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# LAUFFER HISTORY.

A Genealogical chart of the descendents of CHRISTIAN LAUFFER, the Pioneer, with a few biographical sketches.

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"There is a solidarity in burnan nature, making those that follow, a unity with those that precede."



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#### PREFACE.

This beginning of Lauffer History is the outgrowth of a pamphlet on the Lauffer Family, issued July 4, 1902, at a Reunion held at the home of H. Z. Lauffer, north of Jeannette, Pa.

It has been the purpose of the compilers of this bref History to give accurate data of all the branches of the Lauffer Family, for both sons and daughters, that have sprung from Father Christian. We have spared neither time nor expense in searching archives, visiting and letter writing.

When people failed to answer letters, we were unable to proceed; they have themselves to blame for omissions. Where branches of the family did not organize and supply data, such omissions are beyond our control.

There will doubtless be found many errors in this book; and many Lauffer relatives there are, who are not mentioned. For the correction of errors, and the insertion of data not as yet supplied to us, we will esteem it a great favor if you will let the facts be known to any member of the Committee. We will make it satisfactory in a later edition. It is urged that Christian Lauffer's descendants everywhere organize their respective branches of the family, and send in all data, preferably to the Secretary, Dr. Chas. A. Lauffer, Manor, Pa., Westmoreland Co. He will see that it gets in proper hands for insertion in the next edition of the History.

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"We are among those who believe that any who care not about their earthly origin, care little as to anything higher."

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#### THE LAUFFERS IN EUROPE.

The Lauffers are of the Reformed faith, and lived in the Rhine country, in the old Palatinate; and Heidelberg, its capital holds a place in family traditions. When the valley of the Rhine was devastated by French armies, the Palatines sought shelter in Switzerland, Germany, Holland; from the latter country many went to England, and thousands of them found an asylum on these shores, especially in Pennsylvania.

That Laufers have dwelt in Nurenburg is shown by the cuts of souvenir postals that are herein contained. These postals were sent to John N. Lawfer, of Allentown, by Mr. John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, who was a personal friend of the late Wm. R. Lawfer, of Allentown.

It behooves us to look up our family tree when in Europe. That there are good Lauffers still on the Continent is shown by the following personal letter, which we produce in full, by courtesy of John N. Lawfer, of Allentown:

# Weim, Mch. 2nd, 1905.

Dear John:—Herrn Askar von Lauffer was to see me to-day after receiving a letter from Chas. A. Lauffer (is this your son?) and I had quite a chat with him. The letter was written to his father, who is 81 years old, so he could not come, and so his son Askar came. It appears from his talk that his branch of the family came from Switzerland, Canton Argon, who were under the rule of the Hapsburgers, the present Austrian reigning house, and went into Austria somewhere near the border of Germany. The Richter order of the Iron Crown was given to his father in May 1, 1884, when his father went into pension, so only this man and his sons are entitled to the von. He told me that sometime in 16 or 1700 the Lauffers lost their old order, probably this man's grandfather, three or four times removed. Their ancestors took part in some revolution and came out on the losing side, consequently lost his title and who knows his lead, or maybe the one



who went to America. Gaston, the present owner of the title, has five sons:—

Gastou Ritter von Lauffer, aged 55, is Colonel at Kraskan. Julius Lauffer, aged 51, is major.

Alfred Lauffer, aged 49, is an official of railroad at Groz.

Arthur Laufler, aged 43, is in a Gun Factory, at Steier.

Askar Lauffer, aged 48, 1st Lieutenant in pension, living with his father.

He is quite a large man but not in robust health, think he is a little paralyzed, has a little halt in his speech and in his walk. but has a familiar face and when I told him you folks were all large he said, "Yes, that is the Schweitzer mark, we are all large." He does not have a perfect history, at least it does not go back to Weim as far as you say-1713-but somewhere in early 1800. It looks to me as if you might possibly be from Schwitz and when you find from what place in the Schwitz he came from, write to the town clerk and he perhaps can tell when your branch left for America. He told me there is a Prof. Lauffer in the Hoch school in Prog Austria but did not think he was any relation of theirs. A letter there might give you some trace. This man Askar has a full face although darker hair than you gentlemen at Allentown, but as far as the round face goes he might be a relation. He will write to you some time soon after he has his data all together. Said it would please hi mto get the History from . - the American side, so told him it would no doubt give you lots of pleasure to do it. I hope he will give you what you want. With best wishes to you and your Wife, Am as ever,

Your friend,

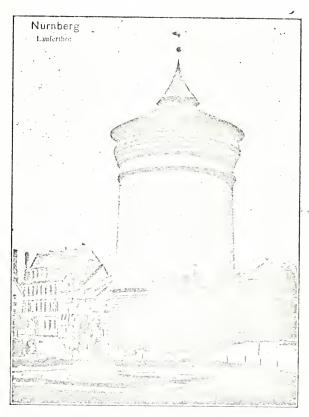
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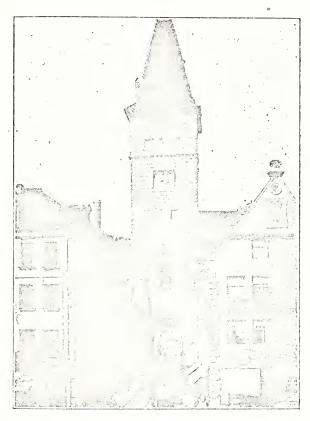
In Weber's Outlines of Universal History, page 287. Paragraph 407, we read "For the purpose of creating a diversion in favor of the Turks against the superior power of Austria, Louis





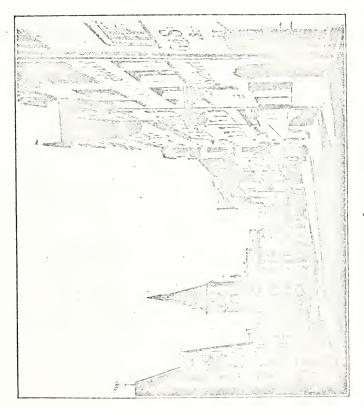
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Aussere Laufergasse, Laufer Street.



XIV. took advantage of affairs relating to the inheritance of the Palatinate and the election of the archbishop of Cologne, to engage in the third war, called the war of Orleans. When the elector Charles died without male issue, and the land fell into the collateral Catholic line of Pfalz Neuburg, Louis XIV. claimed not only the movable property, but also the immovable estate, as the inheritance of Elizabeth Charlotte, the sister of the deceased Elector, and the wife of Louis's brother, the duke of Orleans, and when this claim was not admitted, he marched an army upon the Rhine. For the purpose of rendering it impossible for the enemy to penetrate into France, Louvois, the hard-hearted minister of war, gave command for creating a desert between the two kingdoms by devastating the banks of the Rhine. Hereupon, the wild troops feil like incendiaries upon the flourishing villages of the Bergstvasse, the rich cities on the Rhine, and the blooming districts of the southern Palatinate, and reduced them to heaps of ashes. The shattered tower of the castle of Heidelberg is yet a silent witness of the barbarity with which Melac and other leaders executed the commands of a merciless government. Towns and villages, vineyards and orchards, were in flames from Haardtge birge to Nahe; in Manheim, the inhabitants themselves were obliged to assist in destroying their own buildings and fortifications; a great part of Heidelberg was consumed by fire, after the bridge of Neckar had ben blown up: in Worms, the cathedral with many of the dwelling houses became the prey of the flames; and in Spire, the French drove out the Citizens, set fire to the plundered city and the venerable cathedral, and desecrated the bones of the ancient emperors."



## LAUFFERS IN AMERICA.

Near Straasburg on the Rhine in the state of Baden Baden is a town named Buhl, and near Buhl is a village named Lauffer. We are informed it is a town of 400 inhabitants. Whether our common forefather came from this village or not we do not know, but he was certainly a Palatine, who for freedom of conscience and personal safety sought an asylum in Pennsylvania.

As a digression, it may be in order to mention the consternation that the arrival of so many Germans in Philadelphit evoked among the Quakers: for it is a matter of well authenticated History that at the outbreak of the American Revolution, the German population in Pennsylvania outnumbered the English, Scotch, Irish and all others combined.

We copy from p. 47, Rupp's 30,00 names: "At a meeting of the Board of the Provincial Council held in the Court Heuse in Philadelphia, Sept. 21, 1727, 109 Palatines appeared, who, with their families, numbered about 400 persons. These were imported into the Province in the ship William and Sarah, William Hill, master, from Rotterdam, last from Dover, England, as by clearance from officers of His Majesty's Customs there. The said master being asked if he had any license from the Court of Great Britain for transporting these people, and what their intentions were in coming hither, said that he had no license or allowance for their transportation other than the above clear-ance, and that he believed they designed to settle in this province. (Col. Rec. Vol. III., p. 283).

"All male persons above the age of 16 did repeat and subscribe their names or make their mark, to the following Declaration:"

"We, subscribers, natives and late inhabitants of the Palatinate upon the Rhine, and places adjacent, having transported ourselves and families into the Province of Pennsylvania, a colony subject to the crown of Great Britain, in hopes and expectations of finding a retreat and peaceable scattlement therein.



"Do solemnly promise and engage, that we will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His present MAJESTY, KING GEORGE THE SECOND, and his successors, Kings of Great Britain, and will be faithful to the proprietor of this Province, and that we will demean ourselves peaceably to all his said Majesty's subjects, and strictly conform to the Laws of England and of this Province to the utmost of our power, and the best of our understanding."

This oath and the registration is necessitated makes it easier for us German Americans to trace our ancestry.

Among the arrivals of Lauffer we note: (Ruff's 30,000 names p. 260) Sept. 23, 1751. Schiff Neptun, Captain James Wier, von Rotterdam, Uber Cowes,—154 Reisende, Michael Lauffer, and J. Michael Lauffer, p. 341, Vol. XVII. Penn'a Archives, 2nd series. Mathias Lauffer, qualified Sept. 25, 1751. Imported in the Ship Phoenix, Capt. John Spurrier from Rotterdam, last from Portsmouth, p. 343, Christian Laufner, ship Phoenix, John Spurrier, Captain, from Rotterdam, last from Portsmouth, Qualified Sept. 25, 1751. p. 384 Johannes Lauffer, imported in Ship Edinburgh, Capt. James Russell, from Rotterdam, last from Portsmouth, England. Qualified Sept. 14, 1753.

(The spelling of our name has been in a fluid state, liable to great individual and family variation, as succeeding pages will show).

The above Christian Laufner may be our common ancestor, or the father of our Christian Lauffer may have come to these shores before the registration of 1727 began.

The old records show other Lauffers. P. 232. Vol. I., Penn'a Archives 3rd series, Lawrence Laufer, former husband of Margaret Long, who possessed land on the Conewago (a creek flowing west into the Susquehanna River, near Harrisburg): 1746 he had the land surveyed, 2 acres were cleared, for which he had no deed; "and the governor determines that having regularly applied and obtained a survey, ought to have it confirmed."

We discovered in the office of the Register of Wills, Lancaster County, the original document, being the



## Last Will of Conrad Lawfer Entered 2 May, 1753.

In the Name of God, Amen.

The twenty-ninth day of April, 1751, Conrad Lawfer, of the Borough of Lancaster, yoeman, being very sick and weak in body, but of Perfect Mind and Memory, Thanks be unto God therefore Calling into Mind the Mortality of my Body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to dye, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament and Give, Devise and Dispose of the Same in the following manner and form.

It is my will and I do order. That in the first place all my just Debts and funeral Charges be paid and Satisfied.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my Brothers and Sisters hereafter named John George Elizabeth, Orsula, John Michael, John and Christian Marx Lawfers, unto each and every one of them The Sum of one Shilling Sterling.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my Beloved Wife Catrina Eliazbeth the whole remaining of my Worldly Estate and also My House and Lott in which I now Live to her Heirs and assigns. I likewise Mark and Constitute and ordain her for my onely and Sole Executrix of this my Last will and Testament. I do hereby utterly Disavow, revoke and disannul all and every other former Testament wills and Executors by me in any waise before this Time Named willed and bequeathed.

Ratefying and Confirming this and no other to be My Last will and Testament, in Witness whereof I have hereunto Set My hand and seal the day and year first above written,

. His Conrad H Lawfer Mark

Signed, sealed published pronounced and declared by the Testator as his Last Will and Testament, in the presence of us Johannes Okman Marttin Bleymeyer



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Abra Myer

The 2nd Day of May, 1753 Before me the Subscribed came John Oterman and Abraham Myor two of the witnesses to the execution of the within written Will and said John Otyman on his corporal oath and the said Abraham Moyer on his solemn affirmation did Declare and say that they were present and saw and heard Conrad Lawfer the within Named Testator sign seal and publish and declare the within writing as and for his Last Will and Testament and That at the Doing thereof he was of Sound and Disposing Mind, Memory, and Understanding according to the best of their Knowledge and belief.

Edw: Shippen

Dept Register.

Catharine Eliz.th Eller wife of Leonard Eller is exec.

In the pioneer days of early marriages and large families, it was necessary to do no more than occupy the land you desired, have it surveyed and pay a nominal price for it to the proprietors of the Province. It is conceivable that this Lawrence Laufer left a large family; the Conewago separates Lancaster from the present Dauphin County, and one son (Conrad) moved to Lancaster where he died without heirs; and that another son (Christian) moved to the foot hills of the Blue Ridge, and has become the father of a multitude.

That Christian is the name of our common ancestor we know from the centenarian John Lauffer, who visited all his uncles; and we have his word confirmed from five other independent sources. But which Christian of the two named we leave to your choice, as we can find no records to help us out.



### CHRISTIAN LAUFFER.

P. 117 Vol. XXVI., Penn'a Archives, 3rd Series. We are here informed that Nov. 13, 1771 Christian Lauffer bought 40 acres of land in the County of Northampton.

He was at this time a middle-aged man, with married sons and daughters. Within the next few years the migration into Westmoreland County carried several of his married children westward, and he followed in 1774 taking his whole family, except Peter. He had six sons and five daughters.

Sons of Christian.

Bartol. Daughters of Christian.

Christian. Elizabeth. Susanna. John. Catherine. Peter. Mary.

Adam. Magdalenna.

Christian Lauffer was born in 1730 and died in 1800 (approximately). He is buried in the old Bash Cemetery, near Pleasant Unity, but no tombstone marks his grave. The early settlers had tombstones brought from across the mountains—300 miles over fearful roads. And when these were not secured, sand stone slabs with names and dates cut on with a chisel, were used as grave markers. These time soon effaced, hence our inability to know his age, except, approximately, throught court house documents.

The privations and poverty of these early settlers was extreme. Salt had to be brought from the East. Wheat had to be taken to the Mongahela to be ground, at first. The markets were far distant. The Indians troublesome. There was a constant struggle to pay for the land—and land hunger helped to keep him and his sons in poverty.

We know from tradition (my grandfather, Jacob F., heard it from his father, Henry, Jr..), (John, Jr., the centenarian from his father, John, Sr.), that Christian Laffer lived near Pleasant Uni-



ty, but from land transfers we do not know definitely which are his, and which are his son Christian's.

From wills of Northampton County, p. 182, Will Book No. 1, John Deter, Sr., of Morestown, under date of May 12, 1772, makes a will, leaving property to his wife and nine children. His son, John, is executor, and the witnesses are his wife, Elizabeth, John Egodius, Adam Marsch, and Christian Laffer. Hence the date 1774, as the year of his migration given us by the venerable John Lauffer, we accept as approximately correct.

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# RELATIONS TO CHURCH AND STATE.

The oldest Laussers belonged to the Reformed Church, and were loyal to the God of their Fathers. This was the State Church of the Palatine. They have been a churchly people, and those not in the Reformed church have united with other protestant denominations, as Lutheran and Presbyterian; they are known as a God-fearing and a Church-loving people.

Christian Lafter was a zeaious patriot; his son Adam served under Washington, and Peter, being too small of stature to bear arms in the service, was set to work during his term of enlistment serving his country as a shoe maker. Henry is enrolled among the "Rangers of the Frontiers" 1778-1783 for Westmoreland County, (Penn'a Archives Vol. XXIII. p. 226, 3rd series). John was under Captain Bonnet, of Mt. Pleasant, and joined in pursuit of Indians who had murdered families along Beaver Run. Christian Jr., and Barthol (who preceded Christian the pioneer, into Westmoreland County), were among the defenders of the Drumm Block House, south of Greensburg. The whole family was concerned in the fight for freedom. And in the War of 1812, the Mexican and Civil Wars, there were many to respond.

The power of the Indians was broken on August 5th, 1763, near Harrison City, Westmoreland Co., by Colonel Boquet. The Indian Chief Pontiac in that year led the tribes north of the Ohio against the English forts from Detroit to Ligonier. Col. Boquet was sent to the relief of the forts of Western Penna, and having raised he siege of Ft. Ligonier, he marched with a force of 500 Scotch Highlanders and Colonial Volunteers to the relief of Ft. Pitt. En route he was drawn into an Indian ambuscade. Darkness saved his army from terrible defeat. Next day he feigned retreat, and drew the Indians into an ambuscade, and finally routed them with great slaughter. The mighty Pontiac's grand dream of Indian Empire was racked when his army was crushed and scattered at Bushy Run.



Yet petty Indian incursions, murders and theft, were rife until after the War of 1812.

In 1771 the British in Canada projected an expedition against Ft. Pitt. They were accompanied by Indians and Tories. Reinforcements for Ft. Pitt deterred them from attacking that stronghold, but they divided ino small parties, and these detached bodies fell on defenseless points along the western frontier. One such mongrei band, numbering about 100 Tories and Indians was sent against Hannastown, July 13, 1782. The settlers escaped within the palisades of the fort, but the town was burned. This was then the county seat of Westmoreland.

Gen. Harmer was defeated in Ohio in 1790. Col. Christopher Truby, of Greensburg, accompanied him—the latter a relative of the Lauffers. Gen. St. Clair on Nov. 4, 1791, was defeated in the battle of the Wabesh. "Waynes victory at the battle of Fallen Timber, 1795, forever broke the Indian power and gave peace to the Westmoreland frontier."

We can be proud of our hardy pioneer ancestors, who crossed the Alleghenies to hold the marauding Indians in check, to build homes and protect the western outposts in the troublous days of the American Revolution. Historians are slow to realize what strategic work these Germans did, for the land of their adoption, in the throes of its birth: their industry and enterprise cleared farms and built homes, and produced provisions for themselves and the inhabitants of the fort towns. And their bravery helped crush the Indian power; Gen. Boquet was Swiss-German, as were many of the men under his command. They helped defend Ft. Ligonier, Fort Drumm, Fort Walthour, Fort Hannastown, Fort Pitt from the merciless savages and Tories in the British Service. Had these outposts been lost in the American Revolution, our country's claim to the Ohio and Mississippi would have been less valid. For their retention, some honor is due our hardy German ancestors.

The Lauffers of the past have been aggressive in business, prudent, industrious, honest. They have been useful in church and state. It is up to us to prove ourselves worthy scions of noble ancestors.



### THE DAUGHTERS OF CHRISTIAN, THE PIONEER.

Our efforts thus far have been confined to securing the family records of the five sons of Christian, the Pioneer; the sixth, Adam, was broken in health by his service under Gen. Washington and died soon after the Revolutionary War was over. We will make brief mention of the five daughters of Christian, the pioneer.

We have our information from Catharine, youngest daughter of John, Sr., who is in perfect, mental health, and in powers of memory is not inferior to her brother, John, the centenarian.

- Catharine (?) I. Elizabeth, married to Frederick Rice. They resided near Pleasant Unity, Westmoreland Co., and later removed to Ohio. Grandmother Wangaman never saw this aunt; Elizabeth died many years before her husband.
  - II. Susanna, whose husband's name was Simon Drumm, farmer, and proprietor of one of Greensburg's first hotels. She lived with her children after her husband's death, especially with Simon, the Greensburg merchant. Gen. Richard Drumm, of Washington, D. C., retired army officer, now in his eighties, is a son of Simon Drumm, Jr., and grandson of Susanna Laffer. Grandmother Wangaman recalls a visit Simon Drumm and his son, Simon, made (about 1840) to her father's, John Laffer, Sr.
  - III. Catharine, wife of Jacob Christman. She lived near Pleasant Unity, Westmoreland Co., all her life time. She left a large family, the record of which has not as yet been secured.
  - IV. Mary Laffer, married to Wentzell, of Millersdale, Westmoreland Co., Pa., where some of her grandchildren still reside.
  - V. Magdalenna, the youngest, married to John Bash. They lived along the Kiskiminetas River, on the tract of land that Adam Laffer purchased, then sold to his father, Christian. See Land Transfers, vol. 8, p. 526, office of Recorder of Deeds, Westmoreland County, Pa.



### AN INTERVIEW WITH GEN. RICHARD DRUMM.

On the evening of Sept. 9, 1904, our Secretary interviewed Gen. Richard Drumm, veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars, while he was visiting his sister, Miss Emily Drumm, of Greensburg.

The General's father was Simon Drumm, the well-known merchant of Greensburg, of 50 years ago, and his grandfather was Simon Drumm, Sr., who was married to Susan Lauffer, daughter of Christian, the Pioneer.

The General says that his grandfather and others of the connection came into Westmoreland in 1770. The delayed growth of Western Pennsylvania was due to disputed sovereignty over the regions west of the Alleghenies, between the colonies of Virginia and Pennsylvania. Settlers had to pay taxes to both governments, and received protection against the Indians from neither. When the dispute was settled in favor of Pennsylvania, the stream of emigration from the Eastern counties set in, and the land was acquired by settlers under Penn Grants. As to protection from the Indians, the Quakers forced the frontiersmen to attend to that matter themselves.

On the farm of Simon Drumm, just south of Greensburg, a block house, built of logs and stone, was constructed, and with long, tin horns the settlers were warned of the approach of bands of savages, from Kittanning and towns on the Kiskiminetas.

This fort was large enough to include the house and spring, and provisions were here stored so that they were able to endure the siege; men with their wives and children took refuge in the D: umm Block House, when the Indians came down upon them. It was not until after the defeat of the Indians by Gen. Boquet in the Manor Valley along Brush Run that the power of the Red Men was broken in Westmoreland County.

The General recalls the great streams of immigration out of Westmoreland into Ohio, when he was a boy, that carried so many of our people into the middle west.



He remembers the old mill below the old Cerman cemetery, which belonged to Isaac Baer, who was married to Hannah Laffer, a daughter of Henry Lauffer. Her brother Samuel he well remembers: he opened a book store in Greensburg about 1835. He married a Cumberland Lady, sold out his business in Greensburg to a Boughman, and embarked in the same business on Wood Street, Pittsburg; his later record in the army, the General premised to look up for us.

There was a warm friendship between Henry Lauffer, Jr., and Simon Drumm, "they called each other cousin," "my father was always very fond of his Lauffer relatives." "Sam's father and my father were very intimate," the General asserts.

He thinks Col. Christopher Truby (elsewhere mentioned) was related to the Drumms and the Lauffers, for the daughter of Christopher Truby used to call his father "Cousin Simon."

As to the source of our people he knows we are from the Palatine, a country beautiful beyond anything: when General Tourans was sent into it, its devastation was so complete that in delivering his report to the French monarch he could truthfully say: "Sire I have not left a stick standing as big as that finger."

The people homeless, in destitution, came into the province of Pennsylvania, to find civil and religious liberty, and a chance to live. The commonly of the old will below the old decrease executing the figure of the state of the common of the state of the st

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## BARTOL LAFFER BRANCH.

From wills of Northampton Co., the will of Philip Drumm, you man, of Moore Twp., probated Nov. 22, 1788, we learn that his daughter, Mary Angle, was the wife of Bartol Lawfer. Also that Simon, husband of Susanna Laffer, was the son of this Philip Drumm. Father Drumm lies buried near the stump of a big chestnut tree along the fence to the right of Old Stone Church, three miles north of Seigirieds, Pa.

Heir ruhen die Gebiene der Philip Drumm. Er war geboren den 27, Sept. 1721, und entschlief den 14 Nov. 1788. Text war Luc 2 vers 29.

In the year 1889, about, Peter Piper, (an extensive traveler, formerly of Greensburg), after a long journey through the west, visited Hezekiah Waugaman. He told them that in California he had met a very intelligent fellow by the name of Laffer, who said that he was a descendant of Bartol Laffer, of Greensburg, and that Bartol had built the first brick house in that town.

As proprietor of the saw mill and grist mill, and hotel property, besides his real estate dealings, Bartol lived a very busy and useful life in Greensburg. His son Peter was a steam boat pilot, and was blown up in an explosion on the Ohio River shortly after the War of 1812.

Another son of Barthol was Judge in Canton Co., Ohio. Simon Lauffer, of Irwin, met Rev. P. A. Lauffer, of Meadville, and tells us he is a grandson of Bartol, and served for some years as President of Allegheny College. Dr. Cornclius C. Laffer, of Meadville, is of the Bartol Laffer family, and a son of P. A. Laffer.

Philip A. Laffer was born Sept. 30, 1837, (died Dec. 4, 1884), married July 24, 1862 to Ellen Weir Callender by Rev. Samuel N. Callender. Address Meadville, Pa. Five children. (1) Norma Callender Laffer born Nov. 16, 1863. Died Aug. 1, 1864. Interred at Meadville, Pa. (2) Philip Ernest Laffer



born Aug. 29, 1865, married Oct. 1, 1891 to Blanche Davenport. Address, Parkersburg, W. Va. (3) Cornelius Callender Laffer, born Sept. 10, 1867, married Sept. 1, 1896, to Gertrude Sackett, by Rev. Austin M. Courtenay. Address, Meadville, Pa. Three children.

- (a) Frederick Sackett Laffer, born Aug. 27, 1897.
- (b) Cornelius C. Laffer, Jr., born Mar. 3rd, 1899.
- (c) Ellen Elizabeth Laffer, born Aug. 5. 1902.
- (4) Mary Evalyn Laffer, born Feb. 28, 1871. Address, Meadville, Pa.
- (5) Ellen Elizabeth Laffer, born Oct. 26, 1875, married Dec. 28, 1899, to Herman B. Hogg. Address, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Bartol also had daughters, and a son Henry. The latter moved to Tuscarora, near Philadelphia. The source of our information is this: In the fall of 1824 John Lauffer, Jr., of Harrison City, the centenarian, and Frederick Steck, the father of Daniel Steck, a former sheriff of Westmoreland Co., went afoot to Philadelphia with a drove of 170 cattle that were purchased in the Manor Valley at from \$10 to \$12 per head.

It took five weeks to make the trip. John Lauffer, Jr., on this trip visited Henry, the son of Bartol, and saw his sons and daughters. His descendants no doubt are extant somewhere, and it is sincerely hoped that their family records have been kept carefully, and may some day be annexed to ours.

We do not know the year Bartol left Greensburg to go into Ohio, but the venerable John Lauffer tells us, he went with the great stream of migration of 1812.

From the records of Westmoreland County we glean the following entries:

- 1. Bartel Lafer from Christian Lafer, Vol. 1, p. 426: 20 May, 1785. Both of Mt. Pleasant Twp., Westmoreland Co., 200 A. "on the waters of the Sewickley" for £450.
- 2. Bartel Lafer from Peter Cook, Vol. D, p. 430: Jan., 1791. £170 for 1-3 of the tract in Hempfield Twp., Westmoreland Co., known as "Cookery, Patent Book No. 12, p. 501," 80½ acres.



- 3. Bartel Lasser from Robert Ralston. Vol. 2, p. 490: 3 Oct., 1796.
- 4. Bartel Laffer from Thomas Gilbert, Vol. 2, p. 492: 30 Oct., 1796.
- 5. Bartel Laffer from Margaret Wigton, Vol. 2, p. 506: 30 Get., 1796.
- 6. Bartel Laffer from Andrew McCleu. Vol. 2, p. 508. 30 Sept., 1796.
- 7. Bartel Laffer from Isaac James. Vol. 2, p. 507: 3 Oct., 1796.
- 3. Bartel Laffer from Henry Bareley, Vol. 2, p. 558: 3 Oct., 1796.
- 9. Bartel Laffer from Alexander Bears, Vol. 2, p. 560: 19 May, 1796.
- 10. Bartel Laffer from William Smith, Vol. 2, p. 592: 3 Oct., 1796.
- 11. Bartel Laffer from Andrew Robinson, Vol. 2, p. 615: 3 Oct., 1796.

The early land deals of John Laffer, Sr., and John Laffer, Jr., and John Lauffer, son of Henry, Sr., are appended:—

1. John Laffer from Bartel Laffer. Vol. 2, p. 159: 3, Apr., 1795.

Both resided in the town of Greensburg at the date of this entry. For £300 a tract containing 100 A, "and all allowance of six per cent, for woods and highways" is deeded over: Bartel Laifer transfers to the said John Laffer the woods, water courses, (dam, race, etc.), buildings, mills, and premises, and the said Bartel Laffer for him and his heirs doth warrant and defend the land and saw mill as aforesaid. This deed is of interest, showing that John sawed lumber for building the town, when Bartol became tavern keeper, Greensburg being a town "on the pike" where stages stopped en route for Pittsburg and the west.

Vol. D, p. 435, shows that this land was conveyed to Bartol Laffer 5 May, 1791, by Christopher Truby and Isabella, his wife; and that the land was "a tract of land called Seat of Justice,"



granted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Col. Christopher Truby, Esqr., 25 Aug., 1790.

- 2. John Laffer from Alex. Cohean. Vol. 7, p. 603: 18 Mar., 1806.
- 3. John Laffer from Henry Laffer, Vol. 9, p. 261: 13 Apr., 1811.
- John Laffer from John Mellon, Vol. 16, p. 431: 3 Apr., 1826.
- 5. John Laffer from Philip Steinmate, Vol. 16, p. 455: 3 Jan., 1827.
- John Laffer from A. W. Foster, Vol. 18, p. 413: 24 May, 1830.
- 7. John Laffer from Eliz. Long. Vol. 18, p. 414: 30 Apr., 1829.
- 8. John Laffer, Jr., from Aaron Teegarden's heirs. Vol. 20, p. 382: 8 Apr., 1833.
- 9. John Laffer from Philip Stemity. Vol. 24, p. 6: 17 Oct., 1837.
- 10. John Lausser from Henry Lausser. Vol. 29, p. 355: 23 Apr., 1847.
- 11. John Lauffer from Henry Lauffer. Vol. 41, p. 96: 2 Apr., 1850.
- 12. John Lauffer et al., Trust from Susan Suetler. Vol. 43, p. 630: 23 Mar., 1856.
- 13. John Lauffer et al., Trust from Elizabeth Dick. Vol. 43, p. 632: 21 Nov., 1856.
- 14. John Lauffer from Seth Lauffer. Vol. 42, p. 471: 30 Dec., 1850.
- 15. John Lauffer from David Anderson. Vol. 50, p. 429: 1 Apr., 1864.

For the interest of those concerned in titles to land we append the following list, before 1860; Henry, Sr., Henry, Jr., and Henry Paul, son of the centenarian, are included:

1. Henry Laffer from Jacob Christman. Vol. 9, p. 262: 15 April, 1811. Both of Mt. Pleasant Tp. Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Christman, was the daughter of Christian, the Pioneer—one of the five daughters mentioned in our introduction.



- 2. Henry Laffer from David Silvies. Vol. 16, p. 41: 5 Jan., 1813.
- 3. Henry Laffer from Jacob Baum. Vol. 25, p. 26: 15 Nov., 1839.
- 4. Henry Lauffer from Henry Lauffer's heirs. Vol. 29, p. 355: 23 Apr., 1847.
- 5. Henry Lauffer from Christian Pore. Vol. 34, p. 443: 3 Feb., 1852.
- 6. Henry Lauffer from John Ygest, Vol. 6, p. 524; June, 1853.
- 7. Henry Lausser from Joseph Baum. Vol. 40, p. 48; 288 Nov., 1844.
- 8. Henry Lausser from John Williams. Vol. 40, p. 49: 27 June, 1843.
- 9. H. P. Lauffer from Steven Ridinger, Vol. 40, p. 531: 7 Mar., 1857. Vol. 40, p. 531: 7 Mar., 1857.
- 10. H. P. Lauffer from F. G. Oxley, Vol. 43, p. 411: 16 Aug., 1859.

For reference on the part of such as are interested in early real estate deals recorded in the Register of Deeds office in Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa., we append the following:—

1. Christian Laffer from John Montgomery, Vol. D, p. 164: 17 Sept., 1789.

Christian, of Westmoreland Co., millwright, for £260 buys



two tracts of land of John Montgomery, of Carlisle. 203 A. 80 P., in Salem Twp., and 280 acres on the Kiskiminetas River.

- 2. Christian Laffer from Bartol Laffer. Vol. 2, p. 506: 20 Jan., 1796. 55 acres in Hempfield Twp.
- 3. Christian Laffer from Adam Laffer. Vol. 8, p. 526: 20 Feb., 1798.

Adam, of Allegheny Co., Christian, of Franklin Tp., Westmoreland County, situated on south side of Crooked Creek, for £135. (This Adam is a son of Christian, the Pioneer). The land in question—389½ A. in Armstrong Tp., was purchased for £190 of Matthew McDonnell, of Derry Tp., Westmoreland Co., at the time Adam resided in Greensburg. 22 Dec., 1796: Vol. 8, p. 525.

4. Christian Laffer from John I'enn. Vel. 9, p. 434: 26 Nov., 1811.

John Penn, Sr., through his attorneys, John R. Coates and John B. Alexander. "acknowledges satisfaction on the margin of the record of a certain mortgage from Christian Laffer to the said John Penn and John Penn, Sr., the principal and interest money secured to them by the said mortgage having been paid to me, the said John R. Coates."

So many tempting tracts of choice land, led them to incur debt, in their deals; the early Laffers were land sharks, and their holdings will show that they recognized good land when they saw it. (About this time Christian, son of Christian, moved to Ohio, and Christian, son of John, Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, dealt in land).

- 5. Christian Laffer from David Gilleland. Vol. 24, p. 273; 10 Apr., 1837.
- 6. Christian Laffer from George Ambrosc. Vol. 26, p. 30: 24 May, 1841.
- 7. Christiau Laffer from Samuel F. Earnest. Vol. 42, p. 98:13 July, 1858.
- 8. Christian Laffer from Jos. Knappenberger. Vol. 45, p. 270: 22 Mar., 1841.
- 9. Christian Laffer from H. M. Robertson, Vol. 45, p. 272: 16 Mar. 1860.



- 10. Christian Laffer from John Laffer. Vol. 65, p. 393: 31 Jan., 1828.
- 11. Christian Laffer from George Detes. Vol. 147, p. 433: 7 Apr., 1842.
- 12. Christian Laffer from John Kistler. Vol. 147, p. 435: 24 Apr., 1841.

#### THE CHRISTIAN LAFFER BRANCH.

Christian, Jr., and Bartel were older than Henry and John, and both were married when they came into Westmoreland Co. (Henry was 20 years old and John 5 years old when Christian, the Pieneer, moved into Westmoreland Co., from Moore Twp., Northampton Co.

In the little cemetery on the Old Esquire Conthin farm, now owned by Thad. W. Baum, near Pleasant Grove School House, Pickaway Co., Ohio, is the grave of Christian Laffer, died Oct. 2, 1823, in the 53rd year of his age, and buried on the farm on which he had lived. This date places his birth at 1770, which would make Christian, Jr., younger than his brother John. If that be true, John, the centenarian, is confused in his dates in this particular.

From the letter of Anna E. (Lauffer) Strayer, 1329 Forsythe Ave., Columbus, Ohio, we learn substantially as follows:—

Christian Laffer, son of Christian, the Pioneer, married a Miss Hooker while living in Pennsylvania. To them three sons and two daughters were born, of whom three lived to advanced age:

1. John Laffer, who married Susan Shook.

2. Susanna Laffer, married to Jacob Pelyer, four children.

3. Jacob Laffer, married to Sarah Burke. Four children.

By a second marriage he was united with Elizabeth Teegarden (died Feb. 21, 1826, aged 38 years, 11 months and 5 days). With the Teegardens he went to Madison Twp., Pickaway Co., O. To them were born seven children.

- 1. Christian Laffer. Married to Nancy Sloan. Nine chiidren.
- 2. Henry Laffer. Married to Hannah Van Horn. Ten children.
- 3. Solomon Laffer. Married to Susanna Smith. Ten children.
  - 4. Ellen Laffer. Married to Samuel Huff. Ten children.

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- 5. Sarah Laffer. Married to John Crossley. Seven children.
- 6. Daniel Laffer. Married to Charity Woodring. Four children.
  - 7. Simon Laffer. Married to Millie Hemper. Nine children.

Part of our information of the Christian Lauffer branch we derive from John Lauffer, the centenarian. In his earlier days he described his trip into Ohio thus: "On the 1st of November, 1826, in company with Col. Paul Brinker, I took a steamboat at Pittsburg for Cincinnati. We arrived at the latter place at the end of three days. A day or two later we started afoot for Dayton, Ohio, thence to Chilicothe, thence to Pickaway Co., to visit among the Teegardens, near St. Paul, Ohio, who had been pioneer settlers in Westmoreland Co. After visiting a week among old-time friends and relatives, the journey was resumed to Columbus, thence to Wooster, Cleveland and Canton, stopping with friends along the way. From Canton to Rumley, a village on the Tuscaroras River, thence to Steubenville by way of Harmony, and thence by way of Beaver Falls to Pittsburg. The whole journey occupying about six weeks."

The children of Christian's first marriage are:-

- 1. John (Christiana, wife of John Laffer, died June 10, 1846, aged 21 years, 8 months, 22 days.)
  - 2. Susanna.
- 3. Jacob. Died Sept. 9. 1846, aged 51 years. Sarah, his wife, died Aug. 7, 1844, aged 53 years, 10 months.

These obituaries we have through Jacob R. Smith, Canal Westchester, Ohio. R. F. D. No. 2. We have no data of descendants.

The children of Christian's second marriage:

- I. Christian Laffer. No data sent to us.
- 2. Henry Lauffer, the son of Christian, the son of Christian, the pioneer, was born June 12, 1812, married Oct. 24, 1846, to Hannah Van Horn, by Rev. Wagonhals. Died Aug. 29, 1897. Interred at Lithopolis, Ohio. Member of St. Paul's Evan. Lutheran Congregation at St. Paul, Pickaway Co., Ohio.

He had a family of ten, whose families are as follows:--



- I. Joseph H. Lauffer born Nov. 24, 1847. Married July 31, 1870, to Mary Shaffer. Died March 10, 1881. Interred at Cardington, Ohio.
- II. Sarah Caroline Lauffer, born July 9, 1849, married June 18, 1872, to George Clinger, Duvall, Ohio, R. F. D. To them were born:
- (1) Pearl Pauline Clinger, Jan. 3, 1876. Married to Jessie Cole Apr. 25, 1901, by Rev. M. F. Laufier. Died Jan. 16, 1901. Interred at Lithopolis. To them were born Robert E. Cole, Feb. 23, 1902, died Feb. 24, 1904, interred at Lithopolis, and Nellie Cole, born July 15, 1903.
  - (2) Minor Bishop Clinger, born Jan. 25, 1878.
- (3) Eva Hannah Clinger, born Dec. 15, 1879. Married June 10, 1903, to Harley Spoyer.
- (4) Stella May Clinger, born Sept. 11, 1883. Died Nov. 8, 1885.
- (5) John Henry Clinger, born July 26, 1885. Died Oct. 26, 1886.
  - (6) Walter Lauffer Clinger, born Sept. 25, 1892.
- III. Solomon Christian Lauffer, born June 12, 1851. Died May 31, 1804. Interred at Lithopolis, Ohio.

Fourth in the family of Henry Lauffer, son of Christian, son of Christian, the Pioneer, was:—

- IV. John Eli Lauffer, born Nov. 30, 1852. Married July 11, 1878, to Ella Carter, by Rev. S. P. Mauger. To them were born:—
- 1. Clarence Walter Lauffer, born Oct. 1, 1882. Address 67 W. 11th St., Columbus, Ohio.
- 2. Vernon Henry Lauffer, born July 14, 1884. Address, Groveport, Ohio.
  - 3. Raymond Ellwin Lauffer, born Aug. 27, 1891.
  - 4. Don Gilbert Lauffer, born Jan. 14, 1896.
- 5. Orpha Claire Lauffer, born Jan. 16, 1898. The latter three are at Bellefontaine, Ohio.
- V. Mary Elizabeth Lauffer, born Dec. 25, 1855. Married to David McKinley, Dec. 25, 1876. To them were born Elva Lo-



raine McKinley, Jan. 18, 1877. Died Jan. 5, 1882. Bertie Millard McKinley, born June 16, 1879.

VI. Roxy Jane Lauffer, born Jan. 27, 1858. Married May 1, 1885. to Solomon Adams by Rev. I. H. Schneider. Address, Degraffe, Ohio. To them were born,—(1) Ethel May Adams, May 14, 1886, died May 16, 1886. (2) Minor B. Adams, born Dec. 18, 1891, died Dec. 20, 1891. Both interred at Ray's cemetery, Bloomfield Tp., Logan Co., Ohio.

VII. Emma Joana Lauffer, born Sept. 21, 1860. Died Sept.

25, 1879. Interred at Lithopolis, Ohio.

VIII. Irvin McClellen Lauffer, born Dec. 11, 1862. P. O., Bellefontaine, Ohio.

IX. Frances Christina Lauffer, born Dec. 4, 1864. Married Dec. 9, 1880, to David McKinley. Died Dec. 21, 1881. Interred at Lithopolis, Ohio.

X. Walter Jerome Lauffer, born Oct. 4, 1871. Married Jan. 1, 1896, to Lizzie Bell Cloud. P. O., Canton, O.

- 3. Solomon Teegarden Loffer, third son of Christian Laffer, son of Christian, the Pioneer, and Elizabeth Teegarden. Born 1815, married 1836 to Susanna Smith by Rev. Wanganhultz. To them were born ten children.
- I. Sarah F. Loffer, born June 8, 1837, married Oct. 26, 1854, to Daniel N. Strayer by Rev. Adams, P. O., Degraff, Ohio. To them were born ten children. (1) Solomon Lester Straver, of Pemberton, Ohio. Born April 6, 1856. Married July 4, 1883, to Loucretia Clark. (2) Isadora Alvanine Strayer, born Jan. 12, 1858. Married April 15, 1902 to Adam King, of Sidney, O. (3) Emma Katura Strayer, born Sept. 12, 1859, died Dec. 12, 1859. (4) John William Straver, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, born Nov. 15, 1860, married to Etta Shultz in 1888. (5) Jacob Francis Strayer, of Degraff, O., born April 21, 1863, married Oct. 1, 1884, to Ota Derreese by Rev. E. B. Smith, to whom were born (a) Hazel E. Strayer, June 26, 1886, and (b) Ethel J. Strayer, June 17, 1894. (6) Ellen Rosa Strayer, born Oct. 1, 1865, married Feb. 28, 1889, to Lester Roach, of Logansville, Ohio. (7) Daniel Harley Strayer, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, born Jan. 18, 1868, married Mar. 3, 1887, to Libbie Van Meter by Jacob Frantz, to whom were born



- (a) Claude N. Strayer, Sept. 25, 1888. (b) Ray S. Strayer, Jan. 30, 1890, (c) Forest B. Strayer, May 22, 1900. (8) Emma Susan Strayer, born April 1, 1870, married Sept. 29, 1891, to James Yocum, of Mendon, Ohio. (9) Virb Otho Strayer, born Nov. 11, 1872, married Nov. 5, 1896, to May Shidaker. P. O., Delphos, Ohio. (10) Minta Almada Strayer, born July 17, 1874, married Oct. 26, 1893, to Charles Kaser, of Sidney, Ohio.
- II. Anna E. Loffer, born Aug. 2, 1838, married Dec. 20, 1863, to F. W. Strayer, of Columbus, Ohio, by I. N. Smith. To them were born (1) Francis E. Strayer, Dec. 16, 1864, married Sept. 12, 1888, to Clara Young, P. O., Degraff, Ohio. To them were born:—(a) Floyd C. Strayer, May 15, 1889. (b) Minner D. Strayer, Nov. 18, 1890. (c) Wavel A. Strayer, Aug. 7, 1892. (d) Harvey C. Strayer, March 9, 1896.
- (2) William E. Strayer, of Jackson Center, O., born April 17, 1867, married Oct. 15, 1898, to Stella Cole. (3) Elma E. Strayer, born Cet. 22, 1872, married Jan. 6, 1892, to George Bunker, of Degraff. Ohio. (4) Jesse Strayer, of Columbus, Ohio, born May 15, 1879.
- 111. Francis M. Loffer, born Feb. 17, 1840, killed on the battlefield at Pittsburg Landing, April 6, 1862.
- IV. Elisha D. Loffer, born Sept. 24, 1841; married in Oct., 1860, to Elizabeth Jones. Died Aug. 28, 1878. Interred in Missouri.
- V. Jacob S. Loffer, born April 17, 1843, married in 1866 to Nancy Rea, and in 1884 to Minnie Idle; died Aug. 13, 1903. Interred at Degraff, Ohio.
- VI. Christina Loffer, sixth in family of Solomon J. Loffer, son of Christian, son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born March 19, 1845. Married in June, 1866, to Johnathon Rea, of Quote, Carroll Co., Missiouri, by Rev. Isaac Smith. To them were born twelve children. (1) Nellie G. Rea, born March 7, 1867. Died Aug. 24, 1887. (2) Lyman C. Rea, born Dec. 23, 1867, and married Sept. 14, 1893, to Anna Power, P. O., Dawn, Mo., R. F. D. No. 2. (3) H. T. Rea, of Kansas City, Mo., born Sept. 30, 1870.



married Feb. 26, 1895, to Minnie Wood. (4) Theodore Rea, born Nov. 26, 1872. Died Dec. 26, 1873. Mt. Enon cemetery. (5) Mada Rea, born Oct. 14, 1874, married Jan. 14, 1894, to Robert McAllister, of Holdenville, Ind. Ter., by John Leslie, Esq., to whom were born Ruby McAllister Sept. 30, 1895, and Leslie McAllister Jan. 26, 1897. (6) Christina's sixth child is Reuben Rea, of Dawn, Mo., R. F. D. 2, born Nov. 18, 1876. Married Nov. 28, 1897, to Minnie Snodgrass. (7) Bessie Rea born Nov. 9, 1878, married Nov. 13, 1896, to C. H. Stewart, of Plymouth, Mo., whose children are (a) Iva May Stewart, born Aug. 5, 1897, (b) Eunice Lean Stewart born Feb. 7, 1899, (c) Willard Stewart, born Dec. 16, 1900, (d) Leone Marae Stewart born Sept. 13, 1903.

(8) Early Rea, of Braymer, Mo. (9) Ellen Rea, born Oct. 21, 1882, P. O., Kansas City, Mo. (10) Jennie Rea, born Aug. 14, 1884. Died Dec. 12, 1803. Mt. Enon Cemetery. (11) Beulah Rea, born Aug. 19, 1886. P. O., Chillicothe, Mo., (12) Russell Rea, born Oct. 22, 1888. P. O., Braymer, Mo.

VII. Ellen M. Loffer, born Feb. 28, 1847. Died Aug. 11, 1893. Interred Bloom Centre, Ohio.

VIII. Christian Loffer, born Jan. 25, 1849. Married Oct., 1871. to Alice Jackson and in 1902 to Martha Hammer. P. O. Degraff, Ohio.

IX. Henry S. Loffer, born Nov. 20, 1850. Married in 1874 to Orvilla Woods. Died June 10, 1904. Interred at Degraff, Ohio.

N. Solomon E. Loffer, youngest in the family of Solomon T., son of Christian, son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Nov. 14, 1853. Married Dec. 27, 1877, to Evire Bunker by Rev. Edward G. Whitlock. P. O., Degraff, O. To them were born (1) Ethic Loffer, Dec. 20, 1878. (2) Bessie Loffer, March 30, 1882. (3) O. Kay Loffer July 19, 1884. (4) Floyd Loffer, Feb. 1, 1887. (5) Amy Loffer March 21, 1892.

- 4. Ellen Lasser, daughter of Christian, son of Christian, the pioneer, to Samuel Huff, ten children. No data received.
- Sarah Laffer, daughter of Christian, son of Christian, the Pioneet, to John Crossley, seven children. No data received.

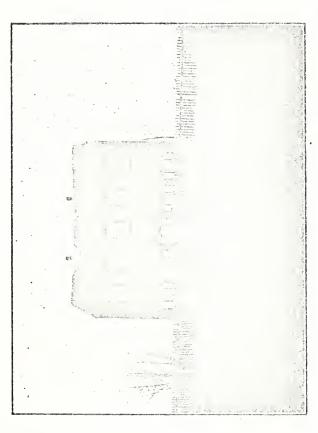


- 6. Daniel Laffer, son of Christian, the son of Christian, the Pioneer, to Charity Woodring, four children. No data received.
- 7. Simcon Laffer, son of Christian, the son of Christian, the Pioneer, to Millie Hemper, nine children. No data received. P. O. is Ogden, Bloom Co., Iowa.

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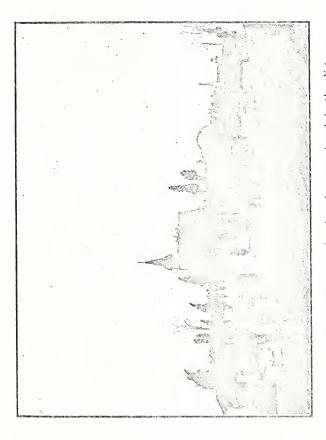
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DEXMARK MANOR CHURCH, built about 1811, Penn Twp., Westmoreland Co., Pa.





DENMARK-MANOR CEMETERY, showing the new church in the distance.



## THE JOHN LAUFFER BRANCH.

John Lauffer, Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born March 8, 1769. in Northampton Co., Pa., and was a boy of five years when his father migrated into Westmoreland Co. In the year 1794 he moved on a tract of land north of Harrison City, a portion of which has since been known as the Hezekiah Waugaman farm. We have inserted a few more of the Lauffer land deals, as contained in the records of Westmoreland Co., Greensburg, Pa., as suggestive of the business enterprise of the early Lauffers in Westmoreland County.

His tombstone in the Denmark Manor Cemetery, Penn Tp., Westmoreland Co., bears this inscription: In memory of John Lauffer, Sr., died Feb. 18, 1851. Aged 81 years, 11 months, 10 days.

John Lauffer, Sr., was a very careful man in the matter of keeping an accurate family record. In his huge German Bible with its wooden lids covered with leather, he jotted down the dates of birth of his children as they were born. His estate was settled in 1856 after the death of his wife Barbara in 1855. Geo. Ashbaugh, son-in-law, and his son, Christian, were the executors. The whereabouts of that old Bible the descendants of neither Christian Lauffer nor George Ashbaugh can info m us. This old Bible may be no longer in existence. It simply shows the necessity of the publication of some such history as this to keep old records together, if we are to know in the later times, just Who-is-Who in the great Lauffer family.

John Lauffer, Sr., was the father of fourteen children. Born of Susanna, nee Kemerer, first wife of John, Sr., who died Nov. 11, 1815, aged 41 years.

- 1. Elizabeth.
- 2. Susanna
- 3. Mary
- 4. Christian
- 5. Daniel

- 6. John, Jr.
- 7. Simeon
- 8. Seth
- 9. Hettie
- 10. Henry
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- 12. Sarah

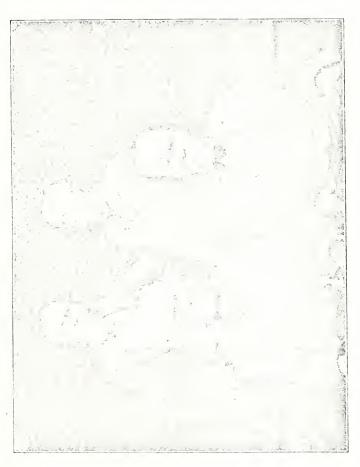
Born of Barbara, nee Erret, second wife of John, Sr.

- 13. Harnah
- 14. Catherine

Elizabeth Lauffer, daughter of John, Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born in 1795 and died in Sept. 1843. She was married in June, 1823, to Henry Beamer, Sr., who died Dec. 17, 1856, in the sixty-second year of his age. Both are interred at the Beamer church, now called Olive, near Murraysville, They lived along Puckety Run in Franklin Tp. on the present Eiwood farm. To them were born seven children.

1. John Beamer, son of Elizabeth Lauffer, daughter of John, Sr., son of Christian, the pioneer, was born Dec. 3, 1824. Married April 5, 1848, to Nancy Rubright (born Dec. 10, 1818), by Rev. Voigt. Both are in good health and live at West Newton, Pa. He is a carpenter and still works at his trade. To them were born five children. (1.) Catherine E. Beamer, born Dec. 31, 1848, married Oct. 28, 1873, to H. II. Silvis, 6745 Atwell St., E. E. Pittsburg, Pa. (2.) Mary Beamer, born Aug 6, 1850. married March 20, 1873, to John Silcox, 129 E. Peach St., Connellsville, Pa. To them were born (a) Frank C. Silcox, April 13, 1874, married Feb. 25, 1898, to Margaret Smith, P. O. Dunbar, Pa. (b) Edward H. Silcox, born Feb. 13, 1876. (c). Albert S. Silcox, born June 30, 1877, married March 6, 1900, to Blanch Renner, to whom were born Sophia Irene Silcox Nov. 29. 1903, John Gilbert Silcox, Apr. 28, 1901. (d) Lucy M. Silcox, born Sept. 24, 1880. (e) Oliver H. Silcox born Apr. 21, 1882. (f) Susannah M. Silcox, born Nov. 5, 1884. (3) Nancy J. Beamer, born May 15, 1854, married Apr. 4, 1872, to Thomas Rohland. Died Sept. 29, 1899. To them were born (a) Mary Crowshore Rohland Sept. 20, 1873, married Oct. 2, 1900, to





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The Braner Brothers.



Jonas Miller, of Toronto, Ohio. (b) Margaret Christiana Rohland, born July 16, 1875, married Oct. 10, 1899, to Cyrus Markle, of Greensburg, Pa., by Rev. E. K. Bailey, to whom were born Mary Jane Markle, May 24, 1900, Margaret Anne Markle May 30, 1903. (c) George C. Rohland, born Nov. 25, 1877, married Oct. 21, 1903, to Olga E. Johnson, P. O. West Newton, Pa. (d) Thomas J. Rohland, born June 4, 1882, P. O. West Newton, Pa. (4) Susannah C. Beamer, born Oct. 31, 1855, married Dec. 25, 1888, to W. P. Warrick, of West Newton, Pa. (5) Barbara Ellen Beamer, born June 17, 1859; married June 11, 1877, to E. C. Oliver, of West Newton, Pa. To them were born (a) Lou Ella Oliver, May 8, 1878; married May 8, 1900, to George Mahar, of Donora, Pa. To them was born John Oliver Mahar, Sept. 2, 1902. (b) Elmer Soles Beamer Oliver, born Jan. 19, 1880, Charleroi, Pa. (c) Edgar Clarence Oliver, March 30, 1882, West Newton, Pa.

II. Henry Beamer, second son of Elizabeth Lauffer was born Aug. 29, 1826. Married Aug. 29, 1852, to Juliana Maria Burger. They celebrated their Golden Wedding Aug. 29, 1902. He was a m erchant until 1863, when he moved on his present farm in Penn Tp., north of Harrison City. To them were born (1) Josephine Louisa Beamer, born June 2, 1855; married June 27, 1872, to H. A. Lauffer, a son of Jacob F., a son of Henry, Jr., son of Henry, Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer. Four children. Infant son, Charles A., Maude J. S., Raymond A. (2.) Margaret Elizabeth Beamer, born March 30, 1857. (3.) Annetta Clarissa Beamer, born Nov. 19, 1859; married March 11, 1879, to Elijan Kemerer, of Turtle Creek, Pa. To them were born Henry J. Kemerer, who died Aug. 22, 1903, agd 20 years, and 9 months. Grace Julia Kemerer, born Feb. 1, 1885, Eva Zuella Kemerer, born May 6, 1887. (4) Henry George Beamer, born Sept. 17. 1863, married Dec. 24, 1896, to Mary Wagoner, P. O. Manoi, Pa. To them were born Russell Wagner Beamer, Nov. 29, 1897. Henry George Beamer, born July 28, 1899. Ruth Julian Beamer, born Aug. 1, 1902. Mary Elizabeth Beamer, born Jan. 7, 1904.

III. Seth Reamer, son of Elizabeth Lauffer, daughter of John Sr., son of Christian, the pioneer, was born July 5, 1828.



Married to Maria Ludwick. His widow lives near Sardis, Pa. To them were born five children. Joseph (died in 1876), William, of Apollo, Miles, Zone and Alvin Beamer. No data sent in.

IV. Jacob Beamer, fourth son of Elizabeth Lauffer, the daughter of John Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born March 22, 1830. Married March 22, 1853, to Susanna Brinker (born Sept. 3, 1835, died July 23, 1872) and to Mary J. Hunter, Sept. 30, 1875, (born Feb. 2, 1847). To them were born eleven children, eight by first marriage, three by the second: (I.) Emma Caroline Beamer, born Apr. 19, 1854, married July 21, 1874, to John Best of Jeannette, Pa., by Rev. W. W. Morehead. To them were born (a) Lillian Best, July 18, 1875. Married June 28, 1900, to George E. Evans, 26 Meyran Ave., Allegheny, Pa., to whom were born Eleanor Rose Evans, May 20, 1902, Mildred Josephine Evans, Nov. 13, 1903. (b) Paul Kirk Best, born Feb. 22, 1880, Veteran of Spanish American War; married in 1904, to Elizabeth Mecbah. Resides in Allegheny, Pa. (c) His twin sister, Anna, died July 19, 1880, and is buried in Brush Creek cemetery. (d) Charles M. Best, born March 19, Married June 11, 1902, to Bessie Mevers. Reside in Monessen, Pa. To them was born Helen Best. (e) Philip C. Best, born June 29, 1888, died Aug. 4, 1888. (f) Melissa R. Best, born July 8, 1886 and (g) Marquis De Witt Best, born Dec. 26, 1891. (2.) Marcia Rosalia Beamer, born June 18, 1856. Married Sept. 30, 1875, to E. L. Grable, of Manor, Pa., Rev. T. F. Boyd. To them were born (a) Osman Arlington Grable, Aug. 26, 1876, (b) Cora Elvin Grable, Nov. 16, 1879. Married Dec. 21, 1904, to Homer Caldwell, of Manor, Pa., by Rev. Calhoun, (c) Alvin Clifford Grable, Aug. 23, 1888, (d) Frances Willard Grable Nov. 26, 1892. (e) Susannalı Rosalia, Dec. 24, 1895. (3) Paul Brinker Beamer, born July 18, 1858, died Sept. 20, 1858. (4.) Ellen Melissa Beamer, born June 11, 1860, married to J. S. Best, now deceased. She resides at 6230 Station St., E. E., Pittsburg, Pa. One daughter, S. Pearl Best, born July 18, 1886. (5) Asaph Tyng Beamer, born Oct. 31, 1862. Married to Anna Augusta Ekas, now deceased. He died Nov. 4, 1896. Both are interred at Brush



Creek. (6) William Spurgeon Beamer, born Sept. 25, 1865... Married to Annetta Cochran. One daughter, Pauline. Resides in Apollo, Pa. (7) Clara Pumilla Beamer, born June 22, 1808; married March 25, 1886, to William F. Brinker, of Manor, Pa., by Rev. Moorehead. To them were born Curtis M., June 8, 1887, Lucy F., Jan. 30, 1889, Pauline L., Dec. 14, 1892, Vivian M., Apr. 26, 1895, Clara, May 8, 1896. (8) John Franklin Beamer, born July 20, 1872, died Sept. 5, 1872. (9) Lillie May Beamer, born Nov. 2, 1877. Died Mar. 2, 1885. (10) James Hunter Beamer, of Monessen, Pa., born Sept. 9, 1880, married to Alice Reppert; to them were born James Reppert Beamer and Elizabeth Jane Beamer. (11) Mary Belle Beamer, born Feb. 21, 1887, Manor, Pa.

V. Michael Beamer, fifth son of Elizabeth, was born Jan. 19, 1832; married Sept. 12, 1854, to Susannah Ludwick (born Apr. 24, 1834, died Jan. 20, 1857), and Jan. 26, 1858, to Margaret Burger (born March 27, 1838) by the Rev. N. P. Hacke. One child by first marriage, three by the second: (1) James A. Beamer, born July 10, 1855; married in the spring of 1879 to Sarah Lauffer, daughter of Jacob F., of the Henry Lauffer branch. Two daughters, Blanche and Margaret. P. O. Tyrone, Pa. (2) Alice Almyra Beamer, born June 6, 1859. Died July 14, 1862. (3) William John Beamer, born Feb. 23, 1862. Married in the fall of 1884 to Lulu Loughner. Two children, Lucy and Paul. He is associated with his father in the Beamer Handle Company, of Manor, Pa. (4) Charles Levan Beamer, born, July 26, 1870. Died July 18, 1872.

VI. Sarah Beamer, born May 17, 1834. Married Oct. 12, 1854, to Andrew J. Silvis, (born 1827, died 1857) by Rev. N. I'. Hacke and Nov. 8, 1859, to Adam Drake (born 1835) by Rev. J. Dallas. One son, Albert J. Silvis, born Mar. 14, 1856, died at the age of 14 years, 8 months and 11 days.

VII. Susanna Beamer, youngest daughter of Catherine Lauffer, died in Oct. 1843, aged three years and three months.

2. Susamah Lauffer, daughter of John Lauffer, Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born in 1796, married in 1823 to.



William Shumaker, of Arona, Pa., and died in 1844. To them were born six children.

1. John Shumaker, born 1824; died 1873. Buried at Seanor's cemetery. Single.

II. Catherine Shumaker, daughter of Susanna Lauffer, daughter of John, Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born in 1825, married in 1845, to Conrad Bossart by Rev. Michael Steck. Resides at Arona, Pa. To them were born six children. (1) Mary Bossart, born Nov. 29, 1846. Married May 3, 1864, to Michael Earhart (born Jan. 29, 1839). To them were born 15 children. (a) Alice C. Earhart, born Mar. 30, 1865, married Oct. 2, 1884, to Edward F. Errett, of Arona, Pa., to whom are born seven children. Newton Errett, Sept. 25, 1885; Lizzie M. Errett, July 5. 1887; Bessie M. Errett, March 13, 1889; James F. Errett, July 13, 1802: Willie B. Errett, Dec. 13, 1807; infant son, Nov. 17, died Nov. 20, 1899, Harrold's Hill church; Walter F. Errett, Nov. 15, 1901. (b) Emma I. Earhart, born Apr. 22, 1866, married Jan. 14, 1886, to Alexander T. Long. (c) Mary E. Earhart, born Dec. 13, 1867, married Dec. 27, 1883, to Geo. P. Thompson. (d) Edward G. Earliart, born Nov. 10, 1869, married Apr. 22, 1896, to Emma Shulty. (e) William C. Earhart, born Nov. 10, 1869. (1) Franklin M. Earhart, born Oct. 30, 1872. (g) Dora A. Earhart, born June 4, 1873. married May 23, 1895, to Frank Earhart. (h) Michael M. Earhart, born Feb. 26, 1875, died in infancy. (i) Minnie L. Earhart, born Mar. 11, 1876, married May 3, 1899, to Harry McNelly. (j) Agnes Roburta Earhart, born Mar. 14, 1878, married Aug. 14, 1903, to Samuel C. Ruff. Resides at Madison, Pa., and has three children: Lillian A. Ruff, born Sept. 4, 1900, Sara A. Ruff, born June 19, 1902, Beatrice Ruff, born July 25, 1904. (k) John D. Earhart, born May 9, 1880. (1) Ezra M. M. Earhart, born Feb. 9, 1882. (m) Tressa M. Earhart, born July 27, 1885, married June 23, 1903, to Samuel G. Gettemy, of South Greensburg, Pa., to whom was born Mary C. Gettemy, Dec. 10, 1904. (n) Sara E. Earhart, born Jan. 13, 1887. (o) James F. Earhart, born Aug. 6, 1891. (No data of other grandchildren received.) (2) George O. Bossart, born May 23, 1848. Married in 1867 to Mary Myers by Jonas Mcckling and in 1872 to



Agnus Kuhns, by David Shearer; to them were born eleven children: (a) Mary Elizabeth, born Jan. 18, 1869, married June 13. 1893 to H. M. Highburger, of West Newton, Pa., to whom were born in fant son, March 15, died March 27, 1896; Florence M. Highburger, Nov. 30, 1897; William R. Highburger, Dec. 23, 1899; George Highburger, Oct. 20, 1903. (b) Noris Logan Bossart, born July 18, 1873; married to Sue Irene Allshouse, lives in Adamsburg, Pa. (c) Cora Catherine Bossart, born June 19, 1876, married to George Carn, of Arona. (d) Leah Agmus Bossart, born Dec. 1, 1877, married to N. O. Shupe, of Madison, Pa. (e) Emma Grace Bossart, born Oct. 3, 1879, married to Louis Hax, of Turtle Creek, Pa. (f) Lucretia Garfield Bossart, born Aug. 6, 1881. (g) George Wagoner Bossart, born Feb. 7, 1883. (h) Ruphus Philemon Bossart, horn May 7, 1885. (i) William Kuhns Bossart, born Oct. 25, 1887. (j) Clara Helen Bossart, born July 11, 1892. (k) Paul Orner Bossart, born Jan. 7, 1896. (3) William Bossart was born in 1850, lives at Arona, Pa., and has six children. No report. (4) Catherine Bossart, the fourth of Catharine's children, was born in 1854 and died in 1902. She like Leali and Elizabeth, is interred at Brush Creek. She was married first in May, 1874, to J. W. Miller, of Arona, to whom she had three children, and on Feb. 10, 1884, was married to G. W. Miller, to whom she had five children. (a) Irwin C. Miller, born Sept. 28, 1865. (b) Mary E. Miller, born May 5, 1878. (c) Clifford E. Miller, born Apr. 22, 1880. (d) Alva L. F. Miller, born Dec. 7, 1884. (e) Wade H. Miller, born Dec. 22, 1888. (f) Ira Minta M. Miller, born Mar. 18, 1891. (g) Geo. W. Miller, born May 10, 1893. (h) Leon S. Miller, born June 4, 1895. (5) Lean Bossart, born 1852, died 1878 single. (6) Elizabeth, born 1856, died 1862.

III. William Shumaker, third child of Susannah Lauffer, has a son, Arthur, in Pittsburg, Pa., and a son Frank, at Arona, Pa., from whom we received no data. William Shumaker was born in 1828, died in 1894. Is buried at Scanor's

IV. Sincon Shumaker was born in 1830.



V. Jacob Shumaker was born in 1832. Died in 1865. Buried of Scanor's.

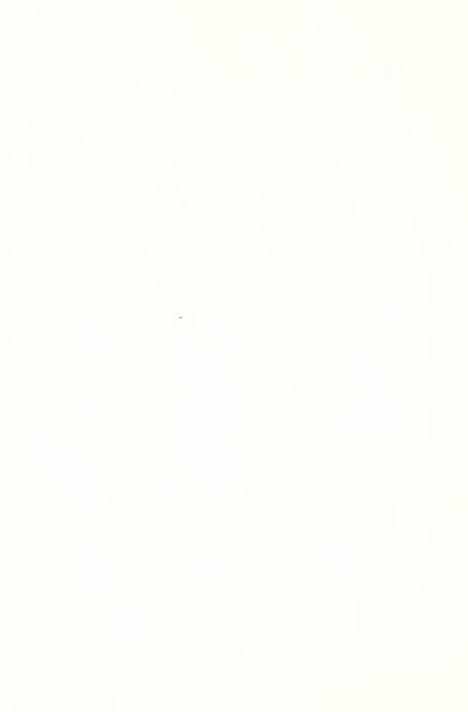
VI. Joseph Shumaker born 1834. Died 1873. Buried at Seanor's. Two sons in Arona, William and Cyrus, from whom we received no report.

3. Mary Lauffer, daughter of John Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Apr. 9, 1798, married Oct. 19, 1820, to George Ashbaugh by the Rev. N. P. Hacke. (He and Christian Lauffer as before stated were the executors of the John Lauffer, Sr., estate.) To them were born eleven children. I. Samuel Ashbaugh, son of Mary Lauffer, was born July 21, 1821. Whereabouts not known. II. George Ashbaugh, born Dec. 14, 2823. Married May 14, 1846, to Charlotte McMasters. (Born Apr. 30, 1828, died Dec. 23, 1899. Interred at Long Run Cemetery.) He died Jan. 14, 1850, and is interred at the Denmark Manor Cemetery. To them were born two children: (1.) Mary Eliza Ashbaugh, born March 30, 1847. Married Nov. 26, 1863, to Jacob Hershev. Died March 25, 1880. Interred at Long Run Cemetery. To this marriage seven chil--dren were born: (a) IdaMay Hershey, born Apr. 27, 1865. \*married June 16, 1802, to Chas Vial, of Braddock, Pa., whose family consists of John Clinton Vial, born June 21, 1896, Edna May Vial, born Sept. 22, 1898, Chas. Allen Vial, born Feb. 14, 1904. (b) George H. Hershey, born March 10, 1867, married Feb. 27, 1895, to Katy New. They reside in Pittsburg, Pa. (c) · Charles B. Hershev, born Feb. 18, 1869, died Nov. 3, 1881. In-Sterred at Long Run. (d) Frank B. Hershev, born Feb. 17, 1871, married Oct. 21, 1897, to Evelyn Detrick by Rev. D. A. Spaders. To them were born Ruth Eleanor Hershey, Sept. 1, 1900, Mildred Evelyn Hershey, June 24, 1904. (e) John C. Hershey, born Feb. 19th, 1873, married in June 1900, to Lana Hammerly. Resides in Braddock, Pa. (f) Maggie Oskin Hershey, born Dec. 25, 1875, and married Dec. 7, 1895, to Thomas Hutchinson, of Irwin, Pa., by Rev. D. A. Souders, to whom were born Jacob C. Hutchinson, June 19, 1897, Mary E. Hutcliinson, March 23, 1900. (g) Wilbur Forde Hershey, born May 29, 1877, married Oct. 10, 1900, to Linnie Daugherty, of Irwin.



Pa., by Rev. D. A. Souders. (2) Margaret A. Ashbaugh, borne. Sept. 21, 1850, married Feb. 17, 1870, to William Oskin, 1. Moody St., Braddock Pa., by Rev. Barclay. To them were borne five children: (a) Edward L. Oskin, born Jan. 9, 1871. (b) Charles S. Oskin, July 17, 1873, died Dec. 13, 1873. (c) Arthur H. Oskin, born Jan. 21, 1875, died Aug. 2, 1890. Both intered at Braddock. (d) Daniel H. Oskin, born Aug. 14, 1877, married May 21, 1902, to Olive G. Harding, by Rev. Williams McKenna, 635 Lilly Ave., Braddock. (e) Clyde H. Oskin, borne Nov. 10, 1885.

III. John Ashbaugh, son of Mary Lauffer, was born Dec. 24, 1823, married Dec. 14, 1848, to Catharine Hill (born May 29, 1828, died June 3, 1878, interred at Olive church.) by Rev. N. P. Hacke. He died Feb. 1, 1882, and is interred at Brusha Creek. He was the father of eight children. (1) George Ashbaugh, born Dec. 1, 1849, died Apr. 12, 1852, interred at Olive church. (2) Henry Ashbaugh, of Export, Pa. (3) Sarah A. Ashbaugh, born June 23, 1854, married in 1871 to Josiah Martz of Sardis, Pa. (Josiah Martz was born Aug. 16, 1848, and isthe father of nine children:) (a) Minnie M. Martz, born Apr. 10, 1874, married Feb. 21, 1900, to Hugh McWilliams, of Turtle Creek, Pa., by Rev. T. R. Dietz. Two children, Wayne Martz McWilliams, born 1900, infant daughter born 1905. (b) Clyde C. Martz, born Dec. 13, 1876. (c) Idella I. Martz, born May 4, 1879, died Sept. 25, 1897. (d) Lizzie L. Martz, born. Mar. 20, 1881. (e) Nettie P. Martz, born Apr. 7, 1884, married Nov. 5, 1902, to Benjamin Walker, Turtle Creek, Pa. (f) Alva R. Martz, born Feb. 6, 1886. (g) Curtis S. Martz, born Jan. 25, 1889. (h) Philip E. Martz, born June 9, 1891. (i) William W. Martz, born Aug. 22, 1895. (4) Philip H. Ashbaugh, born Apr. 5, 1856, married Mar 10, 1877, to Mary E. Davidson, by Rev. Grav. She died July 14, 1878, and is buried at Hill's church. To them were born Mary C. Ashbaugh, Jan. 8, 1878, died Mar. 4, 1879, also interred at Hill's. He was again married Dec. 21, 1882, to Mary E. Martz. Rev. J. F. Snyder. (5) Mary C. Ashbaugh, born May 11, 1858, married Nov. 24, 1878, to James H. Smith by Rev. Kirk.



Married again Oct. 23, 1890, to William H. Feightner by Rev. H. H. Boyd. P. O. Hot Springs, Garland Co., Ark. (6) Margaret A. Ashbaugh, born Oct. 13, 1860. Died July 11, 1878. Interred at Hill's Church. (7) William J. Ashbaugh, born June 22, 1862, died Aug 17, 1891. Interred at Greensburg, Pa. (8) Nancy O. Ashbaugh, married to Benjamin Rubright, of Export, Pa., R. F. D. 1.

IV. Annie Ashbaugh, daughter of Mary Lauffer, daughter of John, Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Feb. 29, 1826, married Apr. 2, 1846, to Henry Good by Rev. N. P. Hacke. To them were born five children: (1) John Good born Jan. 20. 1847, killed in the Civil War Feb. 7, 1865. (2) Mary E. Good born Jan. 26, 1849, married Nov. 26, 1867, to Lebbeus Brinker, of Boquet, Pa., by Rev. N. P. Hacke. To them were born eight children: (a) Spurgeon A. Brinker born May 9, 1869, married Dec. 12, 1894, to Minerva R. Berlin. Resides in Export, Pa. (b) Victor I. Brinker, born Oct. 5, 1870, of Vandergrift Heights, Pa. He was married Oct. 18, 1892, to Effie Pool by Rev. Van Cleff, to whom were born Herbert J. Brinker July 1, 1894, Avard S. Brinker Apr. 10, 1897, Gladys W. Brinker Aug. 5, 1899. (c) Minnie L. Brinker born May 2, 1873, married Jan. 12, 1898, to I. E. Berlin, of Export, Pa., by Rev. J. M. Evans. To them was born Allison J. Berlin Apr. 25, 1903. (d) Myrtle A. Brinker, born Jan. 20, 1876, married Nov. 9, 1904, to W. H. Glunt, of Export, Pa., by Rev. J. E. Sheetz. (e) Alice M. Brinker born Dec. 25, 1878 Married June 18, 1903, to Howard W. Dewalt, of Claridge, Pa., by Rev. J. M. Evans. (f) Willis B. Brink er born June 25, 1879, of Philadelphia, Pa. (g) Paul H. Brinker born May 14, 1882, of Boquet, Pa. (h) Alpheus Carlton Brinker born Oct. 23, 1883, died July 24, 1884, interred at Denmark Manor. (3) Israel E. Good born Nov. 13, 1852, married Jan. 9, 1873, to Frances M. Wigle, for which see Christian Lauffer, son of John, Sr., section. (4) Margaret A. Good born Apr. 24, 1859, married Dec. 25, 1879, to A. D. Kiester, of Carnegic, Pa., by Rev. J. F. Snyder. To them were born six children: Anna Mable Kiester, May 22, 1881, Henry Raymond Kiester, Aug. 4, 1883, died Oct. 8, 1893. Frank Clinton Kiester born Oct. 13, 1888, died July 15, 1904. Both interred at Char-



tiers Cemetery. Alice Kiester born Dec. 9, 1890, died Mar. 2, 1891, interred at Versailles. Twins Alvin Good Kiester and Abner Alan Kiester, born April 3, 1895. (5) William J. Good born Apr. 29, 1865, married Oct. 1, 1902, to Anna M. Byrely by Rev. J. M. Evans. Resides at Export, Pa.

V. Joseph Ashbaugh, born May 18, 1827. Single. Date of death not known to us.

VI. David Ashbaugh, son of Mary Lauffer, daughter of John, Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Mar. 15, 1829, died June 9, 1904. Married to Susan Hill, born May 5, 1833. P. O., Sardis, Pa. To them were born twelve children. (We corresponded, but did not secure the names of grand children.)

(1) William J. Ashbaugh born July 28, 1856, Aurora, Neb.

(2) Hiram P. Ashbaugh born Dec. 24, 1856, Aurora, Neb.

(3) Henry G. Ashbaugh, March 11, 1860, Oakmont, Pa.

(4) David F. Ashbaugh, born Oct. 15, 1861, Shenandoah, Iowa.
(5) Susan S. Ashbaugh, born Aug. 21, 1863, Natrona, Pa.

(6) Reuben C. Ashbaugh, June 17, 1865, of Shenandoah, Iowa.

(7) Lucy A. Ashbaugh, born Nov. 15, 1867, of Shenandoah, Iowa. (8) Martin L. Ashbaugh, born Nov. 11, 1869, of Minco, Ind. Ter. (9) Maggie E. Ashbaugh, born July 17, 1871, Mc-Keesport Pa. (10) Alice P. Ashbaugh, born Apr. 23, 1873. Cole, Mont. (11) Simon P. Ashbaugh, born Apr. 11, 1875, Allegheny, Pa. (12) James S. Ashbaugh, born Aug. 18, 1878, Sardis, Pa. In the letter that accompanies David Ashbaugh's chart, he says there are twenty-eight of the thirty-one grandchildren living.

VII. Henry Ashbaugh, son of Mary Lauffer, was born Nov. 1, 1831, died Jan. 23, 1901. Interred at Denmark Manor Cemetery. He was married to Elizabeth Good, who died Feb. 20, 1874. By this union he had twelve children. He was again married to Sarah Snyder, of Jeannette, Pa., by whom he had three children. (1)Henry John Ashbaugh born Dec. 27, 1855, died July 3, 1859. (2) Mary Jane Ashbaugh born Apr. 23, 1857, Married Jan. 30, 1873, to Joseph Wolfe, of Irwin, Pa. R. F. D. To them were born six children: (a) Sadie E. M. Wilfe, born Jan. 19, 1874, married Aug. 18, 1892, to John L. Updegraff by D.

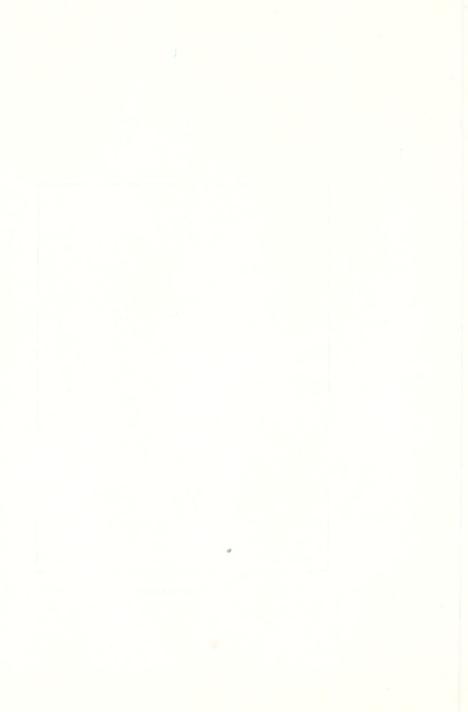


S. Ferguson. P. O., Irwin, Pa. R. F. D. Three children, Mary E. Updegraff born Mar. 16, 1893, Laura A. Updegraff Nov. 16, 1894, Viola A. Updegraff born Sept. 17, 1900. (b) Anala Laura Wolfe horn Nov. 20, 1876, married to William Watson, of Wilkinsburg, Pa. (c) Joseph Roy Wolfe born Feb. 1, 1386, died Sept. 22, 1886. (d) Mary Mabel Wolfe born May 22, 1889. (e) Ida Irene Wolfe born Oct. 24, 1892. (f) Rebecca E. Wolfe born June 30, 1897. (3) George W. Ashbaugh born July 3, 1858, married Feb. 27, 1895, to Catherine Hutchinson by Rev. C. L. E. Cartwright. To them were born: Edward T. Ashbaugh Ian. 13, 1898. Mary E. Ashbaugh Feb. 2, 1902. (4) Annie Elizabeth Ashbaugh born Oct. 30, 1859, Jeannette, Pa. (5) Sarah Ellen Ashbaugh born Apr. 3, 1861, Irwin, Pa., R. F. D. (6) Barbara Alice Ashbaugh, born Aug. 3, 1862, married to George Kunkle, of Delmont, Pa. (7) William Humes Ashbaugh born Sept. 26, 1863, Irwin, Pa. R. F. D. 48) Agnes Glunt Ashbaugh born May 5, 1865, married July 4, 1803, to William I. Wilson, of Greensburg, Pa., by Rev. Walter Witten. (9) Christian James Ashbaugh born Dec. 28, 1866. Married Dec. 31, 1891, to Maggie L. Painter, by W. A. Keener. P. O., Irwin, Pa., R. F. D. To them were born six children: William G. Ashbaugh born Dec. 8, 1892. (b) Mary Ellen Ashbaugh born Dec. 2, 1895. (c) Isa. Ashbaugh born Apr. 15, 1897, died Apr. 18, 1898, interred at Union Cemetery, Irwin. (d) Howard E. Ashbaugh born July 17, 1899. (e) James H. Ashbaugh born Feb. 7, 1902. (f) Albert L. Ashbaugh born Apr. 9, 1904. (10) Ida Settiah Ashbaugh born Sept. 6, 1868, married Sept. 17, 1885, to Elmer E. Hobaugh by Rev. W. F. Conner. P. O., Irwin, Pa., R. F. D. To them were born eight children: (a) Jennie V. Hobaugh born June 18, 1887. (b) Florence M. Hobangh born Apr. 27, 1889. (c) Charles E. Hobaugh born July 10, 1800. (d) James W. Hobaugh born Nov. 8, 1893. (e) Henry E. Hobaugh born June 13, 1896. (f) John J. Hobaugh born July 31, 1898. (g) Mary Ellen Hobaugh born Apr. 24, 1901. (h) Ira I. Hobaugh born July 29, 1903. (11) Lydia Catherine Ashbaugh born July 13, 1870, married Oct. 27, 1892, to George E. Kuhns, of Irwin, Pa., R. F. D., by W. A. Keener. To them four children were born:





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Grace Elizabeth Kuhns born Aug. 3, 1893. Nellie Josephine Kuhns born June 20, 1896. Sarah Ruth Kuhns born Aug. 25, 1900. Edward David Kuhns born July 17, 1903. (12) Ulysses Grant Ashbaugh born Nov. 13, 1871, Irwin; Pa. (13) Walter D. H. Ashbaugh born Feb. 19, 1876. Married Apr. 17, 1900, to Ida Florence Kunkle, by Rev. J. M. Miles. P. O., Jeannette, Pa., R. F. D. Two children. Edith Irene Ashbaugh Feb. 24, 1901, and James Howard Kunkle Ashbaugh born Sept. 9, 1902. (14) Clarence Algie Ashbaugh born May 12, 1878, married Sept. 12, 1904, to Luella B. Cline by Rev. S. B. Mace. Boquet, Pa. (15) Calvin Paul Ashbaugh born Dec. 9, 1879, Jeannette, Pa.

VIII. Seth Ashbaugh born Apr. 29, 1833. Deceased. IX. Barbara Ashbaugh born Aug. 25, 1834. Deceased.

- X. Paul Ashbaugh, son of Mary Lauffer, daughter of John, Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born May 9, 1837. Resides at County Line, Iowa. Married Nov. 11, 1858, to Julia Ann Lauffer by Rev. David Kirkpatrick. To them were born five children:
- (1) Alice D. Ashbaugh born Oct. 6, 1859. Married Dec. 18, 1879, to John K. Clark by Rev. G. M. Spargrove. To them were born six children: (a) Lola Rebecca Clark born Nov. 3, 1880, died Nov. 22, 1881. Interred at Winsel Cemetery, near Libertyville, Iowa. (b) James Russell Clark born Aug. 28, 1882, of Cantril, Iowa. (c) Ida Ruth Clark born Feb. 15, 1885, married Feb. 18, 1903, to Ralph Linn by Rev. G. L. Mineas. One child: Paul Raymond Linn born Jan. 27, 1904. P. O., Cantril, Van Buren Co., Iowa. (d) Agnes May Clark born April 2, 1887. (e) Homer Dane Clark born Oct. 4, 1889. (f) Grover Cleveland Clark born Mar. 25, 1892.
- (2) Elmer D. Ashbaugh born Feb. 17, 1862, married May 17, 1899, to Ada Blanchard byy Rev. Jackson Harman. One child: Fern H. Ashbaugh born Apr. 23, 1900.
- (3) Mary M. Ashbaugh born May 4, 1864. Died Aug. 24, 1890, interred at Denmark Manor Cemetery. Married to John Lessig (also deceased). One child, Paul J. Lessig born Aug. 4, 1884.



- (4) Ida V. Ashbaugh born Mar. 2, 1866, married Aug. 4, 1887, to Oliver Portzer by Rev. S. S. Holloway. Two children: Charles H. Portzer born Sept. 2, 1888, died Aug. 4, 1890, interred at Denmark Manor Cemetery, and Alice P. Portzer born Sept. 8, 1890. P. O., Harrison City, Pa.
- (5) Calvin P. Ashbaugh born Mar. 18, 1868, married Sept. 29, 1892, to Anna M. Lauffer. P. O., Irwin, Pa., R. F. D.
- XI. Mary Ashbaugh born Jan. 12, 1839. Single. Of the date of death and place of interment we are not informed.
- TV Christian Lauffer son of John, Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, died Aug. 10, 1886, aged 86 years, 10 months and 23 days. His wife, Elizabeth, also buried at Denmark Manor, died Jan 24, 1883, aged 82 years, 4 months and 10 days. To them were born six children: Mary, Margaret, Susan, Simon, Elizabeth, John; of these six all except John left families. Christian Lauffer, like his brother, John, the centenarian, did some traveling in his younger days. On one of these trips he visited his Uncle Peter, in Moore Tp., Northampton Co., Pa., as we are informed by Mrs. Catharine Waugaman, his living sister.
- (1) Mary Lauffer, his eldest child, was born June 3, 1824, married June 16, 1844, to John Wigle by Rev. Nicholas P. Hacke. Died recently. To them were born ten children: (a) Simon L. Wigle born June 11, 1846, died May 5, 1864. (b) Susan Wigle born Jan. 11, 1848, married Aug. 29, 1895, to Zepli Glunt, of Turtle Creek, Pa., by Rev. J. J. Wagoner. (c) L. Elizabeth Wigle born Nov. 13, 1850, married Oct. 23, 1882, to John I. Brown by B. McKenna. P. O., Paden, Ind. Ter. Three chiidren: Ellen F. Brown born Apr. 11, 1884. Minnie A. Brown born Jan. 28, 1886. John E. Brown born Aug. 9, 1890. (d) H. J. Wigle born Feb. 8, 1852, married Mar. 22, 1877, to Martha J. Baer, by Rev. B. B. Christy. Their family consists of seven: Melissa J. Wigle born Feb. 5, 1878. (To her we are indebted for Wigle data). Logan K. Wigle born Jan. 30, 1880, married Sept. 3, 1903, to Mary B. Ridinger, by Rev. S. B. Mase. (One child, Robert Ridinger Wigle born July 17, 1904.) C. Lauffer Wigle born Nov. 17, 1882. J. Chalmer Wigle born Feb. 18, 1884. Lydia E. Wigle born Sept. 18, 1886, died Nov. 9, 1893,





Christian Lauffer, son of John Sr.





Mrs. Christian Lauffer, nee Elizabeth Detar.



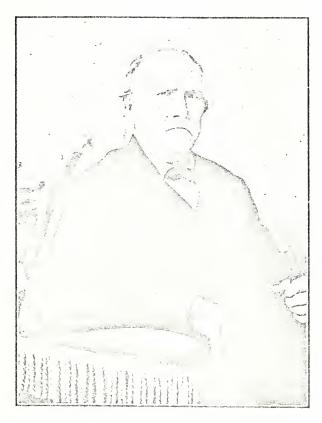
interred at Irwin, Pa.. Charles M. Wigle born Aug. 9, 1889. Hettie M. E. Wigle born Sept. 1, 1802. (e) Frances M. Wigle, the fifth child of Mary Lauffer, was born Mar. 7, 1853, married Jan. 9, 1873, to Israel E. Good, of Export, Pa., by Rev. N. P. Hacke. To them were born eight children. Oscar M. Good born Oct. 25, 1873, married Aug. 11, 1896, to C. Kepple, by Rev. Geo. J. Hiener. P. O., Export, Pa. (Three children. Israci E. Good born June 14, 1898. Herbert K. Good born Sept. 11, 1899. Marion O. Good born June 12, 1902). Anna May Good born Feb. 25, 1875, married Jan. 24, 1894, to J. N. Wilson, by Rev. J. N. Evans. (Five children: Walter Wilson born Nov. 15, 1895, died Feb. 8, 1896, interred at Murraysville. Florence Margaret Wilson born Feb. 15, 1897. Israel Arthur Wilson born June 25, 1902. Isahella Wilson born May 1, 1905). Maud A. Good born Dec. 26, 1877, married Apr. 18, 1902, to E. C. Watt, of Export, Pa. William H. Good born June 17, 1880, married Sept. 9, 1902, to L. E. McConnell, of Export, Pa. Frank W. Good born May 6, 1883, died Feb. 1, 1884, interred at Emanuel Cemetery. Beli C. Good, the sixth of the family of Francis M. Wigle, was born Aug. 24, 1884, married Dec. 24, 1902, to H. C. McWilliams, of Murraysville, by Rev. A. F. Bender. (One child. Loretta M. McWilliams born Feb. 3, 1904). Ray I. Good born June 15, 1886. Edna M. Good, May 6, 1888. (f) Wilson S. Wigle born Jan. 2, 1858, married Mar. 6, 1881, to Elizabeth F. Donaldson (born Mar. 21, 1861, died June 6, 1882) by Rev. A. E. Truxal. (One child by this marriage, Albert T. Wigle, born Mar. 21, 1882, died May 5, 1882). Married again July 3, 1883, to Maggie Watson (born Jan. 15, 1862) by Rev. George Orbin. To them were born ten children. P. O., Greensburg, Pa., R. F. D. 4. George W. Wigle born May 13, 1884. William L. Wigle born Jan. 24, 1886. James H. Wigle born June 18, 1888, died Nov. 8, 1888, interred at Congruity, Pa. Frank C. Wigle born Feb. 25, 1890. Ralph R. Wigle born Oct. 10, 1891. Norman M. Wigle born Jan 8, 1894. Christina M. Wigle born May 3, 1895. Allen K. Wigle born July 19, 1897. Olive S. Wigle born Mar. 31, 1899. Wilson S. Wigle born May 15, 1902. (g) C. L. Wigle born Mar. 7, 1859, married in 1885



to Mary Krop by Rev. Krider. P. O., Export, Pa. Nine children: Albert N. Wigle born June 19, 1886. Minnie Wigle born Aug. 13, 1888. Herman Wigle born Mar. 8, 1890. Arnold Wigle born Feb. 6, 1892. Harry Wigle born July 4, 1894. Laura Wigle born May 21, 1897. Oscar Wigle born Aug. 10, 1899. Noema Wigle born Oct. 4, 1902. Christopher Wigle born May 21, 1897, died May 27, 1897, interred at Turtle Creek, Pa. (1) Annie Z. Wigle born Jan. 23, 1864, died Jan. 24, 1886. Interred Irwin, Pa. (j) Jennie Wigle born Sept 10, 1867, married to I. K. Glunt, Irwin, Pa.

- (2) Margaret Lauffer, daughter of Christian Lauffer, son of John, Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Aug. 1, 1827, married June 20, 1844, to David Keister by Rev. N. P. Hacke. To them weer born eleven children. (Data of grandchildren as yet not received.) (a) John L. Keister born Feb. 19, 1845. Killed in Civil War, near Richmond, Va., May 30, 1864. (b) James D. Keister born July 9, 1846, died Apr. 2, 1875, interred Ottumwa, Iowa. (c) Henry C. Keister born Oct. 5, 1848, married Dec. 2, 1868, to Jennie Hoey, Address St. Edwards, Neb. (d) Simon D. Keister born Dec. 25, 1852, married Feb. 19, 1880, to Eva E. Humes, Export, Pa. (e) Anna M. Kiester born Nov. 14, 1854, married Jan. 2, 1873, to S. K. Hoey, Swissvale, Pa. (f) William E. Keister born Apr. 2, 1856, married July 14, 1880, to Ida Baird, Essex, Iowa. (g) Eber B. Keister born Nov. 10, 1858, married Dec. 25, 1869, to Alice Good, Carnegie, Pa. (h) Calvin E. Keister born Oct. 21, 1860, married Sept. 23, 1886, to Lizzie Cline, of Turtle Creek, Pa. (i) Elizabeth J. Keister born Oct. 28, 1862, married Aug. 20, 1885, to J. F. Mull, Jeannette, Pa. (j) Grant N. Keister born July 14, 1865, married Mar. 11, 1885, to Lydia Naley. Died Aug. 24, 1809; interred at Denmark Manor Cemetery. (k) Charles I. Keister born Jan. 8, 1868, married Sept. 17, 1891, to Emma Mull, Larimer, Pa.
- (3) Susan Lausser, third in the family of Christian, son of John, Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Dec. 10, 1831, married Dec. 25, 1851. to Samuel Earhart by Rev. Eyster. Susannah Earhart died May 16, 1861. Five children: (a)





DANIEL LAUFFER.



Alpheus Virgil Earhart born Jan. 31, 1853, married June 9, 1897, to Anna Gertrude Kepler, by George W. Kepler. Address 1319 Esplanade St., Allegheny, Pa. (b) Albacetta Virginia Earhart born Aug. 20, 1854, married Feb. 6. 1871, to John I. Errett, of McKeesport, Pa., by Rev. N. P. Hacke. He was born Nov. 18, 1850, died Oct. 16, 1889. To them were born five children. Bertha Idella Errett born Jan. 17, 1872, married June 27, 1889, to Thomas Carroll; she died Sept. 19, 1899, interred in McKeesport, Pa. Elijah L. Errett born June 12, 1875, married Dec. 29, 1898, to Bertha Fry, Claridge, Pa. Alice E. Errett born July 20, 1882. Maneya J. Errett born May 6, 1886, died Sept. 14, 1887. Pearl V. Errett born Oct. 16, 1888. (c) Alice Catherine Earhart born Nov. 18, 1855, married Mar. 15, 1883, to Francis Waugaman, of Harrison City, Pa., by Rev. D. B. Lady. Two children. Frank Lauffer Waugaman born July 29, 1884, and Garnet Waugaman born Apr. 1, 1886. (d) Albert Elijah Earhart born Feb. 18, 1857, married Dec. 18, 1879, to Eliza Reiff by Rev. Ogle. Address Echo, Wells Co., Ind. Two children, Alphus H. Earhart born Oct. 5, 1880, and Charles Earhart born Nov. 21, 1882, married Aug. 30, 1903, to Mattie Eva Prough by H. C. Smith. Address, Bluffton, Ind. (c) Anna Elizabeth Earhart born June 8, 1859, married Sept. 29, 1880, to Frank Johnson, St. Joseph. Mo., (born June 27, 1860) by Rev. William Friend. Three-children. Aaron O. Johnson born June 19, 1881, P. O., Hiawatha, Brom Co., Kan. Hattie A. Johnson, born Nov. 25, 1882. Nellie M. Johnson born Sept. 3, 1888. P. O., Horton, Brom Co., Kan.

- (4) Simon D. Lauffer, son of Christian, son of John, Sr., son of Christian, the Pioncer, was born Mar. 31, 1834.; married Dec. 24, 1863, to Kate Painter by Rev. Eaton. To them were born four children. Minnie E. Lauffer, born Oct. 2, 1865, died Jan. 4, 1871. Lizzie M. Lauffer, born Feb. 2, 1867, died Mar. 6, 1873. Bertha B. Lauffer, born Feb. 2, 1870. Frank P. Lauffer, born Nov. 8, 1880, Irwin, Pa.
- (5) Elizabeth Lauffer, born Sept. 19, 1841, married May 22, 1854, to Joseph B. Martin, (born Mar. 22, 1831) by Rev. N. P. Hacke. Eight children. (a) Mary Martin, born Oct. 3,



1863, died in infancy. (b) Frank E. Martin, born Aug. 3, 1856, married in 1895 to Ada Frankenberg, Latrobe, Pa. One child, Martha Martin, born Aug. 1900. (c) William L. Martin born 1858, married May 9, 1889, to Nan J. 25. Blair. Three children. John B. Martin, born lames C. Martin, born November 1890. 1892. Elizabeth M. Martin, born Oct. 27, 1894. P. O. Irwin, Pa. (d) James O. Martin, born Nov. 3, 1860, married July 4, 1883, to Catherine Bowman. Three children. Mary E. Martin, born May 23, 1884. Jean O. Martin, born July 14, 1886. Frank L. Martin, born Oct. 3, 1890. (e) Katharine M. Martin, born May 29, 1866, married Feb. 21, 1889 to John C. Loughead. Braddock, Pa. (f) Belle Martin, born Mar. 3, 1869, married Sept. 1, 1891, to S. S. Shaw, 736 North Ave., Wilmerding, Pa. (g) Lillian M. Martin, born Feb. 27, 1874, married Aug 23, 1894, to W. E. Shaw, Jeannette, Pa. (h) Margaret Martin, born Feb. 17, 1876, married Oct. 18, 1899, to W. F. Hayden, Greensburg, Pa. One child, Elizabeth J. Hayden, born Oct. 21, 1900.

(6) John Lausfer, one of the elder children in the family of Christian Lausfer, son of John, Sr., died of a fever when a young

man. No data received.

V. Daniel Lauffer, son of John, Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Mar. 18, 1801, died May 13, 1887, interred at Pine Run cemetery. Married to Margaret Dible, who was born Sept. 8, 1808, died Nov. 6, 1846, also interred at Pine Run. He was the father of seven children.

(1) Jacob D. Lauffer, son of Daniel, was born May 5, 1828, married June, 1853, to Mary N. Yockey. Married again in April, 1871, to Lizzie C. Amant by Rev. Stauffer. Five children. (a) Elizabeth L. Lauffer, born Sept. 1854, married about 1870, to John Amant, of Apollo, Pa. To them were born George Amant, married and living in Saltsburg and Clyde Amant, married and living in Apollo. (b) John Y. Lauffer, born in May, 1856, married in the spring of 1879 to Martha Weaver, Apollo, Pa. Two children, Laura and Harry. (c) Leanna Dorcas Lauffer, born in May, 1863, married Christmas, 1881, to Jacob Forbes of Apollo. Six children. Ethel, Earl, Edna, Frank, Le-



anna, Margaret (d) Rev. George N. Lauffer, born Nov. 24 1879, married Oct. 8, 1902, to Naomi Myers. Pastor of Lutheran church, New Oxford, Pa. (e) Hannah Mabel Lauffer, born Jan. 3, 1882, Apollo, Pa.

- (2) Lusetta Lauffer, born Dec. 7, 1832.
- (3) Neriah L. Lauffer, born May 29, 1835.
- (4) Julianna Lauffer, born Oct. 25, 1837. For these three we have received no data.
- (5) Daniel M. Lausser, born May 11, 1840, married March 26, 1868, to Angelina Mussey. The old family Bible is in the hands of Daniel, Jr., and to him we are indebted for much of the material in the Daniel Lausser section. Address, Apollo, Pa. Nine children. (a) Sharlett L. Lausser, born Mar. 20, 1869, Salina, Pa. (b) L. V. Lausser, born Jan. 27, 1871, died Nov. 10, 1878. (c) J. C. Lausser, born Dec. 1, 1872, Salina, Pa. (d) J. M. Lausser, born Mar. 12, 1874, Salina, Pa. (e) J. F. Lausser, born Mar. 10, 1876, married Sept. 30, 1896, to M. J. Caldwell, Salina, Pa. (f) M. A. Lausser, born Nov. 12, 1877, married Nov. 7, 1900, to E. M. Williard, 85 Hamilton St., Allegheny, Pa. (g) J. R. Lausser, born May 28, 1880, married May 1, 1902, to Annie Lucas, Salina, Pa. (h) W. W. Lausser, born Oct. 20, 1882. (i) H. Z. Lausser, born Sept. 1, 1885.
- (6) Margaret J. C. Lauffer, born June 4, 1842, married Nov. 15, 1860, to Joseph Hill by Rev. McMillen. To them were born thirteen children. (a) Mary M. Hill, born Aug. 10, 1861, married Dec. 21, 1881, to J. B. George (born Apr. 18, 1857, died May 6, 1898) by Rev. J. Dottes. P. O. Apollo, Pa. Two children. Margaret E. George, born June 9, 1882, married May 12, 1904, to A. L. Whitaere, of Vandergriftt Heights, Pa. Rolland E. George, born Sept. 7, 1884. (b) Daniel M. Hill, born Sept. 27, 1862, married Dec. 1891, to Elsie Hill, died Sept. 11, 1898, interred at Pine Run. (c) John M. Hill, of Paulton, Pa., born July 30, 1864. (d) Herman G. Hill, born Oct. 3, 1866, died Jan. 31, 1899, interred at Pine Run. (e) Bellle H. Hill, born Jan. 26, 1869, married Oct. 23, 1891, to L. W. Taylor, of Apollo, (born Sept. 7, 1864) by Rev. F. W. Brown. Two children,



Cora Muriel Taylor, born Dec. 11, 1892, and Boyd Wilson Taylor, born Feb. 3, 1896. (f) Dale A. Hill, born Sept. 17, 1870, married July 23, 1896, to Mollie Duncan by Rev. Culler Vandergrift Heights, Pa. One child. Teresa U. Hill, born Aug. 19, 1897. (g) Russell I. Hill, born Dec. 27, 1872, died Aug. 20, 1873, interred at Pine Run. (h) Artie A. Hill, born July 13, 1874, married Oct. 26, 1899, to Cora Shingler, by Pev. C. M. Summey. P. O. Paulton, Pa. Three children. Marie M. Hill, born June 6, 1900, Earnest L. Hill, born June 2, 1901. John L. Hill, born Feb. 8, 1903. (i) Orpha E. Hill, born Feb. 19, 1877, married April 1895, to W. R. McQuilkin. Vandergrift Heights, Pa. (j) Lloyd E. Hill, born Feb. 8, 1879, married Dec.6, 1897, to R. E. Gumbert, Vandergrift Heights, Pa. (k) Cecil E. Hill, born Jan. 17, 1882, Paulton, Pa. (l) Claude E. Hill, born May 21, 1884. (m) Fern L. Hill, born, Apr. 9, 1887.

(7) John Lauffer, son of Daniel, was born Apr. 27, 1846, married Nov. 20, 1866, to Mary Agues Rumbaugh (born Feb. 22, 1848) by Rev. J. Welfley. He was enlisted in Co. F. 11th Regiment, Penna. Volunteers, under Gen. Richard Coulter. He was a prisoner of war in Libby prison, Bell Island and Salsbury, and lectures on incidents of the Civil War. Address, Apolio, Pa. Eleven children. (a) James R. Lauffer, born Oct. 5, 1867. (b) Daniel M. Lauffer, of Irwin, Pa., born Jan. 22. 1869. (c) Joseph S. Lauffer, born Dec. 8, 1870, married Sept. 10, 1902, to Lizzie Dekraker. Prosper, Mich. (d) Elizabeth L. Lauffer, born July 12, 1872, married Oct. 16, 1890, to David Bieghley, of Circleville, Pa. (e) Mary M. Lauffer, born Apr. 30, 1876, married Sept. 23, 1895, to Fred Sporck, of Larimer, Pa. (f) Samuel N. Lauffer, born Aug. 31, 1878, married May 28, 1903, to Kate Holtzer, by Rev. G. J. Deiner, Harrison City, Pa. (g) Sarah C. Lauffer, born Dec. 20, 1830, married Nov. 10, 1902, to Walter Morrison, Apollo, Pa. (h) Zula A. Lauffer, born Aug. 6, 1883. (i) John C. W. Lauffer, born Aug. 23, 1886. (j) Minnie B. Lauffer, born June 1, 1890. (k) George W. Lauffer, born Aug. 25, 1894.

VI. John Lauffer, Jr., son of John, Sr., son of Christian,



the Pioneer, was born Jan. 26, 1803. He is the sixth in a family of fourteen and for equipoise and longevity has surpassed all the other Laufters. He was a man of geniality and of a cheerful, amiable disposition. He was a patriarch in our family, and being a grand-son of our common ancestor, Christian Lauffer, and having all his life taken a lively interest in the affairs of all branches of the Lauffer family, he held a position of undisputed primacy.

The travels of his earlier years are related elsewhere in this history. He drove a team to Philadelphia several times before he was twenty-one, and could relate interesting stories of the stage coach days. In these trips East he crossed the mountains at three different places, namely, via Greensburg and Harrisburg, via Bedford and via Blairsville. In his own words: "I had been with a drover. He sold out at Norristown, then I went on to Philadelphia, to see the ships with sails. That is how I got down there. I had seen the steam boats at Pittsburg, but I wanted to see the sail ships that go on the ocean. I was twenty-two years old at that time."

In describing this journey he said: "We took the Greensburg Pike through Bedford. Another time we took the Northern Pike. We always walked home again. People are not so foolish nowadays, they do not walk so much. You get used to it. It is not harder than if you worked. It took a good bit of time going. Coming back we were allowed three days for one hundred miles. We got 60c a day for expenses and 30c a day from the drover as wages, besides having expenses paid. Going down we went about fifteen miles a day, just as it would suit to stop."

When asked how much money he made on such a trip, requiring six weeks, he said: "I was a pretty good walker and could cover more than 100 miles in three days. So I got some of the money allowed me for expenses. I cleared \$9 or \$10 on a trip." Quite a modest wage, according to our present standards of value!

On the Christmas before his death, when asked to again tell something of this trip into Ohio, he said: "Col. Paul Brink-



er and I took a notion to see Ohio. We had friends scattered all over the state. In the full of the year when the buckwheat was thrashed and the corn in, we took a notion to see the country and visit our friends. We took the boat at Pittsburg for Cincinnati. We walked 400 miles or more. At Columbus we visited the Christ Lauffer people and the Teegardens who owned this land here, and had moved out from Greensburg. We were gone about six weeks. We went in October and got back in December before the snow came. We thought we had seen a good deal."

When asked again of the Peter Lanffer people, he said: "My Uncle Peter was about 15 years older than my father. He was a farmer by occupation, and a shoemaker by trade. He made shoes for Washington's army. He lived twelve miles from East Town (Easton) and five miles from the Blue Ridge. There is better land between East Town and Philadelphia than my Uncle Peter owned. He attended church at Stone Church, three miles from his home. I was there. John Naleigh, a brother of the Naleighs here in the Manor Valley that I knew, owned land that joined Uncle Peter's farm. I visited him and he was glad to see me. A line fence separated John Naleigh's farm from Uncle Peter's farm."

When asked how he felt that Christmas day he said: "I don't feel as good in my legs as I used to. My legs are so weak. My mind is good enough if I was only other ways as good." He died of senile gangrene of both extremities, and the arterial changes that were bringing it on, were evidently at work then already.

When asked about the role his father played in the Indian wars he said: "Several families were murdered by the Indians on Bayer Run. Captain Bonner lived near Mt. Pleasant. He gathered up twenty or forty militia men and went in pursuit. The Indians escaped. The British hired the Indians. My father was drafted in the War of '12. He did not go. He sent a substitute. That was the summer mother was sick, and died of cancer, and it did not suit him to go. I was nine years old then. I can remember it well."



Of business enterprises, apart from farming, he conducted many in the years of his physical vigor. In 1834 he built a saw mill which was rebuilt in 1851. The log yard was located where the public school building at Harrison City now stands. In 1840 he and his brother Seth built a steam grist mill about one-half mile northeast of Harrison City. A race was constructed too and part of the time this mill was operated by water power. The saw mill was run by water power. The log yard was where the Harrison City school house now stands. Both mills are now torn down.

In his youth the site of Harrison City was a dense thicket. He and John C. Rankin named and laid out that town. It was named in honor of William Henry Harrison, "Old Tippecanoe," and the plan of the town bears date of Nov. 3, 1840. The land south of Main street belonged to John C. Rankin, at an earlier date to Jacob Walthour, and north of Main street to John Lauffer.

John Lauffer, Jr., enjoys the distinction of having voted in twenty presidential elections. In the recent presidential election, he walked to the polls unaided, and even without a cane. He entered the booth alone, and marked his own ballott without the aid of glasses, owing to the excellence of his second sight. He voted for all the presidents from John Quincy Adams up to McKinley. Harrison, Jackson and Lincoln were his favorites, he helped elect all three. In the recent election (1903) he voted the Prohibition ticket. He resented the administration's Philippine policy. In the Prohibition propaganda of 1857 he became a total abstainer himself, and ceased using whiskey in the harvest field, as was customary in those days. He was five feet, six inches in height and weighed 145 pounds. In the vigor of his early manhood he weighed considerably more. He had dark hair and blue eyes.

His mental vigor was retained to an unusual degree, and the tenacity of his memory was remarkable. He seemed to have forgotten nothing. And even at Christmas, 1903, was much interested in contemporary events. He attributed the fullness of



his years and his continued good health to his temperate habits. For more than thirty years, he followed no active pursuit in life, and chose a golden medium in his living. He was a venerable man and many traveled far to converse with him. He reached the century milestone with his mind clear and faculties unimpaired. It was agreeable to talk to so cheerful an old man, who could recall the War of 1812 and talked of Jackson and his victories, as events occurring when he was a boy. The Indian raids upon the early settlers were fresh in his mind, he could remember the Wilderness north of Pittsburg (Armstrong Co.) where deer abounded in his youth, and he could relate the events of the Mexican and Civil wars with great exactness. Until shortly before his death he devoted several hours each day to reading papers, books and the Bible.

He was a devout man, and was a life-long member of the Refermed church which he attended regularly and in which he took great interest. Profanity, liquor, and other vices of the vulgar, he was free from. He ate heartily, slept well, and even when quite old and feeble was not burdensome to himself or others. In his later years he made his home with his daughter Lucy, Mrs. Klingensmith, who is an excellent housekeeper, and fondly cared for him in sickness and in health.

His first marriage was to Esther Brinker May 3, 1827. She was a daughter of Jacob Brinker and was born Nov. 24, 1808, and died July 21, 1849. She was the mother of twelve children.

John Lauffer, Jr., was married a second time to Mrs. Mary Bear, nee Buchman. Feb. 12, 1853. It was since the death of the latter that he made his home with his daughter Lucy.

John Laufter, Jr., died Jan. 14, 1904, aged 100 years, 11 months and 19 days. Interred at Denmark Manor Cemetery. The inneral sermon was preached by Rev. J. F. Snyder, of Salina, in the Reformed Church at Harrison City. His theme was the Heavenly Home and his text from John's Gospel 14:2-3. It was the largest funeral ever seen in that part of the country, and one of the most able sermons ever listened to by the people of Harrison City: "In the Heavenly Home there is room enough for all who will come. Like in the parable of the Great Supper, after



the servants gather in all they could find, it was reported there still is room. There are many mansions. It is an assured Home. No child of God will ever be disappointed. If it were not so I would have told you.' St. Paul declares, 'For we know if the earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.'"

Rev. Snyder was assisted by Rev. Deiner and Rev. Noss. The church was so packed that many were unable to gain admission.

The children of John Jr., son of John Sr., the son of Christian, the pioneer, are: (1) Henry Paul Lauffer, born Feb. 11, 1828, married July 4, 1849, to Susanna Fink; of this union there sprang Rev. Michael Fink Lauffer, born Apr. 21, 1850. He was married May 6, 1875, to Margaret Pricilla Baughman. One son by this marriage, Coil Franklin Lauffer, born Feb. 28, 1876. Rev. Michael Fink Lauffer was again married to Anna Melissa Meyer Nov. 27, 1884. One son, Walter Meyer Lauffer, born Sept. 7, 1886. Address 115 East Washington St., Huntington, Ind. While pastor of a Lutheran church near Columbus, O., he became acquainted with western Lauffers and rendered very cordial assistance in this history.

Henry Paul Lausser was again married Jan 12, 1853, to Mary Holtzer. P. O. Harrison City, Pa. To them were born:

(a) Louise Lausser, born Oct. 28, 1854, died Nov. 15, 1854. (b) John Holtzer Lausser, born Jan. 29, 1856, died Nov. 12, 1863. (c) Henry Albert Lausser, born June 29, 1858, married to Clara Alice Bair. Two daughters. Verna Frances Lausser, born June 22, 1888, and Caroline Lausser, born May 8, 1891. (d) Ella Melissa Lausser, born Dec. 1, 1860, married to Paul Finley McGrew, 124 Penna. Ave., McKeesport, Pa. No reply. (e) Harry Lausser, born July 10, 1863. (f) William Tecunseh Sherman Lausser, born June 15, 1865. (g) Edward Marion Lausser, born Sept. 13, 1867. Married Dec. 22, 1892, to Maud E. Lang. To them were born: Mary Laus Lausser, born Nov. 18, 1893. Henry Paul Lausser, born Aug. 4, 1895. Florence Ruth Lausser, born May 6, 1897. Verna Catharine Lausser, born Dec. 5, 1901.

(2) Jacob B. Lauffer, born May 14, 1829. Married Nev.



11, 1852, to Susanna Berlin. Harrison City, Pa. To them were born: (a) Martha Jane Lauffer, born Jan. 31, 1853, died June 22, 1859. (b) Elijah Lauffer, born Sept. 12, 1855. Married Mar. 28, 1882, to Elizabeth Clark. She died Nov. 3, 1890. To them were born: Walter Clark Lauffer, born Jan. 29, 1883. Died in May, 1905. Charlie Park Lauffer, born Apr. 4, 1888. James Howard Lauffer, born Mar. 3, 1890. Elijah Lauffer was married again May 20, 1897, to Emma Gertrude Ferree. Address Manor, Pa. (c) John Berlin Lauffer, born Sept. 5, 1857. Died Mar. 24, 1890. Married Apr. 21, 1880, to Matilda S. Loughner. To them were born Tressie Viola Lauffer, May 19, 1882, Married Feb. 22, 1901, to Chalmer M. Kistler, and their young daughtter, Luella May Kistler, born Apr. 9, 1902, was the great-greatgrand-daughter of John Lauffer, Jr., and Oliver William Kistler, born Nov. 28, 1904, named after Oliver Lanffer, brother of Tressie. (d) Frank Lauffer, son of Jacob B. Lauffer, was born Oct. 5, 1859. (e) William Lauffer, M. D., Larimer, Pa., born 1861. No reply. (f) Anna Lauffer, born May 14, 1863, married June 10, 1883, to Lester Newcomer. Three children: Sadie B. Newcomer, born Aug. 5, 1885, Harry Elmer Newcomer, born Feb. 1, 1887. Charles L. Newcomer, born July 26, 1892. Married again Oct. 17, 1895, to Alfred M. Eckenrod, of Harrison City, Pa. Five children: John L. Eckenrod, born July 11, 1896. Clarence A. Eckenrod, born May 16, 1898. Twins born June 19, 1900, Anna M. and Alfred E. Eckenrod. Francis M. Eckenrod born Dec. 11, 1902. (g) Laura Belle Lauffer, born Dec. 11, 1865. Married Sept. 11, 1888, to Henry Shearer, Harrison City, Pa. One son. Henry Park Shearer, born Nov. 5. 1894. (h) Jerry Lauffer, born Nov. 11, 1869. Married Aug. 11, 1891, to Anna Ferguson. Two children: Wilbur Hays Lauffer, born Mar. 4, 1895. Clarence Alvin Lauffer, born May 4, 1902. (i) Emma Lauffer, born July 10, 1870, died Aug 22, 1896. (j) Harry Elmer Lauffer born Apr. 15, 1873. (k) Urbana Lauffer, born May 22, 1875. Address of latter three is Harrison City, Pa.

(3) William Urias Lauffer, born Sept. 17, 1831, died Aug. 28, 1833.



- (4) Lucy Anna Lauffer, born May 19, 1833, married Jan. 26, 1854, to Jackson Klingensmith, now deceased. Two children. William A. Klingensmith, born Sept. 6, 1855. John Calvin Klingensmith, born Feb. 24, 1867, died July 20, 1868.
- (5) Catherine Maria Lauffer, born Mar. 8, 1835, married Dec. 22, 1853, to Stephen Ridinger, of Irwin, Pa., by Rev. Nicholas P. Hacke. Stephen Ridinger died June 5, 1903. To them were born seven children. (a) John Lauffer Ridinger, born Mar. 11, 1855, married Sept. 4, 1888, to Sarah B. Brown, by Rev. Chas. P. Cheesman. Their son, Paul Brown Ridinger was born June 8, 1889, died ——, 1904. (b) Arabella Ridinger, born Aug. 31, 1857, married Nov. 28, 1877, to Joseph M. Kiester, by Rev. Noble G. Miller. Four children. Mary Ridinger Kiester, born Aug. 25, 1885, died May 20, 1886, interred Irwin, Pa. John Ridinger Kiester, born June 5, 1887. Stephen James Kiester, born Sept. 17, 1891. Charles Roscoe Kiester, born Feb. 7, 1897. (c) Emma Elizabeth Ridinger, born Apr. 7, 1860, died Nov. 17, 1863. (d) Mary Fast Ridinger, born June 11, 1862, died Dec. 12, 1886. (e) Carrie Melissa Ridinger, born June 2, 1866, died Nov. 16, 1870. All three are interred at Union Cemetery, Irwin, Pa. (f) Anna May Ridinger, born May 14, 1869, married Oct. 28, 1890 to Roscoe T. McCormick (born Jan. 10, 1867, at Irwin, Pa.) by Rev. J. F. Murray. Address 310 Hay St., Wilkinsburg, Pa. (g) Charles Wesley Ridinger, born Mar. 10, 1872, married Nov. 20, 1897, to Ettie M. Weihl, by Rev. Henry D. Lindsay. To them were born Charles Wesley Ridinger, Jr., born Feb. 17, 1900. John Stephen Ridinger, born Sept. 20, 1901. Address 3204 Perrysville Ave., Alleghenv, Pa.
- (6) Josiah Benjamin Lausser, son of John, Jr., son of John, Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, born Jan. 27, 1837. Address 868 Chester St., Oakland, Cal. His has been a very interesting career. At twenty years of age he commenced making trips on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. He made ten or eleven trips to Vickksburg and New Orleans between 1858 and 1860. It was then his purpose to learn the river in order to be a pilot. He tells us: "In 1861 the war broke out and the Rebel's block-



aded the lower Mississippi, and that stopped my boating scheme. In 1861 I enlisted for the War as a private soldier. I served nearly through the war. Was promoted and was discharged in July, 1865, as Captain of Company K, 11th regiment, Pa. Volunteers. During my service I took part in many of the principal battles of the war, was twice slightly and once severely wounded.

"I will here mention my brother Israel, who also was a soldier. He belonged to the 101st Regiment. He was wounded and taken prisoner and died a prisoner of war. One thing more of importance I wish to call to your attention. I never saw it mentioned anywhere that my grandfather, John Lauffer, served in the Revolutionary War, but it is a fact that two of his brothers and himself served during that period. My grandfather being very young at the time served as a scout. This I heard from his own lips. In those times records may have been kept very imperfectly. There may be no record to show that he served undr Captain Bonnet, and in the War of 1812, he furnished a soldier, that is he hired and paid a man out of his ownpocket to serve in the war, he at the time being unable to serve himself.

"After the War I engaged in store business in Penn Station for about four years, during which time I was postmaster. From there I moved on a farm in Penn Township, lived there four years and from there to Harrison City. I again engaged in the mercantile business and was postmaster for six years. In 1886 I moved to Humboldt County, Cal., lived there for four years, then moved to San Francisco. I have been employed at the U. S. mint for nearly nine years. I was also employed at the Navy Yard at Vallgio nearly two years."

Josiah B. Lauffer was married Nov. 26, 1866, to Anna J. Sowash, by Rev. James Kelso. To them were born nine children: (a) James Otis Lauffer, born Sept. 23, 1871, married to Margaret Newhart, San Francisco, Cal. (b) Charles Lynus Lauffer, born Feb. 21, 1874, married to Charlotte Pierce. Two sons. Howard Clayton Lauffer and Raymond Bartle Lauffer. Oakland, Cal. (c) Joseph Garnet Lauffer, Oakland, Cal., born Aug. 30, 1878.



(d) Grace Esther Lauffer, born Feb. 4, 1868, Oakland, Cal. (e) Catherine Fatterson Lauffer, born Nov. 26, 1869, married to Bernard Aner, of Golden Gate, Cal. Two children, Helen Catherine Aner and Dorotha Clare Aner. (f) Anna Jessie Lauffer, born May 24, 1876, married to George McGraw, of Oakland, Cal. To them was born Ruby Loas McGraw. (g) Mary Elizabeth Lauffer, born Mar. 29, 1881, married to Chester Ames, of Oakland, Cal. (h) Elsie Gill Lauffer, born July 15, 1884, died June 8, 1885, interred at Harrison City, Pa. (i) Ida Estella Lauffer, born Dec. 31, 1887, Oakland, Cal.

Josiah B. Lauffer adds, in a note to his letter, that the B. in his name stands for Bartel. "I was named after an uncle of my father, Bartel Lauffer."

- (7) John Kistler Lauffer, born Feb. 13, 1839, died Aug. 27, 1839.
- (8) Israel Lauffer, born Feb. 19, 1843, died Oct. 7, 1864, at Charleston, S. C. He was a private in Company I, 101st Reg't, Pa. Vol.
- (9) Benjamin Franklin Lauffer, born Oct. 11, 1846. No reply. One daughter resides at Harrison City, Pa., married to Harry Mull.
- (10) Aaron Lauffer, born May 8, 1849. Died July 12, 1849. John Lauffer, Jr., had one child by his second marriage. Margaret Ann Lauffer, born Feb. 8, 1854, died 1861.

VII. Simon Lauffer, son of John Sr., the son of Christian, the Pioneer. Simon Lauffer was born Jan. 3, 1805, and died Oct. 18, 1875. He is buried at Brush Creek. He was married Aug. 14, 1828, to Anna Nelig (died Apr. 13, 1895) by Rev. N. P. Hacke. Five children: (1) Katy Ann Lauffer, born Feb. 12, 1832, and died at Shafton, Pa., Mar. 29, 1903. Married to Lewis Kelly. Their children are: (a) John F. Kelly, born Oct. 19, 1855, married Sept. 1, 1887, to Elizabeth Parbitt by Rev. Thomas Sharp. Resides at Penn Sta., Pa. Eight children. John Lewis Kelly, born May 30, 1888. George Walter Kelly, born July 17, 1890. Edward Howard Kelly, born June 13, 1802. Mary May Kelly, born July 1, 1894. Jane Manervy Kelly, born

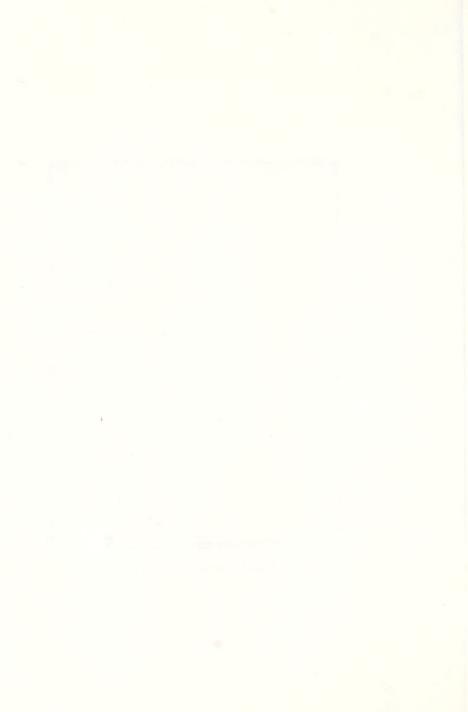
Sept. 25, 1896. William Jacob Kelly, born Oct. 6, 1898. Grace Celia Kelly, born Nov. 8, 1900. Died Feb. 16, 1901, interred at Union cemetery, Irwin, Pa. Edith Hannah Kelly, born Feb. 14, 1902. (b) Mary Jane Kelly, born June 25, 1858, married Nov. 28, 1878, to Henry Atwood, Irwin, Pa., R. F. D., by Rev. John Huston. To them were born six children. J. E. T. Atwood, born Oct. 18, 1881, married Dec. 18, 1902, to Elizabeth Rodgers, by Rev. Fast. P. O. Irwin, Pa. One child, Margaret Jane Atwood, born Apr. 17, 1904. Martin Lewis Atwood, born Aug. 18, 1885, died June 12, 1889, interred Union cemetery, Irwin, Pa. Carr Joyner Atwood, born July 7, 1888. Adalade Ester Atwood, born Feb. 15, 1892. Ada Gertrude Atwood, born Feb. 21, 1895. Annie Nora Atwood, born Jan. 1, 1898. (c) Mrs. William Painter, deceased. No report. Resided at Paintertown. (d) Mrs. Joseph Homey, of Penn Sta., Pa. No report.

- (2) Hannah Lauffer, born June 21, 1835, died Oct 24, 1902. Married in 1856 to Peter Helman, also deceased. Four children. (a) Alice Helman, of Manor, Pa. (b) Elmer E. Helman, born Apr. 10, 1861, married Sept. 30, 1885, to Eva M. Painter, by Rev. A. E. Truxal. Six children. Resides at Irvona, Pa. Mervyn Painter Helman, born Mar. 25, 1887. Thomas Lauffer Helman, born Jan. 25, 1890. Frank Wheeler Helman, born July 5, 1893. Elmer Grant Helman, born June 15, 1895. William Helman, born Nov. 18, 1897. Evaline Painter Helman, born Mar. 9, 1902. (c) William Wilson Helman, Irvona, Clearfield Co., Pa., married to Mary White. No report. (d) Grant Helman, Manor, Pa., born 1866. Editor of the Irwin Standard-Republican.
- (3) Eli Lauffer, born Oct. 10, 1840. Married Aug. 30, 1871, to Malinda Burger by Rev. N. P. Hacke. She was born May 5, 1846, and died June 12, 1898. To them were born eight children. (a) Lillie Cecelia Lauffer, born Feb. 28, 1872. married Fcb. 10, 1905, to Edward G. Gregg, of Jeannette, Pa. (b) Ida May Lauffer, born June 5, 1873, married Mar. 6, 1902, to Wallace S. Kistler, of Manor, Pa. One daughter, Mary Elizabeth Kistler, born in June, 1904. (c) Simon William Elmer Lauffer, born Feb. 13,





SETH LAUFFER, son of John Sr.



1875, died Apr. 15, 1876, interred at Brush Creek. (d) Harry Edward Lausser, born Nov. 24, 1875, Greensburg, Pa. (e) Harrison Clay Lausser, born Dec. 25, 1878, Manor, Pa. (f) Walter Lausser, born Mar. 23, 1880, died Mar. 28, 1880. (g) Eliphas Park Lausser, born June 10, 1881. Married Feb. 15, 1905, to Flora May Krasner. P. O. Manor, Pa. (h) John Arthur Lausser, born May 26, 1883, died Jan. 21, 1885. Also interred at Brush Creek.

- (4) Elizabeth Elmira Lauffer, born Dec. 15, 1843. Married to William Miles. One son, Walter Miles, of Irwin, Pa. No report as to date of her death.
- (5) Mary Jane Lauffer, born July 31, 1848, married June 3, 1884, to P. George Baughman, of Manor, Pa.

VII. Seth Lauffer, son of John, Sr., the son of Christian, the Pioneer. Seth Lauffer was born Dec. 27, 1806, and died Nov. 22, 1895. He was married to Elizabeth Miller who was born Mar. 16, 1811, and died May 29, 1888. To them were born thirteen children. (1) Susannah Lauffer, born Sept. 8, 1831. Married to Andrew J. Gosser. She died April 25, 1867, and was buried at Brush Creek Cemetery. He died July 19, 1898, and is interred in Union cemetery, Irwin, Pa. They were married by Rev. N. P. Hacke. Eight children. (a) Barbara Ann Gosser, died young, interred at Brush Creek. (b) Angeline Gosser, born Sept. 22, 1854, died young, interred at Brush Creek. (c) Seth Gosser, born May 11, 1856. Married Sept. 24, 1879, to Sarah N. Good, by Rev. David B. Lady. Address, Manor, Pa. Two children. Infant daughter born Dec. 5. 1895, interred Denmark Manor Cemetery. Millard F. Gosser, born Jan. 26, 1888, of Manor, Pa. (d) Mary Catherine Gosser, born May 27, 1857, married Oct. 19, 1876, to Columbus Kulins, by Rev. Homer Smith. Ten children. Daniel Kulms, born Mar. 9, 1877, married Dec. 10, 1902, to Maggie May Brown, by Rev. Fast, and to them was born Mary Catharine Kuhns, Jan. 12, 1903. Irwin, Pa. George Andrew Kuhns, born Mar. 7, 1880. John R. Kuhus, born Feb. 7, 1883. William Seth Kuhus, born May 20,



1885. Maggie Viola Kuhns, born Oct. 29, 1887. Harry Edward Kulms, born Feb. 17, 1890. Clara Josephine Kulms, born Feb. 19, 1892, died Apr. 17, 1893. Lizzie Ann Kuhns, born Mar. 18, 1894. Mary Theresa Kulins, born May 22, 1896. Howard Norman Kuhns born Mar. 3, 1899, died July 3, 1900. Interred Union cemetery, Irwin, Pa. (e) Henry J. Gosser, born May 6, 1860, died May 6, 1873. (f) Martha Ann Gosser, born Apr. 1, 1862, married Mar. 17, 1887, to William L. Silvis, of Irwin, Pa., by W. A. Keener. Three married children. Minnie Viola Silvis, born Mar. 20, 1888. Charles Homer Silvis, born June 3, 1890. Liddie Ann, born June 11, 1893. (g) William J. Gosser, born Aug. 26, 1864, married Sept. 17, 1885, to Mary E. Good, (died Mar. 5, 1002) by Rev. Hemsath. Six children. Annie M. Gosser, born Dec. 19, 1886. James L. Gosser, born Jan. 10, 1889. William C. Gosser, born Apr. 13, 1891. Sarah S. Gosser, born Dec. 25, 1893. Nina Isabel Gosser, born Aug. 6, 1896. Joseph S. Gosser, born Oct. 14, 1899. (h) Infant son born Apr. 13, 1867, interred at Brush Creek Cemetery.

(2) I'hilip Lauffer, son of Seth, son of John, Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Sept 8, 1831. his hospitable home, north of Harrison City, the Lauffer reunions had their genesis. He was married Mar. 18, 1833, to Barbara Ellen Yount (died July 31, 1904) by Rev. George Mechlin. To them were born seven children: (a) George B. Lauffer, born July 16, 1863, married Dec. 25, 1895, to Lydia A. Lauffer, by Rev. J. M. Evans. P. O. Harrison City, Pa. Five children. Infant born Jan. 11, 1897, died Jan 13, 1897, interred Denmark Manor cemetery. Peter G. Lauffer, born Dec. 10, 1897. Philip H. Lauffer, born Nov. 27, 1899. Charles E. Lauffer, born Oct. 14, 1901. John Howard Lauffer, born Nov. 19, 1903. (b) Mary Elizabeth Lauffer, born March 21, 1865, died Oct. 21, 1865. Interred at Brush Creek, cemetery (c) David Henry Lauffer, of Harrison City, Pa., born May 6, 1365. (d) John Seth Lauffer, born Mar. 20, 1869, married Sept. 4, 1895, to Beckie S. Maxweil. by Rev. John M. Evans. P. O. Export, Pa., R. F. D. 1. Five children. Infant son born Sept. 21, 1896, died Sept. 23, 1896, interred Dennert: Manor cemetery. Ruth F. Lauffer, born Aug.



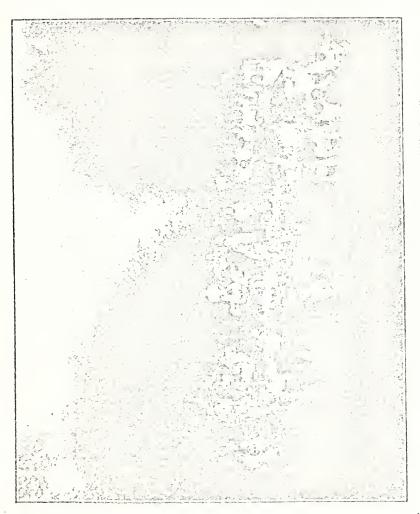
PHILIP LAUFFER, Son of Seth.



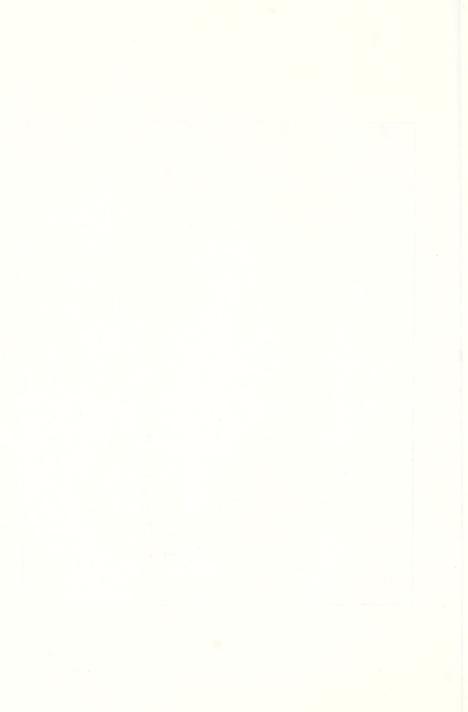


Mrs. Philip Lauffer, nee Barbara Ellen Yount.





FOURTH LAUBER REUNION, Sept. 16, 1902, honce of Philip Lauffer.





MISS HANNAH C. LAUFFER.





JOHN M. LAUFFER.



29, 1897. Ellen E. Lauffer, born Oct 28, 1900. M. Jean Lauffer, born Mar. 13, 1902. Glen C. Lauffer, born June 7, 1904. (e) Michael Franklin Lauffer, born July 11, 1873, martied Jan. 7, 1897, to Annie M. S. Allwine, by Rev. J. M. Evans. Four children. Levi Philip Lauffer, born July 5, 1897. Samuel Wallace Lauffer, born Oct. 31, 1898. Mary Ellen Lauffer, born Sept. 5, 1900. Bessie Irene Lauffer, born May 14, 1902. (f) Simon Peter Lauffer, born Feb. 23, 1875, Harrison City, Pa. (g) Hannah Catharine Lauffer, born Feb. 3, 1877. Address, Harrison City, Pa. She has assisted us materially in the collection of data for this book. Without her valuable assistance we could not have secured much of the matter herein presented.

(3) John M. Lauffer, son of Seth, son of John Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Mar. 1, 1834, 248 West Penn St., Butler, Pa. Married in 1860 to Martha Kline by Rev. N. P. Hacke. To them were born eleven children. (a) Naomi Emma Lauffer, born Mar. 26, 1861, married Dec. 28, 1882, to William Royle, of Hilliard, Pa., by Rev. Bray. (b) Zephaniah P. Lauffer, born Feb. 28, 1863, married Mar. 29, 1893, to Sadie E. Dumbangh, by Rev. C. Scheel, Butler, Pa. (c) William H. Lauffer, born Jan. 12, 1865, married Oct. 3, 1889, to Lizzie E. Crossland, by Rev. J. R. Johnston. Montpelier, Ind. (d) Maggie M. Lauifer, born Jan. 26, 1867, married Mar. 28, 1892, to James W. Black, of Parkers Landing, Armstrong Co., Pa., by Rev. E. Cronenwett. Four children. C. A. B. Glack, born Oct. 21, 1803. Martha Romain Black, born Oct. 12, 1895. Hazel S. Black, born July 12, 1898. Emma E. Black, born Jan. 21, 1901. (e) Sarah Ellen Lauffer, born Mar. 3, 1869, married Sept. 20, 1887, to John H. Simpson, 117 State St., Datavia, N. Y., by Rev. George E. Titzel. Five children. Katharine Pearle Simpson, born June 10, 1888. George William Simpson, born Dec. 4, 1800, died Aug. 17, 1895, interred at Kittanning, Pa. Edward Claude Simpson, born May 17, 1895. Randolph Lauffer Simpson, born Aug. 12, 1901. Charles Clair Simpeon, born Aug. 25, 1904. (f) George A. Lauffer, born May 16, 1871, married Oct. 31, 1895, to Kezin Carnahan, by Rev. J. R. Coulter. Address Equ Claire, Pa. One child. Zephaniah P. Lauffer, born Feb. 16



- 1898. (g) Charley C. Lauffer, born May 12, 1873, married in 1898 to Dacie Weaver, Freeport, Armstrong Co., Pa. (h) James E. Lauffer, of Butler, Pa., born June 10, 1875. (i) Carrie M. Louffer, of Butler, Pa., born Mar. 30, 1879. (j) Jennie Lauffer, born April 13, 1882, died Feb. 24, 1833, interred at Bruin, Butler Co., Pa. (k) Annie T. Lauffer, of Butler, Pa., born June 16, 1888.
- (4) Infant son, awin of John M. Lauffer, born Mar. 1, 1834. Interred at Harrison City, Pa.
- (5) Mary Lauffer, born April 29, 1836, married Mar. 15, 1863, to Jacob Helman, by Squire Mayane. Three children. (a) Elizabeth Jane Helman, born Feb. 5, 1864, died June 2, 1878, interred at Long Run cemetery. (b) William S. Helman, born May 30, 1865, married Jan. 13, 1887, to Margaret S. Altman, by Rev. S. P. Wolfe. South Greensburg, Pa. Eight children. Elsie May Helman, born July 9, 1888. Edgar Thomas Helman, born Jan. 20, 1890. Robert Eli Helman, born Sept. 23, 1891, died Jan. 13, 1892, interred at Union cemetery, Irwin, Pa. Elizabeth Jane Helman, born Jan. 23, 1893. Mary Margaret Helman, born Sept. 3, 1894. William Seth Helman, born April 22, 1896. John Adam Helman, born Dec. 29, 1898. Chalmer E. Helman, born April 24, 1902, died Jan. 24, 1903, interred at Union Cemetery. (c) Jacob H. Helman, born Mar. 2, 1867, died Sept. 2, 1869, interred at Long Run cemetery.

Mary Lauffer, daughter of Seth, was married again Sept. 18, 1870, to Adam Gittens, of South Greensburg, by Squire Mc-Cormick. Five children. (a) Mary Ellen Gittens, born Aug. 15, 1871, married Nov. 19, 1892, to John L. Davis, of South Greensburg, Pa., by Edward B. Sweeny. Eight children. Mary Ann Davis, born April 26, 1893. Sarah Jane Davis, born Sept. 12, 1894. John L. Davis, born Oct. 22, 1896. Philip Thomas Davis, born Nov. 1, 1898. Four infent sons, interred in Union Cemetery, Irwin, Pa., born June 17, 1901, June 1, 1902, May 5, 1903, and May 2, 1904. (b) Adam Gittens, of South Greensburg, Pa. born June 22, 1872. (c) Maggie May Gittens, born July 24, 1874, married Sept. 7, 1889, to Columbus K. Geiger, of

Irwin, Pa., by S. C. Remsberg. Three children. Charles Geiger, born Jan. 9, 1890, died Aug. 10, 1890, interred at Union Cemetery, Irwin, Pa. Edgar C. Geiger, born Dec. 25, 1892. William Seth Geiger, born Aug. 19, 1894. (d) Maggie May Gittens, of South Greensburg, Pa. born July 24, 1874. (e) Philip T. Gittens, born Oct. 26, 1875. Married Nov. 24, 1904, to Mary A. Johns by Rev. Shanlis. South Greensburg, Pa. (f) Sue L. Gittens, born Jan. 28, 1877, married Sept. 28, 1893, to George J. Carroll, of Youngwood, Pa., by Squire Frederick. Three children. Ethel May Carroll, born May 1, 1894, died Dec. 22, 1894, interred at Union cemetery, Irwin, Pa. Hazel Oneta Carroll, born April 22,

1896. George Oburn Carroll, born May 14, 1903.

(6) Catharine Lauffer, daughter of Seth, son of John Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Aug. 7, 1837, married May 13, 1867, to M. L. Atwood (born April 14, 1839, died Dec. 16, 1897, interred at Ford City, Pa.) by Squire Jones. Seven children. (a) Emma C. Atwood, born June 28, 1868, married Oct. 11, 1887, to Robert B. Hartman, of Ford City, Pa., by P. F. McClarren. (b) David L. Atwood, born Feb. 27, 1870, married July 28, 1897, to Elnora Booth, by M. L. Atwood. P. O. Ford City, Pa. One child. Catharine Emma Atwood, born June 7, 1899. (c) Henry P. Atwood, born May 27, 1871, died Oct. 8, 1873, interred at Brush Creek Cemetery. (d) Albert A. Atwood, of Ford City, Pa. (e) Hannah E. Atwood, born April 30, 1875, married July 17, 1894, to Thomas M. Hindes, of Ford City, Pa., by Rev. Jack. Four children. Aida Bertha Hindes, born Oct. 8, 1894. Hildred Eva Hindes, born Oct. 31, 1896. Catharine Eliza Hindes, born Oct. 16, 1898. Eliza Pearl Hindes, born Mar. 14, 1902. (f) Frederick W. Atwood, born Dec. 31, 1876, married May 6, 1902, to Pearl McAfoose, by Rev. R. C. Bowling. P. O. Kittanning, Pa. One child. Bertha Margaret Atwood, born Sept. 21, 1903. (g) Mary Ellen Atwood, born April 4, 1879. married April 14, 1897, to Lewis II. Cogley, of Ford City, Pa., by M. L. Atwood. Four children. Bessie Lillian Cogley, born Aug. 30, 1897. Margaret Elizabeth Cogley, born Aug. 7, 1899. Frederick Albert Cogley, born May 25, 1904. Elnora Emma Cogley, born May 25, 1905.



- (7) Sarah Lauffer, daughter of Seth, died aged two years, and was interred at Denmark Manor cemetery.
- (8) Elizabeth Lauffer, daughter of Seth, son of John Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Dec. 14, 1841, married Mar. 20, 1861, to Samuel Gosser. He was born Oct. 7, 1821, died April 22, 1867, interred at Brush Creek Cemetery. Three children. (a) Alice Almira Gosser, born Nov. 1, 1862, married Mar. 17, 1887, to J. R. Heasly, of Harrison City, Pa., by W. A. Keener. Three children, Elizabeth Heasiy born Oct. 29, 1887, died Nov. 10, 1887, interred at Harrison City. Pa. Samuel W. Heasley, born July 4, 1889. George H. Heasiy, born June 10, 1893. (b) Francis Marion Gosser, born Oct. 20, 1863, died July 19, 1865, interred at Brush Creek. (c) Hannah Catharine Gosser, born July 6, 1867, died Aug. 20, 1867, interred at Brush Creek.
- (9) Simon Peter Lauffer, son of Seth, was born June 17, 1844, married Oct. 20, 1874, to Hester Manda Guy, (born Jan. 13, 1853). Five children. P. O. Manor, Pa. Simon Seth Lauffer, born July 13, 1875. Frank William Lauffer, born Nov. 20, 1877. Charles Walter Lauffer, born Mar. 27, 1880. John Filmor Lauffer, born May 6, 1884. Homer Edward Lauffer, born June 3, 1888.
- (10) Infant son twin of Simon Peter Lauffer, interred at Denmark Manor.
- (11) Henry Paul Lauffer, son of Seth, son of John, Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born, June 7, 1847, married Feb. 27, 1873, to Priscilla Bossart by Rev. Nicholas P. Hacke. Merchant at Rankin, Pa. Seven children. (a) Walter Seth Lauffer, born July 24, 1874. Married Mar. 26, 1903, to Luna McVey. Rinard Milis, O. (b) William Andrew Lauffer, of New Matamoras, Ohio, born Jan. 15, 1876, married June 15, 1903, to Mayme Marlow. (c) Edward John Lauffer, born Oct. 25, 1878, married April 17, 1899, to Rose A. Hoffman, by Rev. Wall. P. O. Cameron, W. Va. Four children. Gladys Lauffer, born Jan. 15, 1900. Walter Lauffer, born May 2, 1901. Glenn A. Lauffer,

born Jan. 12, 1903. Cecil P. Lauffer, born Oct. 16, 1904. (d) Margaret Elizabeth Lauffer, born Dec. 19, 1879, married Dec. 25, 1900, to Frank G. Burson, of Teutonia, W. Va., by Rev. W. A. Hanna. One child. Charles E. Burson, born Nov. 9, 1902. (e) Estella Mae Lauffer, born May 18, 1882. Bellton, W. Va. (f) Harry Paul Lauffer, born April 3, 1884, Rankin, Pa. (g) Pearl Lauffer, born Mar. 6, 1888. Rankin, Pa..

- (12) Infant daughter interred at Denmark Manor.
- (13) Hannah Lauffer, daughter of Seth, son of John, Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Mar. 14, 1855, married April 25, 1878, to Charles Hines, of Harrison City, Pa., by Rev. J. S. Fink. Ten children. (a) Jacob Seth Hines, of Harrison City, born Feb. 19, 1879. (b) Margaret Elizabeth Hines, born Oct. 14, 1880 (married Mar. 6, 1902, to A. J. MaGill, of Harrison City, Pa. One child, Emma Gertrude MaGill, born Jan. 1, 1904. (c) Charles William Hines, born Nov. 5, 1881. (d) Hannah Catharine Hines, born Aug. 15, 1884, married Aug. 18, 1903, to Lewis Baughman, of Jeannette, Pa., by Rev. J. M. Evans. One child. Charles Baughman, born Nov. 10, 1904. (e) Emma Gertrude Hines, born Nov. 2, 1886, died July 29, 1887. (f) Anna Mary Hines, born June 19, 1888. (g) George Oliver Hines, born May 26, 1890, died Nov. 30, 1893. (h) John Edward Hines, born Aug. 13, 1892. (i) Henry Paul Hines, born March 19, 1894. died Aug. 16, 1894. (i) Lucy Ellen Hines, born Oct. 29, 1896, died Dec. 24, 1897. The four that are deceased are buried at Union Cemetery, Harrison City, Pa.
- (9) Hettie Lauffer, daughter of John Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born in 1808, died in April 1892. She is interred at Denmark Manor. She was married in 1847 to Henry Beamer, Sr. After his death she was again married to Christian Young, and later was married to Jacob Silvis.
- (10) Henry Lauffer, son of John, Sr., son of Christian the Pioneer, was born in 1810 and died in 1856. He made his home with his uncle, George Ashbaugh. He never married.
- (11) Jacob Lauffer, son of John, Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, interred at Barrison City cemetery. No data received as

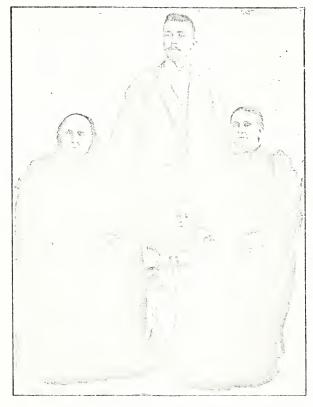


to birth, marriage and death, but he lived to a ripe old age. Five children. (1) Annie L. Lauffer, born Nov. 29, 1846, married Feb. 2, 1865, to William H. Sowash, of Irwin, Pa., by Rev. William Edgar. Four children. (a) Elizabeth Sowash, born Feb. 21, 1867, married Feb. 2, 1888, to B. M. McWilliams, of Irwin, Pa., by Rev. S. P. Wolf. One child. Elizabeth McWilliams, born July 5, 1889, died Oct. 5, 1890, interred at Union Cemetery. (b) Williard Fillmore Sowash, born April 28, 1869, died Sept. 16, 1869, interred Union cemetery, Irwin, Pa. (c) Joseph Lauffer Sowash, born April 28, 1870, married June 2, 1897, to Pearl Dixon, by Rev. J. Dunbar, Irwin, Pa. (d) William Henry Sowash, Jr., born July 28, 1876, died July 10, 1877. Interred at Union Cemetery, Irwin, Pa.

(2) Arch Lauffer, of Jeannette, Pa., son of Jacob, was born Nov. 19, 1850, married Dec. 26, 1871, to Fannie Keeler by Rev. J. Howard Kunkle. Nine children. (a) Jacob Frederick Lauffer, born Aug. 7, 1872, died Dec. 14, 1874. (b) William Henry Lauffer, born Nov. 26, 1874, died Dec. 4, 1878. (c) John Sylvester Lauffer, born May 31, 1877, married Oct. 18, 1901. to Alice Jones. (d) Sarah Charlotte Lauffer, born July 11, 1879, married Dec. 14, 1900, to L. E. Lohr. (e) Mary Ann Lauffer, born Nov. 28, 1881, married Nov. 26, 1899 to J. E. Donaldson, of Greensburg, Pa. (f) Edward Lockyer Lauffer, born Jan. 1, 1885, died July 13, 1885. Also interred at Union Cemetery, Harrison City, Pa. (g) Frank Lauffer, born April 24, 1886. (h) Susanna B. Lauffer, born May 20, 1888. (i) Fannie W. Lauffer, born Sept. 1, 1894, died Dec. 24, 1895.

(3) Susan Virginia Lausser, daughter of Jacob, son of John Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Dec. 28, 1852, married Feb. 18, 1869, to John Mansfield, of Paintertown. Pa., by Rev. Noble G. Miller. Five children. (a) Freddie Walton Mansfield, born Jan. 2, 1871, died Oct. 1871, interred at Harrison City. (b) Sadie Olena Mansfield, born July 29, 1873, Irwin Pa. (c) Milford Sowash Mansfield, born June 2, 1875, married Feb. 2, 1899 to Rachel Brown by Rev. J. Calvin. Two children. Earle Milford Mansfield, born Dec. 22, 1899. Charles Albert Mansfield, born Feb. 5, 1902, Irwin, Pa. (d) Joseph Wilson Mansfield,



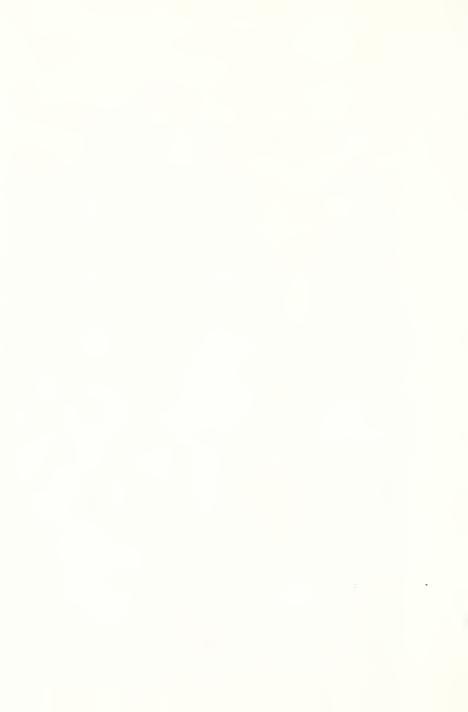


FOUR GENERATIONS—Mrs. Sarah Miller, (nee Lauffer) daughter Susan (Mrs. J. F. Landis), grandson, W. H. W. Landis and great grandson Edgar Carlyle Landis.



born Dec. 15, 1879, married Aug. 18, 1904, to Celia Haines, by. Clerk of Courts, Greensburg, Pa.

- (4) Charlotte Temple Lauffer, daughter of Jacob Lauffer, was born June 7, 1855, married July 28, 1874, to Edward Lockyer by Rev. W. P. Wolfe. Six children. (a) William Sowasa Lockyer, born April 7, 1876. Died Coct. 16, 1880. Interred at Irwin, Pa. (b) George Bryant Lockyer, born June 16, 1878, 50—22nd st., Wheeling, W. Va. (c) Bessie Lockyer, born Oct. 31, 1880. (d) Edward Archie Lockyer, born Sept. 16, 1883. (e) Charlotte Temple Lockyer, born July 2, 1891. The latter four reside at 320 Patterson avenue, McKeesport, Pa.
  - (5) Jennie Lauffer, daughter of Jacob. No data received.
- 12. Sarah Lauffer, daughter of John Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born July 12, 1814, died Oct. 6, 1901. Married to Simon Miller. Eight children.
- (1) John M. Miller, born May 20, 1832, married June 4, 1854, to Catharine Good. Died Nov. 14, 1902. Interred at Denmark Manor. Seven children. (a) David Christian Miller, of Harrison City, Pa., born Sept. 15. 1861. Married to Anna Sager, now deceased. Six children. Daniel F. Miller, born Feb. 11, 1883. Alice May Miller, born July, 1887. Catharine Duella Miller, born March 16,1892. David Miller, born June 1895. Henry Miller, Anna Miller, born Feb. 4, 1897. (b) Henry Simon Miller, of Westmoreland City, Pa., born Aug. 29, 1862. Married to Sarah Epley. Two children. Lyda Belle, born in June 1885, married Dec. 25, 1902 to Robert Kohl, of Harrison City, Pa. One child. And Katharine Miller, born Sept. 10, 1891. (c) Sarah Anna Miller, born Aug. 28, 1864. Married to David Kulms, of East McKeesport, Pa. Five children, Daisy Lurline Kuhns, born Sept. 12, 1884. Esmerelda Mae Kuhns. Minnie Catherine Kuhns. Wilber Morris Kuhns, born Nov. 10, 1890. Bessie Kuhns, born Sept. 1, 1892. (d) Elizabeth Margaret Miller, born Mar. 6, 1866. Married to Robert Kuhus, of East McKeesport, Pa. Nine children of whom four died in infancy, namely, Elmer, Frank, Roy and Walter, Charles Kulms, born Jan., 1886. Robert Kulms, born April, 1898. (e) Minnie Belle Miller, born April 7, 1871. (f)



Joseph Franklin Miller, born Oct. 20, 1873. (g) William John Miller, born Mar. 23, 1881.

- (2) Levi Henry Miller, born Mar. 8, 1834, married to Elizabeth Rose. One daughter. Hannah Catherine Miller.
- (3) Catherine Miller, born July 20, 1836 died Dec. 12, 1855. Interred at Denmark Manor. Married to Andrew Klingensmith, also deceased. Two children. (a) Elizabeth Klingensmith (deceased), was married to James Mitchell, and left two children, Susan Mitchell and Frank Mitchell. (b) Sarah Klingensmith, married Mar. 5, 1872 to James Logan, of Donegal, Westmoreland Co., Pa. Thirteetn children. Rachel Dessie Logan, born Jan. 14, 1874. married to Joseph Shavier: two children, Joseph and Lawrence. Myrtle Joy Logan, born March 17, 1875, married to G. A. Myers; two children, Harold Myers and James Myers. Elmer Milton Logan, born June 8, 1877, married to Lizzie Griffen; two children, Bula Logan and Edward Logan. William Andrew Logan, born Feb. 17, 1880. Julia Ann Logan, born Dec. 11, 1882, married to Peter Firmstone, of Mt. Pleas--ant, Pa.; three children, William, James and Harry. James Blaine Logan born Jan. 6, 1884, died April 5, 1885. Florence Mildred Logan, born Feb. 6, 1886. Verona Mae Logan, born May 17, 1888. Bednago S. Logan, born May 23, 1890. May B. Logan, born Aug. 27, 1892. Sadie Viola Logan, born Oct. 3, 1894. Irene K. Logan, born April 21, 1896. Canrissa G. Logan, born Oct. 18, 1890.
- (4) Susan Miller, daughter of Sarah Lauffer, was born Aug. 9, 1841, married Aug. 23, 1864, to John F. Landis, of Penn Station, Pa. Four children. (a) William Harrison Weimer Landis, born Mar. 13, 1866, married Oct. 23, 1889, to Sarah Potts. Four children. Edgar Carlyle Landis, born Sept. 1, 1890. Margaretta Helene Landis, born Jan. 3, 1893. John Franklin Landis, born Sept. 6, 1896. Susan Elizabeth Landis, born Dec. 20, 1902. (b) Aaron Franklin Landis, born Mar. 21, 1868, married Oct. 29, 1902, to Elizabeth Compher Rankin. One son, David Rankin Landis, born Sept. 29, 1903, died 1905. A. Frank Landis is the enterprising editor of the Westmoreland Journal, of Jeannette, Pa. (c) Sarah Arabella Landis, born June 14, 1871.





Mrs, Hezeriah Wayganan, Daughter of John Sr.



- (d) Anna Mary Landis, born April 28, 1874. Penn Station, Pa. We are indebted to Miss Anna Landis for the data of the Sarah Lauffer section, as presented in this volume:
- (5) Joseph Miller, born Feb. 3, 1896, now deceased. Buried at Denmark Manor. Married to Mary Ann Simmonds. No issue.
- (6) Mary Ann Miller, born April 20, 1848, died 1851, interred at Denmark Manor.
- (7) Aaron Miller, of Penn Station, Pa., born April 22, 1852. Married to Anna Wolfe. Three children. (a) William Jacob Miller, born Aug. 21, 1875, married in June, 1901, to Emma Sarver. One child, Howard Miller, born Feb. 22, 1903. (b) Laura Belle Miller, born May 20, 1878, married to Jacob Bricker, May 2, 1894. One child, Weldon Bricker, born May 11, 1899. (c) Viola May Miller, born May 13, 1881, married to Daniel Borlin, of Greensburg, Pa., died Feb. 13, 1904. One child Elizabeth, born March 8, 1900.
- (8) Elizabeth M. Miller, born Dec. 9, 1855, married Dec. 2, 1893, to J. B. Peterson, Ligonier, Pa. Mary Miller, born Jan. 4, 1877, married Jan. 28, 1902, to Harry Sanner, of Greensburg, Pa.
- 13. Hannah Lauffer, daughter of John Sr., by his wife Barbara, died when quite young and was interred at Denmark Manor Cemetery.
- 14. Catherine Lauffer, youngest in the family of John Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born July 16, 1823, married Jan. 7, 1841, to Hezekiah Waugaman, by Rev. N. P. Hacke. Hezekiah Waugaman was born June 3, 1818, died June 8, 1897. Grandmother Waugaman now makes her home with Mrs. Ed. Kemerer, her daughter Mary. Her mind is clear and mental faculties unimpaired. Her knowledge of exact dates of incidents in the Lauffer History is quite remarkable. Thirteen children. (1) Hannah Rachel Waugaman, born Aug. 20, 1842, died Nov. 4, 1902. Married to W. S. Naley, 6724 Lowe Ave., Chicago, Ill. Seven children. Duella Minerva Naley, Presley Owens Naley, Harry Hirst Naley, Emma Valeria Naley, married June 29, 1904,



to Harris Freeman, of Orange, N. J., Anna Jane Naley, Tracy Matilda Naley, Elsie Naley. (2) Cynthia Elizabeth Waugaman, born May 20, 1844, married in 1862 to John Bushager. He was a private in Company K, 168 Reg't, and died at Newburn, N. C., Mar. 5, 1863, interred Plot 7, grave 117. Address Irwin, Pa. One child, Sarah J. Bushager, born in 1863, married in 1886 to Lewis C. Henry. To them were born: Charles B. Henry, in 1887. John W. Henry in 1889, Mildred Louise Henry in 1898. (3) Lavinda Susanna Waugaman, born July 23, 1846, died Mar. 4, 1851. (4) Boa Elias Waugaman, born Jan. 24, 1848, died Dec. 26, 1895. Married to Mrs. Lucy Lord, nee Smith. To them were born three children, Tracy La Burr Waugaman, born June 21, 1884, Arthur Waugaman, and Dewey Waugaman. (5) Jeremiah Asa Waugaman, born Feb. 8, 1850, married Dec. 26, 1872, to Rebecka Jane Pool (born Apr. 17, 1853). Address, Greensburg. Pa. Eight children. (a) Minnie Sophia Waugaman, born July 25, 1873. Married to F. L. McKeever, of Greensburg, Pa. (b) Ira Alvin Waugaman, of Manor, Pa., born Apr. 2, 1875. Married Sept. 11, 1902, to Emma Mull. (c) Annie Mary Waugaman, born Aug. 12, 1876, married to A. K. McCurdy, Greensburg, Pa. (d) Walter Scott Waugaman, of Greensburg, Pa., born Feb. 4, 1878, married to Cora Kulins. (e) Bertha Salome Wangaman, born Feb. 5, 1880, married to H. H. Holtzer, of Darrah, Pa. (f) Hezekiah Asa Waugaman, born Aug. 13, 1881. (g) Willmina Kathrin Wagaman, born Mar. 7, 1884, married to J.C Barr, of Greensburg, Pa. (h) Samuel Pool Wangaman, born Jan. 4, 1886, died Oct. 21, 1901.

(6) Silas Peter Waugaman, son of Catharine Lauffer, daughter of John Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born May 14, 1852, died Oct. 12, 1899. Married Nov. 11, 1875, to Katharine Peters, by Rev. Bartholomew. Three children. (a) Robert A. Florence Waugaman, born Oct. 2, 1876. Married June 4, 1902. to James A. Norris. He died Apr. 24, 1903, and is interred in Bradford Cemetery, Centre Co., Pa. (b) Harry Oscar Waugaman, of Turtle Creek, Pa., born Oct. 15, 1880, married Jan. 30, 1901, to Bertha E. Powell. (c) Eugene Glenn Waugaman, of Turtle Creek, Pa., born Sept. 14, 1897.



(7) John Henry Waugaman born Feb. 13, 1854. Died Dec. 27, 1894.

(8) Ezra Hezekiah Waugaman, born Sept. 12, 1855. Died

Aug. 15, 1892. Married to Jennie Forscyth. No report.

(9) Francis Marion Waugaman, son of Catherine, was born Sept. 24, 1857. Married Mar. 15, 1883, to Alice Earhart. P. O. Harrison City, Pa. Two children. Frank L. Waugaman, born Aug. 29, 1884. Garnett W. Waugaman, born Apr. 1, 1886.

- (10) George Washington Waugamau, born July 12, 1859. Married Apr. 7, 1887, to Amanda J. Snyder, by Rev. A. E. Truxal. He resides north of Harrison City, on the Hezekiah Waugaman farm, formerly the John Lauffer, Sr., homestead. Two children. Emma Catherine Waugaman, born Oct. 4, 1888, and Mary Elizabeth Waugaman, born Dec. 21, 1901.
- (11) Rev. Simon Uriah Waugaman, pastor of the Reformed church at Rimersburg, Pa., born Feb. 5, 1862, married June 16, 1892, to Emma Highburger, by Rev. A. E. Truxal. Three children. John Nevin Waugaman, born May 18, 1893. Simon Hezekiah Waugaman, born Aug. 10, 1896. Stanley Merle Waugaman, born June 30, 1899.
- (12) William Hiram Waugaman, born Sept. 1, 1863. Graduate D. D. S., Univ. of Pennsylvania, Class of 1891. Practicing at Turtle Creek, Pa. Married July 15, 1896. to Ada Virginia Stirling (born Dec. 26, 1865). To them were born: Helen Stirling Waugaman, born Apr. 30, 1898. Marjore Waugaman, born Mar. 2, 1901, died June 11, 1901. Elsie Marion Waugaman, born Nov. 17, 1902.
- (13) Mary C. Waugaman, youngest in the family of Catherine, daughter of John Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Sept. 10, 1865. Married Nov. 22, 1888 to Edward D. Kemerer, of Harrison City, Pa., by Rev. A. E. Truxal. Died Oct. 31, 1905. Nine children. Charlie W. Kemerer, born Apr. 10, 1889. Elizabeth M. Kemerer, born Oct. 27, 1890. Simon E. Kemerer, born May 12, 1892. Amanda B. Kemercr, born Jan. 15, 1894. Catherine E. Kemerer, born Sept. 17, 1895. Mabel G. Kemerer, born Apr. 12, 1897. Ray M. Kemerer. born Mar. 23, 1899. Mary D. Kemerer, born June 6, 1901. Francis Edward Kemerer, born Mar. 23, 1903.



## HENRY LAUFFER BRANCH.

The family of Henry Lauffer, Sr., son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer.

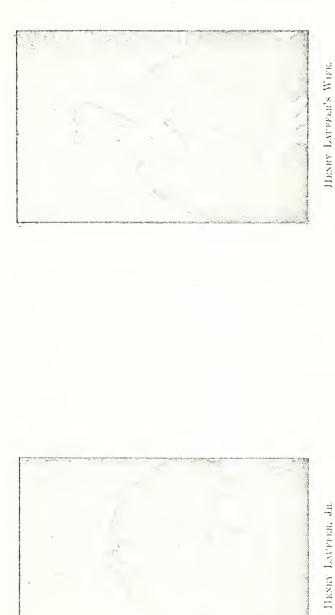
Henry Lauffer, Sr., was a farmer and lived all his life on the old Lauffer place, near Pleasant Unity, the farm on which Simon Trice now lives. Henry Lauffer, Sr., was laid to rest in the old Bash cemetery in February, 1821, aged 67 years, 5 months and 19 days. By his side rests Barbara, his wife, whose maiden name was Alliman. She died May 14th, 1846, aged 75 years and 26 days. This old cemetery is on the Somer's farm of the present day, near the Thomas school house, in Unity township, Westmoreland county. It is a two acre lot, willed in perpetuity for cemetery purposes. This is the same cemetery in which his father Christian Lauffer, our common ancestor, lies buried.

In Pennsylvania Archives, Volume 23, Page 226, Third Series, we find that Henry Lauffer is enrolled among "Rangers of the Frontiers 1778 to 1783" for Westmoreland county.

Until the death of Henry, Sr., his son Henry lived with him on the old homestead. He kept a wayside tavern for some twenty years before his death in 1821. He was a farmer but the stage coaches passed his house, and the passengers wanted "pieces" and meals, and there were many weary travelers to be kept over night. All the grocery stores sold whiskey in those days, it was as neessary as molasses and coffee in that age, and of course, it could be found at that hospitable farm house.

Henry, Sr., died prematurely from an injury to his foot that became infected. He was still a young man at 67. Barbara, his wife, lived 25 years after his death, which years she spent in the home of Henry Jr., and later with her daughter Polly, the wife of Jacob Gress, Sr., who lived along Pine Run, near North Washington, Westmoreland county Jacob Gress, Sr., purchased a farm just south of Pleasant Unity and removed there in 1837.





HENRY LAUFFER, JR.



from which place Barbara was laid to rest by the side of her husband, as before stated.

It was very amusing to the writer, listening to Jacob Gress and Henry Gress, of Pleasant Unity, as they related reminiscences of their grandmother.

"Grandmother was real strict. She often whipped us. When mother wished us to do anything, we were in no hurry, but when grandmother asked us, we obeyed promptly. When she said anything, she meant it."

The family of Henry Lauffer, Sr., consisted of:

- I Henry Jr.
- 2 John.
- 3 Susanna.
- 4 Mary (Polly)
- 5 Elizabeth.
- 1. Henry Jr., son of Henry Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born December 27th, 1793, and his wife Anna Marie Gress was born September 3rd, 1795. They were married in September, 1814. His wife died April 24, 1870, aged 75 years, 2 months, 21 days. He died April 18, 1873, aged 79 years, 3 months, 22 days. His family bible is in the hands of his son, Isaac Lauster, of Greensburg, and the records are in perfect form.

He resided with his father, Henry Sr., on the old home-stead until the death of the latter in 1821, after which he lived on a farm just west of Greensburg. He later moved into the Manor Valley. He conducted a large business and acquired considerable property. For many years he operated a Fulling Mill in the Manor Valley, on the present James McKeever farm in Penn town-hip. Home-made cloth, flannels and blankets were brought for many miles to his mill to be fulled. Fulling shrunk the cloth and made it thicker, closer and softer. He built the first brick house in the Manor Valley.

He began wagoning, driving a big conestoga wagon, with four or six horses, between Pittsburg and Baltimore, when only sixteen years old.

His family consisted of twelve:

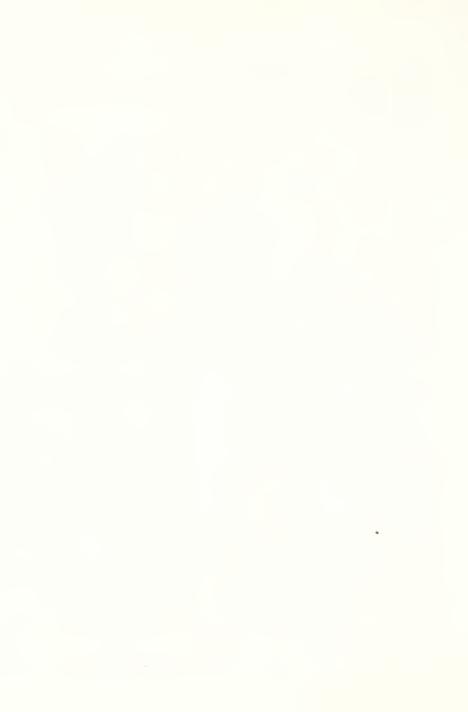
1. Hannah Lauffer, daughter of Henry Jr., son of Henry Sr.,



son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born January 12, 1815, was married February 5th, 1845. Died November 5th, 1904. Interred in St. Clair Cemetery, Greensburg, Pa.

To them were born seven children: (1) Elizabeth Baer, born Dec. 9, 1838, married August 20, 1857, to Jacob Welty by Rev. W. H. Locke. To them were born eight children. (a) Emma Welty, born Aug. 3, 1858, died Sept. 3, 1904. Interred at Irwin, Pa. (b) Isaac Baer Welty, born Feb. 2, 1860, married June 28, 1893, to Olive McFarland. Resides in Irwin. (c) Franklin Lewis Welty, born July 3, 1862, died May 1, 1890. (d) Lizzie Welty, born May 3, 1864, married May 15, 1889, to James C. Overholt, of Beaver, Pa. (e) Noble Miller Welty, born Sept. 10, 1867, married June 26, 1895, to Henrietta Hoelzel. Died Feb. 6, 1900. (f) Harry Thomas Welty, born Aug. 13, 1870, married June 16. 1898, to Jean Kendig. Resides at Wilmerding, Pa. (g) Ella Edna Welty, born Oct. 20, 1873, married Apr. 24, 1900, to J. H. McKean, of Wilmerding, Pa. (h) Curtis Blaine Welty, of Irwin, Pa., born April 22, 1882.

- (2) Mary Baer, married to Joseph Smith, June 12, 1853. Both are dead. No data received.
  - (3) Susanna Baer, died in childhood.
- (4) Lucy Baer, born Sept. 11th, 1846, married October 23, 1854, to Amos Loughner, of Manor, by Rev. John H. Wagner. To them were born five children: (a) Logan Mayberry Loughner, of Braddock, Pa., born Nov. 9, 1865, married Sept. 8, 1887, to Katherine Mary Byers, to whom were born two children. (b) Lulu Bella Loughner, born Oct. 8, 1867, married Nov. 27, 1884, to W. J. Beamer, of Manor, Pa., of the John Lauffer branch, to who were born two children, Lucy Margaret Beamer and Paul Beamer. (c) Frank Wilmer Loughner, born Apr. 18, 1870, died Aug. 11, 1871. (d) Charles Howard Loughner, born October 10, 1873, died Sept. 21, 1879. Both are interred in the St. Clair Cemetery. Greensburg, Pa. (e) Anna Kate Loughner, born Dec. 13, 1878, married Sept. 25, 1901, to Lawrence P. Rankin, of Braddock, Pa.
  - (5) William Jacob Baer, born January 7th, 1845, died in 1875.



- (6) Ella B. Baer, born Oct. 22, 1852, married Nov. 7, 1872, to Nelson M. Baker, of Greensburg, Pa. One child, Laura Isodore Baker, born February 18, 1873, married March 27, 1897, to Edward Mechling, of Greensburg, Pa., to whom were born Edna Isadore Mechling and Jean Mathella Mechling.
- (7) Anna M. Baer, born November 14, 1854, married May 13, 1875, to James L. McWilliams, of Greensburg, Pa. To them were born three daughters: (a) Edith B. McWilliams. (b) Jean L. McWilliams, married Aug. 28th, 1901, to Earl D. Fisher. (c) Efflo Proctor McWilliams.
  - H. Infant daughter, lived two days, born in 1817.
  - III. Sosanna Lauffer, born Mar. 20, 1818, died Jan. 5. 1837.
- IV. Maria Anna Lausser, daughter of Henry Jr., son of Henry. Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, wos born Mar. 11, 1820. Married Mar. 23, 1837, to Peter Waugaman (born 1812, died 1886). She resided with her daughter at 324 South Negley ave., Pittsburg, Pa. Died Sept. 30, 1905. Eleven children. (1) Asa Waugaman, born 1840, died 1880. Married to Susanna Glunt and again to Mary Underwood. Left three children. (a) Anna Waugaman, who married Jacob B. Petkin, and died in 1899. (b) Leonard Waugaman and (c) Marie Waugaman, both of East Liberty, Pa.
- (2) Henry John Waugaman, the second in the family of Mary Ann Lauffer, died aged four years.
- (3) Lucy Ann Waugaman, born Sept. 17, 1843, married in 1860, to P. E. Brinker, of Manor, Pa., by Rev. N. P. Hacke, P. R. Brinker was born Feb. 18, 1841. Five children. (a) Anna Mary Brinker, born July 16, 1862. Married Feb. 18, 1885 to R. W. Evans, of Greensburg, Pa. Two children, Paul and Ruth. (b) William F. Brinker, born Mar. 16, 1865. Married Mar. 24, 1888 to Clara Pumilla Beamer. For children see Elizabeth section of John Lauffer, Sr., division. (c) Araminta D. Brinker, born Dec. 27, 1866. Married in March 1887 to W. C. Rankin, of Johnstown, Pa. Three children. Irene Rankin, born 1887, Julian Rankin, born 1889, Marguerite Rankin, born 1891. (d) Charles H. Brinker, of Manor, Pa., born July 27, 1869. Married in March, 1890, to Annie Cope. Three children. Fred. Brinker,

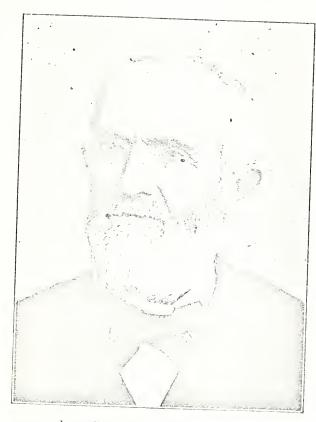


born Aug. 20, 1890. LeRoy Brinker died Apr. 3, 1893, aged two years, four months. Dorotha Brinker, born Sept. 14, 1898. (e) Roberta F. Brinker, born July 26, 1876, married Aug. 1895 to Harry O. Steiner. Two sons. Madaline Steiner, born Sept. 13, 1896, died May 16, 1902.

- (4) Hannah Mary Waugaman, born 1845, died 1876, wife of Alph Brinker, Pittsburg, Pa.
- (5) Zachariah Waugaman, born 1847. Dentist. Greensburg, Pa.
- (6) Isaac Wangaman, born May 1849. Died Sept. 1893. Married to Agnes McClaren. Two children. Edward Wangaman, Dentist, and Mand Wangaman, both of Pittsburg, Pa.
- (7) Sarah Elizabeth Waugaman, born 1851, married Dec. 1880, to Landon Warren. Died in May 1900.
- (8) Mariah Rachel Waugaman, born 1853. Married to Reuben Brinker, who died in 1875. Married again about 1879 to Frank Fisher, of East End, Pittsburg, Pa. One son Joseph Fisher, born in 1885.
- (9) Simon Peter Waugaman, born 1855, died July 1900. Married to Anna Walthour. Three children. Mabel Waugaman, married to Charles Myers, Clarence Waugaman, also of McKeesport, Pa., and Abagail Waugaman, deceased.
- (10) Enima Wangaman, born Mar., 1860, married to Harry Ludwick. Two children. Hazel Ludwick and Lillian Ludwick, Pittsburg, Pa.
- (11) Georgia Waugaman, born in 1864, married to Frank Rust, East Pittsburg, Pa.

V. Jacob F. Lauffer, son of Henry Jr., son of Henry Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Mar. 24, 1822. Married in spring of 1845 to Susannah Cribbs (born Apr. 23, 1829, died Oct. 22, 1891, interred at Denmark Manor). Address Smithton, Pa. Ten children. (1) Priscilla Lauffer, born Feb. 24, 1846. Died October 28, 1904. Married in 1861 to Jacob H. Fry, P. O. Scottdale, Pa. To them were born eleven children. (a) Ida L. Fry, born Oct. 7, 1862, died July 6, 1870. (b) Susannah B. Fry, born Mar. 16, 1864, married Aug. 20, 1885, to Charles P. Neubert. Jeannette, Pa. Five children. Walter Henry Neubert, born





JACOB F. LAUFFER, Son of Henry Jr.





Mrs. JACOB F. LAUFFER, nee Susannah Cribbs.



June 5, 1887. William Charles Neubert, born Dec. 17, 1888. Oscar Theodore Neubert, born Fcb. 5, 1890. Alice Adalie Neubert, born Dec. 7, 1892. Jacob Sylvester Neubert, born May 11, 1894, died July 20, 1894. (c) Mary Ellen Fry, born Apr. 17, 1868, married Jan. 16, 1890, to James E. Painter, by Rev. A. E. Truxal. Seven children. Bertha Bell Painter, born Sept. 13, 1890. Eva May Painter, born Sept. 21, 1891. Myrna Edith Painter, born July 11, 1893. Della Viola Painter, born Aug. 25, 1894, died Nov. 12, 1894. Interred at Denmark Manor. Frank Earl Painter, born July 19, 1896. Blanche Orpha Painter, born Mar. 17, 1898. Ada Alietha Painter, born July 18, 1902. (d) Arabella C. Fry,born Dec. 14, 1869, married Aug. 11, 1881, to James Johnston, P. O. Humphreys, Pa. Seven children. Jennie Alverda Johnston, born Apr., 18, 1888. J. Wallace Johnston, born November 24, 1889. Maud May Johnston born June 12, 1891. Paul Clifford Johnston, born Sept. 25, 1892. Mabel Fry Johnston, born Nov. 4, 1894. Ned Ephriam Johnston, born Oct. 6, 1897. Lawra Belle Johnston, born Aug. 27, 1900. (e) Simon P. Fry, born 1872, died Feb. 5, 1873. (f) Sadie Mintie Fry, born Apr. 20, 1874, married June 27, 1896, to William Reagan, P. O. Ruffsdale, Pa. Three children. Maude G. Reagan, born Oct. 22, 1896. May D. Reagan, born July 1, 1898. Harrison E. Reagan, born Nov. 6, 1900. (g) Jacob H. Fry, born Aug. 27, 1876, died Nov. 24, 1876. (h) Infant Daughter, born Sept. 3, 1878, died Sept. 7, 1878. (i) Oscar S. Fry, born Sept. 26, 1879. (j) Clifford A. Fry, born Sept. 6, 1881, died Sept. 3, 1882. (k) Eva D. Fry, born Sept. 29, 1883, died Nov. 18, 1888.

(2) Mary Elizabeth Lausser, born Mar. 2, 1848, married Oct. 10, 1867, to Zeph Brinker, of Scottdale, Pa. Five children. (a) Logan Elvie Brinker, born Aug. 25, 1868, died Oct. 7, 1880. (b) Wilson Melvill Brinker, born Feb. 26, 1873, married Dec. 20, 1890, to Mary Ellen Smith. Johnstown, Pa. Two children. Maybelle Fern Brinker, born Oct. 22, 1890. Jackson Brinker, born July 15, 1903. He was Bugler in Co. K, 10th Pa. Vol., and saw service in P. I. (c) Carlton Sherwood Brinker, born Aug. 13, 1878, died Oct. 12, 1880. (d) Myrna Mae Brinker, born Apr. 8, 1883. (e) Susa Fern Brinker, born July 12, 1887, died Apr. 21, 1892.



- (3) Henry A. Lauffer, the Manor merchant, was born Mar. 10. 1850: married June 27, 1872, to Josephine L. Beamer (born June 2, 1855) by Kev. N. P. Hacke. H. A. Lauffer is president of the Manor National Bank, and has been a director in the Irwin National Bank ever since its organization. He is a member of councils. Four children. (a) Infant Son died Sept. 4, 1873. Interred at Denmark Manor. (b) Charles Alpheus Lauffer, born July 27, 1875. As secretary of the publication committee, he has compiled for the printers most of the data presented in this book. He received his A. B. degree from Franklin and Marshall College in 1000 and his M. D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania, in 1905. He is now resident physician at the Chester hospital, Chester, Pa., (c) Maude J. S. Lauffer, born Dec. 1, 1880, a graduate of Woman's College, Frederick, Md., and teacher in the Third Ward schools, in Allegheny, Pa. (d) Raymond Abner Lauffer, born Dec. 11, 1883. He graduated from the Academic department of the Greensburg Seminary in June, 1899. For two years attended the Western University of Pennsylvania, where he took first prize in mechanical drawing. Employed by the Westinghouse Electrical Co., at draughting. Died Nov. 5, 1902, in his Junior Year, while a student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Mass. Interred at Brush Creek Cemetery.
- (4) Hannah C. Lausfer, fourth in the family of Jacob F., was married in the spring of 1873 to James Steel, of near Hannastown, Pa. She had one son, Elmer Steel, married. Three children, No response.
- (5) Edward C. Lauffer, born Oct. 10, 1854. Married June 24, 1880 to Salome Waugaman. Irwin Pa., R. F. D. Ten children. Harry Lauffer, born Dcc. 2, 1881, died Aug. 23, 1901. Hiram Josiah Lauffer, born June 27, 1883. Lloyd Jacob Lauffer, born June 13, 1885. Joseph Iddings Lauffer, born Apr. 2, 1887. Clarence George Lauffer, born Apr. 29, 1889. Mase Coyl Lauffer, born Jan. 15, 1891. Paul Price Lauffer, born Aug. 19, 1892, died Sept. 4, 1894. Loula Frances Lauffer, born Nov. 1, 1894. Edith Irene Lauffer, born Sept. 2, 1896, died Dec. 23, 1896. Adel-la Elizabeth Lauffer, born Mar. 27, 1901.



H. A. LAUFTER, THE MANOR MERCHANT.





Charles A. Lauffer, A. M., M. D. Secretary of the Lauffer History Committee.





RAYMOND A. LAUFFER, SON OF H. A. Born Dec. 11, 1883. Died Nov. 5, 1902.





E. Bushyare and Famux.





Samuel Lauffer, son of Henry Lauffer.





Mrs. H. A. Laureur, nee Josephine Louisa Beamer.



- (6) Maranetta Arabel Lauffer, born Oct. 26, 1856. Married Nov. 11, 1875. to Aaron Bushyager. Harrison City, Pa. Five children. (a) Gertrude Evelin Bushyager, born Sept. 28, 1876, married Nov. 23, 1898, to William Howard Newcomer. One daughter. (b) Charles Edward Bushyager, of Youngwood, Pa., born July 15, 1878. Married. (c) Howard Osmond Bushyager, born Jan. 23, 1880. (d) Milton Clifford Bushyager, born July 8, 1881. (e) Homer Jacob Bushyager, born May 2, 1883, died Aug. 9, 1883.
  - (7) Gilbert William Lausser, born Mar. 22, 1859.
- (8) Sarah Ellen Lauffer, married to Jas. A. Beamer. Two daughters, Blanche and Margaret.
- (9) Oliver A. Lauffer, born Sept. 17, 1863. Accidentally shot while rabbit hunting, Dec. 23, 1878.
- (10) Annetta R. Lauffer, born Mar. 10, 1866, married Dec. 17, 1885, to Elijah Bushyager. Harrison City, Pa. Eight children. John Wallace Bushyager, born Oct. 1, 1886, died Dec. 18, 1887. Curtis Elton Bushyager, born Dec. 9, 1887. Roy Orton Bushyager, born Apr. 15, 1890. Lee Ross Bushyager, born Jan. 20, 1894. Merle Jay Bushyager, born Feb. 5, 1895. Hazel Fern Bushyager, born Mar. 5, 1896. Glen Ray Bushyager, born Nov. 19, 1897. Annetta Margaret Bushyager, born May 12, 1901.

V. Henry Lauffer, born Mar. 25, 1824, died Nov. 15, 1833. VII. Samuel Lauffer, son of Henry Jr., son of Henry Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Sept. 28, 1826, died in 1890. "At Cumberland, Md., in her early home, among her dearest friends, Mrs. Eliza Ellen, wife of Samuel B. Lauffer, of Pittsburg, Pa., and eldest daughter of Hon. L. N. Buchanan, of Allegheny Co., Md., aged twenty-seven years, eight months, twenty-two days." He was for many years postmaster at Greensburg, Pa. He later conducted a book store on Wood street, Pittsburg, and at the beginning of the Civil war, entered the service. He was in the Federal service the rest of his life. He left one son, John Lauffer, of Washington, D. C., lately deceased.

VIII. William Paul Lauffer, born Apr. 22, 1828, died Sept. 13, 1839.



- IX. Isaac Lauffer, son of Henry Jr., son of Henry Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, of Greensburg, Pa., born May 12, 1830, married Mar. 10, 1853, to Lydia Fox. Eight children.
- (1) Cyrus Markle Lauffer, born Jan. 25. 1854, died Apr. 10, 1855.
- (2) Anna Mary Ellen Lauffer, born July 12, 1855. Married to James S. McKeever, June 1, 1876, by Rev. N. P. Hacke. Harrison City, Pa. Ten children. (a) Harry C. McKeever, born May 14, 1877, married June 25, 1902, to Jean Elizabeth Wilson. To them was born Helen Wilson McKeever July 8, 1903. Died Sept. 8, 1905. (b) Frank E. McKeever, born May 14, 1877. (c) Twins Mattie E. and Lydia F. McKeever, born Jan. 14, 1881; died Aug. and Feb. 17, 1886. (d) I. Ross McKeever, born Sept. 18, 1882, married in May, 1905, to Jessie Greenawalt, Wilkinsburg, Pa. (e) John Paul McKeever, born Sept. 21, 1885. (f) Alice May McKeever, born Aug. 31, 1887, died Aug. 30, 1893. (g) Edith Grace McKeever, born Oct. 13, 1889, died Sept. 4, 1893. (h) Agnes L. McKeever, born June 27, 1892, died Sept. 14, 1893. (i) Infant born Oct. 25, 1898, died same day. Interred at Union Cemetery, Irwin, Pa.
- (3) William D. Lauffer, of Penn Twp., Westmoreland Co., Pa., born Aug. 30, 1856, married Feb. 2, 1882, to Annie E. Klingensmith, by Rev. J. F. Snyder. Six children. Pearl Lydia Lauffer born Dec. 31, 1882. Frank Foil Lauffer, born Aug. 25, 1884. Mazie Elizabeth Lauffer, born June, 8, 1886. Elsie Florence Lauffer, born Nov. 21, 1887. Coyt Brooks Lauffer, born Aug. 22, 1889, died July 16, 1894. Rosco Love Lauffer, born Oct. 7, 1891.
- (4) Alice Rebecca Lauffer, born Jan. 15, 1858, married Jan. 13, 1881, to Mose McIlvain, of Boquet, Pa. Six children. O. Taylor Mellvain, born Feb. 4, 1882. Nina F. McIlvain, born Apr. 1, 1883. L. Mabel McIlvain, born Sept. 23, 1886. Edna F. McIlvain, born Mar. 8, 1889. Mary E. McIlvain, born Oct. 29, 1892. A. Ellen McIlvain, born July 19, 1898.
- (5) Franklin Edward Lauffer, born Aug. 7, 1859. Married Sept. 15, 1896 in a crowded church of which he was pastor at Austinsville, Ohio, to Emma E. Klingensmith. Pastor of the





Isaac Lauffer, son of Henry Jr., and wife.





Rev. Frank E. Lauffer, Ph. D. received a unanimous call to Martinsburg Blair Co. and enters upon his labors there April 1st, 06, also taking care of a Mission at Williamsburg where a church is to be built.



Reformed church at Aaronsburg, Centre Co., Pa. Two children. Ruth Edna Lauffer, born Dec. 22, 1897. Paul Gideon Lauffer, born Oct. 9, 1900.

- (6) Henry John Lauffer, born Dec. 31, 1860, married Feb. 22, 1882, to Nannie J. Russell. Irwin, Pa. Six children. Perry 1 Lauffer, born Apr. 7, 1883. Mattie L. Lauffer, born Sept. 20, 1885. Frank H. Lauffer, born Jan. 11, 1888, died Oct. 3, 1898. Bertha C. Lauffer, born Apr. 30, 1890. John F. Lauffer, born Aug. 20, 1893. Margaret G. Lauffer, born Feb. 1, 1898.
  - (7) Infant child born Sept. 16, 1862, died Nov. 12, 1862.
- (8) Eimer E. Lautfer, born Nov. 10, 1863, married May 29, 1890, to Anna Elizabeth Fink. P. O. Trauger, Pa. Seven children.

Olive D. Lauffer, born Mar. 29, 1890. Fink E. Lauffer, born Nov. 14, 1891. Lydia E. Lauffer, born Oct. 16, 1893. Edgar I. Lauffer, born Sept. 9, 1895. Clarence J. Lauffer, born Mar. 17, 1898. Elton H. Lauffer, born July 20, 1900. Mabel I. Lauffer, born Feb. 13, 1902.

- (9) Elizabeth Florence Lauffer, born Feb. 26, 1867. Died Apr. 7, 1877.
  - X. Paul Lauffer, born Oct. 23, 1832, died Sept. 21, 1840.

XI. Simon Peter Lauffer, son of Henry Jr., son of Henry Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Aug. 4. 1837, died 1902. He spent his last years in the Soldiers' Home at Washington, D. C. From his being so long in the military service in Utah, he was familiarly known as "Utah Simon."

XII. John Lauffer, youngest in the family of Henry Jr., son of Henry Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born in 1839, died of a fever in 1857. Interred at Denmark Manor.

Elizabeth Lauffer, daughter of Henry Sr., the son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born in 1795 and died in 1869. She was married in 1814 to Adam Rumbaugh. Her grandson says: "My mother died in 1869 and my father died in 1870, six months after mother's death. They are interred in the Cemetery on the Rumbaugh farm." When they moved to Ohio, in March, 1817, to their farm, in Wayne Co., ten miles north-west of Wooster, the county seat, they took with them one son, Issae Rumbaugh.

We consider the letter of Jacob Rumbaugh of sufficient interest to reproduce it.

14 Cottage St., Ashland, O. September 21st, 1903.

To my Lauffer friends:

In 1816 my grandfather Lauffer entered five quarter sections of land in Wayne Co., O. One section for each of his children, two boys, Henry and John Lauffer, three girls, Mrs. Susan Hartzell, Mrs. Polly Gress and my mother, Elizabeth. My parents the following March, 1817, moved from Westmoreland Co., Pa., to Ohio, then called the Far West, to the quarter section of land my mother received of my grand father, Henry Lauffer.

I have three deeds to this quarter section of land. The first is printed on buck skin, conveying the land from Jas. Madison, President of the United States, to Henry Lauffer, of Westmorcland Co., the twentieth day of December 1816. The second deed was written on buck skin by John Wells, Notary Public, of Greensburg, Pa., in 1817, conveying the quarter section of land from my grandfather Henry Lauffer, to my father Adam Rumbaugh. The third and last deed conveyed the land in 1864 from my parents to myself.

I was born and raised on the farm, lived forty-two years on the farm. When my parents settled on this farm, Wayne county was a perfect wilderness. I many times heard my mother relate that they cut part of the way from Wooster to ten miles northwest of Wooster to the farm. In the ten miles there were but two families living on the road between them and Wooster. They did not know of any white settlers to the north-west of them.

This is a beautiful farm of 172 acres. We will keep it in our family as long as it is in our power to do so.

Respectfully,

Jacob Rumbaugh.

Elizabeth Lauffer had eleven children.

(1) Isaac Rumbaugh, son of Elizabeth Lauffer, daughter of



Henry Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born in 1815 at Pleasant Unity, Westmoreland Co., Pa., married in 1836 to Mary Rumbaugh. Married again in 1855 to Catharine Piffer. Died in 1888, interred in the cemetery in the corner of the Rumbaugh farm. We have no data of descendants further than that Dr. Rumbaugh, Chicago Junction, Huron Co., Ohio, is a descendant. There were eight children.

- (2) and (3) Infants.
- (4) Henry Rumbaugh, born 1821, married 1843, to Mary Rice. He was a soldier and died in Camp Chase, Columbus, O., 1865. He and his wife are interred at Bucyrus, O. He had four children.
- (5) David Rumbaugh, born 1823. Married in 1844, to Susanah Ickes. Died 1894. Interred in Medina Co., O. Seven children.
- (6) Solomon Rumbaugh, born 1826. Married 1854, to Mary Miller. Died 1893, interred in Wayne Co., Ohio. Five children.
- (7) William Rumbaugh born in 1828. Married in 1853 to Elizabeth Stratton. Died in 1895, interred in Albany, Oregon. Five children.
- (8) Sarah Rumbaugh, born in 1830. Married in 1854 to John Feters, Died in 1898, interred in Wayne Co., Ohio. Five children.
- (9) Hannah Rumbaugh, born in 1833. Married in 1853 to Isaac Ickes. Died in 1896, interred at Ft. Recovery, O.
- (10) Jacob Rumbaugh, the only one now living in the family of Eliz. Lauffer, daughter of Henry, Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born in 1835. Married in 1859 to Mary Mowrey by J. J. Excell. She died in 1875 and is interred in Wayne Co., Ohio. Married again in 1878 to Agusta Latta. She died in 1900. Interred at Ashland, O. Married a third time to Mary Weimer, in 1903.

It is by courtesy of Jacob Rumbaugh, that we have the data presented in this section; not having heard from his brothers and sisters, or their descendants, directly, the data for them is necessarily incomplete.



Jacob Rumbaugh has three children. (a) Sarah A. Rumbaugh, born 1856. Married in 1877 to Dr. L. B. Ash, of Ashland, Ohio. One son, Dr. R. C. Ash, born May 10, 1880. Graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the University of Chicago. Address Ashland, O. (b) Ella Rumbaugh, born in 1864, married in 1889 to G. W. Schmidt, of Mansfield, O. One daughter, Olga Orrelia Schmidt, born Feb. 29, 1892. (c) Ira G. Rumbaugh, born in 1871, married in 1892 to Cora Reed, Greenwich, Ohio.

(11) Elizabeth Rumbaugh, born in 1838. Married in 1858 to David Mowrey, of Wooster, Ohio. She died in 1896, and was interred in Wooster, O.

Mary Lausser, daughter of Henry Sr., the son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born July 16, 1799. She was married Mar. 12, 1818, to Jacob Gress by Rev. Henry Hobblestone. She died Sept. 2, 1880, aged 81 years, 1 month, 16 days. Jacob Gress was born Mar. 11, 1793, died Feb. 13, 1883, aged 89 years, 11 months, two days. We copied the family record from the old Family Bible, now in the hands of her son, Jacob Gress, of Pleasant Unity, Pa. Eight children.

(1) Henry Gress, son of Mary Lauffer, daughter of Henry Sr., the son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Nov. 14, 1818. Married Mar. 16, 1841 to Susanna Seanor, (who died Mar. 25, 1843) by the Rev. N. P. Hacke. Again married Sept. 2, 1845 to Catherine Fisher, (who died Dec. 2, 1862) by the Rev. H. E. F. Voight. Married a third time to Elizabeth Moyer, Mar. 4, 1869, by Rev. G. W. Busby. One child by the first marriage, ten by the second, three by the third, (a) Florinda S. Gress, born Dec. 21, 1841, married to Martin Bash. No response. (b) Infant, 1846. (e) Infant, 1850. (d) Mary A. Gress, born July 7, 1847. Died May 22, 1862. (e) Margaret E. Gress, born Dec. 21, 1848. Died June 3, 1862. (f) John Gress, born Dec. 7, 1851, died May 10, 1862. (g) Lucinda Gress, born Oct. 10, 1854, died May 27, 1862. (h) Jacob H. Gress, born Dec. 17, 1856. Address Pleasant Unity, I'a. (i) Cyrus Gress born Aug. 21, 1858, died Sept. 10, 1858. (j) Infant, 1860. (k) Infant, 1862. (l) William Gress born Nov. 30, 1869. Married Dec. 24, 1890, to Lottie



Cease, by Rev. Cummings. Four children. Address 2620 Carey Alley. S. S., Pittsburg, Pa. Carrie Alverda Gress born Aug. 2, 1892. William Edward Harvey Gress, born Nov. 9, 1894. Nellie Elizabeth Gress, born Jan. 6, 1897. Daniel Nevin Gress, born Aug. 24, 1901. (m) Rev. Daniel Gress, born Aug. 25, 1872, Pastor of the Reformed church at Centre Hall, Centre Co., Pa. Married Sept. 2, 1903 to Emma J. Black. One daughter. (n) Sarah J. Gress, of Pleasant Unity, Pa., born June 2, 1875.

- (2) Isaac Gress, son of Mary Lauffer, daughter of Henry Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Sept. 14, 1820. Died Jan. 2, 1873. Married Apr. 22, 1858, to Lucinda Trauger, who was born Sept. 16, 1834, died May 4, 1878. Four children. (a) Anna M. Gress, born May 16, 1859, married Aug. 28, 1877, to Edgar G. Walter, of Pleasant Unity, Pa., by Rev. W. L. Mc-Grew. Five children. Infant daughter born April 28, 1878, died April 28, 1878. Second twin died May 9, 1878. Both interred at Pleasant Unity. Pa. Homer Trauger Walter, born Nov. 23, 1879, married Oct. 10, 1901 to Emma G. Ulani. Latrobe, Pa. Clara Walter, born Jan. 15, 1883. Frank Wakefield Walter, born Mar. 27, 1887. (b) Infant daughter born Feb. 27, 1863, died Feb. 27, 1863. Interred at Ridge church. (c) Sarah Melinda Gress, the other twin, born Feb. 27, 1863. Married Oct. 13, 1880. to Frank D. Trauger by Rev. B. B. Ferer. Frank D. Trauger was born Nov. 2, 1856, died Feb. 11, 1888. Interred at Ridge church. One child. Lucinda Elizabeth Trauger, born April 11, 1885. Sarah M. Gress married again Dec. 22, 1892 to George B. Immel, of Lycippus, Pa., by Rev. C. R. Diffenbacher. He was born May 9, 1864. (d) Ira Harvey Gress, born Mar. 6, 1871, married Sept. 26, 1805 to Ina M. Brinker (born Dec. 31, 1873), by Rev. C. R. Diffenbacher. Four children, P. O. Pleasant Unity, Pa. Mary Cari Gress, born June 30, 1896. Sarah Melinda Gress, born Dec. 25, 1897, William Brinker Gress, born Dec. 5, 1899, died Dec. 3, 1900, Interred at Union Cemetery, Greensburg, Pa. Harry Trauger Gress, born Aug. 2, 1904.
- (3) Sarah Gress, daughter of Mary Lauffer, daughter of Henry Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born April 18, 1823. Married Jan. 12, 1843, to John G. Fisher by Rev. N. P.



Hacke, He was born April 3, 1819, died May 29, 1897. Sarah Gress died Jan. 9, 1900. They and seven of their children are interred in Fisher's Graveyard at the old homestead. Nine children. (a) Jacob Gress Fisher, born Oct. 14, 1843, died Sept. 30, 1861. (b) Malinda Fisher, born Dec. 14, 1844, died Dec. 25, 1854. (c) Franklin Fisher, Homestead. Pa., born Oct. 20, 1847. (d) David Fisher, born July 21, 1849, married Oct. 19, 1869, to Mary C. Byers (born June 14, 1849, by Rev. Henry Cooper, 521 Ammon st., Homestead, Pa. Four children. John Franklin Fisher, born July 23, 1870, married June 22, 1898, to Clara Paden. by Rev. J. M. Carter; to them was born Marian Leanoir Fisher. Nov. 28, 1899. 525 Ammon St., Homestead, Pa. Sarah Gress Fisher, born Oct. 28, 1872. Homer Byers Fisher, born Dec. 11, 1877, died May 25, 1881. Howard Albanus Fisher, born Mar. 1, 1883, died July 13, 1883. Both are interred in the Homestead Cemetery.

- (4) Jacob Gress, son of Mary Lauffer, daughter of Henry Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Sept. 27, 1825. He was married Mar. 20, 1856, to Mary C. Rumbaugh, (born June 1, 1836, died April 6, 1859) by Rev. Nicholas P. Hacke. Married again June 9, 1870 to Maria Zimmerman (born Dec. 8, 1835, died May 8, 1879) by Rev. A. J. Heller. Married the third time Mar. 15, 1881 to Julia Ann Hess (born July 18, 1840) by Rev. B. B. Forer. P. O. Pleasant Unity, Pa. Six children. (a) Mary Calvena Gress, born Jan. 6, 1857. Married Nov. 4, 1875 to Jesse K. Poorman, by Rev. David B. Lady. Seven children. Clark L. Poorman, of Trauger, Pa., born Jan. 18, 1876. Della A. Poorman, born Sept. 27, 1877, married Mar. 17, 1894, to Charles Myers, of Greensburg, Pa. Laura F. Poorman, born Nev. 13, 1880, married June 25, 1896, to Robert Currie, of Moundsville, W. Va.; died Nov. 7, 1886, interred at St. Paul Conctery. Franklin L. Peorman, born June 8, 1884. Nellie C. Poorman, born Nov. 16, 1886, married Dec. 19, 1902, to Charles Bliss, of Greensburg, Pa. Jennie C. Poorman, born Sept. 14, 1888, Greensburg, Pa. Wilnam N. Poorman, born Sept. 9, 1890.
- (b) Fraklin Levan Gress, born Feb. 16, 1859. Married Feb. 23, 1893, to Anna E. Brown, by Rev. A. D. Potts, Green burg, Pa. (c) Infant son, Sept. 23, 1871. (d) Infant daughter died



April 30, 1873. Aged two days. (e) John R. E. Gress, of Pleasant Unity, Pa., born Oct. 1, 1875. Married to Estella Snednan. (f)-Infant son died May 2, 1879.

- (5) Simon Gress, son of Mary Laufer, daughter of Henry Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Mar. 1, 1828. Married to Lavina Blithe. He died in Mar. 1900. Four children are interred at Ridge Cemetery. Ida Amelia Gress, died Feb. 22, 1862, aged 4 years, 10 months. Samuel A. Gress, died Jan. 19, 1863, aged 3 years, 6 months, 23 days. Also an infant son and infant daughter. Other children are: Clark, Carry, John. Rosy, and Olive Gress. No report.
- (6) Mary Ann Gress, born Sept. 25, 1832. Died May 23, 1836. Interred in North Washington Township, Westmoreland Co., Pa.
- (7) Elizabeth Gress, born Aug. 22, 1835, died May 2, 1843. Interred in Unity Tp., Westmoreland Co., Pa.
- (8) Lucinda Sophia Gress, of Greensburg, Pa., born July 9, 1838. Married to Isaac Smail. One daughter, married to Charles Brown, of Greensburg, Pa.

Susanna Lauffer, daughter of Henry Lauffer, Sr., son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, was married to George Harztell. Their family consisted of four boys and six girls.

Their old Family Bible is still in existence, but the records have not been sent to us. We are indebted to Rev. C. M. Hartzell for a list of names, and to John F. Harshey for records of the Leah Hartzell branch.

The children were Maria, Elizabeth, Hannah, Jacob, John, Sarah, George, Susanna, Henry and Leah.

- (1) Maria Hartzell and John Chambers: six children. Latta, Matilda. Preston, Cyrus, Daniel and Porter. Willy Game &
- (2) Elizabeth Hartzell and Henry Cease; Three children: Martin George and Henry.
- (3) Hannah Hartzell and John Rumbaugh: Seven children. George, Susamiah. Mary, William, John Isaac and Daniel.
  - (4) John Hartzell and Anna Maria Errett: Seven children.



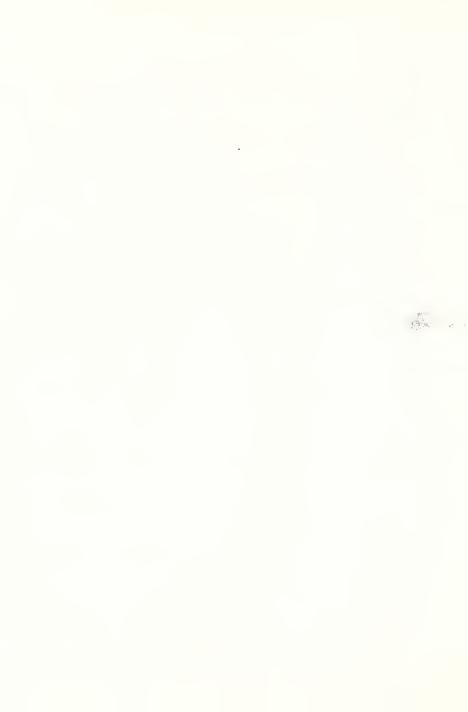
William H., George W., John M., Cyrus M., Samuel, Frank A. and Lizzie.

- (5) Sarah Hartzell and Jacob Hairr: Two children. Mary and Susannah.
- (6) George Hartzell and Hannah Barnhart: Nine children. Mary, Abraham, Hannah, George, Amanda, Emma, Cyrus. Lewis and Lydia.
- (7) Susannah Hartzell and James Rumbaugh: Seven children. Mary, Sarah, Emma, Marian, George, Harry and Cora.
- (8) Leah Hartzell and Henry Hershey: Four children. Sarah, Amanda, John and George.

Under Section 4, we can add: Cyrus Markle Hartzell, born July 7, 1856, son of John Hartzell, the son of Susanna Lauffer, daughter of Henry Sr., son of Christian the Pioneer. He was married Oct. 30, 1879, to Elizabeth Mitchell, by Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher and Rev. Stevenson. Four children. Grace Emma Hartzell, born Dec. 19, 1880. Greensburg, Pa. Mary Jane Hartzell, born March 1, 1882, died Jan. 23, 1892, interred at Seanors. Anna Elizabeth Hartzell, born Sept. 22, 1887. Ruth Hartzell, born Nov. 29, 1892. He was again married to Alice Carey Brindle by Rev. C. K. Dieffenbacher Sept. 15, 1896. Two children. Lewis Howard Hartzell, born April 13, 1899. Helen Hartzell, born May 21, 1905.

Under Section (1) we can add: Daniel Chambers, of Pleasant Unity, Pa., son of John Chambers and Mariah Hartzell, daughter of Susanna Lauffer, daughter of Henry Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer. Daniel Chambers was born Aug. 13, 1844. Married Apr. 17, 1877, to Matilda Je Steele by Rev. A. Fulton Boyd. Six children, James Steele Chambers, born Apr. 7, 1877. Married June 10, 1902, to Jessie Truxal by Rev. Stanley Krebs. John Porter Chambers, born Aug. 4, 1881. Mary Eva Chambers, born Apr. 5, 1882. Elmer Hulf Chambers, born Oct. 11, 1883. William Homer Chambers, born Jan. 7, 1887. Lucinda Margaret Chambers, born June 30, 1890.

(8) Leah Hartzell, daughter of Susanna Lanffer, the daughter of Henry Sr., the son of Christian, the Pioneer. Married to Henry Harshey. Four children.



(A) Sarah Ann Harshey was born Oct. 24, 1851, married Nov. 18, 1869, to John N. Altman, of Harrison City, Pa., by Rev. N. P. Hacke. Five children. (a) Ida Sybilla Altman, born Nov. 22, 1870, married Oct. 25, 1892, to Simon Kifer (born July 8, 1869) by Rev. A. E. Truxal, P. O. Adamsburg, Pa. Five children. George H. Kifer, born July 4, 1893. Mary M. Kifer, born July 14, 1895. Laura N. Kifer, born Oct. 25, 1897. Charles S. Kifer, born Dec. 15, 1900. John J. Kifer, born Oct. 18, 1902. (b) Emma Minerva Altman, born Aug. 21, 1872, married Aug. 25, 1892, to John M. Linhart, by Rev. R. M. Zimmerman. Five children, P. O. New Alexandria, Pa. John W. Linhart, born June 9, 1893. Edgar L. Linhart, born May 9, 1896. Alice M. Linhart, born May 3, 1898. Clara L. Linhart, born May 28, 1900. Blanche E. Linhart, born Mar. 12, 1902. (c) Laura Bell Altman, born Mar. 4, 1877. Married on May 9, 1899, to Francis E. Faith, by Rev. G. J. Diener. Two children. Gertrude M. Faith, born Sept. 21, 1900 and John Franklin Faith, born July 13, 1902, died Jan. 29, 1903. P. O. North Braddock, Pa. (d) Homer Walthour Altman, born Mar. 6, 1882, Harrison City, Pa. (e) Clara L. Altman, born Apr. 29, 1887, Harrison City, Pa.

(B) Amanda J. Harshey, daughter of Leah, daughter of Susannah Lauffer, daughter of Henry Sr., son of Christian, the Pioncer, was born Oct. 19, 1853. Married May 20, 1879, to Michael P. Baughman, of Adamsburg, Pa., by Rev. M. F. Lauffer.

One child, Eva C. Baughman, born Aug. 13, 1888.

Lauffer, daughter of Henry Sr., son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Dec. 6, 1854, married Dec. 26, 1876, to Lucinda Altman, (born Sept. 14, 1854), by Rev. Enoch Smith.. Eight children. (a) Jacob F. Harshey, born Sept. 29, 1877, married Oct. 25, 1899, to Laura M. Long, by Rev. Prugh. Hunker, Pa. R. F. D. No. 3. One child. Olive M. Harshey, born July 15, 1902. (b) Mary L. Harshey, born Mar. 17, 1879, married June 25, 1903, to James C. Fritchman, of East McKeesport, Pa. One son. (c) Oscar C. Harshey, born Apr. 27, 1882, died March 16, 1883. (d) Logan W. Harshey, born Feb. 21, 1884, died Feb. 25, 1885. Both are interred at Brush Creek. (e) Elsie E. Harshey, born July 19, 1886. (f) Edna L. Harshey, born Oct. 8, 1889. (g) Hazel

N. Harshey, born June 28, 1893. (h) Lloyd C. Harshey, born March 19, 1898. John F. Harshey is Post Master at Penn Station, Pa.

(D) George H. Harshey, son of Leah, daughter of Susannah Lauffer, the daughter of Henry Lauffer, Sr., the son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Sept. 21, 1856, married May 29, 1902, to Henrietta Ferree, by Rev. H. C. Calhoun, Turtle Creek, Pa.

Family of John Lauffer, son of Henry Lauffer, Sr., the son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born July 1, 1789. died Feb. 4. 1873, aged 83 years, 7 months and 4 days. Nee Elizabeth Andrews, his wife, was born December 31, 1795, died October 31, 1877, aged 82 years and 10 months. They are buried side by side in Hill's Cemetery, Manordale, Pa. They lived on a farm in Franklin Township, Westmoreland County. To them were born the following children:

George Lauffer, born Mar. 31, 1812; married to Catherine Hill; died July 19, 1860;

Hannah Lauffer, born — 1814; married to Daniel Geiger, died — 1885;

Mary Lauffer, born January 18, 1815; married July 10, 1837, to Andrew Cline;

Henry Lauffer, born April 28, 1820; married to Susannah Cline; died December 4, 1891; buried in Ridge Church Cemetery;

Jacob Lauffer, born July 15, 1822; married June 25, 1844, to M. M. Rosenberger; died May 6, 1896; interred at Apollo;

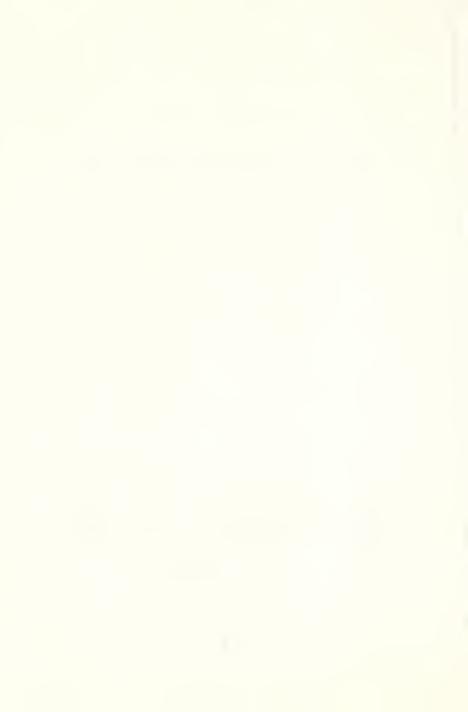
Peter Lausser, born January 16, 1827; married October 9, 1851, to Anna M. Stockum; died August 4, 1836; buried in Hill's Cemetery:

Sarah Lauffer, born January 29, 1829: married December 19, 1850, to Josiah Kemerer; interred in Hill's Cemetery;

Lydia Lauffer, born July 27, 1831; married August-



Mrs. John Lauffer, Jr. nee Elizabeth Andrews and Her Granddaughtle, Ellen Z. Lauffer,



1861, to Jacob W. Kemerer; died December 24, 1893; interred in Hill's Cemetery.

Joseph Lauffer, born Dec. 21, 1833, married Februrary 24,

1850, to Ester Berlin; died April 21, 1894;

Family of George Lauffer, son of John Lauffer, who was the son of Henry Lauffer, Sr., the son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, was born Mar. 31, 1812, died July 19, 1860, aged 48 years, 4 months and 19 days. Catherine (Hill) Lauffer, his wife, died August 28, 1898, aged 74 years. To them were born the following children:

Lormmi Lauffer, born August 3, 1839; address, Irwin, Neb; served three years in Civil War; was there at final wind up; heard

last angry gun fired on April 9, 1865.

Elizabeth Lauffer, born October 31, 1841; date of death unknown; died in infancy in Pennsylvania;

Mary E. Lausser, born December 18, 1842, married to Lehbeus Geiger (date not known); address, Nind, Mo.;

Peter Lauffer, born May 18, 1845; address Sturgis, South Dakota;

Anna S. Lauffer, born February 24, 1848; married to P. J. Downing; address, Bear Grove, Iowa;

Sarah C. Lauffer, born February 1, 1850; married to S. C. Easterly; address, Carrol, Iowa;

Rebecca M. Lauffer, born January 6, 1852, married to J. Downing; address, Jefferson, Iowa;

Margaret A. Lauffer, born December 12, 1855; married to J. M. Downing; address, Marble, Colorado;

Ludid J. Lauffer, born November 14, 1858; died October 3, 1801; interred in Union Church Cemetery, near old home.

Family of Mary E. Lauffer, daughter of George, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born on Dec. 18, 1842: married December 20, 1859, to Lebbeus Geiger, by Mr. Williams of Missouri. To them were born the following children:

Peter Geiget, born March 8, 1861; died October 7, 1863; buried in Clear Creek Cemetery;



George Geiger, born November 16, 1865; died September 30, 1867; buried in Millersburg, Cedar County, Iowa;

Minnie Mandrilla Geiger, born March 5, 1871; married June 5, 1901, to William Edminston; address, Nind, Mo;

Loamia Geiger, born April 1, 1874; died March 7, 1877; buried at Millersburg;

Annie Myrtle Geiger, born April 2, 1877; died May 22, 1879; Perry William Geiger, born May 12, 1879; married June 10. 1899, to L. Belle Gerrard; residence, Nind, Mo.;

Family of Minnie Mandrilla Geiger, daughter of Mary E. Lauffer, daughter of George, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, born May 5, 1871; married, June 5, 1901, to Williams Edminston. To them were born the following children:

Henry Lebbeus Edminston, born October 13, 1902; died December 13, 1902;

Perry Ross Edminston, born October 29, 1903; died November 9, 1903.

Family of Perry William Geiger, son of Mary E. Lauffer, daughter of George, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, born May 12, 1879; married to L. Belle Gerrard, June 10, 1899. To them were born the following children:

Lebbeus Orville Geiger, born August 19, 1899; residence Nind, Mo.; died September 25, 1899;

John Delmer Geiger, born May 16, 1901; residence, Nind, Mo.:

Zena Ellen Geiger, born June 29, 1903; residence, Nind, Mo. Family of Anna S. Lauffer, daughter of George Lauffer, son of John Lauffer, son of Henry Lauffer, son of Christian Lauffer, born February 24, 1848; married December 20, 1866, to Preston J. Downing, by Rev. W. N. Brown. To them were born the following children:

Addie I. Downing, born December 5, 1867; married October 6, 1889, to B. F. Reed; residence, Bear Grove, Iowa;

Lester M. Downing, born April 2, 1869; married July 22, 1897, to Nell Reed residence, Palisades, Colorado;



Nora E. Downing, born January 27, 1871; married May 5, 1888, to Frank McCluen; residence, Guthrie Centre, Iowa; died Oct. 4, 1891, interred at Bear, Iowa;

Edith K. Downing, born Feb. 2, 1873, married Oct. 12, 1895.

to Ellis Milhollin, Bear Grove, Iowa;

George O. Downing, born Oct. 4, 1875. Residence Bear Grove, Iowa.

Fred. F. Downing, born February 11, 1877; residence, Bear Grove, Iowa;

Mary V. Downing, born July 14, 1879; died September 22, 1895: interred at Bear Grove, Iowa;

Carrie E. Downing, born March 15, 1881; residence, Bear Grove, Iowa;

Flora F. Downing, born September 15, 1883; married July 24, 1902, to Isaac Guy; residence, Lind, Washington;

Leta R. Downing, born March 30, 1891; residence (Bear Grove, Iowa.

Family of Addie I. Downing, daughter of Anna S. Lauffer, daughter of George Lauffer, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, born December 5, 1867; married October 6, 1889, to B. F. Reed, by Rev. W. Millhollin. To them was born one child, Neva D. Reed, April 6, 1891; residence Bear Grove, Iowa.

Family of Lester M. Downing, son of Anna S. (Lauffer) Downing, daughter of George Lauffer, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, born April 2, 1869: married July 22, 1897, to Nell Reed, by Rev. R. F. Crab. To them were born the following children:

Don C. Downing, born March 31, 1898; residence, Palisades. Colorado.

George W. Downing, born September 12, 1901; residence, Palasades, Colorado.

Family of Nora E. Downing, daughter of Anna S. (Lauffer) Downing, daughter of Geo. Lauffer, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, born January 27, 1871; married May 5, 1888, to Frank McCluen, by Rev. W. Milhollin. To them was born one child. Carl O. McCluen, March 29, 1890; residence, Guthrie Centre, Iowa;



Family of Edith K. Downing, daughter of Anna S. (Lauffer) Downing, daughter of George Lauffer, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, born February 2, 1873; married October 12, 1895, to Ellis Millhollin, by Rev. W. Millhollin. To them were born the following children:

Helen I. Millhollin, born July 8, 1899; residence, Bear Grove, Io.;

Maynard E. Millhollin, born April 26, 1902; residence, Bear Grove, Iowa.

Family of Flora F. Downing, daughter of Anna S. (Lauffer) Downing, daughter of George Lauffer, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, born September 15, 1883; married July 23, 1902, to Isaac Guy, by Rev. Ramsey.

Family of Sarah C. Lauffer, daughter of George, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, born February 1, 1850; married April 14, 1867, to Samuel A. Easterly, by Rev. John Curts. To them were born the following children:

David L. Easterly, born May 13, 1868; married May 13, 1901, to Mary E. McNealy; residence, Sedalia, Mo.;

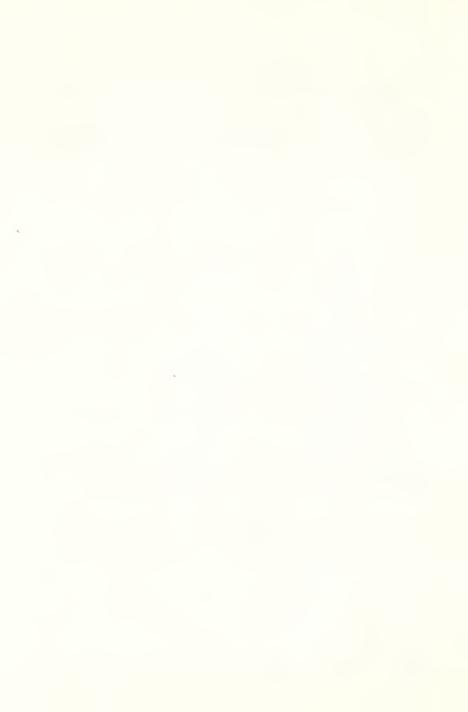
Charles A. Easterly, born May 10, 1873; married January 24, 1904, to Elsa Studeman; residence, Manning, Iowa.

Family of Charles A. Easterly, son of Sarah C. Lauster, daughter of George, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauster, born May 10, 1873; married January 24, 1904, to Miss Elsie Studeman, by Alex. G. Bennett; residence, Manning, Iowa.

## Wedding Bells.

Dr. C. A. Easterly and Miss Elsa Studeman were united in marriage last Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Walters, Mrs. Walters being the bride's sister. Rev. Alexander Bennett, of the M. E. church, spoke the words which united this young couple for life. The wedding was a quiet one, only a few relatives and near friends were present at the ceremony.

Doctor Easterly came here from Carroll about two years ago and hought the dental business of Dr. C., M. Boos and through his courteous treatment and fair dealing he has built up.



a very good business. He is a young man of good moral character and a hustler.

Miss Studeman is a refined young lady, well educated and has been one of our most popular teachers in Manning and vicinity for a number of years and is now completing a term of school at the Center school just east of town. They have taken up housekeeping at the fine new cottage of E. Hathaway up near the school house. The Monitor joins their many friends in extending congratulations.

Family of Rebecca M. Lauffer, daughter of George, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, born January 6, 1852; married December 23, 1879, to J. P. Downing, by J. B. Gray. To them were born the following children:

Marion Lettie, born October 29, 1881;

Velma, born November 16, 1883;

Mabel, born July 19, 1889.

Family of Margaret A. Lauffer, daughter of George, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, born December 12, 1855; married September 20, 1872, to J. M. Downing, by J. M. Gray. To them were born the following children:

Eva Downing, born June 25, 1873; married September 20, 1882, to O. N. Millhollin; residence, Guthrie Center, Iowa;

Blanche Downing, born July 23, 1880; married October 25, 1896, to O. F. Tracy; residence Coal basin, Colorado;

Jennie Downing, born February 18, 1883; married December 15, 1899, to S. C. Hodgson; residence, Redstone, Colorado; Millie Downing, born January 17, 1886; residence, Marble,

Colorado;

Elsie Downing, born November 15, 1889; residence, Marble, Colorado;

Clarence Downing, born August 15, 1899; residence, Marble, Colorado.

Family of Eva Downing, daughter of Margaret A. (Lauffer) Downing, daughter of George Lauffer, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, born June 25, 1873; married



September 20, 1892, to O. N. Millhollin, by Rev. W. N. Millhollin. To them were born one child, Lorren E. Millhollin, September 27, 1894. Residence, Guthrie Center, Iowa.

Family of James Madison Downing, son of Margaret A. (Lausler) Downing, daughter of George Lausler, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lausler, born Dec. 2, 1877; married Nov. —, 1901, to Maggie Bush, by Rev. Ellis. To them was born one child, Harry Downing, April 11, 1903; residence, Carbondale, Colorado.

Family of Blanche Downing, daughter of Margaret A. (Lauffer) Downing, daughter of George Lauffer, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, morn July 23, 1880; married October 25, 1896, to O. F. Tracy, by Robert Crabb, J. P. To them were born the following children:—Address Coal Basin, Colorado.;

Leah Viola Tracy, born January 25, 1898;

Clarine Margaret Tracy, born February 12, 1900;

Lola Irene Tracy, born October 31, 1901;

Frances Louise Tracy, born September 18, 1903.

Family of Jennie Downing, daughter of Margaret A. (Lauffer) Downing, daughter of George Lauffer, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born February 18, 1883; married December 15, 1899, to S. C. Hodgson, by E. W. Fuller, J. P. To them were born the following children:

William James Hodgson, born November 7, 1901;

Frank Hodgson, born December 21, 1903; Residence, Redstone, Cal.

Joseph Geiger, born ----, 1833; married to Mary Shanklin; residence, Millersburg, Iowa;

Lebbeus Geiger, born——1833; married to Miss———Lauffer, daughter of George Lauffer; residence, Millersburg, Iowa;



Daniel Geiger, born————1836; married to Mary Kuhns; residence not known;

Elizabeth Geiger, born September 19, 1839; married to Simon Fisher; residence, United, Pa.;

Ellen Geiger, born —— 1852 (?); married to William Wilmot, residence, Apollo, Pa.;

Anna Geiger, born 1847 (?); married to William Bair: died——; interred at Apollo, Pa.

Anna M. Fisher, born March 9, 1863; residence, United, Pa.; Harry E. Fisher, born August 20,, 1865; residence, United, Pa.;

Mattie B. Fisher, born February 21, 1872; died March 24, 1873; interred at United, Pa.;

Logan B. Fisher, born January 3, 1874; residence, United, Pa.:

Charles R. Fisher, born May 24, 1878. Residence, Greensburg, Pa.

Nellie C. Fisher, born April 21, 1881; residence, United, Pa.

Family of Mary Lauffer, daughter of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born January 18, 1815; married July 10, 1837, to Andrew Cline, by Squire Laurimer. To them were born the following children:

Two infants (not named) died———; interred in old Hill Church yard;



Delila Cline, born ———; married to Joseph Rosenberger; residence, Greensburg, Pa.; a widow;

Sarah Cline, born ——; married to Jacob Painter; died ——1870; interred at Apollo, Pa.;

Susan Cline, born ———; married to William Bellows; residence, Holton, Pa.; a widow;

Elizabeth Cline, born ——; married to William Henninger; residence, Zaleski, Ohio;

George Cline, born about December 14. 1846; died ---; interred Rutnam Chapel, Ohio;

Matilda Cline, born November 15, 1854; married May 17, 1892, to John Ward; address, Allensville, Ohio;

Andrew Cline, born May 6, 1856; single; address, Allensville, Ohio;

William Cline, born ———; died ———— aged about nine eyars.

William L. Kline, born April 2, 1875: died December 25, 187-;

Pearl J. Kline, born June 1, 1880; died ----;

Emmie Cline, born June 1, 1880; (twins) died ——; Interred at Putman Methodist church; funeral conducted by Rev. Simmons. Address, R. F. D. No. 2, Carpenter, Ohio.

Family of Elizabeth Cline, daughter of Mary (Lauffer) Cline, daughter of John Lauffer, son of Henry Lauffer, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born July 29. 1847; married June 13, 1876, to William Henninger, by Richard Doughty. To them was born one child, Mary M. Henninger, June 30, 1877; married November 18, 1902, to John Andrews; residence, Zaleski, Ohio. To John Andrews and wife was born one child, Elizabeth Andrews, April 27, 1903. Address, Zaleski, Ohio.





Mrs. Mary Keine, nee Laufter, Daughter of John Jr., great granddaughter of Christian the Picneer.



Family of Matilda Cline, daughter of Mary (Lauffer) Cline, daughter of John Lauffer, son of Henry Lauffer, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born November 15, 1854; married September 16, 1894, to John Ward, by Squire Robt. S. Barnhill. To them was born one child, Anna L. Cline, May 8, 1875; married Sept. 7, 1894, to Milton Ankrom. Address, Royal, Ohio.

Jeremiah Hill, born February 11, 1836; address, Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.

Joseph Hill, born December 21, 1838; married September 5, 1861, to Elizabeth Baum; residence, Ridgeway West Virginia.

James Hill, born October 9, 1841; married——to Katie Cline, residence, Manordale, Pa.;

Mary A. Hill, born July 16, 1863; married March 16, 1890, to Charley Walters; residence, Los Angeles, Cal.

Family of Joseph Hill, son of Elizabeth (Lausser) Hill, daughter of John Lausser, son of Henry Lausser, son of Christian Lausser, the Pioneer, born December 21, 1838; married September 5, 1861, to Elizabeth Baum, by Rev. Frederick Neis. To them were born the following children:

Lucinda A. Hill, born October 6, 1862; died August 30, 1863; interred at Salem church, Armstrong County, Pa.;

Janie H. Hill, born January 11, 1864; married April 2, 1899, to Perry Pultz; residence, Ridgeway, West Virginia;

Sadie C. Hill, born August 27, 1866; married June 7, 1893, to George Schlack; residence, Ridgeway, West Virginia;

Eliza E. Hill, born November 9, 1868; married December 31, 1888, to S. Richart; residence, Philadelphia, Pa.;

Della A. Hill, born April 25, 1872; residence, Ridgway, West Virginia;

lda M. Hill, born October 9, 1874; married September 30, 1896, to Harry Stewart; residence, West Virginia.



Family of James Hill, son of Elizabeth (Lausser) Hill, daughter of John Lausser, son of Henry Lausser, Sr., son of Christian Lausser, the Pioneer, born October 9, 1841; married December 1, 1864, to Catharine Ann Cline, by Rev. N. P. Hacke. To them were born the following children:

Sarah Elizabeth Hill, born July 22, 1865; married March 6, 1884, to M. L. Remaley; residence, Sardis, Westmoreland Co., Pa.;

Mary Ellen Hill, born March 14, 1863; married April 23, 1891, to H. Z. Lauffer; residence, Jeannette, Westmoreland Co., Pa.;

Annie Catharine Hill, born January 12, 1870; married June 8, 1893, to M. S. Hoy; residence, Youngwood, Westmoreland County, Pa.;

Jacob Pierce Hill, born December 20, 1871; married November 4, 1897, to Annie Cline; residence, Greensburg, Pa., R. F. D., No. 3;

Rilla Jane Brinker Hill, born April 28, 1884; residence, Manordale, Westmoreland County, Pa.

Family of Sarah Elizabeth Hill, daughter of James Hill, son of Elizabeth (Lauffer) Hill, daughter of John Lauffer, son of Henry Lauffer, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born July 22, 1865; married March 6, 1884, to M. L. Remaley, by Rev. J. F. Snyder. To them were born the following children:—Address Sardis, Pa.;

Eva G. Remaley, born October 18, 1884; died November 10, 1902; interred in Olive Cemetery;

Clarence A. Remaley, born March 23, 1886; residence, Sardis, Pa.

James Pierce Remaley, born February 23, 1888; residence, Sardis, Pa.;

Rilla J. H. Remaley, born February 11, 1890; residence, Sardis, Pa.;

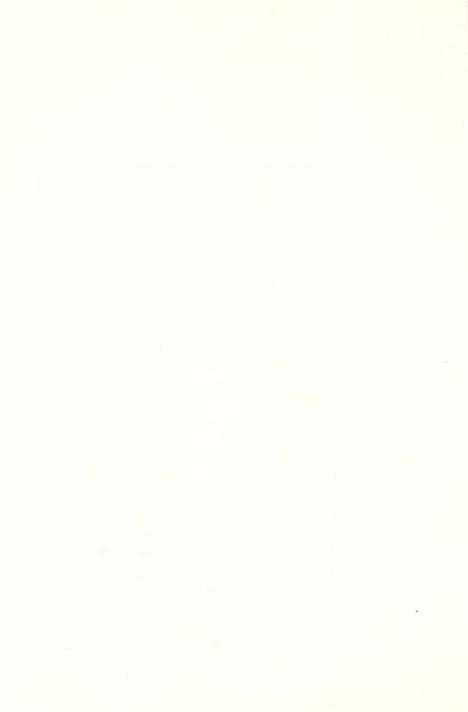
Sadie L. Remaley, born February 24, 1893; residence, Sardis, Pa.;

Infant child, born October 30, 1894; died February 14, 1895; interred in Olive Cemetery;





Mrs. Elizabeth Hill, of West Virginia, daughter of John Jr., great granddaughter of Christian the pioneer.



Anna Mary Remaley, born March 11, 1896; residence, Sardis, Pa.;

Oliver Wendell Remaley, born April 5, 1899; residence, Sardis, Pa.;

Violet Verneta Remaley, born June 25, 1903; residence, Sardis, Pa.

Caroline Lauffer, born February 8, 1841;

Israel Lauffer, born November 8, 1843; killed April 2, 1865; buried among the unknown on the battle field of Petersburg (Civil War);

When killed he was 21 years of age Following is a letter written home by him a short time before he was killed:

Camp of the 211th Reg't., P. V., Near Hancock Station, Va. March the 26th, A. D. 1865.

## Dear Parents:

Brothers and sisters, I this Sabbath morning once more take the pleasure of writing you a few lines to inform you that I am still spared and have good health. I will now inform you of a 'battle which was fought yesterday, from half past eight o'clock until half past ten o'clock, in the forenoon. The rebels came on

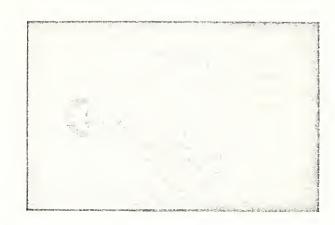


our pickets early in the morning and told them that they were coming into our lines. They soon had the pickets taken without firing a shot. They then rushed on two of our forts and took them and some prisoners. We left our camp at daylight and had about five miles to march. We run about one-half of the way, as the rebels were fast making their way for the railroad. Our regiment was drawn in line and the 205th on our left and the 207th on our right. This made our brigade. When we were ordered on we went about half way to the forts which had been taken and then fixed our bayonets, and all gave a yell, and the "Jonnies" broke from the forts like sheep, and the stars and stripes were once more placed on the fort. The name of this fort is Fort Steadman. This is the fort that our regiment took. The name of the other I don't know. These forts and the rebel fort are only about 200 yards apart. Our batteries poured the grape into the forts while the rebels were in them, which soon made them scatter. The shells were flying fast and the minnie balls whizzed past our heads. but the loss in our regiment was very small. I got through without a scratch, and Andrew Wineman and Josiah Maxwell the same. The rebel loss in killed, wounded and prisoners is about 3,000-most prisoners. As soon as we got to the fort about 1,000 prisoners came in with their flag. They told us to go on that we were all right. They said they had been marched about 12 miles the night before. I got a piece of their corn bread. It is corn meal mixed with water and only dried. It was a hard sight to see when we got in the fort. Some had their legs torn off by shells, some shot in the breast, others through the head and almost every place a person can think of. I only saw 5 or 6 of our men inside the fort that were killed. They didn't get any of our guns. We stayed in the fort until about half past four o'clock, when we went back to camp. This morning I feel all right except my legs are a little tired. I will close, hoping to hear from you soon. I will put a button in this letter, which I got off a dead rebel at the fort. ISRAEL LAUFFER.

Saralı Lauffer, born June 5, 1846;

Susan Ellen Lauffer, born September 16, 1850; married December 18, 1879, to A. J. Schaff; also married, August 14,







Heney Lauberg, Jr.

SUSANA, wife of Henry Lauffer, Jr.

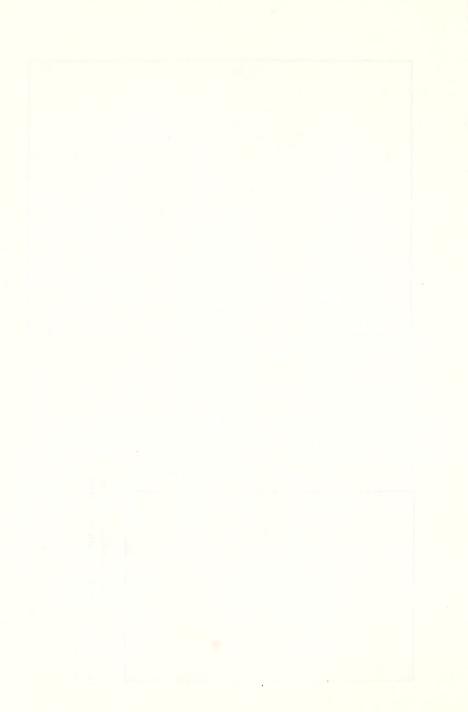




Christian the poincer, the true soldier who gave his life in Israel Laureber, son of Henry, Jr. second great grandson of

tian the pioneer.

few days before his enlistment term had expired was buried on the battlefield. defence of his country on the battlefield of Petersburg, but a



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1890, to George S. Trice, by William F. Olaham; residence, Greensburg, Pa.

Lydia Lauffer, born July 3, 1852;

Henry Lausser, born August 20, 1855;

William Lauffer, born July 30, 1856;

Mary Elizabeth Lauffer, born July 9, 1860; died January 15, 1863;

Malinda Lauffer, born January 4, 1863.

Family of Sarah Lauffer, daughter of Henry, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born June 5, 1846; married December 24, 1868, by Rev. N. P. Hacke, to Simon Frank Truxal. Born Mar. 31, 1842. To them were born the following children:—Address, Greensburg, Pa., R. F. D. 7;

Susanna Rebecca Truxal, born December 15, 1869; married March 22, 1896, to John Sutton, to whom were born two children, Rebecca, born 11 Apr., 1896, and Riley Franklin Sutton, born 28 Oct., 1900, and William McClain, 13 May, 1904; residence, Pleasant Unity, Pa.:

Henry Luamma Truxal, born August 23, 1872; died December 24, 1872;

Mary Etta Truxal, born April 10, 1874; married April 10, 1899, to Newton Weaver, to whom was born, on June 12, 1903, one child, John Franklin Weaver; residence, Mutual, Pa.;

William Lauffer Truxal, born August 24, 1876;

Arminda Codilla Truxal, born May 5, 1880;

Lydia Malinda Truxal, born February 26, 1887.

Family of Susan E. Lauffer, daughter of Henry, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born September 16, 1850; married December 18, 1879, to A. J. Schaff, by Rev. B. B. Ferree. Her husband, A. J. Schaff, was killed June 14, 1884, at the age of 30 years and 29 days. He was interred in old German cemetery and later on removed to Hillview Cemetery.

### INSTANTLY KILLED.

A. J. Shaft is Struck by the Binders of a Railroad Bridge and Killed — The Funeral.

A very sad accident happened to a resident of this place on



Saturday, in which A. J. Shaft, a brakeman on the local freight of which Theo. Butterfield, of this place, is connected, is the victim. Mr. Shaft was standing on one of the cars with his face turned toward the rear of the cars and had evidently forgotten of the near approach to his death trap, the Paintersville bridge. He was struck on the back of the head by one of the binders of the bridge and knocked forward on his face on top of the car. He survived for a few minutes, but died before reaching the next station. His head was cut very little, but his neck was broken. His remains were brought to his home in Rohrertown on Saturday afternoon and interred in the German cemetery on Sunday at 3 p. m. He was a member of the St. Clair Lodge, No. 53, A. O. U. W., and of the Knights of Pythias.—Greensburg Press, June 16, 1884.

To Susan E. Schaff and husband were born the following children:

Malinda E. Schaff, born August 4, 1881; residence, Greensburg, Pa.;

Henry H. Schaff, born October 15, 1883, residence, Greensburg, Pa.;

Susan E. Shaff, widow of A. J. Shaff, was married on Aug. 14, 1890, to George S. Trice, by Rev. W. F. Olaham. To them was born one child,

William P. D. Trice, born March 8, 1891; residence, Greensburg, Pa.

Family of Lydia Lausser, daughter of Henry, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lausser, the Pioneer, born July 3, 1852; married October 3, 1878, to Simon Trice, born Dec. 3, 1856, by Rev. Enoch Smith, Lutheran Minister of Greensburg, Pa. To them were born the following children:

Harry S. B. Trice, born April 20, 1879; address, United, Pa.;

Adam Y. Trice, born August 28, 1881; married; address, United, Pa.;

Susanna E. G. Trice, born November 5, 1884; died September 26, 1886;



John S. Trice, born June 10, 1888, United, Pa. Simon F. Trice, born October 27, 1890, United, Pa.; Charles W. Trice, born August 4, 1893, United, Pa.; Edna Malinda Trice, born October 30, 1895.

Family of Henry Lauffer, son of Henry, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born July 8, 1854; married October 15, 1882, to Marry Ella Kemp, by Rev. B. B. Ferree, of Pleasant Unity, Pa. To them were born the following children:

John M. Lauffer, born October 14, 1883; died August 19, 1884; interred in Old German Cemetery; United, Pa.;

Anna May Lauffer, born February 6, 1889; United, Pa.; Harvey Franklin Lauffer, born Nov. 28, 1891; United, Pa.; Alice Bethelda Lauffer, born August 1, 1897; United, Pa.; William Fisher Lauffer, born Feb. 21, 1902; United, Pa.;

Family of William Lauffer, son of Henry, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born July 30, 1856; married January 9, 1878, to Mary M. Roadman, by Rev. H. S. Harkey. To them were born the following children:

Cora Amanda Lauffer, born August 18, 1882; married September 15, 1903. to H. H. McDowell; (born Mar. 13, 1874); residence, Masontown, ; Pa.; by Rev. Stanley L. Krebs, to whom a daughter was born, Eva May, June 14, 1905. Died July 31, 1905; interred in Hillview cemetery.

John Henry Lauffer, born April 14, 1888; died August 21, 1888; interred in Hillview Cemetery;

Sarah Susan Lauffer, born April 14, 1888; Died an infant. Cloy Alpheus, born April 4, 1894;

Carl Adam Lauffer, born March 26, 1903; died March 27, 1903: interred in Hillview Cemetery.

Family of Cora A. Lauffer, daughter of William Lauffer, son of Henry, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born August 18, 1882; married September 15, 1903, to H. H. McDowell, by Rev. Stanley L. Krebs.

Family of Malinda Lauffer, daughter of Henry Lauffer, son of John Lauffer, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born January 15, 1863; married November 1, 1883, to



John L. Stauffer, by Rev. B. B. Ferree. To them were born the following children:

Alice I. Stouffer, born October 8, 1884; address, Southwest, Pa.;

Henry L. Stouffer, born December 7, 1887; died May 10, 1888; interred in St. John's Cemetery, near Mt. Pleasant, Pa.;

Martha S. Stouffer, born June 5, 1891; residence, Southwest;

Miviam G. Stouffer, born July 13, 1898; died February 18, 1899; interred by the side of Henry L., in St. John's Cemetery, near Mt. Pleasant, Pa.;

Family of Jacob Lauffer, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born July 15, 1821; married June 25, 1844, to Mary Martha Magdaline Rosenberger; died May 6, 1896, aged 75 years. To them were born the following children:

Elizabeth Lausfer, born May 22, 1845; married to John Ashbaugh; also married a second time to Daniel Spencer; residence, Ford City, Armstrong County, Pa.;

John Lauffer, born May 22, 1845; date of death unknown;

Jesia Lauffer, born January 4, 1849; married November 25, 1900, to Mary Ford; residence, Apollo, Pa.;

Susan Lauffer, born March 28, 1851; married to Rudolph Shumberger; also to John Lenning, and a third time to Christ Smeltzer, residence, Vandergrift, Pa.;

Jacob Lauffer, born May 5, 1854; residence, Apollo, Pa.;

James Lauffer, born May 5, 1854; date of death unknown;

Henry Lausser, born September 3, 1859; married June 28, 1901, to Jennie Coup, residence, Vandergrift, Pa.;

Nancy Jane Lauffer, born April 4, 1861; residence, Vander-grift, Pa.;

Annie Mary Lauffer, born December 1, 1863; married October 20, 1888, to Harve Cunningham; residence, Apollo, Pa.

Family of Elizabeth Lausser, daughter of Jacob Lausser, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lausser, the Pioneer,



born May 22, 1845; married to Daniel Spencer; residence, Ford City, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. Two children were born to them, both of whom are dead.

Family of Jesia Lausser, son of Jacob Lausser, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lausser, the Pioneer, born January 4, 1849; married November 25, 1900, to Mary Ford; Address: Apollo, Pa.

Family of Susan Lausser, daughter of Jacob Lausser, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lausser, the Pioneer, born March 28 1851. Susan Lausser was married three times, to wit: to Rudolf Slumberger, John Lenning, and Christ Smeltzer. To her first husband, Rudolf Slumberger, one child was born:

Lillie M. Slumberger, born October 19, 1875; died October 16, 1883.

To her second husband, John Lenning, were born the following children:

Elsie Jenetta Lenning, born August 12, 1877; married to Stewart Lelles; address, Box 16, Vandergrift Heights, Pa.;

Edward Lenning, born September 21, 1879;

Albert Sampson Henry Lenning, born October 17, 1882;

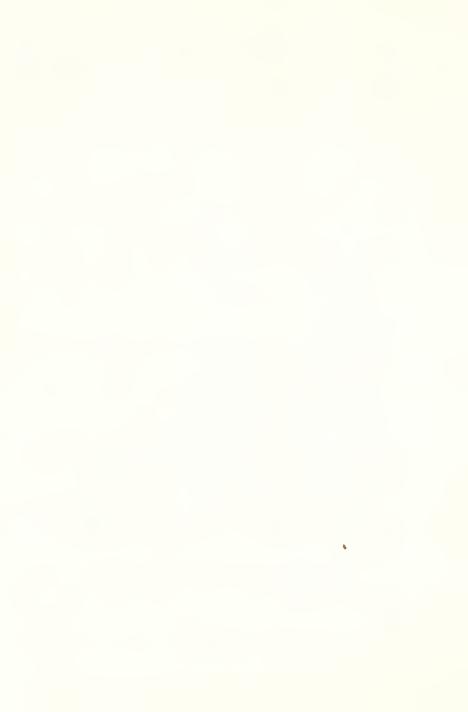
Uzzie May Lenning, born June 5, 1885;

Family of Henry Lauffer, son of Jacob Lauffer, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born September 3, 1859; married June 28, 1901, to Jennie Coup. To them was born one child, Roy Coup Lauffer, born April 1, 1903.

Elizabeth Lauffer, nec Spence, of Greensburg, Pa., was born Dec. 15th, 1839, in Indiana, Pa.; was married to William Lauffer, June 20th, 1861; and died Sept. 8th 1905. Aged 64 years, 8 mo., 23 days."

Lived opposite Apollo until 1889 when she and her husband moved to near Harrison City, Pa., and after her husbands death moved to Greensburg, Pa., where she spent the last years of her life.

She was a consistent member of the Denmark-Manor Reformed Church and a loving mother.



# In Loving Remembrance.

We miss thee from our home, dear mother, We miss thee from thy place, A shadow o'er our life is cast, We miss the sunshine of thy face, We miss thy kind and willing hand, Thy fond and earnest care, Our home is dark without thee—We miss thee everywhere,

#### BRIEF SKETCH OF WILLIAM LAUFFER.

William Lauffer was born in Mount Pleasant Township, Westmoreland County, Pa., Nov. 6th, 1824. A few years later his father and mother moved to Manordale, Franklin Township, Westmoreland County, Pa., where he spent the early years of his life in the persuit of farming and working on a saw-mill.

Early in life he was baptized by Dr. N. P. Hacke, and when he had arrived at the age of thirteen years, he became a full Communicant member of Emanuel German Reformed Church.

In the Spring of 1852 he purchased a farm of George Mc-Creary, opposite the town of Warren, now Apollo, in Allegheny Township, Westmoreland County, Pa., and moved to it in the Spring of 1853, where he continued the persuit of farming, and in the Spring of 1889 he moved to the David Yount farm near the scene of his early boyhood days in Penn Township, near Harrison City, Pa., where he passed the remainder of his days.

He was married to Elizabeth Spence, of Apollo, Pa., June 20th, 1861, by Rev. Robert McMillan.

He was an industrious, prosperous, honest, upright, christian father, a good citizen and a consistant member of the German Reformed Church and in his declining years attended the Denmark-Manor Reformed Church, where he lies buried alongside the church in Woodlawn Cemetery.

In Politics he was a stalwart Republican; but in local elections the best man always received his vote.

He was modest in his manner, temperate in his habits, and

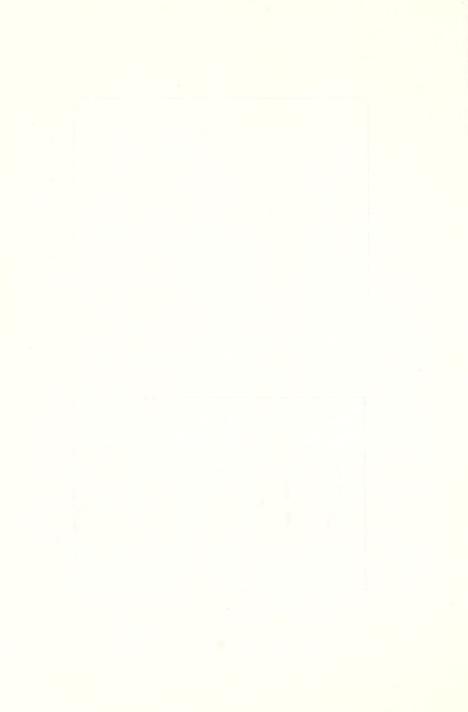








Walliam Lauffer



had a host of friends. He had established an undying reputation for honesty and was held out as a worthy example.

His neighbors, who knew him best, were accustomed to say to each other, "You should be as honest as Billy Lauffer," as he was familiarly called.

In loving remembrance of William Lauffer, who died Dec. 29th, 1898, aged 74 years, 1 month and 23 days.

"One less at home—the charmed circle broken; A dear face missed day by day from its usual place. But cleansed, saved, perfected by grace. One more in Heaven; one less on earth: Its pain, its sorrow, and its toil to share. One less the pilgrim's daily cross to bear; One more the Crown of the blessed to wear, At home in Heaven."

Family of Annie Mary Lauffer, daughter of Jacob Lauffer, son of John Jr., son of Henry Sr., son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born December 1, 1863; married October 20, 1888, to Harve Cunningham. To them were born the following children:

Bertha Bell Cunningham, born July 1, 1889; address, Apollo, Pa.;

Mabel Irene Cunningham, born May 23, 1891; address, Apollo, Pa.;

Adda Virginia Cunningham, born January 7, 1894; died August 11, 1894;

Beatrice Navad Cunningham, born April 25, 1896; address, Apollo, Pa.;

Owel McBryer Cunningham, born January 11, 1899; address, Apollo, Pa.;

William Harvey Cunningham, born January 27, 1903; address, Apollo, Pa.

Family of Elsie Jeannette Lauffer, daughter of Jacob Lauffer, son of John, Jr., son of Henry, Sr., son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born August 12, 1877; married to Stewart Lelies; residence, Vandergrift Heights, Pa. (Box 16). To them were born the following children:



Lillie Annetta Lelles, born August 13, 1893; died Nov. 10, 1903.

Bessie Viola Lelles, born December 3, 1900;

Gertrude Lucella Lelles, born July 15, 1903.

Family of William Lausfer, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lausfer, the Pioneer, born November 6, 1824; married June 20, 1861, by Rev. Robert McNellon, to Elizabeth Spence, who was born December 15, 1839; residence, Greensburg, Pa. To them were born the following children:

Anne Mary Lauffer, born February 21, 1863; died October

5, 1865; interred at Denmark Manor;

Ella Zilla Lauffer, born December 24, 1864; married Nov. 10, 1887, to Edward Spencer; died July 2, 1897; interred at Denmark Manor; residence, Export, Pa.;

Infant son, born October 3, 1866; died February 19, 1867;

interred at Denmark Manor;

William Grant Lauffer, born Dec. 29, 1867; died Nov. 3, 1870;

Ida Jane Lausser, born September 19, 1870; married to J.

Merch Kistler, residence, Harrison City, Pa.;

James C. Lauffer, Attorney at Law, of Greensburg, Pa., was born Nov. 10th, 1873, in a log liouse in Allegheny Township, Westmoreland County, Pa., opposite Apollo, where the town of Vandergrift Heights now stands.

It was here that he spent the early years of his life helping his father on the farm and attending Evan's school in the winter, until in the Spring of 1889 he moved to Penn township, near Harrison City, Pa., where he continued helping his father on the farm in the summer and attending Holtzers school in the winter.

In January 1891 he entered the preparatory department of the Greensburg Seminary. Entered Heidelberg Uuniversity at Tiffin, Ohio, in the Fall of 1892; graduated from the Ohio Nor-

mal University in the Summer of 1897.

Began the study of law in the fall of 1897 under the firm of Spiegel & McGeary, of Greensburg, Pa.; was admitted to the Westmoreland County Bar on the third day of November 1900, and took up the practice of law in the McCauslin Building, West





James C. Lauffer, the Greensburg Lawyer.



Otterman street, Greensburg, Pa., with Charles K. McCreary.

He was married to Amanda Carpenter Sherrick, of Mount Pleasant, Pa., July 27th, 1904, and this union was blessed by one son, James Sherrick Lauffer.

He was instrumental in organizing the Merchants Trust Company, of Greensburg, with a capital of \$200,000.00. of which he is a director, and is Secretary of the Greensburg Realty Co.

Lilly Spence Lauffer, born March 18, 1877; married December 24, 1902, to Dr. Frank L. Swallow, by Rev. Evans; residence, Greensburg, Pa.

Family of Ida J. Lauffer, daughter of William Lauffer, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born September 19, 1870; married March 21, 1894, to J. M. Kistler, who was born May 25, 1866 residence Harrison City, Pa., by Rev. J. M. Evans. To them were born the following children:

Infant twin sons, born December 20, 1895; died on December 20, 1895; the other December 21, 1895;

Infant daughter, born September 11, 1898; died September 11, 1898;

All interred at Denmark Manor, Wood Lawn Cemetery.

Family of Lilly S. Lauffer, daughter of William Lauffer, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born March 18, 1877; married December 24, 1902, to Dr. Frank L. Swallow, by Rev. J. M. Evans. Dr. Swallow, who was born on June 30, 1876, died November 17, 1903. To them was born one child, Frank Lauffer Swallow, September 27, 1903.

### DR. SWALLOW'S DEATH.

The death of Dr. Frank Lewis Swallow has cast a gloom over Manor, as it takes away a kind father, a faithful and devoted husband and a most generous and affable citizen. Let those who knew him best testify to his sterling worth and his memory will be kept green for many years.

Dr. Swallow was born in Lambertville, N. J., on the 30th day of June, 1876. His father, Anderson Swallow, is a prominent architect and builder of that place. His mother died ten years



ago. His brothers, Harry, of Lambertville, and Charles, of Trenton, are prominent citizens. The deceased was the youngest of the family.

The deceased entered the public schools of his native town and made the remarkable record of graduating from the High School at the age of 13 years. It is said of him that he was the only pupil that ever graduated there in knee pants. He entered the University of Pennsylvania and graduated from that celebrated intstitution in 1900, at the remarkable age of 24 years. He was appointed by the P. R. R. for the Pitcairn division, as examining surgeon and held this position at the time of his death.

He was a skilled musician. He played in Sousa's band, belonged to some of Philadelphia's finest orchestras and won distinction in this line. He was married to Miss Lillie Spencer Lauffer, of Greensburg, Pa., in 1902, and this marriage was blessed by the birth of a bright boy baby, now only seven weeks old. To his wife and baby boy he was most devotedly attached. The death chamber is a singularly sad one and when the writer, an old acquaintance of the family, visited it this morning, he found the bride of a year ago prostrate in grief and the gray hairedgrandmother fondling her little grandson, whose young and gifted father was coffined for the tomb.

The cause of death was evidently overstudy. A worshipper at the shrine, he gave his Deity too much devotion and his death was due to physical collapse. His death is another instance, where genius and energy are wedded in the body and mind of a single individual. He was a most genial and companionable man, a devoted husband and father, and the sympathy of all goes out unstintingly to the bereaved in this hour of dire affliction.— Greensburg Tribune.

Family of Peter Lausser, son of John, son of Henry, Sr., son of Christian Lausser, the Pioneer, born January 16, 1827; married October 9, 1851, to Anna M. Stockum, by Rev. William Winel. His wife, Anna Margaret, was born March 8, 1832, in Reinhorn, State of Hesse Daemstadt, Germany, and died May 16, 1874, interred in Denmark Manor, later removed to Hill's Cemetery. Peter Lausser, great grandson of Christian, the





The generous hearted Peter Lauffer, son of John, great grand son of Christian, the Pioneer.





Mrs. Sarah Lauffer nee Stockum, the 2nd wife of Peter, one who is taking an interesting part in reunion of 1906.

Pioneer, was a successful farmer, a prominent member of the Reformed church in which he held the offices of elder and deacon for many years. He was a man of commendable characteristics, being known among his neighbors as Honest Peter.. In politics he was a staunch Republican, but never aspired to public office.

Early in life he purchased a farm in Penn township, West-moreland County, Pa. The farm contained about 138 acres, and was in rather poor state of cultivation. He was frequently toid by his neighbors and friends, that he could not make a living on such poor land. Peter, however, had the courage and went to work with a will and soon brought into evidence his ability as a business man and a farmer.

In the year 1873 he erected a large brick house on the farm and surrounded it with an evergreen fence, which, together with many other improvements, is still standing as a witness to his untiring efforts, though now being owned by Wm. Wagner.

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live or die therefore we are the Lords. For to this end Christ both died and rose and revived—lived again—that he might be Lord both of the dead and living. Romans 14:7, 8, 9.

# CHRISTIANS THE LORD'S POSSESSION.

Extracts from a sermon preached at the funeral of Peter Lauffer, who died August 4, 1886, interment in Emanuel Cemetery, August 6, 1886.

The tenderest and warmest recollection of our lives cluster around our childhood's home. We may have gone out from it, but we never, never can forget the old home, where we spent our childhood days. So the spirit too has a childhood's home, where it was born unto God, became God's property, and reared on the breast of its spiritual mother—the church. A power undefinable that binds the faithful Christian—bound our departed brother to the place, where he became God's property, and where he learned



to know and love Christ. For some years he transferred his church membership to a neighboring congregation, but to this Zion of God—this childhood home of his soul and spirit, around which memories clustered, which will live forever, his eyes and his heart ever turned. The poet expresses the sentiments and feelings of our beloved brother for this house of God and all its surroundings in that beautiful hymn.

I love thy kingdom Lord,
The house of thine abode.
The church our blest Redeemer saved
With his own precious blood.

If e'er my heart forget,
Her welfare or her woe,
Let every joy this heart forsake
And every grief o'erflow.

For her my tears shall fall,

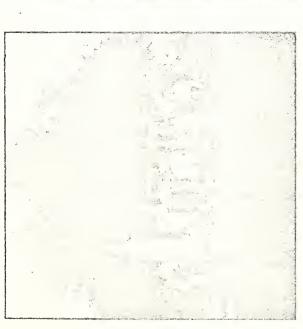
For her my prayers ascend,

To her my cares and toils be given,

Till toils and cares shall end.

With these sentiments animating and ruling his heart, he labored early and late, nobly and heroically to make this spiritual home, this church—God's acre, where peacefully his remains will sleep until the resurrection, now beautiful and lovely. The beauty, attractiveness and loveliness of this sacred spot is due to our departed brother, and others, who like him, labored, toiled, prayed, and gave largely of their means, time and substance, to adore and beautify this hill of God, and make this temple—the place where God's name is recorded and where his honor dwell-cth glorious. No one gave more towards the rebuilding of this temple. No one gave more willingly or cheerfully. And none were more faithful in their attendance on the regular preaching of the word, the ordinances of the church, and the congregational meetings, having for their object the advancement of God's Kingdom in our midst.





The last resting place of the generous hearted Peter Lauffer, his wife Anna, their two infant daughters, and one son Latenna, William, of his second wife Sarah. A most beautiful spot in Hill cemetery.

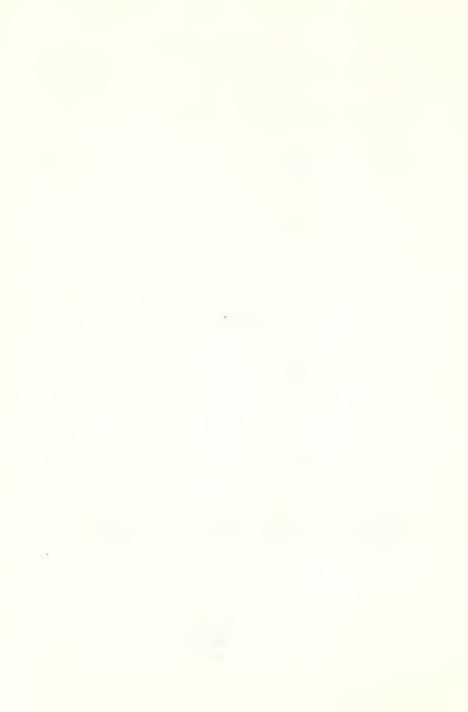


The Home or Peren Lyveren built in 1873 near Harrison Giy, Pa. A bone that brings many fond reconcetions to the memory of the family and frien Is.

Our departed brother began life with scarcely a dollar. Industrious, full of zeal and energy, God blessed and prospered him. He accumulated a comfortable home and a goodly inheritance of honest toil, hard labor, and the sweat of his brow. Whilst he was diligent in business he was at the same time fervent in spirit serving the Lord. He always gave liberally and cheerfully unto the benevolent objects of the church. God loves the cheerful giver. In this regard, as well as a faithful member and deacon ofthis congregation, we will all miss him. As a good man and neighbor the community will miss him, but above all as a tender husband and a kind and loving father will be missed by the bereaved household and family. Better, however, ten thousand times better that we are missed, even sadly missed in the church, congregation community and family circle than otherwise. In this there is the evidence and the proof that we are filling, in some measure at least the sphere and place into which God put us. Speaking to me some time ago of the disease which was terminating his earthly life, he remarked that he was dying differently from what he thought he would. He said, he expected to die suddenly. His departure was in accordandce with the teaching andtruth of the text. We die according to the way, manner and circumstances, as God directs and wills, "We die Lord."

But how did our departed friend and brother die? As he lived, "Unto the Lord." In the providence of God, I was permitted to be at his side, commend his soul into the hands of our kind heavenly Father, and close his eyes in death. He was perfectly conscious to the last moment, and departed as calmly and peacefully, as the child falling asleep on its mothers bosom. So gently did he fall asleep in Jesus, that it could scarcely be seen just when the earthly life terminated and the heavenly was ushered in.

"How blest the righteous when he dies When sinks a weary soul to rest How mildly beam the closing eyes, How gently heaves the expiring breast."



"Jesus can make a dying bed
Feel soft as downy pillows are,
Whilst on his breast I lean my head
And breathe my life out sweetly there."

How comforting also are the words of the text to the bereaved household, family, relatives and friends. You are God's property, God's possession. He has bought you each one with a price not with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb, without blemish and without spot. We belong unto him in soul and body, in life and death.

He is your shepherd. He will provide for and take care of you, and you shall not want. The same God and Father, that led, preserved ,defended and provided for his Israel of old will care for you. The same Savior that comforted a Mary and a Martha will comfort you. He says, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid etc." "I will not leave you comfortless." Trust Christ. Bring your sorrows,, tears and broken hearts to him. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

There are solemn lessons for us to be learned as a congregation and a community. Do we realize that we are Gods property, that he has bought us with the infinitely availing blood of his own dear son? In virtue of this precious purchase price we belong not unto the world nor the evil one, but unto Christ. If we realize that we are God's property we will have the mind and spirit of Him, who has fully satisfied for all our sins, and made us heirs of God and joint heirs with Himself. We will live unto God in a peculiar Christian sense. We will glorify God with our bodies and spirits which are his. If we are not Christ's, and not living unto the Lord, whose fault is it? Can we come before God now, and in the greatlast day and tell him that He never bought us? Is there a soul here to-day, who is making null and void this effecacious purchase by neglecting and refusing to live Smid otur



"Lord, it belongs not to my care Whether I die or live: To love and serve Thee is my share, And this Thy grace must give."

"If life be long, I will be glad
That I may long obey,
If short, yet why should I be sad
To soar to endless day?"

To them were born the following children:

Israel B. Lauffer, born September 12, 1852; married April 10, 1879, to Rebecca C. Waugaman;

Infant daughter died Jan. 16, 1854, interred at Denmark Manor; later removed to Hill's Cemetery.

Jacob W Lausser, born December 29, 1855; married December 28, 1882, to Mary E. Smith;

Sarah E. Lauffer, born April 5, 1859; married June 27, 1878, to R. H. Kemerer, residence, South Greensburg, Pa.;

Elizabeth J. Lauffer, born January 2, 1864; married Jan. 18 1883, to Wm. H. Kemerer;

John P. Lauffer, born April 18, 1868; married Jan. 28, 1892, to Annie C. Wolfe;

Henry Z. Lauffer, born January 1, 1868; married April 23, 1891 to Mary E. Hill, Jeannette, Pa., R. F. D. No. 1;

Joseph A. Lauffer, born May 10, 1870; married January 1, 1904, to Miss E. C. Bridenthal: address, Greensburg, Pa., 70 West 2nd street.; One child, Grace Mildred, born Feb. 9, 1905.

The fifth son of the generous hearted Peter Lauffer was reared on the home farm near Harrison City, Pa. He received a good education, and at the age of 21 he engaged in the grocery business in Greensburg, Pa., which he has pursued ever since. He is a staunch Republican and a member of the First Reformed Church of Greensburg, Pa., taking an active part in Sunday school and general church work. Having served as treasurer of their C. E. Society and Sunday school for 13 years. For nearly 4 years he has not been absent from Sabbath school a single Sab-



bath. He served a term in the N. G. P., 10th regiment, Co. I., of Greensburg, Pa.

Anna M. Lauffer, born September 25, 1871; married September 29, 1892, to Calvin P. Ashbaugh; address, Irwin, Pa., R. F. D. No. 2.

Infant daughter died may 11, 1874 interred at Denmark Manor, later removed to Hills, cemetery.

Family of Israel B. Lauffer, son of Peter Lauffer, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born September 12, 1852; married April 10, 1879, to Rebecca C. Waugaman, by Rev. William Selner. Rebecca C., his wife, was born October 22, 1859. To them were born the following children:

Anna S. Lauffer, born March 23, 1880: married Jan. 12, 1905, to Lewis E. Fry, by Rev. A. L. Yout, Greensburg, Pa., R. F. D. No. 4;

Edna F. Lauffer, born February 19, 1885; address, Greensburg, Pa.;

Carl D. Lauffer, born April 19, 1895; address, Greensburg, Pa.;

Family of Jacob W. Lausser, son of Peter Lausser, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lausser, the Pioneer, born December 29, 1855; married December 28, 1882, to Mary E. Smith, by Rev. J. F. Snyder. To them were born the following children:

Myrle E. Lausser, born November 16, 1883; residence, Nihil, Pa.;

Lottie I. Lauffer, born March 8, 1886; residence, Nihil, Pa.; Nina E. Lauffer, born August 31, 1888; residence, Nihil, Pa.;

Frank R. Lauffer, born March 9, 1891; residence, Nihil, Pa.; Charles M. Lauffer, born March 25, 1894; died April 6, 1902; interred in Hill's Cemetery;

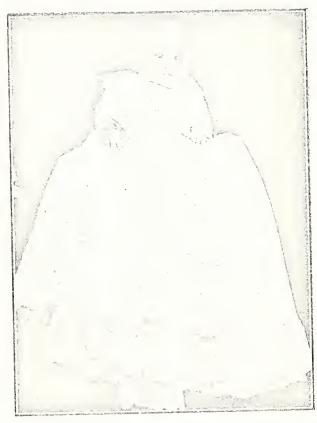
Doyl R. Lauffer, born March 27, 1897; residence, Nihil, Pa.;

Flora C. Lausfer, born November 21, 1899; residence, Nihil, Pa.;

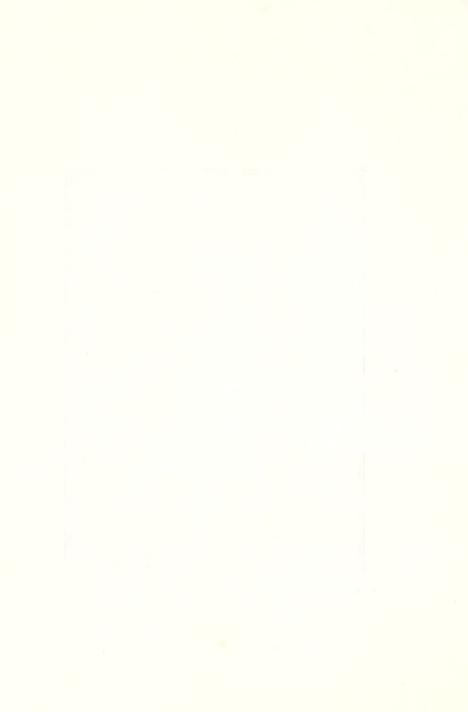




Joseph A. Lauffere, Chairman of Publication Committee, the fifth son of the generous hearted Peter Lauffer, a second great grand son of Christian the pioneer.



GRACE MILDRED, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Lauffer.



John M. Lauffer, born September 21, 1902; residence, Nihil, Pa.:

Infant, born December 19, 1905; residence, Nihil, Pa.

Family of Sarah E. Lausser, daughter of Peter Lausser, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lausser, the Pioneer, born April 5, 1859; married June 27, 1878, to Reuben H. Kemerer, by Rev. J. F. Snyder. To them were born the following children: — Residence, S. Greensburg, Pa.

William L. Kemerer, born October 6, 1878; married July 3, 1901, to Lizzie Steiner; residence, Greensburg, Pa.; to them was born one child, Olive Beatrice, June 19, 1902;

Henry Z. L. Kemerer, born May 8, 1880; died November 22, 1886; interred in Hill's Cemetery;

Charles C. Kemerer, born October 9, 1882; died October 28, 1891; interred in Hill's cemetery;

Minne F. Kemerer, born December 27, 1884; died December 9, 1891; interred in Hill's cemetery;

Flora D. Kemerer, born December 27, 1887; married June 28, 1905, to James W. Keltz. South Greensburg, Pa.:

Family of Lizzie J. Lausser, daughter of Peter, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lausser, the Pioneer, born January 2, 1864; married January 18, 1883, to William H. Kemerer, by Rev. Jacob F. Snyder. William H. Kemerer was born March 2, 1853; residence, New Stanton, Pa.

Family of John P. Lausser, son of Peter, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lausser, the Pioneer, born April 16, 1866; married January 28, 1892, by Rev. J. F. Snyder, to Annie E. Wolf, who was born August 20, 1871. To them were born the following children:

Charles Humes Lauffer, born August 7, 1892; William Andrew Lauffer, born June 14, 1895; Joseph Eugene Lauffer, born April 24, 1903.

Family of Henry Z. Lauffer, son of Peter, son of John, son of Henry, Sr., son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, was born in Penn Township, Westmoreland County, Pa., January 1, 1868; married April 23, 1891, by Rev. James S. Freeman, to Mary E. Hill, who was born March 14, 1868. Like boys raised on the



farm he grew to manhood without being exposed to the vices that belong to idleness. He helped his father in the summer and attended the district school in the winter.

He never knew the value of a mother's love, his mother dying when he was but six years old. His father died when he was eighteen, leaving Henry to shift for himself. He proved himself equal to the emergency and for two years worked for his brother, receiving \$10.00 per month in the summer and his board in the winter.

The third summer he secured work with a cousin, Simon Trice, and at the expiration of his time attended the Greensburg Seminary. He entered Duff's Commercial College, where, in order to pay his way he worked in an office for \$5.00 a week. He diligently pursued his studies in the evenings, graduating with honor.

After completing his course he accompanied one of his teachers, Prof. Thompson, whose health had failed, to Wilmerding, and clerked in his grocery.

He remained with Mr. Thompson until the latter disposed of his business when he worked for Snyder Bros. during the illness of a clerk. Having nothing in view he accepted an offer to carry papers for William Adams, a news dealer, receiving very meager pay.

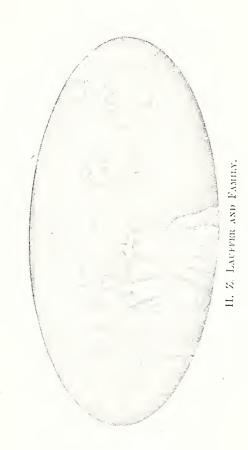
But soon John R. Montgomery, a Turtle Creek merchant, found a place for Mr. Lauffer in his office and store, where he remained sometime.

On April 23, 1891, Mr. Lauffer was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Hill, a dress maker of Wilkinsburg. Having been working on very small salaries since leaving college, he conceived the idea of becoming a dress maker. With him to think, was to do, and soon he became quite proficient in the art.

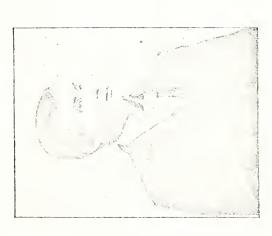
Later he secured a position with Johnston Bros., of Wilkinsburg, remaining two years. He also spent two years as head book-keeper for a wholesale confectionery company, of Pittsburg.

Returning to his native township in August, 1895, he aecepted a position as book-keeper at the Union Planing Mill Co., of Jeannette, where he remained for more than five years, re-





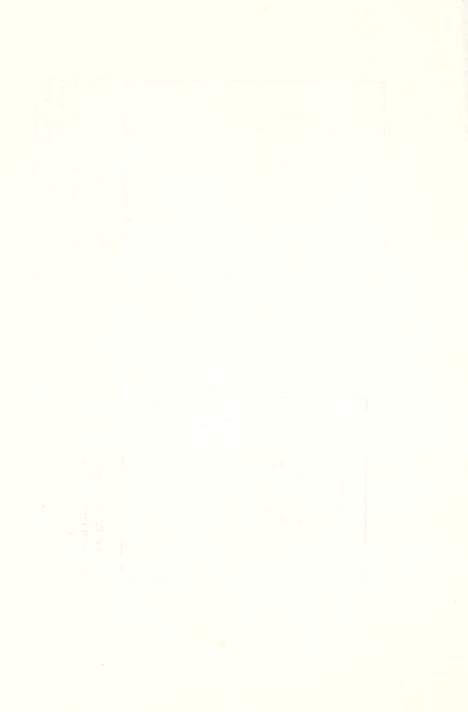




HEMBY Z. LAVEPER, from photograph taken upon his graduation from Duff's College.



HENRY Z. LAUFFER, Treasurer of the Publication (committee from a news boy, to a man, of high and honored pesitions in life, a son of the generous hearted Peter, a second great grand son of Christian the pioneer.



signing July 31, 1901, to accept a position as chief clerk to the Hon. John H. Brown, who was appointed Controller of Westmoreland County, by the Governor. This position he held for a term of three years, filling it very acceptably.

Soon after leaving the County Controllers Office, he was elected assistant Cashier of the Jeannette National Bank, which position he now holds.

Mr. Lauffer is an expert accountant, a careful business man and has hosts of friends. He resides with his wife and children in a pleasant country home, near Jeannette.

The Lauffer Reunion was held at the home of H. Z. Lauffer, July 4, 1903. We reproduce the following clipping from the Greensburg Press, in reference to same:

## REUNION SUCCESSFUL DESPITE HEAVY RAIN.

Although the ugly weather of Saturday kept many from attending the Lauffer reuion at the home of Deputy Controller, H. Z. Lauffer, Penn towship, 275 people were present and a very enjoyable time was had.

Owing to the absence of Rev. Frank E. Lauffer, of Aaronsburg, the program could not be carried out as published. Short addresses were delivered by Rev. J. M. Evans, of Harrison City, Rev. C. E. Wagner, of Delmont, Rev. J. N. Bauman, of Jeannette, and Rev. J. F. Snyder, of Salina. Good music was rendered by the Knobloch orchestra, Greensburg. At noon an elegant dinner was served on tables in the barn.

General regret was expressed that the venerable John Lauffer, of Harrison City, was unable to be present as the guest of honor. It will be recalled that on January 26, Mr. Lauffer celebrated his one-hundreth birthday anniversary.

Fo them were born the following children:
Sadie Catharine Hawe Lauffer, born February 20, 1892;
James Freeman Lauffer, born November 10, 1895;
Alta Mary Lauffer, born December 28, 1897;
Ruth Hill Lauffer, born June 5, 1900;
Ethel Margaret Lauffer, born March 26, 1903.



Family of Joseph A. Lauffer, son of Peter, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born May 10. 1870; married January 1, 1904, by Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, to Elizabeth C. Bridenthal, who was born October 24, 1880; residence, 70 West Second street, Greensburg, Pa. To whom was born one child, Grace Mildred, February 9, 1905, address Greensburg, Pa.

Family of Anna M. Lauffer, daughter of Peter Lauffer, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born on September 25, 1871; married September 29, 1892, by Rev. James S. Freeman, to Calvin P. Ashbaugh, who was born March 18, 1868. To them were born the following children:

Mary E. Ashbaugh, born August 5, 1893; residence Irwin, Pa., R. F. D., 2;

Elmer G. Ashbaugh, born January 1, 1897; residence Irwin, Pa., R. F. D. 2;

The Lausser Reunion of 1905 was held at the home of C. P. Ashbaugh. We attach clipping from Greensburg Press, regarding same:

## HELD ANNUAL REUNION.

Lauffer Family Spend Delightful Day Near Harrison City.

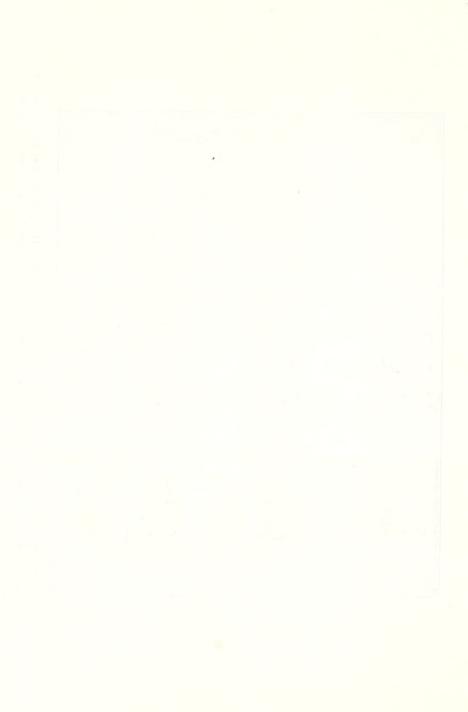
The annual Lausser reunion was held at the home of C. P. Ashbaugh, two miles northwest of Harrison City, and was one of the most successful yet held, nearly 200 people being present. All brought well filled baskets, the contents of which were spread on eight tables, arranged in the large barn floor. After the blessing was offered by the Rev. Frank Lausser, of Aaronsburg, full justice was done to the feast.

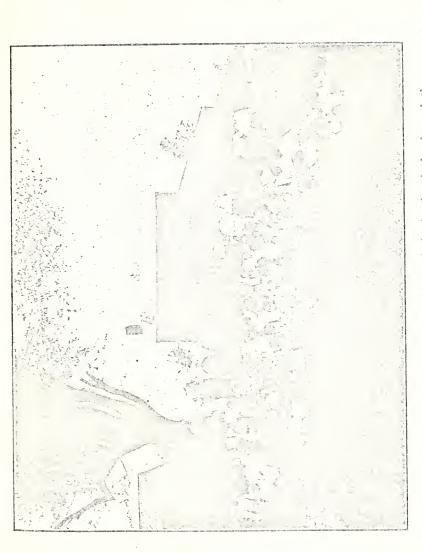
After dinner Rev. Frank E. Lauffer made an address in which he gave a very complete history of the Lauffer family and descendants. The history will soon be published in book form. During the past year death claimed a number of the Lauffer family and relatives. These were greatly missed at the reunion, as they always took an active part in the exercises. Yesterday a near relative in the person of Mrs. Henry Stokum, was laid to rest, and a few days before Mrs. Dudie Duff was buried. The



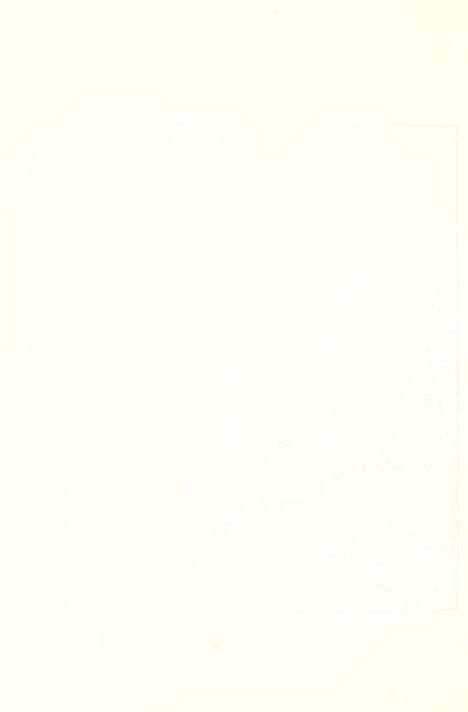


The Beatthert Coenery Home of Ex-Deputy County Controller, Henry Z. Lauffer, the fourth son of the generous hearted Peter Lauffer, a second great grand son of Christian, the pioneer at which place the rounion of 1902-03 were held.





hearted Peter Lauffer, a second great grand daughter of. Christian, the pioneer at which place the THE HOME OF C. P. ASHEATCH whose wife Annie is the fourth daughter of the generous reunion of '04-'05 was held.



latter a few days before she died expressed her desire to attend this reunion. Another death was that of Mrs. Philip Lauffer, at whose hospitable home the first family reunion was planned and held 15 years ago. She might well be called the mother of the Lauffer reunion.

These vacant places caused much gloom to pervade the assemblage. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Ashbaugh for their hospitality and courteous treatment of the relatives and friends.

Among the relatives present from Greensburg were: George Trice and family, James C. Lauffer and Joseph Lauffer and family.

Family of Peter Lauffer, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born January 16, 1827; married December 3, 1874, by Rev. J. F. Snyder, to Sarah Stokum, who was born July 22, 1842, in Franklin Township, Westmoreland County, Pa., to whom were born the following children:

Peter G. Lauffer, born April 1, 1876; married July 21, 1904, to Ella E. Harvison;

Alice L. Lauffer, born April 4, 1878;

Labana A. Lauffer, born September 30, 1880; died Dec. 18, 1882, interred in Hill's Cemetery;

Minnie M. Lauffer, born April 15, 1883.

Family of Peter G. Lauffer, son of Peter, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born April 1, 1876; married July 21, 1904, by Rev. Charles Stimkard, to Eula E. Harvison, who was born August 15, 1886. Residence, Harrison City, Pa.

Family of Alice L. Lauffer, daughter of Peter Lauffer, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born April 4, 1878; married December 25, 1895, by Rev. J. M. Evans, to George B. Lauffer, of Harrison City, Pa., who was born July 16, 1863. To them were born the following children:

Infant, born January 11, 1897; died January 13, 1897; interred at Denmark Manor Cemetery;

Peter G. Lauffer, born December 10, 1897; residence, Harrison City, Pa.:



Philip H. Lauffer, born November 27, 1899; residence, Harrison City, Pa.;

Charles E. Lauffer, born October 14, 1901; residence, Harrison City, Pa.;

John Howard Lausser, born November 19, 1903; residence, Harrison City, Pa.;

Roy Emerson, born January 3, 1906; residence, Harrison City, Pa.

Family of Minnie May Lauffer, daughter of Peter Lauffer, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born April 15, 1883; married April 30, 1902, to Andrew Baughman, by Rev. George J. Diener.

Family of Sarah Lauffer, daughter of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born January 29, 1829; married December 19, 1850, to Josia Kemerer, who was born September 10, 1823. To them were born the following children:

Israel G. Kemerer, born September 30, 1851; residence, Export, Pa.;

David S. Kemerer, born November 10, 1854; married November 20, 1879, to Mary C. Stout; residence, Export, Pa.;

Caroline R. Kemerer, born February 28, 1858; married October 12, 1880, to Samuel Sadler; residence, Export. Pa.;

Angoline Kemerer, born February 28, 1858; married February 28, 1884, to William Hutton;

Sarah E. Kemerer, born September 20, 1865; married Mar. 16, 1887, to Morrison J. Bush.

Family of Israel G. Kemerer, son of Sarah (Lauffer) Kemerer, daughter of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born September 30, 1851; married December 21, 1882, to Hettie M. Carr, by Rev. J. F. Snyder; residence, Export. Pa. To them were born the following children:

Rosey Ethel May, born February 4, 1885; address, Pitcairn, Pa.;

Josiah Charles Rowlan Kemerer, born December 21, 1887; address, Expert, Pa.;

Clyde Kemerer, born May 9, 1893; residence, Export, Pa.; Maggie Kemerer, born June 12, 1896; residence, Export, Pa.





PETER G. AND WIFE EULA LAUFFER nee Harvison, 6th son of Peter Lauffer, 2nd great grand son of Christian the Pioneer, at whose hospitable home the reunion of 1906 May 30 will be held.

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Andrew Baughman and his wife Minnie May, nee Lauffer, the youngest daughter of Peter, 2nd great grand daughter of Christian the Pioneer. Taking an active part in reunion of 1906.

Family of David S. Kemerer, son of Sarah (Lauffer) Kemerer, daughter of John, son of Heury, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born Nov. 10, 1854 married Nov. 20, 1879, to Mary C. Stout, by Rev. J. F. Snyder, residence, Export, Pa. To them were born the following children:

Nevin B. Kemerer, born Mar. 6, 1881; married, April 29, 1903, to Mary Watson, residence, Export, Pa.

Lilly Pearl Kemerer, born May 7, 1883; Married March 16,

1905; to Edward Lutz; residence, Stewart Station, Pa.;

Essie S. A. Kemerer, April 2, 1885;

John M. Kemerer, February 3, 1887;

Clov M. Kemerer, May 4, 1890;

Neilie S. Kemerer, Sept. 19, 1893;

Lloyd J. B. Kemerer, February 6, 1896;

Duncan M. Kemerer, June 23, 1898;

Lourie L. Kemerer, Sept. 3, 1900;

Infant baby, no name, June 29, 1905.

Family of Caroline R. Kemerer, daughter of Sarah (Lauffer) Kemerer, daughter of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lautfer, the Pioneer, born February 28, 1858; married October 12, 1880, by Rev. J. F. Snyder, to Samuel J. Sadler, who was born July 20, 1856. To them were born the following children:

Eva Duella Sadler, born May 19, 1882; died September 2,

1887;

Israel Emanuel Sadler, born April 23, 1886;

Harry Snyder Sadler, born August 31, 1893.

Family of Angeline Kemerer, daughter of Sarah (Lauifer) Kemerer, daughter of John Lauffer, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born February 28, 1858; married February 28, 1884, by Rev. J. F. Snyder, to William M. Hutton, to whom were born the following children:

Effie A. Hutton, born December 1, 1884; residence, Delmont,

Pa.;

Anna S. Hutton, born December 29, 1885; residence, Delmont, Fa.;

Infant son, born January 4, 1887; died January 4, 1887;

Laura K. Hutton, born June 7, 1889.

Florence E. Hutton, born September 21, 1891; Mary C. Hutton, born November 4, 1893; Bert E. Hutton, born July 20, 1897.

Family of Sarah Elizabeth Kemerer, daughter of Sarah (Lauffer) Kemerer, daughter of John Lauffer, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, born September 20, 1865; married March 16, 1887, to Morrison J. Bush, by Rev. J. F. Snyder. To them were born the following children:

Park Homer Bush, born August 28, 1888! address, Delmont, Pa.;

Rush Boyd Bush, born January 22, 1892; address, Delmont, Pa.;

Ella Hazel Bush, born November 4, 1893; address, Delmont, Pa.;

Lloyd Irvin Bush, born June 8, 1901; address, Delmont, Pa.

Family of Lydia Lausser, daugnter of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lausser, the Pioneer, born July 27, 1831; married August, 1861, by Rev. N. P. Hacke, to Jacob W. Kemerer, who was born July 24, 1832.

#### DIED.

Near, Manor Dale, Pa., December 24, Mrs. Lydia Kemerer, aged 62 years, 4 months and 27 days. The deceased had been afflicted for a number of years with asthmatic and dropsical troubles. La Grippe set in and in one short week terminated her earthly life. In infancy she was baptized by Rev. Winch and confirmed by him in the sixteenth year of her age. She was a communicant member of the Emmanuel congregation for 45 years. Like her daughter, Mrs. Steele, who died a few years ago, she left a legacy, the interest of which is to be usd in keeping the God's acre in which her body reposes beautiful and in order. By that legacy, though dead, she yet speaketh. "Arise ye and depart, for this is not your rest."

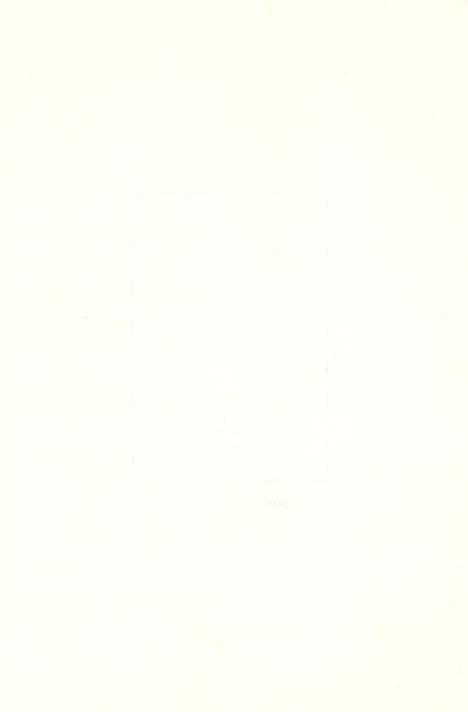
To them were born the following children:

Sarah H. Berlin Kemerer, born October 16, 1858; married December 18, 1900, to Edward J. Klingensmith; residence, Braddock, Pa., 513 Hawkins avenue;





Mrs. Lydia Kemerer.



For the Reformed Church Record.

#### DIED.

Departed this life, June 10, 1890, Mrs. Emma J., wife of Elmer Steele, and daughter of Jacob W. and Lydia A. Kemerer, aged 26 years, 7 months and 9 days.

Sister Emma was a most faithful and devoted member of the Emanuel Reformed congregation, Manor Dale, Westmoreland Co., Pa. In infancy she was given to God in baptism, Dr. Hacke performing the sacred and solemn ordinance. In her fifteenth year, after a full and thorough course of catechetical instruction she, with seventeen other young persons, was admitted into full communion with the Christian Church by the solemn and impressive rite of confirmation, by her pastor, the Rev. J. F. Snyder. During all these years she was a faithful and devoted worshipper, never absent from the services of the sanctuary and the holy communion, except when providentially prevented. She was one of God's meek, quiet, kind, gentle, unassuming, uncomplaining saints. Although physically delicate( she surpassed many a robust, healthy Christian in her faithful attendance upon the services of the sanctuary and the means of grace. She was the light and joy of the home in sikness as well as in health. With a calm and cheerful countenance, as an angel of mercy, she would go from bed to bed and tenderly minister to suffering loved ones. When La Grippe prostrated the members of the family, and brought her mother to the point of death, for long weary days and nights, as an affectionate and devoted wife, a dutiful and loving daughter, a kind and gentle sister, she tenderly cared for them. When health again began to visit the family, in the providence of God she was called to walk through the deep waters of affliction. The dear babe that God had given her was after a few Lours' illness removed from earth. Her heart bled under



this new and sore bereavement, but by the grace of God she gave it up without one murmuring word. Stricken down by fever, her illness was of short duration. The messenger came suddenly, but did not find her unprepared. Months before she departed, while in her usual health, she had set apart a sum of money for keeping in repair the beautiful God's acre in which her body now sleeps. By her carnest Christian life, her faithfulness and devotion, her legacy to the church, what a memorial she reared, more enduring than granite or marble!

"Soldier of God, well done!

Rest from thy loved employ;

The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

Clara Idela Kemerer, born May 25, 1867; residence Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Hacke N. P. Kemerer, horn April 21, 1869; residence, Turtle Creek, Pa.

Malinda Kemerer, born March 9, 1872; residence, Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Anna M. Kemerer, born April 18, 1877; died Jan. 16, 1900; interred in Hill cemetery.

### SHE NOW SLEEPS.

The relatives and friends of the late Anna Mary Kemerer gathered on Thursday afternoon at the home of Jacob Kemerer, of Franklin township, to pay their last respects to his departed daughter, whose death was previously mentioned in these columns. After brief service at the house the mourners repaired to Hill's church. Notwithstanding the bad roads and inclement weather the cortege was nearly a mile long.

Her former pastor, J. F. Snyder, of Hill's church, conducted the service. He took his text from Jer. 15th chapter and part of the 9th verse: "Her sun is gone down while it is yet day." He spoke in part as follows:

The death of a young person just blossoming into womanhood is compared in our text to a primitive sunset. We are not



called upon to mourn the loss of an aged pilgrim, bowed down upon his staff, but that of a young lady who had just reached maturity. I refer you, my dear friends, to the Bible for comfort and consolation. We are not like the infidels or unbelievers without hope. If ye have faith in God, ye have nothing to fear. The word of God takes every Christian by the hand, as it were, and bears them up on the pinion of faith to Heaven. Let us fix our minds and hearts upon the text. Figures and images made use of in the scriptures are employed to lift our minds heavenward. The Christian life is attractive, pleasant and comforting, like the sun. The death of a Christian or a child of God is beautiful, calm and peaceful like the setting of the mighty sun inthe west. The sun sets to rise again, so it is with the body of the-Christian. Jesus said, 'The dead will rise again.' 'Blessed arethe dead that die in the Lord.' Our sun may set at any time. Are we ready? Our departed sister was born April 18, 1877-She was baptized December 22, 1877. She became a communicant member of my church on the 25th of March, 1894. While yet a child she regularly attended Sabbath school. She was an earnest, quiet, devoted and true Christian. She was a regular attendant upon her religious duties. Having baptized her, confirmed her, and having been closely associated with her almost her entire life. She seemed almost as dear to me as one of my own family. Her life most attractive, beautiful and comforting like the sun in all his glory. She remained a member of my charge until April 1, 1800, when she connected herself with the Reformed church of Latrobe. She remained faithful until the last. After an illness of five weeks she was called to her heavenly home. She departed this life January 16, 1900. Her departure was so peaceful that her friends at her bedside scarcely knew when she was departing this life and entering the life beyond. Just like the setting of the sun, so peaceful, we scarcely know when the day is ending and the night begins. We have reasons to believe that she had been expecting an early death and was prepared for it when it came. She left a legacy to the church. This is the third legacy that has been left by members of this family. The mother and sister, who preceded her, left legacies. Being dead, she yet speaks to us through her works."



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After services the deceased was interred in Hill's cemetery,

### To the Sleeper.

"Oh, our darling, you have left us, You have left us, oh, so lone, And the cold, dark waves of sorrow Have engulfed our happy home.

"Thou wast all that's grand and noble, Thou was ever good and true; All that makes thy sex endearing, Centered all dear love, in you.

"But amid the poignant anguish
Of our hearts, all wrung with grief,
Comes a whisper from the shadows—
Comes with healing and relief.

"And its sweet and loving cadence, Freighted deep with holy love, Bears to us the sweet assurance, That for us you wait above."

Anna L. Kemerer, born April 18, 1877; residence, Wilkinsburg, Pa.

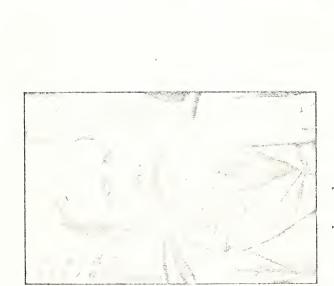
Family of Hacke N. P. Kemerer, son of Lydia (Lauffer) Kemerer, daughter of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the pioneer, born April 21, 1869; married March 6, 1901, by Rev. Jacob Snyder, to Gertie M. Watt, of Mamont; residence, Turtle Creek, Pa. To them were born the following children:—

Ira Edward Kemerer, born October 17, 1902; residence, Turtle Creek, Pa.

Wilber Lawrence Kemerer, born March 20, 1904.

Family of Joseph Lausser, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lausser, the pioneer, born December 21, 1833; married February 24, 1859, by Rev. Yetter, to Esther Berlin, who was born February 27, 1834, and who died January 20, 1895. Joseph Lausser died April 21, 1894. To Joseph Lausser and wife were born the following children:—





Ломери Тамгерев.

Estuer Laurens, wife of Joseph Lauffer,



Israel E. Lauffer, born January 3, 1860; died December 24, 1890; interred at Export:

### THE DEAD LAWYER.

Account of the Death of District Attorney I. E. Lauffer, Which .

Occurred Dec. 24, 1890, Together With

Some Beautiful Tributes.

Another name is stricken from the list of attorneys, and 2. Bar popular for the brilliancy of its members, mourns the loss of a shining light. At two o'clock this morning, December 24, District Attorney I. E. Lauffer breathed his last. His death was not unexpected, as the disease was of such a character as to leave little, if any, room for hope. We have said that he was dying, and our readers, no doubt, expected the end. It has come and overshadowed, with a cloud of grief, the festivities of the usual Christmas joys.

I. E. Lausser was born Jan. 3, 1860, near Murraysville, Westmoreland county, and was a son of Joseph and Esther (Berlin) Lausser. His early life was spent on his father's farm. Entering the common schools he soon manifested a desire to learn, and not content with the advantages they afforded, he expressed a desire to attend higher institutions of learning.

When Professor G. H. Hugus, our present superintendent, took charge of the Delmont academy, Mr. Lausser, then a mere boy, walked from his father's home to Delmont, a distance of four miles, to attend school. He had the energy that wins.

He continued his studies and naturally drifted into teaching. He was a most successful teacher and soon made his mark in that calling. He was the principal of the Ludwick schools and a teacher in the seminary. Coming to choose a profession he selected law and became a student in the office of Judge James A. Hunter. He was most fortunate in making this selection, and we feel that his distinguished preceptor felt honored in his pupil. Permit us to say that Judge Hunter and his most excellent wife became attached to him and learned to love him as a son and none were more attentive to him on his dying bed. We can assure



them that their love was reciprocated, as the deceased often spoke to us of their kindness.

Five years ago, in 1885, he was admitted to the bar and clients seemed to be waiting for the event. He soon gained a large practice. He was a natural lawyer. Common sense is the most powerful element in his profession and he worshipped at its shrine. He was always equal to the occasion.

In 1889, he was the choice of his party for District Attorney and a colleague on the ticket with L. W. Doty, Esq., and Mr. Lucien Clawson. It is admitted that this ticket was one of the strongest ever presented to the people of Westmoreland county, and it overwhelmingly triumphed at the polls. On the beginning of the present year, Mr. Laufier was sworn into office and conducted the affairs of the Criminal Court in a manner highly satisfactory to the people. We feel that the public was conscious of his usefulness and it is needless for us to add any words of praise.

At the close of the November term of Criminal Court he took ill, and his illness developed into typhoid pneumonia. Every thing possible was done for him. He had the most careful nursing, and seemed on a fair way to recovery. A relapse took place and he rapidly sunk until death came to his relief at the time stated.

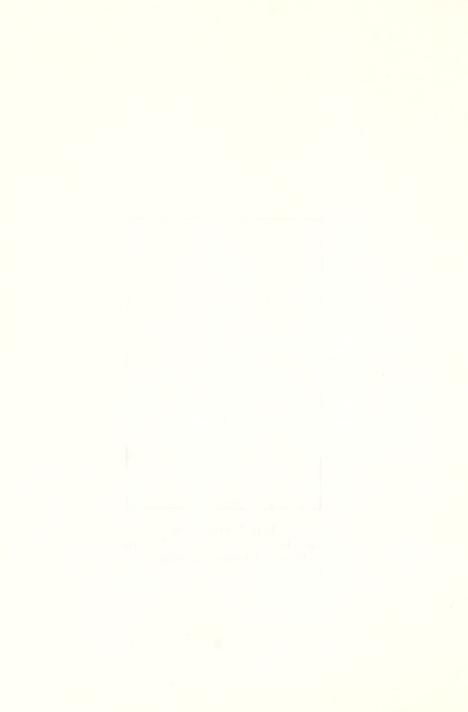
His funeral will take place on Friday from the residence of his father, in Franklin township. Services will be held tomorrow at 10 o'clock in Zion's Lutheran church, this place.

Every person who was accosted this morning spoke only in the kindest terms of the deceased. As already said, he was universally admired. Judge Doty was found in his study this morning by a *Record* man. He was greatly affected over the death of the District Attorney. Speaking of him, he said: I knew Lauffer very well and feel that his death is a public loss. I have been very intimately associated with him during the past year, and I never knew a man more faithful in the discharge of public duty. He made personal sacrifices in order to save suitors, and the county unnecessary costs. His whole ambition seemed to be to discharge his full duty. He discouraged trifling litigation, and he did not multiply bills for the purpose of increasing





I. E. Lauffer, Esq. Died Dec. 24, 1890, during his term of District Attorney of Westmoreland County.



fees. Others may be as great in the knowledge of the law, but it will be a long time before one is found who will be more faithful or more successful in the office left vacant by his death. In addition to this he was eminently a social and kind-hearted man. He was generous in his judgment of men in extending aid to those who were needy. His sterling qualities attracted to him a large following of devoted friends. In this respect he was exceptional, the most incongruous elements uniting in his support.

## EX-JUDGE HUNTER'S TRIBUTE.

Ex-Judge James A. Hunter, with whom Mr. Lauffer studied law, thus spoke in reference to the one whom he so much adored:

"District Attorney I. E. Lauffer read law with me. He was a very faithful and industrious student and seemed to drink in the law. Frequently I cautioned him not to overwork himself, but he became so wedded to his studies that a text book was never out of his hands while in the office, as well as, I have every reason to believe, in his private chamber. He was a young man of sterling integrity, as honest and as pure as the best piece of steel. There was no hypocrisy about him. He was what he was and that only. At first there was a shade of doubt in my mind as to his final success at the bar owing to his modesty and, as I thought, retiring disposition, but before he closed his studies, this thought was dissipated, knowing that labor would bring its own reward and in addition therete when he came to the bar I was confirmed in my belief that he would prove a success in his profession.

"Mr. Lauffer was a man of the purest morals. I never knew him to say a word or do an act inconsistent with that of a Christian man. Both myself and family became warmly attached to Mr. Lauffer, whose death was most deeply deplored."

As we have met here this day to express our sorrow at the death of a young man in his best years, we feel like saying with one of our poets:

'Oh, what hadst thou to do with cruel death, Who wast so full of life, or death with thee, That thou shouldst die before thou hadst grown old?"



It is so natural to expect that they who are taken to their last resting place should first come nigh unto three score years and ten. Death seems to belong as little to youth as darkness to the earlier hours of day. In the forenoon of life we not only hope for the usual length of time ere the sun set, but also for the deeds and achievements to which this time gives opportunity. And our hearts are startled with sad surprise when this hope comes to an end with the announcement that "the young man is dead."

An illustration of this is now before us. Mr. I. E. Lauffer would only have been thirty-one years of age had he lived till the 3rd of next month. Only one score and ten years, instead of three score years and ten! Only three of the seven stages passed! The regret is universal that he should have died so young. Men everywhere give expression to this regret in tones that are vibrant with profoundest sympathy, and the saddest of it all comes out in so much stronger contrast as it looms up beside the pleasures which cluster about this season of the year. In a short time the remains of our departed friend will be on their way to the chill darkness of the grave, while the living are gathering to the glad festivities of Christmas.

In looking back over the life that is gone, we find much even in its one score years and ten, to admire and to hold in loving remembrance. A sturdy faithfulness to duty has always characterized the departed. They can bear testimony to this who have cared for him from his earliest days. And, even if we had not the testimony of his parents, we would be able to judge of this from his record in Greensburg. For it is not possible that such a manhood could spring from anything but a child-hood well trained, obedient and faithful. "Of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather grapes;" and of an indifferent childhood they cannot gather a real, manly character. How can a stream rise higher than its fountain? From what we know of Mr. Lauffer, we are sure that the fountain of his career was high up in the sphere of piety and prayer, and as near to a life in Christ as the hands of a Christian parental example and an early consecration to God could lift him.



He was faithful as a student in the academies at Delmont and Murraysville, where he received his preliminary training for the work of coming years. Of this we have evidence in his excellent mental training. His insight into the varied problems of his profession was clear; and this indicates the highest ability, if Carlyle's saying is correct, that "insight is power." A stranger could easily have misjudged him. His appearance was of extreme modesty, and, in disposition, he was rather retiring. But back of that quiet exterior, was a mind as strong as the unseen current that flashes its message from land to land. Back of it was an intelligence that lit up the subject before him as clearly as the sunbeam that drops in silence upon the earth. Back of it was a judgment as true to the right as a magnetic needle to its pole. But to this, aside from his natural gifts, he could not have attained had he been unfaithful or a sluggard, in his educational course. God had given him a good mind-excellent natural gifts, without which it would have been impossible to reach the position he held; and through these he might easily have been tempted to the indolence that has ruined so many. But indolence was foreign to his character at all times; for without steady industry, he could no more have gathered the fruits that clustered about him during these last few years, than one can reap a harvest from an unsown, though fertile field. His talents were in great part those which are developed by hard work.

He was faithful as an instructor. You remember the days when he was principal of the Ludwick schools, and as teacher at the Greensburg Seminary. During that time he gave evidence of the same sterling qualities that had characterized him as a student. We know that he was very fond of children, and that the children were very fond of him. This always speaks well for a man, for children, with their quick intuitions, will only take to those in whom there is good reason for love and respect. And as a teacher, he was both respected and loved. He was respected because he stood faithful to every duty as a teacher, considering that he was responsible for the daily improvement of those who were entrusted to his care. And he was loved because he dealt with his scholars in the spirit of affectionate interest. A man



gets more of life's truest blessings than that which he pays for; and what greater blessing is there than that of having the affection of those with whom one is laboring? But to receive this, one must pay for it with affection in return, and, if we judge of Mr. Lauffer by this standard, his must have been a heart of more than ordinary love and kindness. Only in this spirit can a man be truly faithful, whether it be to himself or to others; for with it he has a power that fairly lifts and impels him to the doing of his duty.

The time came that he entered upon the study of law, his chosen profession. His friends had doubts at first as to his success in this line. The quiet modesty with which he made application to his future preceptor would, in these days of general self-sufficiency, make almost anyone hesitate as to the fitness of the applicant. It is so unusual. We somehow expect everyone to sound his own praises, and to make as striking a first impression as possible. He came to his preceptor quietly; he did his work quietly; he succeeded quietly; and quietly, but with every promise of an enviable future, he took his place among a class of men of this town whom it is far from easy to compete with. A young lawver has far to travel before he can stand beside the best of his profession here. But Mr. Lauffer was fast striding toward the front. His colleagues have admitted this. And the force that sent him forward was generated in those quiet hours of intense study under the supervision of his able preceptor.

### A Tribute to the Memory of I. E. Lauffer by Rev. A. D. Potts, His Former Pastor.

Although the announcement of District Attorney Lauffer's death was not an unexpected one, yet I must confess that it truly was a sad one.

From the frequent newspaper notices relative to his condition I gathered the information that his recovery was well-night mipossible. But now to realize that one so young, so industrious and so truly destined, humanely speaking, to achieve greatness and helpfulness is laid low in the embrace of death, is a faithful reminder that before the enward sweep of the destroying angel all mortals must sooner or later fail.



My acquaintanceship with Mr. Lauffer runs back in years of his boyhood days, and I can truthfully say that my most vivid recollections of him and his steady onward course convince me that, in honesty of purpose, integrity of character, and in nobility of soul, he was as true to all as the needle to the pole and 'frighteousness to the plummet.' Of an unassuming disposition he nevertheless attracted the considerate attention of the many with whom he associated. There was something about him that drew one almost unconsciously near to him.

Considerateness was a chief characteristic in his general makeup. It was his principal aim to find the right path, and then to walk unswervingly along the same. He was not ashamed to seek counsel, and I remember distinctly when he came to me as his friend and former pastor, and sought what little advice I was humbly able to furnish. When he believed that he was right, no alluring or time-serving compensation was great enough to draw him aside from the path of rectitude and duty. In disposition he was as affable and kind as the most tender-hearted woman. To injure, by thought, word or deed, the lowest of earth's multitude, was the act remotest of his being. Then he was a particularly humble man. A self-bolstered popularity and pretentious worth found no place in his manly deportment.

While he was in the beginning of his public career, he likewise, was at its end. His ambitions did not fly out of the windows of vaulting success, but it led him along the humble road to be and to do good. To keep others from getting into trouble was his pre-eminent desire. He wanted all who sought his counsel to start right, in order that they might end right. Simplicity and generosity of heart made him what he was. While under my pastoral care, no one could have been more faithful, more devout, and more truth imbibing than he was. I knew him then to be noble and good. But after our separation I failed not to observe his actions and progress. I thought I saw in him an ideal young man. Had he lived, I firmly believe that he would have reached the very eminence in public life that I had sighted out for him in the coming time. An infinite wisdom, however, let fall over all my prophetic dream a dispensation that is just and good. While



my heart feels sad that my young and prized friend has left us, still I bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well. And when the inscription in the granite block that may mark the resting place of his earthly remains, has been effaced by the corroding finger of time's elements, and even when the recording tablet itself has mouldered into dust, there will remain, in the hearts and memories of his friends, the imperishable epitaph, "I. E. Lauffer, the honorable, the useful, the upright, and the Christian young man."

# Touching Words by His Honor Judge Doty.

Upon the opening of the present term of court His Honor Judge Doty, before proceeding to the consideration of other matters, referred feelingly to the death of District Attorney Lauffer. Addressing himself to the grand jury he said:

"It is less than three months since our last charge to the grand jury, and in that brief time great and important events have occurred. The district attorney, chosen by the people of the county, was then in full life and apparent health. Now more than a month has already elapsed since he was consigned to his last resting place in the quiet churchyard in the beautiful valley he loved so well. We cannot allow this occasion to pass without adverting to the fact of his death, and without acknowledging in a public manner our appreciation of the value of his services while living. While he occupied this quas-judicial position we had every opportunity to observe his conduct, and while in some respects he was an comprehensible and unique character, we believe we learned to know him well, and we are sure we appreciated his services. His mainspring of action was a desire to faithfully discharge the duties of his office. He was not mercenary. or he would have multiplied bills in order to increase the revenues of the office. He was faithful to the court and to his client. and withal recognized the character and dignity of the office he held and refused to press for a conviction, in his jujdgment, was not fully justified by the evidence. He manifested ability and exhibited extraordinary energy and patience in the performance of the trying duties of his office. If he showed any weakness at all,



it proceeded from a naturally amiable disposition and kindness of heart. He died young, but lived long enough to accomplish much good and to give promise of still greater usefulness in the future. The little world in which he lived paused a moment when Lauffer died, and unusual sympathy and regret were heard on every side. But the times are too busy to long pause. Practical duties demand the attention of living men. No one is absolutely essential in any sphere of activity. We take our turn and play our part and move on to make room for others pressing after."

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E. B. Lauffer, born April 5, 1874; residence, Export, Pa.

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Family of Sarah Elizabeth Lauffer, daughter of Joseph Lauffer, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the piorneer, born May 28, 1863; married February 22, 1900, to William G. Kline, by Rev. R. G. Rosenbaum. To them were born the following children:—



Infant child (dead born) May 17, 1901; interred in White Valley cemetery.

Elias L. Kline, born December 15, 1903.

Family of Mahala L. Lausser, daughter of Joseph Lausser, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lausser, the pioneer, born April 27, 1865; married May 14, 1891, to George N. Geiger, by Rev. F. E. Lausser. To them were born the following children:

Israel E. Geiger, born October 19, 1891. William H. Geiger, born April —, 1893. Joseph F. Geiger, born January 21, 1895.

Family of Mary A. Lauffer, daughter of Joseph Lauffer, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the pioneer, born June 27, 1867; married October 20, 1892, to John W. Soles, by Rev. F. E. Lauffer, assisted by Rev. P. Doerr. To them were born the following children:—

Harry W. Soles, born November 3, 1893; died August 4, 1894; interred at Export, Pa.

Hazel J. Soles, born August 15, 1895.

Olive M. Soles, born December 30, 1900; died April 14, 1901; interred at Export, Pa.

Elery David Soles, born April 4, 1904. Emery Joseph Soles, born April 4, 1904.

Family of Ida C. Lauffer, daughter of Joseph Lauffer, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the pioneer, born January 20, 1870; married February 25, 1897, by Rev. P. Doerr, to William A. McGinn. To them were born the following children:

Josephine E. McGinn, born January 16, 1899; residence, Export, Pa.

Eliza M. McGinn, born April 28, 1901; residence, Export, Pa.

Infant daughter, born April 28, 1903; died April 29, 1903; interred in White Valley cemetery.

Family of Bertha M. Lauffer, daughter of Joseph Lauffer, son of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the pioneer, born March 22, 1876; married February 14, 1895, by Rev. P.



Doerr, to Ira M. Alexander, to whom were born the following children:-

William McC. Alexander, born November 23, 1896.

Sarah E. Alexander, born February 7, 1898.

Harry C. Alexander, born December 8, 1901.

Family of Anna Lauffer, daughter of John, son of Henry, son of Christian Lauffer, the pioneer, born April 2, 1838; married April 20, 1858, by Rev. N. P. Hacke, to N. Rumbaugh. She was married a second time by Rev. Stitt, to Mr. | Charles Myers, from Greensburg, Pa.; residence, Dunseith, Rolette County., North Dakota (Box 7).



## ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHY OF JOSEPH A. LAUFFER FROM ANOTHER SOURCE.

Joseph A. Lauffer, Chairman of the Lauffer History Publication Committee, is one of Greater Greensburg's leading business men. His store is located on West Second Street, near the corner of Mill street. This store is favorably situated in a residence portion of the city, and enjoys the patronage of a number of Greensburg citizens, who reside in that immediate locality, as well as the good will and trade of many in other parts of Greensburg, and from the country districts.

The stock of goods kept by Mr. Lauffer consists of what is usually termed "general merchandise," embracing groceries, dry goods, hardware and, in fact, about everything a household requires. In the selection of his stock Mr. Lauffer is guided by the light of an ample experience, and he aims to keep what the people need, and to keep a first quality of goods, which he sells at a fair and equitable price.

In addition to these principles, he cherishes and is governed by the greater principles embodied in the Golden Rule, by which his patrons have learned that they can always rely upon honest and courteous treatment.

That the above is the true foundation of a successful business career, has been frequently demonstrated, and the success of Mr. Lauffer as a merchant is but another instance of the truth,

His first experience in merchandising was in South Greensburg, where he embarked upon the sea of enterprise in 1891. After four years he came to Greensburg and leased the old Blythe stand, on Maple avenue.

When contemplating leasing this room Mr. Lauffer's friends did what they could to discourage the venture, pointing out the fact that others had failed to succeed in that location. Despite these well-meant efforts, however, he leased the room, which he successfully occupied for four years. He then leased the store room in the Pollins building, corner of Mill and Second streets.



This room had also been looked upon as an unfortunate point, but during the seven years it was occupied by Mr. Lauffer he enjoyed a large and lucrative patronage.

Having a justifiable ambition to own property, Mr. Lauffer purchased his present residence, and, after fitting up two rooms for store purposes, he removed thereto on April 1st of the present year. The present arrangements are but temporary in character, as it is his purpose to materially improve his present facilities.

In addition to the business of merchant, Mr. Lauffer is engaged in the poultry business. He is an ardent advocate of improved breeding, and he keeps only the best varieties of fowls, furnishing eggs for setting to many people in the country and elsewhere.

He also furnishes canary birds of the best quality, and has seven pairs of breeders of those known to fanciers as St. Andreasburg. These birds are the best known, and those kept by Mr. Lauffer are the purest thoroughbreds, imported from Germany. Prices on these birds can be had on application.

The sacred writer says: "A good name is better than precious ointment," and many of our citizens have ample cause to entertain a justifiable pride in the name they have inherited from their ancestors. We recently saw a history of the Lauffer family, and from which we learn that it is closely interwoven with the history of our country for a long period of time. It is a name that seems to have always been synonymous with good citizenship, history and patriotism, and while this work of the Lauffer historian is of special interest to those who have descended from that branch, there is much therein that is of interest to all.

Joseph A. Lauffer, of whom we write, was born in Penn township, near Harrison City. His only recollection of man's greatest friend—his mother—is of sitting on her knee, before an old-fashioned wood fire. She died when he was but four years of age. His father married again, securing an estimable lady for his wife, who proved a model step-mother to her sister's mother-less child. The love of this good woman was fully returned, and the bond of sympathy between the step-mother and orphan became as strong as links of steel, and as lasting as time. Joseph



attended the country school, and assisted his father on the farm. He afterwards graduated in a high school and was thus prepared to step out into the world, qualified for any ordinary business pursuit.

The excellent woman who supplied a mother's place taught him to love the things that are good, and carefully guided his young feet along the paths of righteousness. This training, together with the example of an upright father, instilled within him the virtues that have characterized his life, and have enabled him to win and retain many friends.

Mr. Lauffer is a staunch Republican in politics, and an active member of the First Reformed churchof Greensburg.

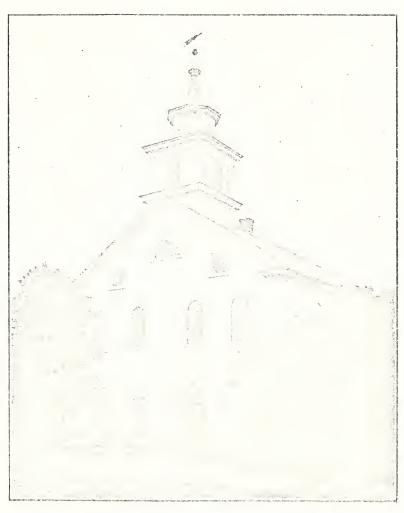
When visiting in the vicinity of Latrobe he met Miss Elizabeth C. Bridenthal, daughter of Mr. Harry A. Bridenthal, the result of which meeting was a wedding, and it seems that Mr. Lauffer's lucky star was in the ascendancy, as he secured a prize in the matrimonial lottery, and a wife who proved herself a loyal helpmate in every sense of the term. They have one child, a bright little girl, Grace Mildred.

After their marriage permit us to say, Mrs. Lauffer took an extensive hand in helping to gather the Lauffer history as it now is; for two years they gave of their time and close attention to the work.

Mr. Lauffer is an active member in the church of which he is a member, and has creditably filled a number of offices therein. He is also closely identified with the Sabbath school and is a regular attendant, seldom missing a day. As a citizen and neighbor he is respected by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance, and that his life and conduct fully come up to the high standard set by his ancestors is a fact beyond dispute.

It gives us pleasure to be able to speak well of a gentleman who is perfectly worthy of the highest culogy we might write.





STONE (Zion's) Church, near Kreidersville, Northampton Co., Pa.



## HOW WE LEARNED OF OUR WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA ANCESTORS.

While sitting at my desk at my place of business, W. R. Lawfer & Co., Allentown, Pa., July 5th, 1902, a friend of mine came to me and handed me the "North American" published at Philadelphia, July 5th, 1902, containing the picture of My Name Sake the "Centenarian John Lauffer," of Harrison City, Pennsylvania. I at once noticed the resemblance of this old gentleman to that of my Grand Father Jacob Lawfer. I took the paper, covered the names and showed it to my uncle Jacob A. Lawfer, and asked him, who it looked like. He at once said it look like his father, who was my Grand Father. Being desirous of knowing more of our western relatives of whom I had often heard my father W. R. Lawfer speak, I addressed a letter to Rev. Stanley Krebbs, of Greensburg, Pa., formerly of Allentown, Pa., who informed me that he had a number of "Lawfers" belonging to his Reformed congregation. I addressed a letter to Mr. Joseph A. Lauffer, Greensburg, Pa., who mailed me a history of the "Laufters," which had been prepared for their gathering, which was held July 4th, 1902. I became very much interested ,which led to more correspondence and was followed by my visiting Greensburg, Pa., several months later, where we were furnishing a new theatre for Messrs. Good & Son. I met the Centenatian John Lauffer at his home in Harrison City in company with Dr. Charles A. Lauffer, Joseph A. Lauffer and Lawyer Lauffer. I was very much pleased with the conversation I had with our old relative, and shall never forget; --when he was asked by his daughter, who he thought I was, he remarked, "Well it looks like a Lauffer and I suppose he is one of our Eastern relatives." After asking him what kind of people these Western Pennsylvania Lausfers were, he said, "well they have always been able to keep out of jail," which remark brought forth a hearty laugh from all of us. His story of his trip to Easton, where he drove cattle to Philadelphia, where he went



to see the ships, and to visit the Old Homestead; near the Stone church where he went to see his Uncle Peter,—was very interesting and will never be forgotten by the writer, who was much entertained by his way of stating things—as they happened about eighty odd years before. Several weeks later the writer and his wife again visited this Renowned gentleman and were much pleased with his anecdotes and his remarkable memory. His daughter, who kept house for him, certainly was a great comfort to her father.

John N. Lawfer, Allentown, Pa.

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The homestead of Peter Laufer, the Revolutionary shoemaker, built 1808. This stone house replaced a log house built in front of it, neaver the spring.



## PETER LAUFER BRANCH.

Peter Laufer, the Revolutionary Shoe-maker, was born Oct. 18, 1752, and died July 21, 1830. He is interred at Old Stone Church, near Siegfreids, Pa., Allen Twp., Northampton Co.

He lived in troublous times, for it is said that it was not safe to sleep in the house at night, for fear of the Indians. The set-

tlers had to go to the block house at Howersville.

When his father Christian, and all his brothers and sisters emigrated into Westmoreland Co., he alone remained in Northampton Co. Tradition has it that he married a wife who refused to cross the Mountains.

The Old Homestead is owned by a descendant of his named Jacob P. Laufer, who has in his possession the old deeds and wills of the Peter Laufer family. By courtesy of Jacob P. Laufer we append the original Title to the Peter Laufer farm.

PATENT. No. 702.

PETER LAFFER,

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North,n Co,ty.

Inrolled in the Rolls of office for the State of Pennsylvania In Patent Book No. 1, page 469 &c

Witness my hand and Seal of office, March 13, 1783, Inrollment office of Pennsylvania JOHN MORRIS, Mk (Seal)

THE SUPREME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE COM-MONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting;

KNOW YE, that in consideration of the sum Twenty four pounds six shillings & nine pence lawful Money, paid by Peter Laffer into the Receiver Generals Office of this Commonwealth, there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto the said Peter Laffer a certain tract of land called Lafferton situate in Moore and Lehi Townships, Northampton County; Beginning at a



corner stone of Adam Deeters land, thence by the same North Seventy degrees East Seven perches to a corner stone of John Deeters land, thence by the same South twenty degrees East seventy one perches and a quarter to a stone set for a corner, thence North seventy degrees East forty five perches to a stone, thence South forty four Degrees East one hundred and forty eight perches to a corner stone, thence by land of David Marsh eighty two degrees and a half West two hundred and twenty nine perches to a stone set for a corner, thence South twenty five degrees East ninety perches to a corner stone of Christian Guffners land thence by the same South Seventy five degrees West twelve perches to a corner stone of Simon Cowers land, thence by the same and Adam Hickers land North thirty degrees West one hundred and seventy five perches to a corner post in the line of George Nagles land, thence by the same North eightynine degrees East eighty six perches and a half to a stone, thence North eleven degrees and a half West seventy four perches to a stone, thence North eighty degrees East forty seven perches and a half to a corner post, thence North ten degrees West, thirty seven perches to the first mentioned stone and place of beginning, containing one hundred and fifty two Acres and allowance of Six p Cent for roads &ca. With the Appurtenances (which said Tract of land was surveyed by virtue of an order on application No. 1997 entered the 22nd of October 1766 by Valentine Marsh: who by deed dated the 11 June 1767 conveyed the said land to Jacob Griesman; who by Deed dated the 24 of March 1768, conveyed the same to the said Peter Laffer and his Heirs, to the use of the said Peter Laffer his Heirs and assigns for ever; free and clear of all ristrictions and reservations as to Mines, Royalties, Quitrents or otherwise excepting and reserving only the fifth part of all Gold and Silver Ore for the use of this Commonwealth, to be delivered at the pit mouth, clear of all charges.

In witness whereof His Excellency John Dickinson, Esq., president of the Supreme Executive Council hath hereto set his hand, and caused the State Seal to be hereunto affixed in Council, the thirtieth day of November, in the year of our Lord one



thousand seven hundred and eighty two; and of the Common-wealth the Seventh.

Attest, JOHN DICKINSON (Seal)

T. Matlack, Seey. Seal of the State of Pennsylvania.

While searching the Archives of the Pennsylvania Historical Society, 13th and Locust, Philadelphia, we discovered the name of Peter Laufer:

Wills of Northampton County, Page 739. We learn that the executors of the Estate of David Mersch were George Herzelt and Peter Lawer.

In Pennsylvania Archives Vol. 19, Third series, Page 140, under Federal Taxes of Moore Twp., Northampton Co., for 1785, we learn that Peter Laffer owned 150 acres of land, two horses, two cattle, and no sheep. His tax was 15 shillings, 5 pence.

Grandmother Scholl tells us that her father (Peter Laufer Jr.) and grandfather (Peter Laufer, the shoemaker.) were not large men but squarely built, solid men weighing about 160 and 170 pounds. She remembers how her grandfather wound up the clock every morning when he got up, before coming to breakfast. One morning he was late in coming to breakfast. His son went to see why he did not come. He found him unable to talk, lying in bed. He motioned to his son to go to wind the clock. He laid sick in bed for a week. It was harvest time. And as he lay sick in bed, his granddaughter (Grand mother Scholl) with a fly brush made of paper, kept the flies from him, and gave him drinks. The men and women were all at work in the harvest fields. She thinks she was about eighty years old when she thus cared for her grandfather.

She remembers her grandfather's shoemaker bench. She was around when he made shoes. She would meddle with his tools, and she recalls his telling her to let things alone.

Grandmother Scholl remembers that the father of her grandfather was Christian Laufer. And she as well as Nathan of Broadheadsville, and Jacob P. Laufer of the Old Homestead, have it by tradition that Father Christian and his sons and



daughters went westward to near Pittsburg, and that Peter remained East.

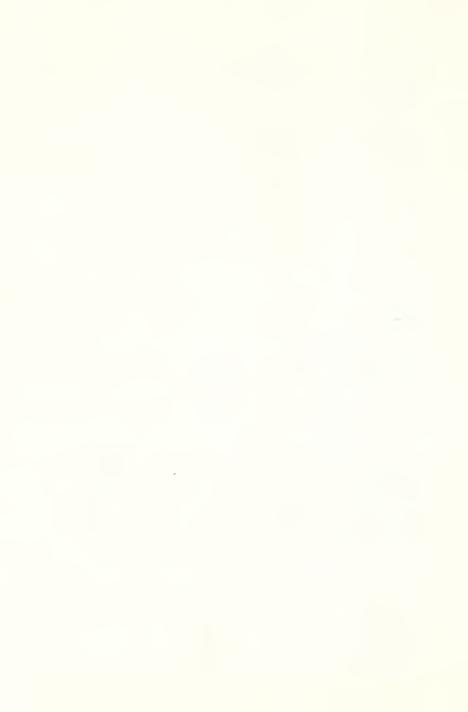
Kleppinger's Fort was located near Petersville Church, east from the Laufer Homestead. Families went to this or other nearby forts every night, for in those days people were stolen by the Indians and houses were burned.

Grandmother Scholl remembers the spinning, turning the spinning wheel or reel a whole day, when you would like to sled ride, or go fishing, was an evil of the olden day. The Laufers sent their yarn to the weavers and their cloth to the fullers. In fulling the cloth, she recalls that soap was used. The cloth was then colored brown. When thus dyed it made fine cloth for dresses.

Her father was very fond of bees, of which he had about seventy. He wove basket hives out of straw for them. Deiter his neighbor, had eighty. Both tried to reach one hundred. It was said in those days that a person could not have one hundred bees together. As their number increased, they commenced going back, neither reached one hundred. In those days cane sugar was not used by the settlers, and beet sugar had not been introduced. For sweet, they were dependant upon honey, which was used freely for all purposes.

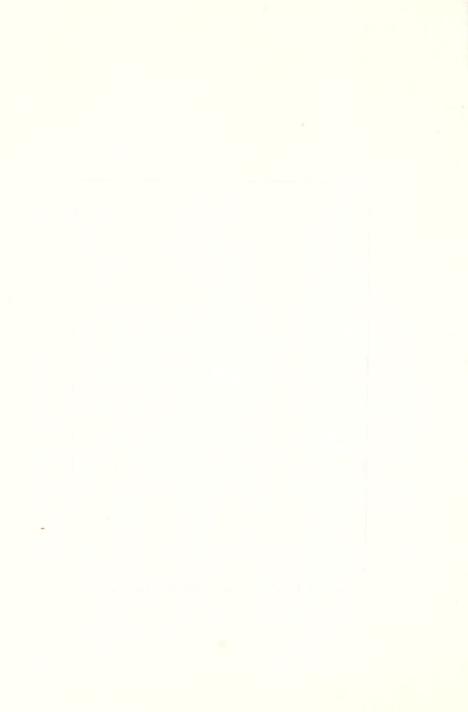
They rendered their honey in a big iron kettle. They made it hot and strained it out through a colander. The honey thus rendered was set aside in crocks. The part that did not go through the colander, was returned to the kettle. Water was added and it was boiled. It was again put through the colander. The filtrate was put in a keg or barrel and set aside to ferment. The part that remained in the colander this second time, was returned to the kettle and purified as wax. They had a way of gathering the wax as follows: as the water boiled the wax came to the surface: the hands were made wet in cold water and placed on the surface of the water, which caused the wax to adhere to the fingers. It was then rubbed off the hands and the hands again dipped in cold water.

The filtrate in the keg would ripen in a year's time. It made a drink much relished by her father and grand father, says





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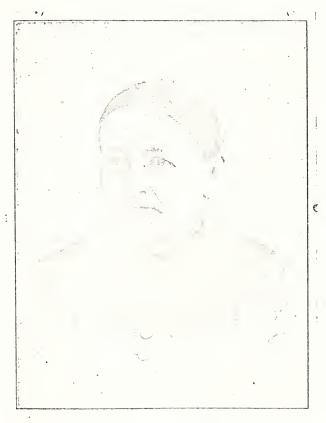




Jacob P. Laufer, owner of the "Old Homestead."



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Mrs. Jacon P. Laufer, nee Sarah Silfies.



Grandmother Scholl. In her words it was "sehr stark." The German name for this drink is Meticulum.

We are informed that Peter Laufer made shoes for Washington's army, during the three years of his enlistment. He was a shoemaker by trade, and added to this fact, he was too small to bear arms, being below the average in stature. Also, at a time when the Southern and New England Colonies gave nothing to support the Continental Government, for the prosecution of the war for Independence, he was one of the Pennsylvania German farmers that contributed to his utmost to the success of Liberty's cause.

The family of Peter Laufer consisted of three sons and five daughters. His wife's name was Magdalena Susanna Grosher.

- 1 Peter Jr.
- 2 Adam.
- 3 Jacob.
- J Elizabeth.
- 2 Catherine.
- 3 Susanna. .
- 4. Maria.
- 5 Rachel.

Peter Laufer Jr., son of Peter, the shoemaker, the son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born June 25, 1785. He was married to Eva Bush, who died at the age of 84. He died Aug. 29, 1855. Both are interred at Stone church.

Four children, Peter, Jacob, Maria and Catherine.

1. Peter Laufer III., son of Peter Jr., son of Peter, the shoemaker, son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Mar. 10, 1813. Married to Mary Ann Kleppinger. Died Jan. 15, 1893. He left one child, Jacob P. Lauffer, born Jan. 14, 1842. Jacob P. owns the Old Homestead, by direct succession from Peter Laufer, the son of Christian, the Pioneer. It is through his active cooperation that we have secured much of the Peter Laufer data, as presented in this section. He was married in 1863 to Sarah Silfies, by Rev. A. Fox. His wife was born Sept. 13, 1839. Three children.



(1) Valeria Laufer, born Aug. 20, 1865. Married in 1883 to Milton F. Danner (born Apr. 2, 1860, died Sept. 4, 1892), by Rev. Mabry.

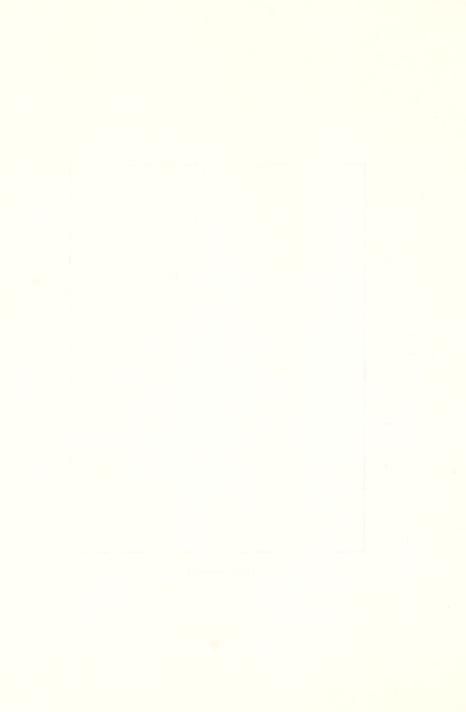
Three children. (a) Charles P. Danner, born Oct. 4, 1883. Petersville, Pa. Married in 1901, to Sadie C. Bilheimer (born Aug. 26, 1884), by Rev. H. P. Krider. Two children. Verna L. Danner, born Aug. 17, 1901 and Marvin F. Danner, born June 29, 1904. (b) Howard S. Danner, of Catasauqqua, Pa., born Feb. 16, 1886. (c) Clara M. Danner, born May 7, 1888. Married in 1904 to Frank M. Solt, of Patersville, Pa., by Rev. J. Andrews.

- (2) Elmira N. Laufer, daughter of Jacob P., born Jan. 24, 1868, married to Cyrus C. Anthony, of Minichs, Lehigh Co., Pa. Seven children. Emma S. Anthony, born Dec. 25, 1887. Frank J. Anthony, born June 21, 1889. Florence M. Anthony, born Aug. 27, 1891. Preston P. Anthony, born Aug. 31, 1895. Carrie J. Anthony, born Sept. 28, 1899. Manerva H. Anthony, born Oct. 28, 1902. Warren R. Anthony, born Oct. 5, 1904.
- (3) Cora M. A. Lausser, daughter of Jacob P., born Aug. 10, 1874, married to Henry E. Smith, (born Nov. 23, 1866) by Rev. Mabry, Sigfreid, Pa., R. F. D. 3. Eight children. Sarah S. Smith, born June 2, 1893. Annie E. Smith, born Sept. 11, 1894. Mabel M. Smith, born July 29, 1897. Lilly H. Smith, born Sept. 1, 1898. Howard H. Smith, born June 27, 1895, died aged 21 days. Ella E. Smith, born Oct. 14, 1899. Jacob H. Smith, born Dec. 5, 1900. Rosa B. Smith, born Oct. 9, 1902.
- II. Jacob Laufer, son of Peter Laufer Jr., son of Peter, the shoemaker, son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Aug. 10, 1822. Single. He was a farmer by occupation. Died Apr. 26, 1845, aged 22 years, 8 months, 16 days.
- III. Maria Laufer, daughter of Peter, son of Peter, the shoemaker, the son of Christian, the Pioneer, born Aug. 25, 1815, died Dec. 5, 1854. Married May 27, 1835 to Paul Kleppinger. Eleven children.
- (1) William H. Kleppinger, born Dec. 20, 1835, Nazerath, Pa.
  - (2) Sarah Klepinger, born Apr. 3, 1838; died Mar. 18, 1860.





JAMES SCHOLL.





Mrs. James Scholl, nee Catharine Laufer.



- (3) Magdalena Kleppinger, born July 29, 1839. 308 Bowerv st., Akron, Ohio.
- (4) John Jacob F. Kleppinger, born Sept. 9, 1840. Died Dec. 24, 1901.
- (5) Christiana E. Kleppinger, born Mar. 3, 1842. Nazareth, Pa.
- (6) Emma Louisa Kleppinger, born Oct. 6, 1843, Nazareth, Pa.
- (7) Amandus F. Kleppinger, born Jan. 7, 1847, died Nov. 1, 1859.
- (8) Mary Jane Kleppinger, born Jan. 20, 1849. Nazareth, Pa.
  - (9) Martin F. Kleppinger, born Oct. 1, 1850.
  - (10) Ellen C. Kleppinger, born Jan. 4, 1853.
  - (11) Tilghman H. Kleppinger, born Oct. 15, 1854.

No data of marriages and of grandchildren received.

- IV. Catharine Laufer, daughter of Peter Laufer Jr., and Eva Bush, grand daughter of Peter Laufer, the Revolutionary Shoemaker. Catharine Laufer was born June 21, 1820. Married Nov. 22, 1840 to James Scholl, of Klecknersville, Pa. She at present makes her home with her daughter, Ellen (Mrs. A. C. Young), 30 East Walnut Lane, Germantown, Philadelphia, Seven children.
- (1) Christina Elizabeth Schall, born Jan. 24, 1841. Married Feb. 6, 1866, to Jacob Schall, of Siegfried, Pa., by Rev. David Kuhns. One daughter, Ellen J. Schall, born Mar. 26, 1867, married Dec. 26, 1887, to J. F. Knecht, of Moorestown, Pa., died May 6, 1900. Married again Dec. 27, 1903 to G. J. Newhart, of Siegfried, Pa.
- (2) Hannah Elizabeth Scholl, born Sept. 30, 1842. Married Feb. 10, 1867 to Rudolph Edelman, of Bath, Pa., by Rev. E. A. Fox. Three children. (a) Elmer E. Edelman, born June 27, 1871. Married to Anna Rabe, Bath, Pa. (b) Cora A. Edelman, born May 6, 1875. Married to John Remaly, of Nazareth, Pa. (c) Nama E. Edelman, born Nov. 29, 1878, married to Frank Rismiller, of Stockertown, Pa.



(3) James Henry Scholl, born July 28, 1844, married Oct.

1, 1870 to Ellen E. Meyer, by Rev. David Kuntz.

(4) Sarah Louisa Scholl, born Jan. 26, 1846. Married Aug. 16, 1803, to Stephen Hagenbuch, (died June 9, 1905, aged 55 years), by Rev. Reinecke. Bath, Pa., R. F. D. Five children. (a) Mallisa Hagenbuch, born Jan. 23, 1864, married in 1883, to James Remaly, of Bethlehem, Pa. (b) Eugene Hagenbuch, born Sept. 19, 1865, married May 28, 1892, to Alice Fehnel, Bath, Pa., R. F. D. (c) Mary Hagenbuch, born Feb. 16, 1868, married Dec. 24, 1889 to Charles Kocher, of Bath, Pa. R. F. D. (d) William Hagenbuch, born Mar. 10, 1872, died Sept. 2, 1873. Interred at Moorestown, Pa. (d) Eva Hagenbuch, born Mar. 15, 1878. Died Sept. 14, 1879. Interred at Moorestown, Pa.

(5) Mary Jane Scholl, born Dec. 28, 1847, died Mar. 1, 1850. Interred at Moorestown, Pa.

- (6) Amelia Rebecca Scholl, born Aug. 20, 1849. Married June 1874 to Franklin S. Scholl, by Rev. R. B. Kistler, Bath, Pa. R. F. D. I.
- (7) Ellen Catherine Scholl, born Sept. 16, 1858. Married Dec. 28, 1879, to Asry C. Young, by Rev. W. J. Andres. Four children. Amy May Young, born May 1, 1880. Carrie Alice Young, born Nov. 27, 1884. William Henry Young, born Feb. 8, 1887, died Feb. 10, 1887. Interred at Moorestown Graveyard. Robert James Young, born June 15, 1890. A. C. Young was cashier of the First National Bank, Pen Argyl, Pa. In 1904 he became Treasurer of the Franklin Trust Co., of Phila. It was at his home in Pen Argyl, that the Peter Laufer branch of the Laufer family was organized.

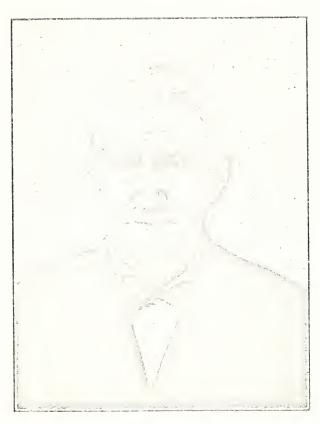
## ADAM LAUFER.

Adam Laufer, the second son of Peter, the shoemaker, the son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born in the year 1790. He was married to Elizabeth Koehler. He moved from Northampton Co., into Monroe Co., near Broadheadsville. He was the father of eight children.

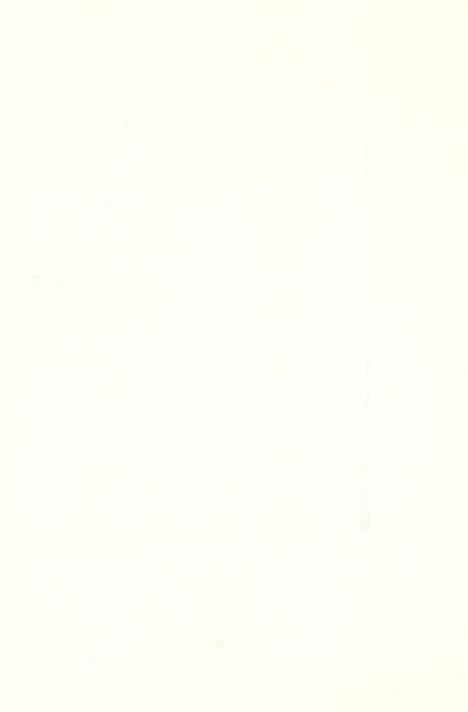
I. Joseph Laufer, born Sept. 13, 1816. Married Apr. 28, 1839, to Elizabeth Frantz, by Rev. Decker. Ten children.

(1) Junes Laufer, born Apr. 24, 1940. Died July 10, 1842.





CHARLES LAUFER, son of Adam Laufer.





Mrs. Charles Laufer.



- (2) William Laufer, born Oct. 29, 1841, married in 1870 to Florence Bradley. McIntyre, Iowa. Three children. Clarence, Edwin and Lizzie.
- (3) Mary Ann Laufer, born Nov. 14, 1843. Married July 8, 1863 to S. G. Tyrrell, of Riceville, Iowa. Eight children. (a) Minnie, four children. (b) Oscar, two children. (c) Viola, married to John Wing, two children, Forda and Vera. (d) Alda, one child. (e) Cora, married to Hunter, one child. (f) George Tyrell is dead. (g) Willard. (h) Florence, two children.
- (4) Freeman Laufer, born Aug. 8, 1845. Married June 16, 1868, to Vinia Staley, of Stockton, Ill. Two sons and three daughters. (a) Myron Laufer, two children, Merrill and Helen. (b) Cassie Laufer, married to George D. Paul, of Mt. Carrel, Ill. One daughter, Bertha. (c) Wallace Laufer, one son, Leo. (d) Mabel Laufer, married to Fred. Allanson, of Stockton, Ill. One son, Freeman. (e) Edna Laufer.
- (5) Julia A. Laufer, born Dec. 14, 1846, married in Nov. 1866, to Daniel Shearer. Died Oct. 20, 1884. Interred at Milltown, South Dakota. Four children (a) Addie, four children. (b) George, one child. (c) Vestna, a trained nurse in Rockford, Iil.
- (6) Lucinda Laufer, born Aug. 4, 1848. Married Oct. 8, 1865 to J. M. Blair, of Liberal, Mo. Four children. (a) Clarence, four children. (b) Ezra) (c) Lizzie. (d) Edna.
- (7) Lucy A. Laufer, born June 19, 1853. Married Dec. 25, 1871 to E. W. Gates, of Stockton, Ill. Four children. (a) Delna married to Edward Colver, of Freeport, Ill. (b) Edith, married to Edward Auman. One child, Gladys. (c) Clarence. (d) Loyal.
- (8) Hannah E. Lauffer, born Oct. 28, 1855. Died July 23, 1879. Interred at Milltown, S. Dak.
- (9) Josiah Laufer, born Mar. 3, 1858. Died Oct. 28, 1875. Interred at Ward's Grove, Ill.
- (10) George H. Laufer, born Mar. 31, 1865. Died Aug. 25, 1865. Interred at Wards Grove, Ill.
- II. Charles Laufer, son of Adam Laufer, son of Peter, the shoemaker, son of Christian, the Pioncer, was born Jan. 10, 1818.



Married in Jan. 1842, to Catherine Shupp. He died Jan. 23, 1902, aged 84 years, 13 days. Interred at Broadheadsville, Montoe Co., I'a. His wife was born Aug. 17, 1822 and died Aug. 17, 1886. Aged 64 years. Nine children.

(1) Anna Laufer, born June 2, 1843, married Dec. 26, 1864, to John Wagner, of Pen Argyl, Pa. Nine children. George S., Robert A., Eugene, Charles, Joseph, Nathan, Infant, Katy and Lizzie J. Wagner.

(2) Jacob Laufer, born Nov. 30, 1844, married Sept. 22,

1867, to Elizabeth Brong, Lehighton, Pa.

- (3) Nathan Lauffer, born Oct. 15, 1846. Married July 27, 1873, to Angeline Weiss, by Rev. D. E. Schredler. Three children. (a) Calvin W. Laufer, born Apr. 6, 1874. Married Nov. 28, 1895, to Ellen Metzgar.. Rev. Calvin W. Laufer, is pastor of the Steinway Reformed Church, Steinway, Long Island City, N. Y. One son, Edward Laufer. (b) Mary Jane Laufer, born Nov. 22, 1875, married Jan. 1, 1901, to Prof. Geo. B. Kunkle, of Pen Argyl, Pa. Two sons, Russel, deceased, and Brinton L. Kunkle, born Aug. 9, 1903. (c) Anson E. Laufer, born Mar. 16, 1890, of Broadheadsville, Pa.
- (4) Emaline Laufer, born Apr. 8, 1848, died Aug. 25, 1893. Interred at Broadheadsville, Pa. Wife of David A. Everitt. Six children. Two still living, Ellen and Lizzie J. Everitt.
- (5) George Laufer, born May 8, 1850, married June 14, 1871, to Amanda Weiss, by Rev. D. E. Schoedler. Eight children. (a) Harry Laufer, born Sept. 21, 1871, married Aug. 14, 1892, to Miss Kunkie, P. O. Lehighton, Pa. Three children. Roy B. Laufer, born Jan. 26, 1893, died Feb. 19, 1893. Arlina May Laufer. born Sept. 30, 1895. Norwood G. Laufer, born Feb. 23, 1899. (b) Phoche Laufer, born Apr. 10, 1873, married Nov. 29, 1894, to Charles W. Miller. Two children. George Noble Miller, born Sept. 18, 1896, died Nov. 2, 1896. Viola Evelyn Miller, born Sept. 18, 1896, died Nov. 2, 1896. Viola Evelyn Miller, born Sept. 22, 1903. (c) Anna Laufer, born Nov. 7, 1874. (d) Lillie Laufer, born Sept. 8, 1876, died May 18, 1877. (e) Robert Laufer, born May 4, 1878, married Aug. 18, 1896, to Miss Serfass. Silk weaver at Lehighton, Pa. Two children. Esther Feru Laufer, born Nov. 27, 1897 and Paulina Thelma Laufer, born





NATHAN LAUTER, son of Charles Laufer.





Mrs. Nathan Laufer.





REV. CALVIN W. LAUFER, Pastor First Presbyterian Church, Hoboken, N. J.



MRS. J. J SHAFER, daughter of Charles Laufer.





Charles A. Lawfer, Son of Charles Laufer.



- Jan. 15, 1900. (f) Lena Laufer, born Nov. 26, 1879, married Sept. 25, 1896, to Richard S. Chynoweth, of Roselle, N. J. Two children. Searle Romain, born Apr. 4, 1897 and Marvin Richard, born Apr. 16, 1899. (g) Harvy T. Laufer, born Oct. 20, 1892. (h) Bessie May Laufer, born Sept. 22, 1891.
- (6) Amanda Laufer, sixth in the family of Charles Laufer, son of Adam, son of Peter, the shoemaker, son of Christian, the Pioneer. Born Jan. 20, 1854, married Dec. 8, 1877. to Jeremiah Shafer, of Allentown, Pa.
- (7) Joseph Laufer, son of Charles, was born Nov. 16, 1856, married May 6, 1883, to Alice Greenamoyer, by Rev. T. A. Huber. Three children. (a) Lizie Jane Laufer, born Nov. 22, 1883. Married Nov. 26, 1903, to Clayton Fetheman, of Stroudsburg, Pa. (b) Anna Katheryne Laufer, born Sept. 12, 1885. (c) Mae Augusta Laufer, born Sept. 21, 1888. Broadheadsville, Pa.
  - (8) Charles A. Laufer, the photographer, of Allentown, Pa.
  - (9) Louina Laufer, born Nov. 3, 1858, died Oct. 10, 1870.
- III. Samuel Laufer, son of Adam, son of Peter, the shormaker, son of Christian, the Pioneer. Born Nov. 26, 1819, married in 1842 to Elizabeth Andrew (born Apr. 10, 1821, died Oct. 3, 1881, interred in Conyngham, Luzerne Co., Pa.) Samuel Laufer, died July 25, 1876, in the same place. Four children:
- (1) Peter Laufer, born Nov. 21, 1842. Married to Rebecca Billheimer. Sugarloaf, Luzerne Co., Pa.
  - (2) Mariah Laufer, born May 28, 1844. Died Sept. 10, 1892.
- (3) Lucy Laufer, born July 20, 1846. Married to Frank Keck, 76 Lennington st., Trenton, N. J.
- (4) William H. Laufer, born Mar. 8, 1855. P. O. Horton, Brown Co., Kansas.
- IV. Peter Laufer, son of Adam Laufer, son of Peter, the snoemaker, son of Christian, the Pioneer, was born Jan. 29, 1822. Married to Mary Hufsmith (born Aug. 6, 1823, died Mar. 29, 1885). Peter Laufer died May 27, 1898, aged 76 years, three months, 28 days. He resided at Broadheadsville, Monroe Co., Pa. Five children.



- (1) Sarah A. Laufer, born Aug. 18, 1845, married Aug. 18, 1867, to Reuben Bitting, by Rev. Geo. B. Dechant, 4th & Birch st., So. Bethlehem, Pa. Four children.
- (a) Oliver F. Bitting, born Oct. 19, 1873, married to Matilda Castner, 138 Albert St., Steinway, Long Island City, N. Y. (b) George Bitting, born Feb. 11, 1869, died Aug. 1870. Interred at Blue Church, Coopersburg, Pa. (c) Mary Bitting, born Jan. 1, 1875, married to Harry Rhoad, of Chestnut st., South Bethlehem, Pa., (d) Chas. R. Bitting, born Mar. 5, 1887, 4th & Birch St., So. Bethlehem, Pa.
- (2) Edwin Laufer, of So. Beddiehem, Pa., born 1848, married in 1867, to Catherine Kresge, (died in 1876), by Rev. Geo. B. Decker. Three children by this marriage. (a) Francis R. Laufer, of Lebanon, Pa., born in 1868. (b) Wilson P. Laufer, of Camden, N. J. Two children. (c) Jennie Laufer, born Jan. 10, 1869, married Feb. 1, 1893, to Rev. Edgar Campbell, of Lansdale, Pa., by Rev. H. S. Fisher. Three children. Helen Margaret Campbell, born Dec. 20, 1894, died Jan. 29, 1900, interred at Phoenixville, Pa. Edgar Laufer Campbell, born June 12, 1896. Paul Frederick Campbell, born Mar. 6, 1901.

Edwin Laufer, was again married Apr. 24, 1878, to Annabella Boyer (died in 1903). Three children. (a) Joseph E. Laufer, born in 1879. (b) Frederick W. Laufer, of Philadelphia, born in 1880. (c) Helen E. Laufer, born in 1887.

- (3) Milton Laufer, proprietor of the Wyandotte Hotel, So. Bethlehem, Pa., was born Feb. 9, 1852. He was married in 1876 to Sarah E. Groman, by Rev. N. Z. Snyder and again in 1900 to Sadie E. Klotz, by Rev. David Scherier. Two children by the first marriage and two by the second. (a) Howard R. Laufer, born Sept. 14, 1879, married Apr. 30, 1902, to Irene L. Munich, by Rev. G. H. Trull. One child. Robert M. Laufer, born Dec. 7, 1903. (b) Frank P. Laufer, born May 1, 1882. (c) Harry E. Laufer, born Feb. 2, 1902. Marie E. R. Laufer, born Mar. 11, 1903.
- (4) Julia Laufer, daughter of Peter Laufer, son of Adam, son of Peter, the shoemaker, son of Christian, the Pioneer. Boru





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HENRY LAUFER.





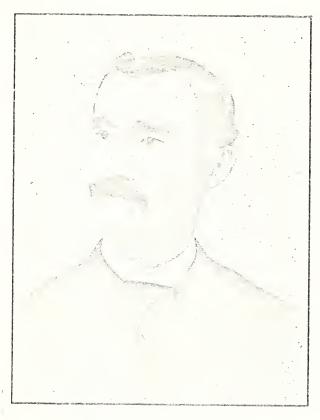
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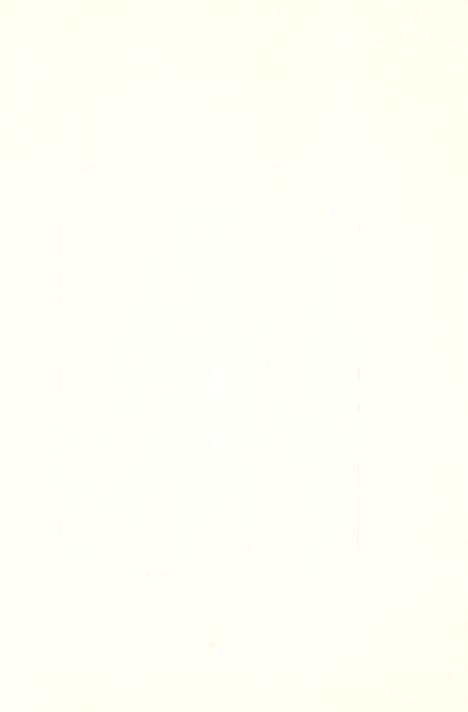


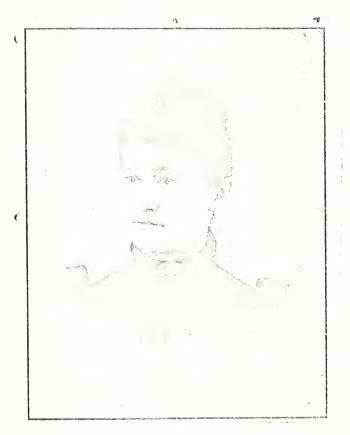
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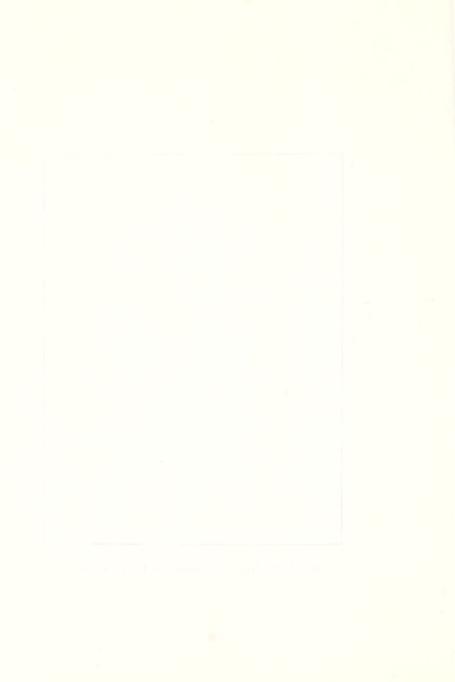


Mrs. John Haney, nee Alice Lauter.





Miss Emma Laufer, daughter of Henry Laufer.



May 25, 1857, married to Edwin G. Shaffer, of Broadheadsville, Pa. Three children:

- (a) Flora Mae Shaffer, born Apr. 12, 1880, married to Geo. K. Halteman, of Wind Gap, Pa., one son, Austin Halteman.
- (b) George Emery Shaffer, born Oct. 28, 1883. (c) Mary Lottie Shaffer, born Mar. 25, 1884.
- (5) Lena Laufer, married to William Biel (born Jan. 20, 1847). Lena Laufer was born Jan. 10, 1850, died June 12, 1888. To them were born eight children.
- (a) Edwin P. Biel, born Dec. 3, 1871. Married to Ellen Kidd (born Jan. 20, 1865).
- (b) Harvy F. Biel, born March 17, 1873. Married to Mary Lee, born June 30, 1868.
- (c) Agnes J. Biel, born Apr. 11, 1875. Married to Calvin Miller (born Dec. 8, 1877). Two children, Clifford E. Miller, born Feb. 28, 1898, and Stewart W. Miller, born Sept. 8, 1899.
- (d) Mame A. Biel, born June 18, 1877. Married to N. Newhard (born Apr. 16, 1872). Six children.

Stanley A. Newhard, born Apr. 27, 1896.

Elwood S. Newhard, born Nov. 12, 1897.

Leota G. Newhard, born Jan. 4, 1899.

Mary M. Newhard, born June 2, 1900. Died Aug. 31, 1900.

Isma I. Newhard, born Jan. 31, 1902. Died May 31, 1902.

Dora R. Newhard, born June 21, 1903.

- (c) William E. Biel, born May 24, 1879. (f) Clara E. Biel, born Jan. 21, 1881. Married to Daniel Pretorius (born Mar. 6, 1877). One child. Helen Pretorius, born May 27, 1903. Died Aug. 1903. (g) Sallie A. Biel, born Jan. 30, 1883. (h) Elmer M. Biel, born Nov. 18, 1885. (i) Infant born June 12, 1888, died June 12, 1888.
- V. Henry Laufer, born July 30, 1825. Married to Lovina Hufsmith (born Aug. 12, 1826, died Dec. 4, 1875), Saylorsburg, Pa. Six children. (1) Anna L. Laufer, born Feb. 18, 1850, died Sept. 5, 1852. (2) Franklin Laufer, born Nov. 3, 1852, died June 8, 1881, Interred at Bethlehem, Pa. (3) Steward Laufer, born



Sept. 2, 1855, married to Minnie Stucker. Nazareth, Pa. Two children. (4) Emma L. Laufer, born Nov. 26. 1857, married to Geo. Fable, of Saylorsburg, Pa. Five children. (5) Alice Laufer, born Nov. 22, 1864, Saylorsburg, Pa. (6) Elfen Laufer, born Aug. 5, 1869. Married to Dr. Wolfe. Two children.

VI. Jonas Laufer, son of Adam, son of Peter, the shoemaker, son of Christian, the Pioneer. Jonas L. was born May 25, 1828, married in Apr. 29, 1855, to Polly Kresge. Three children. (a) Tilgham Laufer, born Oct. 2, 1858, 1007 Gibbon st., Pittsburg, Pa. (b) Alvin Laufer, born Sept. 7, 1860, married Mar. 4, 1890, to Clara M. Flyt. P. O. Broadheadsville, Pa. (c) Ella E. Laufer, born May 16, 1864, married in fall of 1891, to Charles H. Lerch, College Hill, Easton, Pa., Lerch's Preparatory School.

VII. Phoebe Laufer, daughter of Adam Laufer, was born Feb. 22, 1833. Married to Isaac Rodenbach, of Broadheadsville, Pa. Two sons and three daughters. (1) Oscar Rodenbach, of Broadheadsville. (2) Jeremiah Rodenbach, of Deposit, N. Y. The daughters are, Lizzie, Hannah and Mary.

VIII. Mary Laufer, daughter of Adam Laufer, was born Aug. 1, 1835, married to Amos Shupp. Two children, died in infancy.

Summary of the Adam Laufer connection, as per data of Nathan Laufer, of Broadheadsville, 1904.

Six sons and two daughters.

Thirty-six grandchildren.

94 great grand children.

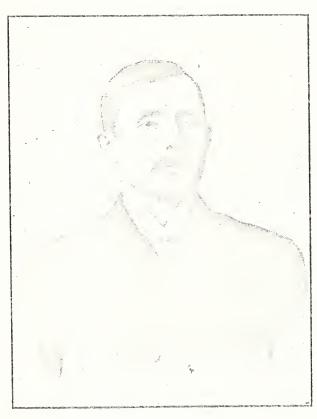
64 great, great grandchildren.

We are indebted to the intelligent interest of Nathan Laufer, for much of the data presented in this section.

Jacob Laufer, the youngest son of Peter, the shoemaker, son of Christian, the Pioneer. This branch of the family is otherwise known as the William R. Lawfer section, so named from his illustrious grandson.

Jacob Laufer, was the youngest son of Peter, the Revolutionary shoemaker. He was married to Elizabeth Strauss and

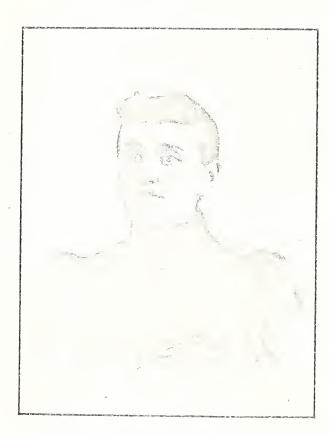




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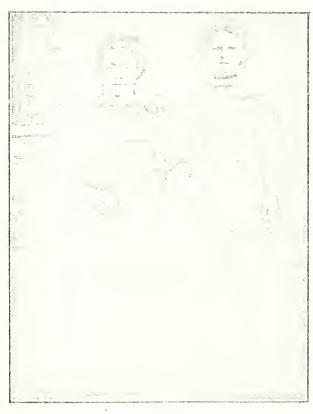


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MRS. ALVIN LAUFER.





 Мвs. Амоз Shupp дхр дуполтик. (dec'd), nee Mary Lyurus, daughter of Adam.

two years after this marriage, he died of Pneumonia. A son born three months after his death, was his only descendant. He died aged 28 years, and was interred in the cemetery at Old Stone church. A temporary slab was erected and the exact date of his death has not been obtainable. His wife, Elizabeth Strauss, (also buried at Old Stone Church), was later married to Jacob Shutt, by whom she had a large family.

Jacob Lawfer, the son of Jacob Laufer, son of Peter, the Revolutionary shoemaker, was born Nov. 1, 1814. Married Oct. 12, 1834, to Leah Steckel, died May 22, 1895. He was a prosperous farmer of Northampton County, Pa. Three children.

- I. William Richard Laufer, born Aug. 5, 1838. Married Nov. 15, 1857, to Hannah Kleppinger, by Rev. Cyrus Becker. Died Sept. 11, 1900. Four children.
- (a) Jacob Henry Lawfer, born Aug. 24, 1858. Married Aug. 17, 1882, to Lilly S. Dannenhuer, by Rev. R. A. Hill, Allentown, Pa. Five children.

Lillie Mabel Lawfer, born Sept. 13, 1883. William Levan Lawfer, born Oct. 13, 1888.

Mirian E. Lawfer, born Dec. 13, 1890.

Stanley E. Lawfer, born July 4, 1892. Ruth A. Lawfer, born Oct. 12, 1893.

(b) John N. Lawfer, born Feb. 9, 1860. Married Dec. 1, 1881, to Irene C. Saeger, by Rev. Reuben Hill, Allentown, Pa. Five children.

Emily M. Lawfer, born Oct. 27, 1882.

Charles H. Lawfer, born June 23, 1886. Died Aug. 8, 1887. Interred in Union Cemetery, Allentown, Pa.

Harold S. Lawfer, born Jan. 17, 1889.

William R. Lawfer, born June 17, 1891.

Marian S. Lawfer, born Feb. 14, 1896. Died Sept. 10, 1896. Interred in Union Cemetery Allentown, Pa.

(c) Alvin W. Lawfer, third son of William R. Lawfer, born Oct. 23, 1863. Married May 20, 1888, to Ida V. Engleman, by Dr. S. G. Wagner, Allentown, Pa.



(d) Annie Lawfer, born Oct. 15, 1873. Married Oct. 23, 18900, to Edward H. Wetherhold, by Rev. Geo. W. Richards. 313 North Sixth St., Allentown, Pa. Two children.

William E. Wetherhold, born Aug. 14, 1901. John E. Wetherhold, born Oct. 14, 1902.

II. Jacob A. Lawfer, second son of Jacob Lawfer, and brother of William R. Lawfer, was born Oct. 8, 1841. Married Feb. 4, 1868, to Elizabeth Scholl (died Oct. 28, 1905), by Rev. Robt. A. Litzenberger. 314 N. Sixth St., Allentown, Pa. Three children.

- (a) Nama A. Lawfer, born Aug. 12, 1868, married May 9, 1889, to Joseph Frederick, of Allentown, Pa.;
- (b) Alfred W. Lawfer, born July 6, 1876, married Sept. 25, 1900 to Hannah Bellford, 314 N. Sixth St., Allentown, Pa. One child. Edward Russell Lawfer, born June 12, 1902.
  - (c) Edward J. Lawfer, born June 12, 1883.
- III. Marian Elizabeth Lawfer, daughter of Jacob Lawfer, and sister of W. R. Lawfer, was born Aug. 14, 1843, married Nov. 29, 1869, to William H. Rice, of Moorestown, Northampton Co., Pa. Four children.
- (a) Robert E. Rice, born Mar. 20, 1870, married Sept. 8, 1896, to Carrie K. Bropst, by Rev. Steinhauser. So. Bethlehem, Pa. Four children.

William B. Rice, born Feb. 3, 1897.

John H. Rice, born Sept. 16, 1899.

Murk S. Rice, born Dec. 28, 1900.

Dorothy M. Rice, born Sept. 20, 1902.

- (b) Carrie N. Rice, born Mar. 25, 1872. Died Aug. 8, 1872. Interred at Salem's Church, Moorestown, Pa.
  - (c) Minnie L. Rice, Moorestown, Pa., bornMay 26, 1879.
  - (d) George A. Rice, Moorestown, Pa., born May 11, 1881.

## WM. R. LAWFER.

The central figure among the eastern descendants of Christian Lauffer, the Pioneer, is the late Wm. R. Lawfer, of Allentown The day he was buried, all the stores of that city closed





WM. R. LAWFER, the Affentown Merchant.





Mrs. Wm. R. Lauffer, nee Hannah Kleppinger.





Four Cenerolos,-W. R. Lawfer, W. LeVan Lawfer, J. H. Lawfer, Jacob Lawfer, Sr.



their doors, a mark of respect shown to no other citizen of Allentown.

"The Lehigh Register", of Allentown, Pa., under date of Sept. 11, 1900, published a character sketch of Wm. R. Lawfer, which we reproduce in full.

We follow it with a biographical sketch of his son, John N. Lawfer, taken from Lehigh Valley biographies.

The death of William R. Lawfer removes a man who for upwards of thirty years was prominently identified with everything that tended toward the material and industrial progress and advancement of this city. One of its foremost merchants, he was ever keenly alive to everything that contributed to the city's welfare and prosperity. And in all this he was never a mere negative factor; a man who simply stood afar off and reaped where others sowed. He contributed amply from his resources and his advice was always eagerly sought and followed. He early saw the possibilities for shrewd financial investments in this city and with his trained foresight, shrewd commonsense and business perspicacity he forecasted the direction of the city's development and expansion and he backed his faith with his money and to him more than to anyone else the development of the northern part of Allentown in the vicinity of the old fair grounds is due. His courage and energy inaugarated a movement and set a pace which has been followed since by scores of others who reaped rich harvests where he first led the way.

The man may be for gotten, but the part he played in the expansion of this city will long be remembered, and one of its most beautiful sections, adorned with handsome and cosy residences, will ever stand a monument to his courage, faith and energy. He advanced where others faltered; he had faith where others doubted, and he had zeal, where others flagged.

As a mercantile man his fame was by no means local. Although much of the burden of the work of directing the affairs of his vast etablishment, one of the largest in the Lehigh Valley, was taken off his shoulders during the later years of his life by his sons and brothers, yet he was daily in his office guiding,



advising and directing its intricate affairs with a clear head and a steady hand. He started in business in a small way, but he kept pace with the spirit of the age and never lagged behind. Enterprising, but never rash, daring but never reckless, and steering clear of all those devices and treacherous shoals which point the way to sudden riches only to end in hopeless disaster, and conducting his business on sound, safe and conservative methods, he hived to see himself at the head of one of the largest establishments of its kind in Eastern Pennsylvania.

He was a many-sided man and he had deep religious convictions. In furthering the cause of his faith he showed the same zeal, devotion and singleness of purpose which always characterized him in whatsoever he undertook. In his death the Reformed Church sustains a heavy loss and he will be keenly missed in the councils of that denomination. He was not a christian who only gave lip service, but his purse kept pace with his counsel and his money gave the stamp of approval to what his conscience advised.

An institution dear to his heart was Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf. He was one of its trustees and was one of its Board of Managers. So highly were his labors appreciated by his colleagues that at the recent celebration of Orphans' Home Day they sent a special message of sympathy, appreciation and regard to their late co-worker. Perhaps nothing in Mr. Lawfer's long and active career gave him so much pleasure and gratification as that message of esteem and remembrance. He was one of the pillars of the institution and the orginator in this section of those annual excursions to the home, which brought thousands of people in contact with this noble specimen of christian charity and philantrophy on the part of the Reformed Church, and which brought thousands of dollars into the treasury of the institution. He was also greatly interested in our local Young Men's Christian Association.

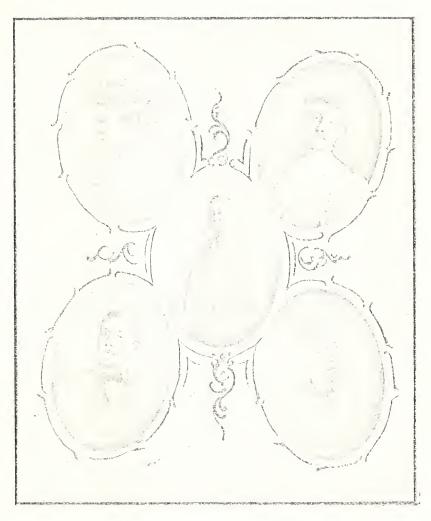
Always a man of strong and vigorous physique, which neither age nor the musifold duties and cares inseparable from his large business seemed able to impair, the sudden death of his wife, several years ago, was a blow from which he never recovered.





John N. Lawfer, Merchant, Allentown, Pa.





"JOHN N. LAWFER AND FAMILY, EMILY M. LAWFER, HABOLD S. LAWFER," WM. R. LAWFER,"

From that time on his physical powers commenced to wane and he never afterwards was the same man.

In his domestic and social relations he fulfilled all the requirements of a loving husband and a kind and indulgent father and a neighbor and citizen who never forfeited the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. He was liberal in his contributions to charity, although unostentatious in all his philanthropic work. He was successful because he deserved success. Honest and upright in all his dealings, a keen judge of men and motives, a merchant of unswerving integrity and upright in his walk in the community in which he labored for so many years, the city has been the better for his living and is the poorer for his death.

## JOHN N. LAWFER.

John N. Lawfer, throughout the period of his business career actively and prominently connected with one of the leading department stores, W, R. Lawfer & Co., of Allentown, was born in Kreidersville, Northampton county, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1860, and is an honored representative of one of the old American families, whose connection with the new world dates back to the seventeenth century.

His great-grandfather was Peter Lawfer, and his grandparents were Jacob and Leah (Steckel) Lawfer, natives of Northampton county, Pennsylvania. Jacob Lawfer was a farmer by occupation, and conducted his operations for many years on the old family homestead in Moore township, Northampton county, Pennsylvania. Among the children born to him was a son, William R, Lawfer.

William R. Lawfer, father of John N. Lawfer, was born August 5, 1838, on the old homestead in Moore township. North-ampton county, died at Allentown, Pennsylvania, September 14, 1900, and his remains were interred in Fairview Cemetery, Allentown. The days of William R. Lawfer's boyhood and youth were passed in the usual manner of farmer lads. He assisted in the labors for which his age and strength fitted him, and attended the common schools until thirteen years of age, when



he entered upon his business career as a clerk in the store of his uncle, Aaron Steckel, with whom he remained for six months. He was employed by Stephen Raeder, of Bath, Pennsylvania, in the spring of 1851, and continued in that position until the business was sold, after which he remained with Flick & Smock, successors of his former employer, for four years. Desirous then of enjoying better educational privileges than had previously been afforded him, he became a pupil in the select school taught by Dr. Thomas C. Apple, and subsequently continued his studies in the Phillip Lehman select school, at Easton, Pennsylvania, taught by John H. Oliver. Resuming his place in the business world, he was employed in the general store of Joseph Wanamaker, (a relative of John Wanamaker, the famous Philadelphia and New York merchant), in Kreidersville, Pennsylvania, and afterwards by A. H. and Amos Hahn, in Bath, with whom he continued for eight years. During the year 1865-66 fe was a salesman in the store of Hon. Joseph Laubach, Stemton, Pennsylvania, and in the latter named year became a resident of Allentown and entered into partnership with W. R. Steckel under the firm style of Lawfer & Steckel. They carried a large stock of dry goods and groceries, and the business was continued by the original partners until 1874, when Mr. Steckel disposed of his interest to George W. Hartzell, and in 1876 Mr. Hartzell was succeeded by Jacob Lawfer, a brother of William R. Lawfer. At the expiration of three years time the sons of William R. Lawfer-I. Harry, John N. and Alvin W.-entered the firm. They conducted an extensive department store, covering acres of floor space, which is still one of the leading mercantile enterprises of the city (Mr. Lawfer was a director in the Allentown National Bank, a member of the board of trustees of the Allentown College for Women, and one of the charter members of the Allentown Hospital, and was interested in all matters calculated to advance the welfare of the community. He was very active in religious and benevolent work, held membership in the Zion Reformed Church, represented the Congregation as delegate elder at meetings of classes and synod, and also served as superintendent of the Sunday school connected therewith for many years. He was a member of the board of directors of the Bethany



Orphan Home of the Reformed Church, at Womelsdorf, Berks county, Pennsylvania.

In 1857 William R. Lawfer was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Kleppinger, a daughter of John Kleppinger, a prominent and successful farmer near Siegfried's Bridge, Northampton Co., Pennsylvania.

John N. Lawfer, son of William R. and Hannah (Kleppinger) Lawfer, was reared in Allentown, Pennsylvania, acquired a knowledge of the rudimentary branches of study in its public schools, later was a student at Muhlenberg College, and completed his education at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He received his business training in his father's store, and after serving in the capacity of salesman for some time was admitted to a partnership. Mr. Lawfer, who is clear-headed, enterprising and discriminating in his business methods, became quickly recognized as a progressive merchant, and his keen sagacity and strong purpose, which were salient elements in his career, combined with strict integrity won for him a prominent place in the commercial cicles of Allentown, where his word is considered as good as his bond. The enterprise with which he is connected is conducted along modern business lines, and its great increase in trade during recent years is in a large measure due to the capable and efficient efforts of John N. Lawfer. Aside from his extensive business interests, Mr. Lawfer devotes considerable of his time and means to benevolent work more particularly in behalf of orphans, being an active and potent factor in the success of the Bethany Orphan Home of the Reformed church, at Womelsdorf, Berks county, with which his father was for many years actively identified.

He is also a member of the board of trustees of the Phoebe Deconess and Old Folks Home of Allentown. He is a member of St. John's Reformed church, and served in its board for a number of years. Mr. Lawfer enjoys the acquaintance of a wide circle of friends, who admire him for his many excellent characteristics, and he and his family occupy an enviable position in the social life of Allentown. Mr. Lawfer so closely resemble 1



his father in looks, disposition and physique that he was often taken for his brother.

John N. Lawfer was married to Miss Irene C. Saeger, daughter of Henry J. Saeger, and they became the parents of five children: Emily M., Charles H., who died in infancy; Harold S., Marian S., who also died in infancy; and William R. Lawfer. Mr. Lawfer is a faithful and devoted husband, a kind and indulgent father, and their home is noted for the utmost hospitality.

## RACHEL LAUFER

Rachel, eldest of the five daughters of Peter, the Revolutionary shoemaker, was married to Henry Renner. H had two daughters, Julia married to a Bartholomew and Pollie married to a Stewart. Tradition has it that they moved to the vicinity of Meadville, Pa. Their location is not known to grandmother Scholl, nor Jacob P. Laufer, who have supplied us with most of the data, as to the daughters of Old Peter.

## ELIZABETH LAUFER.

Elizabeth Lawfer, daughter of Peter, the Revolutionary shoemaker, was married to Matheus Greber. She was born November 14, 1779, and died November 14, 1859, aged 79 years. She was married in 1801, by Rev. Funderslot. The inscription on her tomb stone, at Old Stone Church, tells us that she lived in married life with Matheus Greber 52 years, and was the mother of 12 children. He died Feb. 5, 1858, aged 88 years, 1 month and 29 days. By occupation he was a nailsmith, and resided at Petersville, P2. Their children were:

- (1) George Greber, single. Born Sept. 17, 1802. Died Apr. 5, 1892. Interred at Petersville, Pa.
- (2) Cathrine Greber, died Nov. 13, 1865. Aged 57 years and 1 day.
  - (3) Susanna Greber, died Oct. 7, 1860, aged 48 years.
- (4) Lydia Greber died Nov. 14, 1864, aged 43 years and 1 month.
- (5) Elizabeth Greber, born Oct. 25, 1801. Died Dec. 1, 1852. Married to John Kerrel. One child.



John Ferrel, of Siegfrieds, Pa., born Dec. 11, 1831, died Dec. 11, 1894. Married to Malinda Hellem (born in 1842), in 1860, by Rev. Kuhns. Two children.

(a) Henry Ferrel, son of John Ferrel, son of Elizabeth Greber, daughter of Elizabeth Laufer, of Siegfrieds, Pa., born March 3, 1861. Married to Fanny Snyder (died Apr. 13, 1889, aged 27 years, 3 months and 11 days). Four children.

John F. Ferrel, born Dec. 5, 1868. Died Jan. 11, 1875. Lizzie Ferrel, born Dec. 28, 1882. Minnie Ferrel, born Feb. 26, 1885. Fannie Ferrel, born Apr. 8, 1880.

(b) Levina Ferrel a sister of Henry Ferrel, was born Sept. 18, 1862. Married to Levi Yehl (born July 21, 1865). Six children.

Anna I., Yehl, born Jan. 26, 1884.

Elvin E. Yehl, born Nov. 7, 1886.

Cora B. Yehl, born Apr. 11, 1888.

Harry E. Yehl, born Apr. 19, 1891,

Gertrude M. Yehl, born Oct. 4, 1894.

H. Ellen Yehl, born Aug. 31, 1900. P. O. Siegfrieds, Pa.

- (6) Andrew Greber, son of Elizabeth Laufer, daughter of Peter, the Revolutionary shoemaker, was born July 17, 1818. Died May 13, 1900. Aged 81 years, 9 months, 26 days. He was married in 1840 to Leah Spengler (born Sept. 14, 1824, died May 21, 1899), by Rev. Mensing, Petersville, Pa. Six children.
- (a) Magdalenna Greber, born Nov. 10, 1844. Died Aug. 10, 1853.
  - (b) Adam Greber, born May 21, 1851. Died Dec. 23, 1853.
  - (c) John M. Greber, born May 8, 1864. Died Aug. 14, 1890.
- (d) Eva M. Greber, born June 17, 1849. Married to Mathies Houser (born July 29, 1844), of Allentown, Pa., by Rev. Kistler. Died Oct. 3, 1884.
- (e) Amanda Greber, born May 21, 1854. Married in 1870 to Henry Long, of Walnutport, Pa. Died June 27, 1885.
- (f) Mary A. Greber, born Nov. 11, 1856, married in 1884 to Lewis Minich, of Petersville, Pa., by Rev. Mabry; died June 26, 1900. Lewis Minich was born Apr. 15, 1853. Three chil-



dren. John M. Minich, born Apr. 26, 1888. Henry Minich and Amanda Minich.

(g) Rebecca Greber was born Nov. 28, 1854. Married in 1878 to William H. Gross, of Siegfrieds, Pa., (born May 12, 1856) by J. W. Andrew. Three children.

Amanda Gross, born Jan. 11, 1880. Married in 1904 to Charles Jacoby.

Andrew Gross, born Oct. 17, 1884.

Emma Gross, born Feb. 25, 1886.

- (7) Mary M. Greber (Polly) daughter of Elizabeth Laufer, daughter of Peter, the Revolutionary shoemaker, was born Oct. 28, 1810. Married in 1835 to Reuben Person (born June 13, 1810) by Rev. Mensing. Tailor, at Petersville, Pa. She died Feb. 17, 1890. Aged 85 years, 3 months, 9 days. He died Jan. 18, 1847. Two children.
  - (a) Mary Person, born Dec. 18, 1836, died Sept. 19, 1844.
- (b) Emalina Person, born Aug. 19, 1841. Married in 1862 to Geo. Silfies, of Petersville, Pa., (born Oct. 31, 1839), by Rev. A. Fox. Six children.

Rev. Urias O. Silfies, of Philadelphia, born Mar. 23, 1863, married to Emma Fehnel.

Henry M. Silfies, born July 31, 1864. P. O., Edelmans, Pa. Blacksmith. Married to Cathrine Gether.

Terinus T. Selfies, born June 1, 1869. Petersville, Pa. Married to Rosa Silfies.

Carmie E. Silfies, born Dec. 17, 1871. Married to Ellen V. Marsh, Petersville, Pa.

Calvin Silfies, born May 22, 1874. Married to Emma Engler, Petersville, Pa.

Emma L. Silfies, born Dec. 3, 1878. Married to Ulysis Schall, Petersville, Pa.

Mary M. Greber was again married to Peter Silfies (born May 26, 1821, died Oct. 12, 1897), of Petersville, Pa. One child.

Sarah Silfies, married to Cyrus Edelman, of Petersville, Pa.



(8) Julian Greber, born Oct. 13, 1822. Married in 1845 to Louis Spengler, of Petersville, Pa. He was born Dec. 18, 1821, and died Oct. 15, 1903. Five children.

(a) Christian Spengler, born Feb. 26, 1856, died Mar. 27,

1857.

(b) Sobina Spengler, born Feb. 3, 1847. Married in 1872 to Edwin Newhard (born Sept. 14, 1843) by Rev. Lessenberger. Siegfried, Pa. One child. Emma M. Newhard, born Sept. 14, 1875, married to William H. Heiney, of Seigfrieds, Pa.

(c) Elizabeth Spengler, born Dec. 15, 1848, died June 7, 1903. Married in 1873 to Joseph Yehl (born Mar. 4, 1848), by Rev. Andrews. Seigfrieds, Pa. One child. William Yehl, born July 18, 1874. Siegfrieds, Pa., married to Mary J. Rismiller.

(d) Sallie Spengler, born May 9, 1852, married to William Zellner, of Kreidersville, Pa. One child. Elmer Zellner, mar-

ried to Lillie Lindaman. Kreidersville, Pa.

(e) Mary Jane Spengler, born Nov. 16, 1860. Married to Monroe Solt (born July 28, 1857), Indianland, Pa. One child. John H. Solt, born Mar. 21, 1885.

## CATHRINE LAUFER.

Cathrine Laufer, daughter of Peter, the Revolutionary shoemaker, was born July 26, 1778. Died May 28, 1847, aged 68 years, 10 months, 2 days. She is interred at Deiter's Church, Petersville, Pa. She was married to Michael Asch, born Oct. 10, 1773, died May 13, 1812. Aged 38 years, 7 months, 3 days. Six children.

- (1) Sallie Asch, married to Samuel Steaver. They went west long ago, and is said to have three sons in Iowa.
- (2) Michael Asch. No data received. He had a son Oliver Asch, who was a soldier in the Civil War, whose widow, Lydia Asch, is said to live in Akron, Ohio.
  - (3) Joseph Asch.
- (4) Cathrine Asch, married to Abraham Beer. She had two children.
- (a) Eliza Beer was married to David Deiter, of Petersville, Pa., (born May 4, 1814, died Apr. 11, 1892. Interred at Deiters Church,



- (b) Cathrine Beer, married to David Roberts, of Daniers-ville, Pa.
- (5) Mary M. Asch was married to Benjamin Deiter. To them were born six children.
- (a) Mrs. Beck, (b) Mrs. Bilheimer, (c) Mrs. Dilliard, (d) Miss Mary Deiter, (e) Rébecka Deiter, who married Steven Easterday, of Cherryville, Pa. Seven children. Walter Easterday, Alonco Easterday, Robert Easterday, William Easterday, Jane Easterday, Malisa Easterday, Mary Easterday, (f) Charles Deiter, born Oct. 14, 1824, married to Diana Deiter (born Oct. 23, 1834). Siegfrieds, Pa. Seven children.

Eleanor Deiter, born Sept. 12, 1855, married to George A. Beck.

Melissa Deiter, born Oct. 2, 1857, died Oct. 2, 1862.

Mary C. Deiter, born July, 1858, died Oct. 9, 1858.

Oswell H. Deiter, born Aug., 1859, died Oct. 16, 1859.

Lilly J. Deiter, born Oct. 30, 1863, married to John H. Danner (born Aug. 22, 1859), Siegfrieds, Pa.

Emma M. Deiter, born Jan. 18, 1857, married to John D. Frankley.

Cora M. Deiter, born Dec. 4, 1870, married to George R. Barber.

Robert B. Deiter, born Oct. 11, 1872, died Jan. 29, 1893.

Mary M. Asch was married again to Christian Bilheimer, the blacksmith, at Petersville, Pa. Four children. She was born in 1800. Died 1881. Interred at Howertown Chruch. Christian Bilheimer was born May 28, 1802, died Apr. 28, 1871. Interred at Deiters Church. To them were born three children:—

- I. Jacob Bilheimer, born Dec. 30, 1835. Died July 15, 1902. Interred at Howertown church. Married to Mary Mummey. Eight children.
  - (a) Ida W. Bilheimer, born Dec. 14, 1864.
- (b) Henry T. Bilheimer, born June 24, 1866. Siegfrieds, Pa.



- (c) C. Wilson Bilheimer, born Oct. 20, 1871, Siegfrieds, Pa.
- (d) Emma M. Bilheimer, born Aug. 9, 1873. Married to Mr. Savitz, of Siegfrieds, Pa.
- (e) Clinton A. Bilheimer, born Apr. 23, 1876, of Sieg-frieds, Pa.
- (f) Charles H. Bilheimer, born Aug. 31, 1878, of Sieg-frieds, Pa.
- (g) Oscar J. Bilheimer, born Apr. 22, 1880, of Siegfrieds, Pa.
- (h) Priscilla Bilheimer, born Mar. 3, 1837, married to William H. Hauser, of Slatington, Pa. Eight children.

Henry O. Hauser, Wilson J. Hauser, Wesley M. Hauser, Calvin Hauser, Alice Hauser, married to Mr. Bernd, of Walnutport, Pa.; Emma Hauser, to Mr. Andrews; Laura Hauser to Mr. Weiss; Carrie Hauser, to Mr. Smith.

II. Louisa Bilheimer, born Sept. 3, 1840, married to Lewis Best, of Allentown, Pa. Ten children. Sylvester Best, George Best, Henry Best. Stephen Best, Walter Best, Frank Best, William Best, Lillie Best, married to Peters, Carrie Best, Jane Best, deceased.

III Viletta Bilheimer, born June 3, 1842, married to Henry Steckel. One child. Wilson Steckel, married to Mary Krack.

Catharine Laufer, daughter of Peter, the Revolutionary shoemaker, was married a second time in 1812, to Balthaser Heiney, with whom she lived twenty-nine years in married life. He was a farmer of Petersville, Pa., born Jan. 2, 1764; died Nov. 20, 1872, aged 78 years, 9 months, 12 days. Four children.

(1) Julia Heiney, born Sept. 10, 1818. Married in 1837 to Ephriam Young by Rev. Mensing. He was born Dec. 14, 1818, died Nov. 30, 1904. Aged 86 years, 11 months, 6 days. He was a merchant in Petersville, Pa. Julian Heiney died Jan. 4, 1847. Two children.

Amandus Young, born Aug. 18, 1838, died Nov. 27, 1840.



Henrietta Young, born Jan. 4, 1847. Married to Harry, Boyer, of Easton, Pa.

(2) Harriet Heiney. Married to George W. Heiney, of Pe-

tersville, Pa., by Rev. Becker. Interred at Stone Church.

(3) Rebecca Heiney, married to Reuben Fenstermaker, of Catasauqua, Pa., by Rev. Becker. Five children.

(a) Amanda Fenstermaker married to Adviana Hess.

Went west.

- (b) Rev. Thomas Fenstermaker, of Philadelphia.
- (c) Milton Fenstermaker.
- (d) Katy Fenstermaker, of Catasauqua, Pa.
- (e) Jane Fenstermaker, of Catasauqua, Pa.
- (4). Christina Heiney, born Sept. 1, 1813. Married in 1834 to Reuben Ecichy, of Petersville, Pa., (born Dec. 9, 1812), by Rev. Mensing. She died Jan. 20, 1895. Reuben Beichy died May 29, 1896. Both are interred at Deiters Church. Eleven children.
- (a) Isabella Beichy born Nov. 29, 1835, married to Peter Schofer, of Slatington, Pa., son of George Schofer.
- (b) Christina Beichy, born Dec. 25, 1837, married to Peter Schofer, son of Devalt Schofer, of Klechnersville, Pa.
- (c) Rebecca Biechy born Feb. 2, 1840, married to John Barber, of Danielsville, Pa.
- (d) Sarah L. Biechy, born Mar. 30, 1842, married to-John Reph (deceased), of Petersville, Pa. She died Sept. 26, 1895.
- (e) Martin M. Biechy, born Feb. 24, married to Louisa Fehren, of Siegsfrieds, Pa.
- (f) Gideon Biechy, born Aug. 22, 1846. Married to Anna Eddinger, Petersville, Pa. He died Aug. 21, 1900.
- (g) Amanda Biechy, born Sept. 26, 1848, married to William Eckert, merchant, of Weatherly, Par
- (h) Harrison Biechy, born Sept. 20, 1850, married to Mary Young, Slatington, Pa.

(i) Henrietta Riechy, born Sept. 17, 1832, married to Jacobi Deiter. Siegfrieds, R. F. D. 3.



- (j) William Biechy, born Feb. 27, 1855, of Cherryville, Pa. Married to Susan George.
- (k) Cyrus R. Biechy, born Mar. 25, 1858. Siegfrieds, R. F. D. 3. Married to Sarah Henry.

Susanna Laufer, daughter of Peter Laufer, the Revolutionary schoemaker, was born Dec. 8th, 1782, and died in 1847, aged 65 years. She was married to Andreas Lilly, Petersville, Pa. He died February 17th, 1830, aged 81 years, one month and one day. Five children.

I. William Lilly, born December 31, 1805. Died March 11th, 1871. Married to Mary Ramely by Rev. Mensing. She was born June 26th, 1814. Died August 3, 1853. Ten children. (1) Lovina Lilly, born January 1st, 1845. Married to Geo. Santee (born Dec. 20, 1822. Died Feb. 26th, 1881). To them were born eleven children:

- (a) Mary Santce, born Dec. 18th, 1847. Married to William Smoyer, of Seemsville, Pa.
- (b) John Santee, born Sept. 24th, 1853. Married to Susans Koch, of Bethlehem, Pa.
- (c) James Santee, born Feb. 1st, 1855. Married to Diannaliz Kuntz. P. O. Petersville, Pa.
  - (d) George T. Santee, born March 13, 1957.
- (e) Lucy A. Santee, born Feb. 1st, 1859. Married to Moses Spengler (born April 1st, 1857), Seemsville, Pa.
  - (f) Charles Santee. Infant.
- (g) Amandas Santee, born November 3, 1863, of Siegfreids, Pa. Married to Mary Bartholomew.
- (h) William H. Santee, born Oct. 6th, 1865. Married to Alavesta Bartholomew.
- (i) Robert T. Santce, born Oct. 6th, 1867. Married to Amanda Helick. P. O., Petersville, Pa.
- (j) Amanda L. Santee, born Nov. 5th, 1870. Married to Jacob N. Dankle, of Chapman's Quarries, Pa.
  - (k) Bracila Santee, born Nov. 7th, 1874. Infant.



- (2) Samuel Lilly, son of William Lilly, the son of Susanna Laufer, was married to Elizabeth Bush (born April 7th, 1833; died Aug. 5, 1902), Bethlehem, Pa.
- (3) Charles Lilly, of Stroudsburg, Pa. Married to Sabina Sieger.
- (4) William Lilly, of Bethlehem, Pa., Married to Elizabeth Lacereth.
  - (5) James Lilly, deceased.
  - (6) Amandas Lilly. Killed in the Civil War.
- (7) Edwin Lilly, married to Mary Houser. P. O., Kleeknersvillee, Pa.
  - (8) Tilman Lilly, married to Sarah Hankey.
  - (9) Eliza Lilly, married to Abraham Walk.
  - (10) Martha Lilly, married to George Siegfried.
    - II. Jesse Lilly, son of Susanna Laufer and Andreas Lilly.
- III. Susanna Lilly, daughter of Susanna Laufer and Andreas Lilly, was married to Richard Miller, the tailor, of Allentown, Pa. Seven children.
  - (a) Greta Miller, married to Mr. Horn.
  - (b) Raisy Miller, married to James Yellis.
  - (c) Sophia Miller.
  - (d) Sarah Miller, married to Mr. Fluck.
  - (e) Harry Miller.
  - (f) Charles Miller.
  - (g) Andrew Miller. All residing in Allentown.
- IV. Polly Lilly, married to Daniel Fehnel, of Kleckners-ville, Pa.
- V. Elizabeth Lilly, married to Aaron Steckel. One child, Susanna Steckel, married to Edwin Bartholomew.
- VI. Catherine Lilly, married to Samuel Smith. Three children.
  - (a) William Smith.
  - (b) Susanna Smith, married to James Bilheimer.
  - (c) Mrs. Edelman.



Anna Maria Laufer, daughter of Peter Laufer, the Revolutionary shoemaker, was born Sept. 20, 1792, died March 18th, 1877. Was married to George Marsh by Rev. Mensing. He resided at Klecknersville, Fa., born May 3, 1795, died Sept. 8th, 1859. Six children.

- I. Levina Marsh, born Nov. 4, 1819, married to Charles Bauer, of Klecknersville, Pa., died April 14, 1898. Interred at Moorestown Church. Charles Bauer was born Dec. 8, 1818, died Sept. 23, 1857. Four children.
  - (a) Jacob Bauer.
- (b) Mary Bauer, born Nov. 9, 1848, married to Edwin Balliard, of Klecknersville, Pa.
- (c) Charles Bauer, born March 18, 1850, married to Mary L. Miller (born Oct. 3, 1850). P. O., Klecknersville, Pa.
- (d) John Bauer, born Sept. 6th, 1851, married to Ella Reese. P. O., Moorestown, Pa.
- 11. Jacob Marsh, son of Anna Maria Laufer, daughter of Peter Laufer, the Revolutionary shoemaker, was born in 1820. He was married to Christina Frankenfield (born January 30, 1827; died Aug. 23, 1904). Both are interred at Moorestown Church. Four children.
  - (a) Mary Marsh, married to James Spengler.
  - (b) Hannah Marsh, married to Peter Remmell.
  - (c) Levina Marsh, married to Conrad Deiter.
  - (d) Elizabeth Marsh, deceased.
- III. George Marsh, died May 20, 1896, aged 69 years, four months and one day. Interred at Moorestown Church. Married to Sarah Frankenfield, by whom he had three children.
  - (a) James Marsh.
  - (b) Howard Marsh.
  - (c) Alfred Marsh. All residing at Klecknersville, Pa.
- IV. Mary Marsh, born August 8, 1827, married to Jacob Bauer. Removed to Ohio or Indiana.
- V. Elizabeth Marsh, born December 21, 1832, married to Samuel Fehnel, of Moorestown, Pa., by Rev. Kuntz. Samuel Fehnel was born Sept. 3, 1832. Four children.
- (a) Sarah J. Fehnel, born Nov. 14, 1856, married to John Kunkle, of Bath, Pa.



(b) Emma Fehnel, born May 13, 1859, married to Adam Deiler by Rev. J. Andrews. He was born Sept. 8, 1856. P. O., Petersville, Pa.

(c) Mary A. Fehnel, born Feb. 6th, 1870, married to Eu-

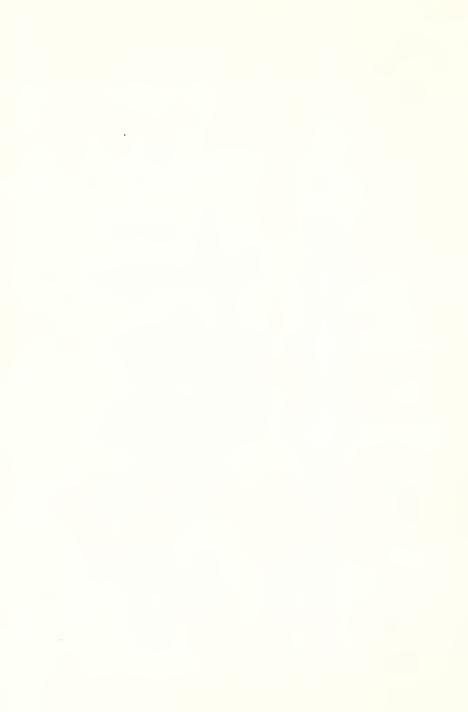
gene Haugenbuch, of Moorestown, Pa. (Born Sept. 19, 1865.

Adam Laufer was a tailor by occupation; he also worked a small farm while living near Petersville, Northampton Co., Pa. In the year 1828 he removed into Monroe Co., and purchased a tract of timber land in the west end of the county, near Pleasant Valley post office. While he worked at his trade, his sons did some farming and humbering; they used up a good deal of the lumber in making flour and whiskey barrels, which were much in demand at that time. Some years lateer, he and three of his sons—Joseph, Samuel and Charles—bought some timber land above the Pocono Mountains, where they operated a saw-mill for some years. After selling this property, he and the younger sons—Peter, Henry and Jonas—ran the farm, he working at his trade until the death of his wife. About this time he sold the home stead to Dr. Heubner, and then made his home with Joseph, his eldest son, until the time of his death.

Charles Lauier, son of Adam, son of Peter, the Revolutionary Shoemaker, born Jan. 10, 1818, died in Broadheadsville, Monroe Co., Pa., Jan. 23, 1902, aged 84 years, and 13 days. He was one of the pioneer settlers of the west end of Monroe

County.

By occupation he was a farmer. He was married in Jan., 1842, to Catharine Shupp, daughter of George and Susannah Shupp; about the same time he purchased sixty-six acres of land from Joseph Teel, near the post office at Broadheadsville, about twenty acres being cleared, and having on it a small one and a half story stone house, with one room below and one upstairs, and a small log barn. On this place he and his wife went to work, clearing several acres each year, until all was cleared. They put up new buildings, and improved the place in every respect. More acres were added, until it became one of the finest farms in the western end of the county. He worked the farm until within a few years of his wife's death, when he sold the homestead to his son, Joseph, and built himself a new home



in the village of Broadheadsville, in which he lived till the time of his death.

In January, 1865, he and his son-in-law, John Wagner, bought the large grist-mill near Broadheadsville, known as the Hufsmith Mill, which they operated, doing business in the name of Laufer & Wagner, doing a large business in flour, feed, grain and lumber. April 1, 1873, he sold his interest in the mill property to his son, Nathan Laufer.

He was an ardent member of the Reformed church, which he liberally supported during his entire life. His life was that of a noble Christian gentleman, and his death that of a faithful follower of Christ. Kind, gentle and generous, his counsel was sought by old and young; and his sterling Christian uprightness influenced many to the better course. He was a regular attendant at all services, and was an office bearer for many years.

His health was remarkable, until the fall preceding his death, when he began to fail. There was no pain nor suffering, he just grew weaker each day, until four days prior to his death.

In his home all were welcomed, and there he dispensed old-fashioned hospitality. He was interred in the Broadheadsville cemetery by the side of his beloved wife, who preceded him home fifteen years. His surviving children were: Charles, Mrs. Annie Wagner, Mrs. Jeremiah Shafer, of Allentown: George and Jacob, of Lehighton; Nathan and Joseph, of Broadheadsville.

Henry Laufer, son of Adam, son of Peter, the Revolutionary Shoemaker, died Dec. 31, 1905, aged So years, five months, one day. He expired at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. John Haney, of Saylorsburg, with whom he made his home during the past eight years. He was a successful farmer in Monroe county, and retired fifteen years ago. The day preceding his death, while waiting his turn in a barber shop, he was stricken with paralysis, and had to be removed home in a carriage. Mr. Laufer was a consistent member of the Reformed church. Interment at Broadheadsville, Pa. He is survived by a son and three daughters: Stewart Laufer of Bath; Mrs. Haney and Miss Emma Laufer, of Saylorsburg, and Mrs. Wolfe, wife of Dr. Horace Wolf, of Providence, R. I.



Rev. Calvin W. Laufer, the recent pastor of the Steinway Reformed Church, Steinway, L. I., and at present pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, West Hoboken, N. J., is a son of Nathan Laufer, of Broadheadsville, Pa.; born April 6, 1876. He had a strenuous time preparing himself for the ministry, and enthusiasm and marked industry have characterized his labors since.

"At the age of seventeen he had prepared himself to teach. The law of Pennsylvania, however, precluded his teaching at that age. Nevertheless, through the 'age blindness' of the local Board of Education, he was appointed a public school teacher.

"His salary was \$23 per month. The school in which he taught was four and a half miles from his home. That distance he walked twice a day, even during the cold winters of 1901 and 1902. Meanwhile his evenings were devoted to Latin and Greek, under the direction of his pastor. Rev. S. F. Laury, and at the end of the first winter he had mastered three books of Cæsar and two books of Xenaphon's "Anabasis." Continuing to teach for another winter and devoting his spare time to study, he graduated from the Fairview Academy at Broadheadsville in the spring of 1903, and received a gold medal for scholarship.

"In the fall of 1893 he entered college with only \$93 in his purse, and in his heart a profound faith in God—determined to win at any price. While in college he played the organ in one of the local churches, gave instruction on the piano to as many as eighteen pupils a week, conducted a choral class, and occasionally wrote verses for the local papers. He graduated from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., in 1897, winning the senior prize debate and \$50 in gold.

"In September, 1897, he entered Union Theological Seminary, and graduated from it in 1900. During his course there he connected himself, for financial reasons, with Rev. Dr. Schauffler in missionary work in the slums, and he became associated with the Rev. Dr. A. H. McKinny, now of Newark, but then pastor of Olivet Church, New York City.

The membership trippled during the five years of his pastorate at Steinway; a membership of only 85 when he took charge, and the Sunday School attendance grew from 275 to 500.











