

- A. Oliver; born 5th February, 1840; married (first) 30th September,  
1863, Martha F. Wallace, who died 13th March, 1866.

Their children:

- a. Mary Luella; born 1st March, 1865; married 20th December, 1882,  
O. L. Beeson.  
b. Josie Bell; born 1st September, 1866; married 7th December,  
1882, Moser Newman.

Their child:

Luella; born 22nd December, 1888.



- A. Oliver married (second) 23th July, 1860, Lucinda Dungan.
- B. Savannah; born 8th Feb., 1843; married 10th September, 1866, Lazarus Minger.

Their Children:

- a. Lorena M.; born 3th March, 1862; married 15th December, 1880, Phillip F. Weaver.

Their children:

- Blake; born 23th December, 1890.
- Edith; born 9th July, 1892.
- Laz. J.; born 19th March, 1894.

- b. Warren H.; born 20th February, 1878.
- c. Helen E.; born 1st October, 1879.

- C. Elser; born 30th January, 1845; died 19th May, 1897.
- D. Sam S.; born 28th August, 1859; married 3th September, 1875, Oliver Taornburg. (Wilton, Ind.)

Their children:

- a. Bertie; born 9th August, 1876; died 11th September, 1876.
- b. Oliver Ray; born 13th November, 1879.
- c. Linville Park; born 18th March, 1861.
- d. Eva Pearl; born 5th August, 1892.

- E. Charles; born 24th May, 1865; married 21st December, 1892, Eva Seeson. (Lentonville, Ind.)

Their children:

- a. Hazel; born 18th May, 1885.
- b. Linville Seeson; born 24th May, 1890.

4. SARAH; born 17th November, 1817; married (first) 23th February, 1836, Clayton Saxton, who died 8th October, 1837.

Their children:

- A. Leroy; born 18th August, 1837; married 1868 Ellen Donahue; died 11th November, 1891.



Their children:

- a. George; born 18th January, 1870.
- b. Salena Ruth; born 16th September, 1872.
- c. Mary Alice; born 14th July, 1876.
- d. Thomas Clayton; born 5th July, 1878.
- e. Innocence; born 28th December, 1880.

3. Theodore; born 22 December, 1833; married 25th May, 1886,  
Esther J. Linscott, (St. Clair, Kansas).

Their child:

Warren; born 25th August, 1891.

4. MARYA; married (second) 7th October, 1847, Joseph Salawell;  
she died 14th November, 1894.

Their children:

- A. Horace Finley; born 15th October, 1848, (Harrisburg, Ind.)
- B. Alice Francis; born 14th July, 1851; married 23d October, 1873,  
Homer A. Broadus; died 6th October, 1886.

Their children:

- a. Flora C.; born 25th August, 1874.
- b. Daniel W.; born 1st June, 1876.
- c. Mary J.; born 20th March, 1879.
- d. Joseph W.; born 1st August, 1884; died 3d May, 1886.

5. SARAHAN; born 23d February, 1821; married 22d October, 1840,  
Isaac B. Loder; she died 13th December, 1890.

Their children:

- A. Louisa; born 9th August, 1841; married 18th October, 1859,  
Daniel S. Canaday (Lewisville, Henry Co., Ind.)

Their child:

- a. Clara Belle; born 9th July, 1862; married 14th October, 1884,  
Albert Mc Rivaine.

Their child:

Lucille; born 5th April, 1891.



8. Benjamin F.; born 18th January, 1844. Served in the 3d Indiana Cavalry during the Civil War, and was in the battles of Gettysburg, Antietam and Beverly Ford, being one of the number that went through the stone bridge at Antietam. Killed 22d September, 1863, in Virginia, in the Union army.

9. Olive Belle; born 25th October, 1848; married 1st January, 1867, Augustus Glidden; died 8th February, 1898.

Their child:

a. Fossie B.; born 5th November, 1868; married November, 1897, George Hall; died 3d October, 1898.

Their children:

Gusta; born 16th June, 1888.

Mary; born 30th July, 1893.

6. LEVINSTON; born 28th May, 1823; married (first) 24th December, 1843, Elizabeth Billiland, who died 29th March, 1861. (Milton, Ind.).

Their children:

a. John James; born 8th April, 1846; married 2nd September, 1878, Flora Huddleston.

Their children:

a. Harry Leroy; born 17th August, 1873; died 15th October, 1892.

b. Alice Elizabeth; born 3d July, 1875.

c. Ada; born 18th December, 1878.

d. Ina; born 28th July, 1883.

7. Wm. Finley; born 2nd April, 1849; married 12th September, 1872, Emma Wilson.

Their child:

a. Daisy Olive; born 30th August, 1873; married 20th July, 1893, Wm. W. Mc Daniel.

Their child:

Robert Dale; born 29th October, 1895.





- C. Horton Jesse; born 14th February, 1855.
- D. Albert; born 28th January, 1857; married 20th October, 1881,  
Ada Wilson.

Their child:

- a. Ada; born 6th October, 1883.

- 6. Livingston married (second) October 1st, 1865,  
Ursula F. Carver. He died 20th September, 1877.

Their child:

- 7. Mary L; born 6th February, 1874; married 1st June, 1892,  
Fred M. Sizelove (Bentonville, Ind.)

Their child:

- a. Dennis Livingston; born 11th February, 1893.

- 7. FINEY; born 20th September, 1825; married (first) December,  
1849, Laura Biwell, who died 12th March, 1888 (Valley Falls,  
Kansas).

Their children:

- 1. Walter; born 11th October, 1855; married 15th March, 1874,  
Henrietta Henderson.

Their children:

- a. Foscoe; born 13th July, 1875.
- b. Pearl; born 20th October, 1880.
- c. James; born 18th December, 1883.
- d. Earl; born 26th January, 1890.
- e. Albert; born 27th June, 1894.

- B. Ellen; born 17th February, 1843; married 15th November, 1876,  
W. B. Clancy (Indianapolis, Ind.)

Their child:

- a. Leslie Dale; born 6th November, 1877.



7. Finley married (second) October, 1860, Ann Arstean.

Their children:

1. Fannie; born 27th April, 1862; died 2nd April, 1886.
2. Cora A.; born 17th June, 1865; married 28th February, 1883,  
C. L. Conser.

Their children:

- a. May; born 20th May, 1883.
  - b. Myrtle; born 2nd November, 1887.
1. Arstean; born 15th August, 1868; died 16th December, 1868.
  2. Bertha; born 20th December, 1872; married 18th October, 1891,  
W. M. Sinks (Boydin, Iowa.)

Their child:

- a. Henry; born 17th April, 1893.
  - E. Robert; born 12th August, 1874.
8. STANFORD; born 23rd May, 1828; died 25th February, 1823.
  9. MILLS; born East Garden, 1831; married 13th January, 1859,  
Bertha J. Sinks.

Their child:

- a. Walter Sinks; born 13th October, 1859; married 11th November,  
1882, Louise A. Veau (Indianapolis, Ind.)
  10. JANE; born 13th March, 1835; died 6th December, 1841.
  11. OLIVE; born 21st May, 1836; died 28th February, 1864.
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WILSON FERGUSON BRANCH.

Fifth Generation.

WILSON, son of Thomas Ferguson, was born in Wilkes County, N. C., 2nd of August, 1769, and was a brother of Micajah and Joel.

Wilson and Joel went to Wayne County, Indiana, in 1809, and after exploring a twelve mile purchase of unsurveyed land, returned to North Carolina.

In 1812 he revisited Indiana, bought and commenced clearing 300 acres, and in 1817 built the second brick house in Wayne County.

He went back to Wilkes County, N. C., and married, 11th of October, 1818, Elizabeth Isbell. They moved the same fall to four miles south of Milton, Wayne County, Ind.

They were old school Baptists.

He died 18th of August, 1868.

Elizabeth, his wife, born 18th of November, 1796; deceased 18th of July, 1862.

Sixth to Ninth Generation.

Children of Wilson and Elizabeth (Isbell) Ferguson; of Wayne Co., Ind.:

1. THOMAS, LEWIS, born 18th October, 1813; married 8th of August, 1848, Mary Jane Lewis; deceased 23d of May, 1881.

Their children:

- A. Levi, born 23d of May, 1850; deceased 21st of October, 1889.
- B. Cass, S., born 27th of June, 1855; deceased 13th of October, 1889.
- C. Ida Elizabeth, born 28th of October, 1861; married 29th of September, 1880, Lycourus W. Deason.

Their children:

- a. Post. Lee, born 4th of August, 1881.

2. WILSON, born 1st of March, 1821; married 18th of July, 1850, Mary Jane Manley, (of Carson, Pottowattamy County, Iowa.); died 1st March, 1886.

Their children:

Two sons and a daughter.



3. JULY ELIHA, born 17th of December, 1822, married 6th of November, 1853, Dawson J. Wilcox; deceased 10th of October, 1867.

Their children:

4. Infant son, born 6th of September, 1854; died 10th of September, 1854.
5. Eliza J., born 19th of April, 1856; died 24th of March, 1867.
3. John Marvin, born 9th of May, 1858; married 15th of December, 1880, Melinda A. Swine; died 3d of April, 1893. (Cabasa County, Indiana.)

Their child:

Oron Lee, born 1st of November, 1881.

4. Lewis Ferguson, born 1st of May, 1860; married 18th of January, 1882, Catherine Baker (Indianapolis, Ind.)
5. Ransom Jones, born 10th of October, 1863; died 1864.
4. VERA, born 11th of October, 1864; married 12th of February, 1880, Wm. Wallace; died 1st of November, 1882. (Cabasa County, Ind.)

Their children:

4. Jack Milton, born 13th of April, 1861; died 12th of Oct., 1880.
3. Chas. Rihard, born 1st of May, 1864; married 23rd of December, 1876, Lilly Stone.

Their children:

- a. Grace Marie, born 23d November, 1877.
- b. Lawrence Lee, born 25th of October, 1880.
- c. Et. Austin, born 19th of November, 1882.

5. JOHN SYCLIFFE, born 26th of August, 1826. (Milton, Ind.)
6. WILHELMY A., born 23d of April 1851; married 11th of December, 1880, Elizabeth Londeucack, (Alquins, Fayette Co., Ind.)

Their children:

4. Missouri Bell, born 3th of November, 1861; married 27th of August, 1883, Steve Newland.

Their children:

- a. Ben Grace, born 10th of March, 1894.
- b. Orion E. S., born 17th of May, 1895.





- B. Cass. Oser, born first of April, 1864; married 11th of September, 1898, Elia Visterington.

Their child:

- a. Willia Roth, born 25th of May, 1907.

- C. Mary Charlotte, born 27th of May, 1865; married 11th of September, 1895, Frank Sander.

Their child:

- a. Justus Joseph, born 18th of June, 1898.

- D. Laura Grace, born 19th of May, 1878.

7. CAROLAN, born 2d of January, 1837 (Milton, Ind.)

8. CAROLINA, born 6th of March, 1832; married 25th of December, 1857, Wm. Carver; died 5th of May, 1877.

Their children:

- A. Nimrod, born 3d of September, 1859; married 12th of December, 1881, Angeline A. Wilson, (of Alexandria, Madison Co., Ind.)

Their children:

- a. Christian Lee, born 2d of April, 1883.  
b. Lisa, born 12th of July, 1884.  
c. Libeth, born 12th of November, 1885; died 12th of April, 1888.

- B. Levi, born 10th of July, 1861; married 8th of December, 1891, Josie Mc Gowen, (Alexandria, Madison County, Ind.)

Their child:

- a. Ethel, born 11th of December, 1892.  
Levi married (second) 2nd of January, 1898, Annie Hopkins.

Their children:

- a. Burn, born 22d of August, 1890.  
b. Myrie, born 16th of July, 1892.



- C. Emily, born 13th of October, 1855; died 13th of August, 1888.
- D. Vina, born 14th September, 1858; married 11th March, 1883, Wm. F. Wilson, (Alexandria, Ind.)

Their children:

- a. Maria, born 29th of December, 1894; died 18th of March, 1898.
- B. William, born 8th of June, 1874.
- 9. James W., born 23d of March, 1884; married 2d of February, 1904, Catherine L. Hall, (Dayton, Ohio.)
- 10. FANNY CATHERINE, born 14th of March, 1886; married 6th of February, 1907, Jas. J. Swafford, (Hilton, Ind.)

Their children:

- A. Flora Alpharetta, born 31st of March, 1888, married 12th of September, 1918, Simon Mc Donaha, (Centerville, Ind.)

Their children:

- a. Carl E., born 8th of November, 1881.
- b. Elmer E., born 21 of August, 1883.
- 11. DIANE MARION SWAFFORD, born 7th of August, 1886; married 5th of April, 1909, Catharine F. Lair; died 15th of July, 1977.

Their children:

- A. Geo. Wm. born 11th of August, 1881; died 7th of February, 1937.
- B. Chas. Wm., born 18th of March, 1883.
- C. Edna Ferguson, born 8th of July, 1886; married 5th of December, 1898, Chas. C. Hall, (Indianapolis, Ind.)

Their children:

- a. Ruth Maria, born 20th of August, 1889.
- b. Catharine Lair, born 15th of January, 1893.
- c. Emma Kate, born 21st of August, 1871.

(The above records have been contributed by Mrs. Sarah J. Ferguson Swafford of Hilton, Indiana.)



THE DYER BRANCH

Fourth Generation.

Rebecca, daughter of Benjamin and Prudence (Pater) Howard, married in the year 1797, Caleb Dyer, who was born 18th of February, 1778, and died in 1834.

Fifth Generation.

Children of Caleb and Rebecca (Howard) Dyer, of Milkes County, N. C.

1. BENJAMIN; born 1st of October, 1796; married Miss Foye and died in 1834, (Crawford Co., Arkansas.)
2. ELIASH; born 1st September, 1800; married Polly Townsly in East Tennessee; moved to Arkansas in 1854. He died 14th February, 1881. They had eleven children.
3. BETSY; born 22d October, 1802; married William Hooney and had three children. Died in 1832.
4. GEORGE WALTER; born 3th October, 1804; married and had four children. Died in Crawford Co., Arkansas, in 1880.
5. JOEL; born 20th January, 1807; married Miss Talington and died in 1862.
6. CALVIN, JR.; born 11th March, 1809; died 1834.
7. MARY ANN; born 12th February, 1811; married (first) Lee, (second) Leach, died in 1867. Left four children.
8. POLLY L.; born 19th February, 1813; married Jas. Mc Collock, raised four children, and died 1884, at Cane Hill, Washington County, Arkansas.
9. MARGOL MITA; born 26th December, 1814; married in 1835 Green L. Harrison, of Athens, Tenn., who died in 1894.

Sixth Generation.

Children of Eliash and Polly (Townsly) Dyer:

1. JAMES MARION; born 19th January, 1823; died in infancy.
2. JOEL MAYER; born 19th November, 1826; married 20th March, 1863, Leora Caroline Townsly, who was born 4th October, 1821.



3. MARGARET CARROLL; born Miss August, 1833; died in infancy.
4. MARY SMITH; born 30th March, 1836; married T. W. Reid and died 24th September, 1894.

Their children:

Cornelius Howard.  
Margaret.  
Laura.  
Gildoria.

5. MARY WINGBOLT; born February, 1838; died in infancy.
6. GEORGE WINGBOLT; born 12th July, 1838; died in infancy.
7. FRANCIS WINGBOLT; born 15th November, 1838; married 15th November, 1876, F. Ann Hannah.

Their children:

Sidney.  
Walter.  
Clivia Adeline.  
Emily.  
Caroline.  
Le Roy.  
Virginia Alice.

8. JEREMIAH WINGBOLT; born 24th December, 1837; died in infancy.
9. ELIZABETH WINGBOLT; born 30th March, 1840.
10. WILLIAM WINGBOLT; born 30th March, 1842; married Rebecca Saggett.
11. FRANCES WINGBOLT; born 16th July, 1844; married in 1866, John T. Parks.

#### Seventh Generation.

Children of Joel Water and Laura D. (Townsend) Eyer, of Prairie Grove, Ark.:

1. MARY WINGBOLT; born 6th January, 1858; married 9th October, 1875, Nelson Snyder; died 15th March, 1901, leaving three children.
2. LINDSEY WINGBOLT; born 27th May, 1858.
3. SALVIA WINGBOLT; born 14th July, 1858. Graduated from the University of Arkansas and is Professor of English in State College of Florida at Tallahassee.
4. MARY WINGBOLT; born 11th March, 1861.





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