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Descendants

OF

PETER BURKET,

LATE OF SINKING VALLEY, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNA.,

WHO DIED JANUARY 20, 1867.

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PETER BURKET

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DESCENDANTS.

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The Burket Farm, Sinking Valley, Blair County, Pennsylvania, 1897.

PREFACE.

Sometime since, at a family re-union, held at the home of Col. Ephraim Burket, on the old homestead farm, in Sinking Valley, Blair county, Pennsylvania, the subject of the history of the Burket family, and the descendants of Peter Burket, deceased, was discussed.

It appeared that no history of the Burket family was known to exist, and that no complete record of the descendants of Peter Burket was in the possession of any of the members of his family. It was thought best to endeavor to complete a record of the latter, and steps were taken to that end.

The work has proven much more difficult than was anticipated, and has, therefore, taken a much longer time than it was thought possible.

It is believed the information given is correct, and is likewise as complete as it was possible to obtain it. Should there be any errors or omissions, they have been unintentional, and I will be glad to be advised of them in order that the proper corrections may be made.

The blank pages are intended to be used in completing the further family history as it may become necessary.

T. B. PATTON.

Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, December 22, 1897.

PURCHASE OF THE BURKET FARM.

On April 16th, 1793, John Penn the younger, and John Penn the elder, by their attorney Anthony Butler, sold to James Stuart 375 acres and 39 perches of land located in Tyrone township, county of Huntingdon (afterwards Blair county) State of Pennsylvania (being part of the late proprietaries manor of Sinking Valley) for 370 pounds, 12 shillings and 1 penny current money of Pennsylvania in specie, in addition to which, said James Stuart was to pay a quit rent of one (1) peppercorn on the first day of March of each and every year thereafter, forever if demanded.

The deed of conveyance for this land is recorded in Huntingdon county, in deed book D, page 117, June 16th, 1793.

On March 19th, 1802, the said James Stuart, of Mt. Joy township, county of Adams, State of Pennsylvania, and Elizabeth his wife, sold to Peter Burgart of Manhime township, in York county, Pennsylvania, the above referred to 375 acres and 39 perches of land, for 2000 pounds, lawful money of Pennsylvania; the deed of conveyance to Peter Burgart is recorded in Huntingdon county, deed book H, page 535, July 31st, 1802; A. Henderson being the Recorder.

The tract of land above referred to includes the Burket farm, which has now been in the possession of the Burket family for almost a century and is located in Sinking Valley, Tyrone township, Blair county, Pennsylvania. The title for the land of the Burket farm, included in the above tract, passed from Peter Burket, Sr., to his son Peter Burket, and from his estate into the hands of the latter's son Ephraim Burket, who still resides on the old homestead.

THE BURKET FAMILY.

There seems to be no records in the possession of any of the Burket family giving any history as to the antecedents of Peter Burgart, Sr.

Peter Burgart, Sr., was born June 25th, 1766, and was a farmer residing in Manhime township, York county, Pennsylvania. He married Elizabeth Harnish of the same county, who was born about 1767; the date of their marriage is unknown. They removed to Sinking Valley about 1802. Peter Burgart died July 19th, 1823, aged 57 years, and his wife Elizabeth died May 6th, 1841, aged 74 years. They are both now buried in the Lutheran cemetery in Sinking Valley, although they were at first buried in the cemetery on the homestead farm.

To them were born the following children, although the members of this family are not mentioned in the order of their birth, and some corrections may be necessary in order to make this part of the record complete. Their children were:

Jacob Burket, of Brookville, Pa., the father of Dr. G. W. Burket, of Tyrone, born July 28th, 1789, and died July 26th, 1880.

Peggie, wife of Abraham Good, of Smicksburg, Indiana county, Pennsylvania.

Sallie, wife of David or George Mong, of Clarion, Pennsylvania, died November, 1881.

Peter Burket, born January 17th, 1793, and lived for many years on the homestead farm in Sinking Valley, where he died January 20th, 1867.

Samuel Burket, of Tuckahoe Valley, who lived near Fostoria, Pennsylvania.

Barbara, wife of George Crane, of Missouri.

Nancy, wife of John Spanogle, Warriorsmark, Pennsylvania.

John Burket, of Warriorsmark, Pennsylvania.

David Burket, of Shirleysburg, Pennsylvania.

DESCENDANTS OF PETER BURKET.—(2ND.)

Taking up the history of Peter Burket, the son of Peter Burgart, Sr., who was born near Hanover, in York county, Pennsylvania, January 17th, 1793, and who, as far as is known, came to Sinking Valley about the year 1802. He was married January 11th, 1816, to Mary Fleck the daughter of George Fleck, and a sister of David and Henry Fleck, of Sinking Valley, who was born in the year 1797. One child, George Fleck Burket, was born to them on May 7th, 1817. Mary Fleck Burket, the first wife of Peter Burket, died one week after the birth of her son George, on May 14th, 1817, in the 20th year of her age, and is buried in the Sinking Valley Lutheran cemetery.

SECOND MARRIAGE.

Peter Burket was married the second time on April 23rd, 1818, to Barbara Neff, of near Petersburg, Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, who was born November 19th, 1795, and died March 19th, 1833, aged 37 years, and is buried in the Sinking Valley Lutheran cemetery. Barbara Neff was a daughter of Jacob and Barbara Neff (Barbara Kauffman before marriage). Jacob Neff died July 13th, 1834; his ancestors came to Pennsylvania from Switzerland in the days of William Penn. He came from Lancaster county about 1786. His wife Barbara Neff died September 21st, 1822.

The following children were born to Peter Burket and wife by his second marriage :

John Neff Burket, December 8th, 1818.

Peter Burket, December 5th, 1820.

Jacob Neff Burket, October 19th, 1823.

Mary Burket, November 1st, 1825.

Henry Fleck Burket, September 15th, 1827.

Ephraim Burket, February 7th, 1830.

Benjamin Burket, June 19th, 1832, who died May 4th, 1840, and is buried in the Sinking Valley Lutheran cemetery.

THIRD MARRIAGE.

Peter Burket was married the third time November 28th, 1833, to Catharine Keller, of Canoe Valley, Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, who was born April 10th, 1791; she was a daughter of Michael and Mary Keller (Mary Cummer before marriage) who came from near Reading, Pennsylvania, in 1807. One son was born to this marriage, David Keller Burket, October 18th, 1834, who died at the old homestead September 25th, 1853, and is buried in the Sinking Valley Lutheran cemetery.

DEATH OF PETER BURKET AND WIFE.

Peter Burket died January 20th, 1867, aged 74 years and 3 days. His third wife, Catharine Keller Burket, died April 17th, 1872, aged 81 years and 7 days; both are now buried in the Sinking Valley Lutheran cemetery, although both were at the time of their death buried in the family burying ground on the farm. In August, 1893, their remains together with those of all other persons buried there were removed and buried in the cemetery named.

CHILDREN OF PETER BURKET.

BY FIRST MARRIAGE.

(1) George Fleck Burket, born May 7th, 1817, died at Tipton, Iowa, at 2 o'clock p. m., December 23rd, 1891, aged 74 years; he married Catharine Spitler, of Warriorsmark, born October 16th, 1813, and died at 10 o'clock a. m., December 23rd, 1891, four hours previous to the death of her husband, aged 78 years. Five children were born to them, information relative to which will be found under the head of "Family Histories of Children of George and Catharine Burket."

BY SECOND MARRIAGE.

(2) John Neff Burket, born December 8th, 1818, died near Dixon, Illinois, January 3rd, 1865. He married Mary,

a daughter of Henry Fleck, of Sinking Valley, and no record has been furnished as to the time of her death. They removed to Illinois. Eleven children were born to them.

(3) Peter Burket, born December 5th, 1820, died at Tipton, Iowa, September 14th, 1874, aged 53 years, and was buried in Inland cemetery, Cedar county, Iowa. He was married to Elizabeth Eberle, at Shavers' Creek, Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, January 15th, 1852. She was born March 22nd, 1823, in Petersburg, Huntingdon county, and died at her home in Tipton, Iowa, after a year's illness, June 9th, 1881, aged 58 years, and is buried in Inland cemetery, Cedar county, Iowa. Six children were born to this marriage.

(4) Jacob Neff Burket, born October 19th, 1823, died at Washington, D. C., February 28th, 1883, and is buried at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Was married in Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, May 27th, 1845, by Rev. John N. Hoffman, to Mary A. Chritzman, of Gettysburg, who was born April 20th, 1824, and who resides at Washington, D. C. Ten children were born to this marriage.

(5) Mary Burket, born November 1st, 1825, died at Altoona, Pennsylvania, March 28th, 1856, aged 30 years, and is buried in the Sinking Valley Lutheran cemetery; she was married June 10th, 1845, to George W. Patton, of Sinking Valley, who was born in Woodcock Valley, Walker township, Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, September 6th, 1817, and who died in Philadelphia, March 7th, 1882, aged 62 years, and is buried in Fairview cemetery, Altoona, Pennsylvania. Three children were born to this marriage. After the death of Mary Burket, George W. Patton was married a second time, December 19th, 1861, to Emma J. Hawkesworth, daughter of George and Susan Hawkesworth, of Altoona, Pennsylvania, who was born at Lebanon, Pennsylvania, August 24th, 1834. Two children were born to this marriage. Mrs. Emma J. Patton resides at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

(6) Henry Fleck Burket, born September 15th, 1827,

still resides in Illinois; on July 18th, 1848, he was married to Mary Jane Crawford, a daughter of Armstrong Crawford, of Sinking Valley, who was born June 18th, 1830. Ten children were born to this marriage.

(7) Colonel Ephraim Burket, born February 7th, 1830, is still living on the homestead farm; he was married October 27th, 1857, to Mary Harnish, a daughter of Samuel and Susanna Harnish, of Canoe Valley, Huntingdon county, who was born March 28th, 1835. Six children were born to this marriage. He served during the war as a Lieutenant in the 116th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

(8) Benjamin Burket, born June 19th, 1832, died on May 4th, 1840, and is buried in the Sinking Valley Lutheran cemetery.

BY THIRD MARRIAGE.

(9) David Keller Burket, born October 18th, 1834, died on September 25th, 1853, and is buried in the Sinking Valley Lutheran cemetery.

FAMILY HISTORIES.

CHILDREN OF GEO. AND CATHARINE BURKET.

(1) John M. Burket, born September 30th, 1842, married Louise W. Carey; have two children: George C. Burket, age 23 years, and Marie E. Burket, age 17 years. The family reside at Tipton, Iowa.

(2) George W. Burket, died December 29th, 1873, age 29 years.

(3) Susanna Burket, died December 25th, 1875, age 28 years; was married to L. F. Whitney, of Nebraska, and had two children: George and Addie Whitney.

(4) Mary Amanda Burket, died December 23rd, 1872, aged 23 years; was married to N. C. Foy; had no children.

(5) Alice C. Burket, died June 12th, 1881, aged 27 years; was married to J. M. Downing, had one daughter: Minnie Downing, married to a Mr. Miller.

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND MARY BURKET.

(1) Mary Fannie Burket, born May 28th, 1840, and died 1897; married James Stewart, formerly of Dixon, Illinois. The family reside at Peabody, Kansas. They have one son, Charles Edward.

(2) Lewis Henry Burket, born November 26th, 1841, married to Emma Meade, now residing in California.

(3) Mahlon P. Burket, born in Sinking Valley, October 31st, 1843, married Mary E. Woy, of Somerset, Pennsylvania, March 24th, 1878, and have the following children:

John Willis Burket, born December 24th, 1878, at Dixon, Illinois.

Edward Roseoc Burket, born August 2nd, 1880, at Dixon, Illinois.

Hazel Elizabeth Burket, born August 8th, 1883, at Dixon, Illinois.

Mary Pearle Burket, Born September 15th, 1888, at Somerset, Pennsylvania.

Laura Crystal Burket, born November 27th, 1890, at Somerset, Pennsylvania.

(4) Eliza Fleck Burket, who is dead.

(5) Eyster Fleck Burket who is dead.

(6) Elizabeth Jane Burket, married to Joseph Court-right, residing at Shenandoah, Iowa, and have the following children :

Mollie Josephine, Fannie Ferron, Kate Grace, Maud Burket, Josie Blanch, and Luther Joseph, who is dead.

(7) Catharine A. Burket, born October 6th, 1851, married to Nathan A. Courtright of Dixon, Illinois. Their children are : John Weber, Charles Nathan, Shelley Miller, Nellie Burket, Clyde Clifford, and Jennie.

(8) John Howard Burket, born March 28th, 1853, married to Annie Courtright ; their children are Mary Olive Burket, Annie Nettie Burket, and Andrew Luther Burket.

(9) Calvin Miller Burket, born May 1st, 1855, married Lila Code, reside at Crete, Nebraska. Their children are : Harry Burket, Mary Frances Burket, and Margaret Burket.

(10) David Edward Burket, born August 15th, 1858, married to Alice Lindeman, of Dixon, Illinois. They have one son, Glen Gilbert Burket.

(11) Luther Ellsworth Burket, married to Ida Lindeman, of Dixon, Illinois. They have one son whose name has not been furnished.

CHILDREN OF PETER AND ELIZABETH BURKET.

In the Spring of 1852, Peter and Elizabeth Burket moved to Lee county, Illinois, and located on a farm four miles southeast of Dixon. In the Spring of 1873, they moved to Tipton, Cedar county, Iowa. Their children were as follows :

(1) Warren Hewitt Burket, born April 19th, 1853, died October 9th, 1854, is buried in Fleck graveyard, Lee county, Illinois.

(2) Winfield Worth Burket, born March 8th, 1855, died September 7th, 1864, aged 9 years, 8 months and 29 days, is buried in Fleck graveyard, Lee county, Illinois.

(3) John Eberle Burket, born August 23rd, 1856, in Lee county, Illinois, married Julia Escher, daughter of John and Freidreka Escher, of near Tipton, Iowa, May 27th, 1884. At present he is located at Paso Robles, California, and is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business. They have two children, the elder a son, Harold Escher Burket, born November 11th, 1891, at Pierce, Nebraska; the second a daughter, Emma Elizabeth Burket, born October 12th, 1895, in Paso Robles, California.

(4) Homer Kauffman Burket, born May 19th, 1858, in Lee county, Illinois, married to Ella Viva Gibson, daughter of Rev. Josiah Gibson, D. D., and Elviva Gibson, on May 19th, 1885, at Creston, Iowa. At present they are located at Lincoln, Nebraska, where he holds the position of Treasurer in the Nebraska Central Building and Loan Association. They have two children, the elder a son, John Gibson Burket, born February 16th, 1886, at Creston, Iowa. The daughter, Ethel Burket, born March 4th, 1888, at Creston, Iowa.

(5) Anna Amelia Burket, born February 5th, 1861, in Lee county, Illinois, married Benjamin Lindsay, at Pierce, Nebraska, May 4th, 1886, where they still live, her husband being engaged in the practice of law. They have one child,

Benjamin John Lindsay, born March 28th, 1889, at Pierce, Nebraska.

(6) Theodore Neff Burket, born March 17th, 1863, in Lee county, Illinois, was married to Fannie Rose Streeter, daughter of A. J., and Susan Streeter, of New Windsor, Illinois. They reside at Lincoln, Nebraska, where he holds the position of Vice-President in the Nebraska Central Building and Loan Association.

CHILDREN OF JACOB N. AND MARY BURKET.

(1) Luther Excelsior Burket, born September 25th, 1847, at Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, now residing at Washington, D. C.

(2) Alice May Burket, married at Washington, D. C., December 18th, 1878 to Joseph M. Garvin, of Williamsburg, Pennsylvania, at which place they now reside. Their children are William M. Garvin, Luther B. Garvin, and Mary Kate Garvin, the latter deceased.

(3) Neander Keller Burket, married Lizzie Herbert, of Washington, D. C. Their children are Herbert Burket, deceased, May Burket, married to Mr. De Young, they have one child, Joseph De Young, Katharine Burket, deceased, Lulu Burket, deceased, Clara Burket, Bessie Burket, and Keller Burket, Jr. The family reside at St. Louis, Missouri.

(4) Sarah Catharine Burket, died July 14th, 1855.

(5) Sallie May Burket, married to Mortimer Clarke, of Washington, D. C. Their children are Mortimer Clarke, Jr., and Augusta Clarke.

(6) Joseph Ulrich Burket, married at Washington, D. C., to Francis Rhees, they have one daughter, Frances Rhees Burket.

(7) Mary Lulu Burket.

(8) Lincoln W. Burket, married to Emma Rodier, of Washington, D. C. Their children are Ray Burket, Everett Burket, Lulu Burket, Lillian Burket, and Eddie Burket, deceased.

(9) Lizzie Burket.

(10) Edward P. Burket, married Eleanore F. Baden, of Washington, D. C.

CHILDREN OF MARY BURKET, MARRIED TO GEORGE W. PATTON.

(1) Theodore Blair Patton, born at Blair Furnace, Blair county, Pennsylvania, May 6th, 1847, married March 9th, 1871, to Sue L. Ramey, daughter of David K. and Catharine Ramey, of Altoona, Pennsylvania, formerly of Sinking Valley, who was born October 16th, 1848. He is now General Superintendent of Pennsylvania Industrial Reformatory, at Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. Children by this marriage: David Ramey Patton, born November 10th, 1872, and Frank Blair Patton, born July 31st, 1879.

(2) William Augustus Patton, born at Union Furnace, Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, October 21st, 1849, married December 13th, 1876, to Katharine J. Linn, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, daughter of John A. Linn, formerly of Landisburg Perry county, Pennsylvania, who was born February 10th, 1853. He is now Assistant to the President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and Vice-President of the New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Railroad Company and resides at Radnor, Pennsylvania. They have one son, John Linn Patton, born October 13th, 1883.

(3) John Howard Patton, born at Union Furnace, Pennsylvania, July 29th, 1851, married April 16th, 1880, at Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, to Louise Cunningham, who died at Altoona, November 24th, 1882, and is buried at Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania. One son was born, Howard Cunningham Patton, February 14th, 1881. John Howard Patton was married a second time, May 17th, 1888, to Jessie R. Geiger, daughter of Hon. Levi and Rosalinda Geiger, of Urbana, Ohio. He resides at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and is Superintendent of the Claridge Coal Company, and President of the Atlantic Coal and Coke Company, of the same place.

As previously stated, after the death of Mary Burket, which occurred March 28th, 1856, George W. Patton was

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married a second time, December 19th, 1861, to Emma J. Hawkesworth, daughter of George and Susan Hawkesworth, of Altoona, Pennsylvania, who was born at Lebanon, Pennsylvania, August 24th, 1834. To this marriage there were born two children:

(1) Mary Virginia Patton, born at Altoona, Pennsylvania, November 3rd, 1865, and was married to Harold A. Freeman, of Philadelphia, January 23^d, 1890, and who have one son, Clarence Patton Freeman, born July 29th, 1892.

(2) Margaret Murray Patton, born at Altoona, July 3rd, 1870, and who died in Philadelphia, December 15th, 1889, and is buried in Fairview Cemetery, at Altoona, Pennsylvania.

George W. Patton, after being engaged in business at Blair and Union Furnaces, removed to Altoona, in 1853, and was chosen the first Chief Burgess of that borough, in 1854. In 1861 he was appointed Post Master of Altoona and served eight years in that position. In 1871 he was elected Associate Judge for Blair county, for a term of five years. Subsequently he removed to Philadelphia, where he died March 7th, 1882.

CHILDREN OF HENRY F. AND MARY JANE BURKET.

(1) Blair Crawford Burket, born October 5th, 1850, married to Cinda Smothers, and residing at Lincoln, Nebraska. Their children are: Grace Burket, Nellie Burket, Wilbur Burket, Ray Burket, and Mary Burket.

(2) Maggie Catharine Burket, born February 15th, 1852, married to Oscar Smith, and residing at Nachusa, Illinois. Their children are: Mable, Walter Lee, and Herald Smith.

(3) Ephraim Lee Burket, born August 30th, 1853, married to Lida Williamson, and residing at Goehner, Nebraska. Their children are: Warren Henry Burket, Mable Burket, deceased, and Alice Burket.

(4) Mary Ellen Burket, born November 29th, 1856, married to James Gitt; their children are: William, Orr, Frederick, Floyd, Mary, Lee, Halle, John, and Minnie Gitt.

(5) Mark Herbert Burket, born May 2nd, 1859, residing at Franklin Grove, Illinois.

(6) Sarah Frances Burket, born November 13th, 1861, married to George Faxton, residing at Lanham, Nebraska, their children are: Mary, John deceased, and a son whose name has not been furnished.

(7) Armstrong Orr Burket, born December 29th, 1863, married to Ora Fetterman, residing at Lanham, Nebraska. Their children are: George Crawford Burket, Hazel Burket, and a daughter whose name has not been furnished.

(8) Ida May Burket, born November 8th, 1866, married to George Calhoun. They have one daughter, Blanche Calhoun.

(9 & 10) Harry Winn Burket, and Lizzie Nell Burket (twins) born April 29th, 1870. Lizzie Nell Burket, died September 3rd, 1873. Harry Winn Burket resides at Franklin Grove, Illinois.



The Burket Homestead, Showing Re-union of Burket and Patton Families, July, 1895.

CHILDREN OF EPHRAIM AND MARY BURKET.

(1) Lee Keller Burket, born in Sinking Valley, September 14th, 1859, married November 21st, 1885, to Ella Irwin Smith, of Philadelphia, daughter of Robert and Martha Irwin Smith, who was born July 17th, 1866. Three children were born to this marriage :

Robert Smith Burket, born December 2nd, 1889.

Katharine Harnish Burket, born March 3rd, 1891.

John Warren Burket, born October 24th, 1894.

He is connected with the office of the General Baggage Agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Philadelphia, and is likewise interested in the coal and grain business at Wayne, Pennsylvania, at which place he resides.

(2) Elmer Burket, born in Canoe Valley, Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, October 28th, 1861, he resides at Wayne, Pennsylvania, at which place he is interested in the coal and grain business with his brother.

(3) Harry Clay Burket, born in Sinking Valley, March 26th, 1863, married December 15th, 1892, to Emma Zimmerman, daughter of John and Sarah Hugus Zimmerman, of Greensburg Pennsylvania. A daughter was born to this marriage: Julia Hugus Burket, September 3rd, 1894, and a son, John Zimmerman Burket, was born September 15th, 1896. He is Superintendent of the Atlantic Coal Company, and resides at Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

(4) Grace Harnish Burket, born in Sinking Valley, March 5th, 1866, is a teacher by profession, and when not thus engaged, makes her home at the old homestead, in Sinking Valley.

(5) John Warren Burket, born in Sinking Valley, March 20th, 1870, is managing the homestead farm.

(6) Anna Kate Burket, born in Sinking Valley, March 17th, 1878, and died April 14th, 1879, and is buried in the Sinking Valley Lutheran cemetery.

