

DESCENDANTS OF JACOB.

CHAPTER V.

(b. 1798, d. 1852) m. 1816 Catherine Wright (b. 1790, d. 1861).

- I. **MARGARET** (b. 1817, d. 1897) m. 1854 Rev. James Montgomery (d. 1871). Her early life was spent in Mercer where she was educated in the Mercer Academy. On her marriage she located at Clarion, Pa., where her husband was long the esteemed pastor of the Presbyterian Church, it being the only charge he ever held. There she remained till her death, active in every good work, especially that of the church to which her life was so deeply devoted, and exerting a strong influence over the lives of a wide circle of friends. Following are her children:

Catherine Z. (b. 1855) m. 1885 Thomas Raine. She was educated in Hollidaysburg Seminary where she graduated in 1874. After her marriage she resided in Clarion till 1891 when the family removed to Empire, Pa., remaining there till 1905 when they moved to Evanwood, W. Va., where they now reside. Her

children are: James Montgomery, a student at Lehigh University; Mary Zahniser, a student at Birmingham, Pa.; Paul W. (d. 1888), Joseph W. and J. Thomas.

Mary S. (b. 1859) m. 1898 Lucian B. Wilson, a lumber dealer, with whom she resides at Creston, Iowa. She has two children: James M. and Margaret C.

II. WILLIAM (b. 1821, d. 1901) m. 1858 Elizabeth Caldwell (d. 1869), m. 1871 Caroline Forster (d. 1871). Was born in Mercer, Pa., where he was actively engaged in mercantile pursuits for many years. His eyes began failing some twenty years before his death, which compelled him to retire. For fifteen years he was totally blind, which misfortune he bore with patience. He was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, and took a live interest in all public interests. The following are his children, of whom the first three were by his first wife:

James Edward died in 1865 at the age of 6 years.

Catharine Elizabeth (b. 1862, d. 1887) m. 1886 Milton Kerr (d. 1895), with whom she resided in Omaha, Nebraska, until her death. She was the mother of one child, Bessie Z., who resides with her grandfather, Mr. A. J. Kerr of Mercer, Pa.

Mary m. 1900 Paul Terhune, a traveling salesman for J. M. Hastings Lumber Co., of Pittsburg, Pa., with whom she resides in Mercer, Pa.

Sam Forster resides with her sister, Mrs. Terhune in Mercer, Pa.

III. GEORGE W. (b. 1823, d. 1889) m. 1854 Jane Farker (d. 1859), m. 1864 Kate Gaston (d. 1864), m. 1866 Mrs. Elizabeth McGill. Was educated in the old Mercer Academy and Washington & Jefferson College where he graduated in 1846 in the same class with James G. Blaine. The year following he tutored in that institution after which he conducted a classical school in Lexington, Ky., for about two years. He then took a course of study in Princeton Theological Seminary and soon after entered the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, locating at Conneautville, Pa., where he remained eight years. He then removed to Huntingdon City where he preached from 1859 to 1856 when he returned to Conneautville for a second pastorate of one year. Thereafter he took no regular pastorates but resided in Mercer and supplied various churches for short periods. Both prior to and during his ministry he gave much time to teaching in public and private schools. The following are his children, of whom the eldest was the daughter of his first wife, and the others were his last wife's children:

THE ZAHNISERS

Mary (b. 1856) m. 1882 Herman Frankel, a merchant and banker, of Mercer, where they reside. She is the mother of one child: Margaretha Clara.

George B. (b. 1868) m. 1902 Ruth Agnew. He is a graduate of Lehigh University. He is a civil engineer, with offices in New Castle, Pa. He has one child: Elizabeth.

Albert W. (b. 1882) m. 1905 Hannah O. Barton, is a graduate of Lehigh University. Is a mechanical engineer and resides at Avonlon, Pa.

Catherine G. resides with her mother in Mercer.

IV. **MICHAEL** (b. 1830) m. 1854 Christiana McGill. He was educated in the public schools of Mercer, Pa., and was a student of medicine at Philadelphia when his father's death compelled him to return to Mercer, where along with his brother, William, he took control of his father's store. In 1864 he entered the banking business with which he is still connected, being now vice president of the Merchants and Manufacturers National Bank of Sharon, Pa. He is an active member of the Presbyterian Church and has for half a century been prominent in Free Masonry in which he has occupied some of the highest chairs. He is the father of two children, one of whom died in childhood, the other is:



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MATILDA ZAHRISER
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MRS. ELEANOR CALDWELL
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JOHN ZAHRISEK AND WIFE
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Charles M. (b. 1856)m. 1895 Elizabeth Somerville.
He was educated at La Fayette College and is
a traveling salesman with headquarters in Chi-
cago, Ill.