

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM.

CHAPTER IV.

(b. 1789, d. 1856) m. 1814 Eleanor Stotler (b. 1790, d. 1852)

I. **JOHN L.** (b. 1816, d. 1904) m. 1846 Lucy North (b. 1822, d. 1897). The eldest son of William and Eleanor. He managed to secure sufficient education to teach school which he did for nine terms, after which he located on a farm in Jackson Township where he spent the remainder of his life. From early life he took an active interest in everything looking to the welfare of the community. For 32 years he was a school director and his interest in the cause of education was constantly in evidence. In politics he was a Democrat. He served one year as county auditor and filled various township offices including a service of thirty years as justice of the peace. He was a man of giant stature, strong character and amiable disposition, who enjoyed the confidence and respect of a wide circle of friends. Like many others of his generation he had a passionate love for the family to which he belonged and he seemed to have no greater joy than in laboring for its welfare. The following are his children:

William N. (b. 1850) m. 1862 Mary Westlake, with whom he resides near the old homestead and is engaged in farming. He has held a number of positions of trust and is now a school director thus following his father in the office he had held so long.

Richard Johnson (b. 1854) m. 1901 Julia Whistler. After graduating from Iron City Business College in 1872, he began business as a clerk in Mercer. In 1882 he was elected county recorder. At the end of his term of office he entered the grocery business in Mercer, continuing till 1887 when he formed a partnership with J. N. Donaldson in general mercantile business. From 1894 to 1898 he was postmaster at Mercer, Pa., since which time he has been connected with Luce & Manning, wool dealers. His home is at Mercer, Pa.

J. Madison (b. 1855, d. 1881).

Dan W. (b. 1864) m. 1894 Lu Stewart. Was educated in Grove City College and Iron City Business College; taught school for a time and then entered the general store of Donaldson, Zahner & Co., where he remained till 1891, since which time he has been teller in the First National Bank of Mercer, Pa. He has one child, John Stewart.

G. Albert (b. 1867) m. 1899 Marie McCloy. Was educated in Grove City College and Iron City Business College. After teaching a number of terms he entered the Elmsburg office of the Johnston Harvesting Co., remaining twelve years. At present he is a traveling salesman and resides at Mercer.

Kate M. educated in Grove City College, she entered the profession of teaching. After ten years in the school room, she now resides at the old home.

Samuel S., Amanda M., Mary E., Eva L. reside at the old home.

II. ANDREW JACKSON (b. 1818, d. 1894) m. 1848 Nancy Hosack (d. 1851) "Jackson" spent his entire life in Jackson Township. In his earlier years he taught school and in 1842 bought the farm adjoining that of John L., on which he spent the remainder of his life. In politics he was a democrat and filled many positions of trust. His chief interest centered in his chosen profession and he came to be recognized as one of the most progressive farmers in the community. His one child died in infancy.

III. MICHAEL (b. 1820, d. 1896) m. 1849 Margaret Hagg (d. 1888). He was a farmer by occupation and until they lived on the farm of his father in

Jackson Township. At that time he went to live with his sons in Washington, Pa., where he made his home till his death. He was a life long Democrat and raised all his boys true to that faith. His children are as follows:

Andrew Jackson (b. 1849) m. 1872 Sarah McCullough. In early manhood he learned the machinist's trade at Greenville, Pa., and afterwards opened a shop at Foxburg. From the latter place he moved to Washington, Pa., where he founded the extensive shops with which he is still connected. He has invented a number of valuable mechanical appliances. His children are:

Margaret E. (b. 1873) m. 1891 Wm. D. Brightwell, principal of the public schools of New Brighton, Pa. Her children are: Jack H. (d. 1893), Grace, Wilbur F., Wm. N.

Charles M. (b. 1876) m. 1898 Bessie Hallam. Is a machinist and connected with the shops founded by his father. His children are: George H., Donald J.

Mary B. (b. 1880) m. 1903 John C. Steels, a business man of Washington, Pa.

Francis E. (d. 1882), Sarah Idella and Florence Elsie at home.

Eleanor A. m. 1874 Charles Bromley. Resides at Washington, Pa. Her children are:

Sarah Jane m. 1901 John S. Andrews, an insurance agent of Washington, Pa. Has two daughters, Mary Bithynia and Jean.

M. Catherine m. 1901 James W. P. Hart, editor of the Washington (Pa.) Democrat. Her children are: Eleanor and Evelyn.

William J. m. 1903 Wilhemina Harsh. Is a machinist and resides at Washington, Pa. Has one daughter, Helen Maude.

John Z. m. 1903 Mary Swingle. Is a machinist. Resides at Washington, Pa. Has one daughter, Opal Alydia.

Charles M., a blacksmith, at Waynesburg, Pa., and James Archibald and Raymond Valentine, with their mother at Washington, Pa.

Robert C. (b. 1853) m. 1874 Mary King. Is a farmer by occupation. For a number of years he was located on a part of his father's farm. At present he resides near Pardot, Pa. His children are:

Adda B. m. 1899 Ben A. Dye, with whom she lives near Jackson Centre. Her children are: Roland A. and R. Paul.

Nannie E. (b. 1879) m. 1901 James H. Everhart. Made her home with her aunt, Mrs. R. E. Hessley, in Mercer, till her marriage. Graduated from the Mercer High School in 1899.

and now resides on a farm near Jackson Center, Pa.

Mary Edna m. 1903 Ed. C. Campbell of Fardoe, Pa.

John H., a machinist of Waynesburg, Pa., Deulah E. and Alfred J. at home.

William S. (b. 1856) m. 1883 Ada Alexander. After some years spent in farming on a part of the old homestead, he entered the machine shop with his brother, A. J., at Washington, Pa. He is now a member of the firm of Zahniser Bros., machinists, at Waynesburg. His children are:

Sarah J., stenographer; Clarence A., machinist; Cora B., May J., Josephine P., Norman M. and Margaret L., all of Waynesburg.

M. Rudolph (b. 1855) m. 1887 Winifred E. Lowry. Resides at Washington, Pa., where he owns and operates a foundry. His children are: Leroy S., Julia M., Wilda M., another, Cecil died in infancy.

Valentine O. (b. 1863) m. 1897 May B. Beutler. Educated at Grove City College, and a teacher for several years. Resides at Washington, Pa., where he is manager of the firm of Zahniser Bros., machinists.

John N. (b. 1867) m. 1889 Lottie Edwards (d. 1902), m. 1905 Mae Edwards. Resides at Waynesburg, Pa., where he is a member of the firm of Zahniser Bros., machinists. His children are: Bertha M. and Zella E.

R. Mont. J. (b. 1869) m. 1896 Minnie Caldwell. Is a mechanical engineer, associated with the Pittsburg Gage & Supply Co., and resides at Washington, Pa. His children are: Sarah E. and Margaret Minnie.

Bithynia C. resides with her sister, Eleanor, at Washington, Pa., and is engaged in clothing.

IV. **CATHERINE F.** died in infancy.

V. **WILLIAM NORTH** (b. 1824, d. 1850).

VI. **CATHERINE** (b. 1826, d. 1899) m. 1849 James Hosack (b. 1823, d. 1854), a farmer and mill owner at what is known as "Hosack's Mill" near Jackson Centre, Pa. After the death of her husband she and her children resided with her brother, A. J., where her two sons still live. Her children are:

Thomas O. (b. 1851) m. 1894 Jennie (Gallagher) Hess. He is a prominent farmer widely known for his advocacy of the most advanced methods of farming. He is also active in local politics, being a Democrat.

Ella (b. 1854, d. 1895) was a life-long invalid.

William J. (b. 1853) is associated with his brother in farming.

VII. VALENTINE (b. 1828) m. 1851 Margaret J. Patton (d. 1893). In early life he learned the cabinet maker's trade at which he worked in Mercer, till 1852 when he entered the Mercer Academy, later studying at Westminster College. In 1854 he began teaching in the public schools after which he taught in Conneautville Academy and at Lexington, Ky., where he was principal of the Morion School. With the breaking out of the war he returned north and entered mercantile life in Mercer where he continued till 1880. He then located at Bradford, Pa., where he was manager of a gas company with offices at Eldred, Pa., until the latter part of 1905. He now resides with his daughter, Mrs. Ferry at Auburn, N. Y. Following are his children:

William H. (b. 1866). He received a business education and began business as a shipping clerk in Bradford, Pa. Here he resided till 1891 when he removed to Pittsburg, Pa. He is now engaged in the production of oil with extensive holdings in West Virginia, the Southwest and various other fields.



ARIS ZAHNSIER
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JOSIAH ZAHNSIER
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*Stuart's
grandfather*



MRS. MARY BROADBENT
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Catherine (b. 1869) m. 1905 William I. Ferry, a civil and mechanical engineer with whom she resides at Auburn, N. Y. She is a graduate of Bradford High School and was educated in art at Whitby Female College, Canada.

George L. (b. 1864, d. 1889) and John Patton, died in childhood.

VIII. BITHYNIA (b. 1831) m. 1858 Samuel Hosack (d. 1905), a farmer, with whom she resided near Pardo, Pa. Of her four children, the two oldest, Eleanor and William, died in childhood. The others are:

Catherine m. 1887 F. H. Hawn, who is a prominent merchant of Mercer, Pa. She is the mother of one child, E. Leland.

Edwin m. 1894 Mary Daugberty. Is a farmer and resides at the old home. His children are: Harry, Catherine, Mabel, Pauline and Edwin.

IX. RICHARD M. J. (b. 1836) m. 1859 Elizabeth Hurst (d. 1883) m. 1885 Lillian Sheriff. While yet a mere boy, he entered the employ of Henry Forker druggist, at Mercer, where he remained till 1857 when he became a merchant, later engaging in the lumber business. In 1879 he moved to Somerset County, in 1883 to Mt. Pleasant,

Westmoreland County, and in 1886 to Greensburg, where he resided till 1901. At all these places he was a lumber dealer. Since 1901 he has resided in Pittsburg where he is a real estate agent. He is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. His children are:

Harry H. (b. 1863) m. 1890 Mary Swem. Resides at Greensburg, Pa., where he is engaged in general contracting. His children are: Harry (b. 1893), Frank R. (b. 1894) and Wendell S. (b. 1898).

Frank (b. 1866) m. 1893 Jeannette Suydam. Resides at Greensburg, Pa., where he is engaged in the practice of dentistry. His children are: Elizabeth and Eleanor.

Bertha (b. 1869, d. 1886). Met with a tragic death by being run down by a train while carriage-riding with her affianced lover.

Mary (b. 1878) m. 1899 John S. Lightcap, an attorney, residing at Latrobe, Pa., with offices in Greensburg. Her children are: John S. Jr. and an infant daughter.

Richard S. (b. 1886). Resides with his father and is engaged in railroading, being on the official staff of the P. R. R., with his office in the Union Station, Pittsburg.