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“Oh, who shall lightly say that fame  
Is nothing but an empty name;  
While in that name there is a charm,  
The nerves to brace, the heart to warm,  
When thinking on the heroes dead,  
The youth shall rouse from slothful bed.  
And vow with uplift hand and heart,  
Like him to act a noble part.”

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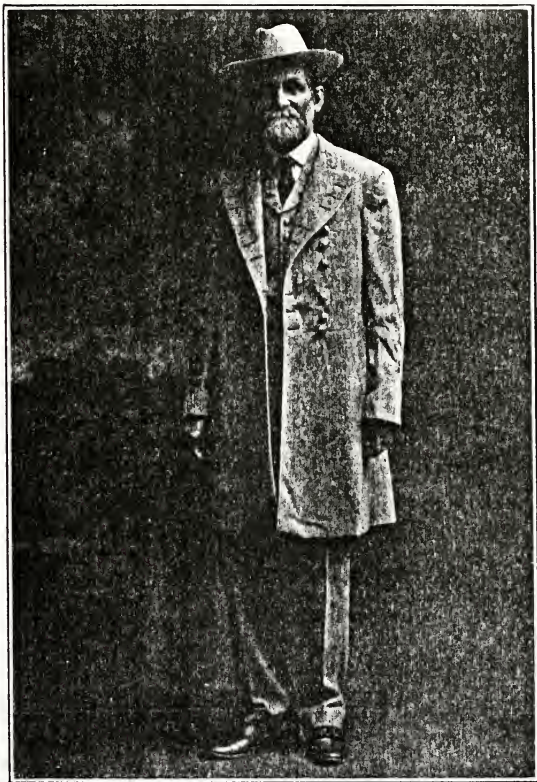


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## PREFACE

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The loftiest appeal to national honor and self-respect is to preserve the features and rescue from the wasting hand of time the memory of those whose noble deeds, exalted fame or eminent virtues have shed a luster upon their age.

There is no surer sign of a general decay of virtue in a nation than a want of zeal in its inhabitants for the good of their country, and it is the duty of every loyal American to learn the lesson that he has inherited a country which is his, not only to enjoy, but to protect, his to transmit to future generations in all its glory, undiminished and unimpaired. High in the firmament of human destiny are set the stars of faith in mankind and unselfish courage and loyalty to the ideals, and while these shine the spirit and the hope of Washington and the heroes who fought with him will never die.

The majority of our Revolutionary ancestors were zealous Christians driven from their country on account of their religion. Their trust in God as the Overruler of the destiny of nations was unwavering and no doubt the spirit of God was guiding the human mind when the foundation stone upon which the great structure of American independence was erected and the same spirit which qualified men to set forth truth without error.

The principal aim of this history is to preserve to posterity all facts worthy of preservation relating to our ancestry and their kin down to the present time, a book of record whereby our descendants one hundred years hence may be able to trace their ancestry from the birth of our nation. The author also has in view the building of a great national Clan composed of all McDowell's and their kin in the United States and Canada. The McDowell Clan of America held its first national meeting in San Francisco, July 23d, 1915, adopted a constitution and by-laws and elected officers. The Irvine Society of America met the next day in the same hall and elected the author Historiographer for the Irwin Society; therefore this history represents both organizations.





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# The McDowell Heraldic Chapter and Coats of Arms





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# CHAPTER I

## HERALDRY

BY

IRWIN MCMAHON

Items of heraldry, coats of arms, etc., connected with the Irwins, Irvines, Irvings, etc., regardless of how the name is spelled.

The photographs of the several coats of arms in my possession belonging to the Clan, while they are many, can be largely increased; the simplest and plainest of them are the oldest, and belong to the oldest families.

“As to supporters,” Chassaneus says, “an heritage sheriff or an eminent judge may take supporters; and I crave liberty to assert that all our chiefs of families and old barons of Scotland may use supporters. For beside that to be a chief was of old, and is still, reputed an honor, though it is adorned with no mark of nobility, yet these chiefs have prescribed a right to use supporters; and that such a right may be prescribed I have proven formerly; and what warrant is for most of our rules in heraldry but an ancient custom? And that they have constantly used supporters past all memory of man, even when they were knights, is clear from many hundred instances. Thus the Lairds of Pictur did, and do, use two wild cats for their supporters; Fotheringham of Powrie, two naked men; Irvine of Drum, two savages, wreathed about head and loins with holly and bearing batons in their hands; Monerieff of that ilk, two men armed at all points, bearing picks on their shoulders; and many of our noblemen have only retained the supporters which they originally had; and that of old barons might use supporters *de jure* seems most certain, for they were members of Parliament with us as such, and never lost that privilege, though for their convenience they were allowed to be represented by two of their number, and therefore such as were barons for that time may have supporters as well as lord barons; nor should we be governed in this by the custom of England, seeing them in dispar ratio, and this is now allowed by the principal herald to judge at the time who have right.”

As far as known, Irving of Bonshaw never quartered anybody else's arms with his. William Irving, the great-great-grandfather of Col. John Bauffin Irving, the present holder of Bonshaw (1916), in 1698 married the eldest daughter of Lord Kollo, but did not quarter the royal arms with his, though other families who intermarried with the Irving Clan did quarter the Irving arms with theirs. In the





“Black Douglas” memorial window in Glasgow Cathedral the Irwin, Irvine, Irving and other ways of spelling the name, coat of arms—three holly leaves on a silver ground—is in the center. In the illustrated “Pedigree of Erskine of Dun Forfarshire,” the Irving coat and crest are given.

All this, and what follows of an official heraldic character, has been taken from “Nisbet’s Heraldry,” 1804; Burke’s “General Armory,” 1844; “Scottish Arms, 1370-1678;” David Lindsey, etc.

Burke and Nisbet give:

Irving (Bonshaw, Scotland), a family of great antiquity, which has possessed Bonshaw from the remotest period.

Argent, three holly leaves, slipped vert. Crest, a mailed hand grasping a bunch of seven holly leaves. Motto, “Haud ullis labentia ventis.”

Translation of motto, “Not wavering before any storm.”

Heraldic M. S. (James VI’s reign).

Irvyn of Drum:

Argent, three holly leaves, vert, stalks uppermost. (This was evidently to make a difference from Bonshaw, as before that they used same—three leaves, stalks down.)

“Gentlemen’s Arms” (Charles I’s reign).

Irvine of Drum—Lindsay, Balfour, Porteous, etc.—all give: Argent, three holly leaves, vert. Here there are three small bundles of holly each, consisting of as many leaves, slipped vert, banded gules (so registered 1672-8), with crest, a bundle of nine holly leaves. Motto:

“Sub sole, sub umbra virtus;” and two savages, wreathed about the head and middle with holly, holding a baton in each hand, all proper, as supporters.

Translation of motto, “Thriving under sun and shade.”

The seal of Alexander Irvine of Belties, 1483, is described by Mr. Laring as two cross crosslets fitchee, surmounted a fess between three bunches of holly leaves.

Porteous gives for Drum “Aliter of Bonshaw,” and Stacie gives for Bonshaw, Argent, three holly leaves, proper or vert, with three or five drops of blood at each of them. The coat recorded (1672-8) by William of Bonshaw is, Argent, three holly leaves proper. In the Lyon Register the numerous matriculations of cadets all carry out the distinction—those descended from Bonshaw having three holly leaves, and those from Drum three bunches of leaves.

Robert I, in 1323, granted to William de Irwin part of the royal forest of Drum in free forestry, and in the following year granted him a second charter of the same lands as a free barony. In 1388 Alexander of Irwyne, Lord of Drum, purchased the park of Drum from John Moigne. The family suffered heavily during the civil war, and in 1684, as a recompense, the tenure of the land they held ward was changed from simple ward to taxed ward.

Robert de Hirewine witnessed a charter of Alexander II in 1226,



and one of Gameline, Bishop of St. Andrews, is witnessed by Robert de Irwyn about 1260. Reginald de Irwin was archdeacon of Tevitsdale in 1242. William of Irwyn was clerk of the register in 1329, and about the same time Roger of Irwyn was clerk of the King's wardrobe. Thomas de Irvine was on committees of Parliament in 1368-9, Alexander of Drum sat in the General Council, 1441, and the heads of the family were very frequently afterwards in Parliament. John Irvine sat as Despute Marischal in 1584. The male line of Bonshaw has remained unbroken (is still unbroken, 1918).

The present Alexander Forbes-Irvine of Drum is understood to be the heir-male of the Aberdeenshire line, although the estate, under an entail executed in 1687 by Alexander of Drum, passed for a time to younger branches, to the exclusion of the Irvines of Shaphoek.

Alexander, the last of this line, married Barbara Dundas of that ilk, and had Margaret, who "died young at the school in Edinburgh, and lies in Dundas isle." At the funeral (in 1742) of this young lady, her eight quarters were duly represented, and the undifferenced coat, in a lozenge with the supporters, was allowed as her own arms, her father being "heir-male of Irvine of Drum." Her sister, Mary, inherited Shaphoek, married in 1774 Sir Alexander Ramsey, baronet of Balmain, and died s. p. Her husband assumed the surname of Irvine in addition to and after Ramsay.

From the Irvings of Saba, in Orkney, seated there from 1440 (a branch from Drum, who were a branch from Bonshaw) descended Washington Irving.

George Irving, designed of "Tullieh," went to Sweden as a military officer, and was recognized as noble in 1647. His son Alexander of Irvingholm rose to high rank in the army, and married Agnes Patkull, maid of honor to Queen Christiana.

As to how the Irvines of Drum got their coat and motto is told as follows in a book called the "Walks in Annandale."

"The Irvings of Drum are a very ancient branch of the Bonshaw family. Sir Robert de Brus, heritable Lord of Annandale and keeper of Lochmaben Castle, flying from the pursuit of Edward Longshanks, came one stormy night to the Bonshaw tower, where he was hospitably entertained. He took a younger son of the family, Sir William of Woodhouse, to be his secretary and companion; as a reward for his services, the King, when seated on the throne, conferred upon him the lands of the forest of Drum, and the prickling bay tree, or holly, for his armorial bearings, with the motto, "Sub sole, sub umbra virescens" (which, when translated, reads, "Thriving under sun and shade"), which was the motto the King himself had assumed during the period he contended for the crown."

Irving, Sir Paulus AK Milus (Woodhouse, Dumfriesshire), Bart., 1809: Argent, three holly leaves, vert in chef, a mullet gules. Crest: (1) A chapeau gules, turned up ermine, wreathed around the crown with holly; or, (2) a dexter arm armed and embowed proper, charged with mullet gules holding a branch of three holly leaves vert, banded



gules. Supporters, two savages, wreathed head and middle with laurel, each holding a club over his shoulder, all proper. Mottoes: "Haud ullis labentia ventis" and "Sub sole, sub umbra vireens."

Translations read, "Thriving under sun and shade."

Irving (Burleigh, 1735), as Drum, with a crescent in fess point. Crest, a dexter hand holding a holly branch consisting of three holly leaves proper. Motto:

"Sub sole, sub umbra vireens."

Translation, "Thriving under sun and shade."

Irvine (Gottenburg, 1757), Drum with a bordure nebuly, vert. Crest, a dexter hand holding two holly branches of three leaves each crossways proper. Motto:

"Color fides que perennis."

Translation, "Character and honor forever."

Irvine (Dublin, 1797), as Drum, within a bordure gules. Crest, a dexter gauntleted hand lying fessways, and holding a thistle erected in pale, all proper. Motto:

"Sub sole, sub umbra vireens."

Translation, "Thriving under sun and shade."

Irvine (Auchinbedridge, Dumfriesshire, 1171), Argent, a hunting horn, stringed, sable, voided, or between three holly leaves vert. Crest, a hand holding a branch of holly whereon are five leaves proper. Motto:

"Nil mihi tollet hyems."

Translation, "Winter does not disturb me."

Irvine (Lowtherstown, County Fermanagh), Bart., extinct 1690, confirmed by Erskine, Lord Lyon, 1673, to Lieutenant-Colonel Gerard Irvine of Castle Fartagh, second son of Christopher Irvine, Esq., of Castle Irvine, who was created a baronet in 1677.

Argent, a fess gules between, three holly leaves vert. Crest, a gauntlet issuing out of a cloud holding a thistle, all proper. Motto: "Dum memor ipse mei."

Translation, "While he is mindful of me."

Irvine (Killadeos, County Fermanagh, descended from John Irvine; died in 1716, a brother of Christopher Irvine, Esq., of Castle Irvine), same arms and crest. Motto:

"Sub umbra, sub sole virens," and over crest, "Dum memor ipse mei."

Translation of first, "Flourishing under sun and shade." Translation of second, "While he is mindful of me."

Irvine (Mervyn D'Arcy-Irvine), exemplified to Henry Irvine, Esq., of Castle Irvine, County Fermanagh, eldest son and heir of William D'Arcy Irvine, Esq., of Necarne Castle, same county, on his assuming by royal license, 1861, the surnames of Mervyn and D'Arcy before that of Irvine. Quarterly, first and fourth argent, a fess gules between three holly leaves vert, for Irvine; second, azure semeé of cross crosslets and three cinquefoils argent for D'Arcy; third, or a chevron sable for Mervyn.



Crests: (1) Irvine, a gauntlet issuing out of a cloud and holding a thistle, all proper; an escroll above, motto over, "Un Dieu, un Roi." (2) D'Arey, on a chapeau gules, turned up ermine, a bull passant sable, armed, or (3), Merwyn, a squirrel seant proper, cracking a nut gules; motto over, "De Dieu est tout." Motto, "Dum memor ipse mei."

Translation: First, Irvine, "Un Dieu, un Roi;" second, D'Arey, "De Dieu est tout;" third, Mervyn, "Dum memor ipse mei."

Irving (Hyde Park Square, granted to Clark Irving, Esq.) Argent, on a chevron gules between three holly leaves vert, as many mullets as six points of the field, a bordure of the second on a chief azure fleece or between to emus respectant proper. Crest, a cornucopia fessways proper, in front of an arm embowered in armour, also proper, holding a holly leaf vert. Motto, "Sub sole, sub umbra virens."

Translation, "Thriving under sun and shade."

Irwin (Derrygore, County Fermanagh, confirmed to Edward Irwin, Esq., only surviving son of Archeson Irwin and grandson of George Irwin, Esq., of Derrygore, and their descendants). Argent, a mural crown gules between three holly leaves proper. Crest, a mailed arm fessways holding in the hand a thistle and a holly leaf, all proper, and charge on the arm with a crescent gules. Motto:

"Nemo me impune lacessit."

Translation, "No one assail me with impunity."

Irwin (exemplified to James Daniel Nolan, Esq., on his assuming by royal license the name and arms of Irwin instead of Nolan). Per pale argent, or on a fess gules between three holly leaves vert, as many maitlets of the first.

Crest, a dexter arm in armor, fessways, issuant out of a cloud, the hand holding a sword erect, entwined with a thistle, all proper, the arm charged with a cross pater gules. Motto:

"Dum memor ipse mei."

Translation, "While he is mindful of me."

Irwin (Tuarago, County Sligo, descended from John Irwin, of Scottish ancestry, who held a command in the Parliamentary army under Cromwell, and settled in Ireland; the present representative is John Irwin of Tauragoe, Esq., Colonel of the county militia, and high sheriff in 1822. Arms same as Irving of Bonshaw and Irwin of Derrygore, County Fermanagh. Crest, a hand issuing out of a cloud, grasping a branch of thistle proper. Motto:

"Nemo me impune lacessit."

Translation, "No one assails me with impunity."

Irwin (as borne by Thomas Irwin of Childer Abby, Cumberland, Esq., high sheriff of the county in 1836, son of the late Thomas Irwin of Johnstown (Justetown), near Carlisle, Esq., by Jane his wife, daughter of John Senhouse of Calder Abbey, Esq.). Argent, three holly leaves proper, with arms of Senhouse on an escutcheon of pretence, Mr. Irwin having urged Mary, only daughter and heir





of Joseph Tiffin Senhouse of Calder Abbey, Esq. Crest, the dove and olive branch proper. Motto:

"*Haud ullis labentia ventis.*"

Translation, "Not wavering before any storm."

Irwin, Irwyne, or Irewine (Ireland). Argent, a chevron between three roses azure. Crest, a mullet pierced or.

Irvine (Lieutenant-General Sir John, installed Knight of the Bath, May 10, 1779). Argent, three bunches of holly, of as many leaves each vert, tied gules, the strings floutant; on the center a crescent for difference. Crest, an arm, coupé above the wrist in armor proper, lying fessways, holding in the gauntlet a bunch of holly, as in the arms a crescent for difference. Supporters, two savages wreathed about the head and loins with holly leaves, each holding in the exterior hand a club erect, all proper, each club enfiled with a ducal coronet azure. Motto:

"*Sub sole, sub umbra virens.*"

Translation, "Flourishing under sun and shade."

Irvine (Castle Irvine, County Fermanagh), Bart. Descendant from the Irvings of Bonshaw; of the Irish branch was Sir Gerard Irvine, created a baronet (20, Charles II). His present representative is Sir George Marcus D'Arcy Irvine, Bart., son and heir of William Mervyn Irvine of Castle Irvine, Esq., by his wife, a daughter of George S. Lowther of Kilrue County, Meath, Esq., M. P., and grandson of Christopher Irvine of Castle Irvine, Esq., by Mary, his wife, second daughter and co-heir of Sir Audley Mervyn of Trillick Castle, County Tyrone, knight. Argent, a fess gules between three holly leaves proper. Crest, a dexter arm in armor, fessways, issuant out of a cloud, hand proper holding a thistle, also proper. Motto:

"*Dum memor ipse mei.*"

Translation: "While he is mindful of me."

Although there has already been given one of the Irvings of Woodhouse, Bart., this is given because it is different:

Irving (Woodhouse, Dumfriesshire, Bart.), Argent, three holly leaves, Vert, a maitlet for difference. Crest, (1) a chapeau gules up ermine, wreathed round the crown with oak, or, (2) a dexter armed and embowered proper, gamished or holding in hand two holly leaves, as in the arms.

Irving (Navy Pay Officer, and of Newton, Lanarkshire, Scotland): Argent, three sprigs of holly slipped vert, a mullet for difference or an escutcheon of pretence. Argent, a cross of St. Andrew, engrailed sable. Crest, a sheaf of three arrows; points upward, banded, a mullet for difference. Motto:

"*Sub, sole, sub umbra virens.*"

Translation: "Thriving under sun and shade."

Irving: Argent on an escutcheon argent, a saltire, engrailed sable between three holly branches of as many leaves, vert. Crest: Three arrows tied around with a ribbon gules.

Irving or Irfine: Argent, three bunches of holly in each as many



leaves, vert. banded gules. Crest, out of ducal coronet per pale argent and azure, a lion's paw, per fesse or an gules, holding a cross crosslet fitchee of the last.

The following are from Nisbet's "Heraldry" 1804:

Alexander Irvine of Drum: Argent, three small sheafs or bundles of holly, 2 and 1 vert., each, consisting of as many leaves slipped of the last, banded gules. Crest, a sheaf of arrows. Supporters, two savages, wreathed about the head and middle with holly, each carrying in their hands a baton, all proper.

Motto: "Sub sole, sub umbra virens."

Translation: "Thriving under sun and shade."

James Irvine of Aitamford, whose father was third son of Drum: Argent, three holly leaves, each consisting of as many leaves proper, banded gules with a bordure indented vert. Crest, two holly leaves crossing other Saltier vert. Motto:

"Sub sole vireusco."

Translation: "I flourish in the sun."

Christopher Irvine, M. D., doctor of physic: Argent, three holly leaves and a chief vert. Crest, a hand holding a bay rod, adorned with nine leaves proper with the chemical letters of Terra, Aqua, Ignis Sal, Spiritus, Sulphur, Sol, Venus, Mercurian or. Motto:

"Auspice summo numi ne"—1672.

First translation:

Second Translation: "Protected by a high deity.

This is "Christophorus Irvines Bon-Boscoe."—J. B. I.

James Irvine of Inchray: Argent, a chevron between three holly leaves vert. Crest, two holly branches Saltier-ways proper. Motto:

"Sequitur vestigia patrum."

Translation: "He leads in the footsteps of his ancestors."

Robert Irvine of Fedderet, whose father was a second son of Drum: Argent, three holly branches, each consisting of as many leaves, proper, banded gules all within a bordure ingrailed vert. Crest, a bunch of holly banded as the former. Motto:

"Ope solis et umbrae."

Translation: "With the aid of sun and shade."

John Irvine of Kingcousie, descended of Drum: Quarterly first and fourth argent, the arms of Drum with a bordure cheque, vert. and argent; second and third argent, and eagle displayed sable, armed gules, within a bordure of the second, for Ramsey. Crest: A decussis like the letter X, within a circle sable. Motto:

"Non Deo Regi et Patriae Desum."

Translation: "I do not fail God, King or country.

Mr. Robert Irvine of Bieldside, second lawful son of John Irvine of Multe, descended of a third son of Drum. Argent, a sheaf or arrow gules betwixt three holly branches, each consisting of as many leaves vert, banded together of the second, all within a bordure of the third. Crest, three holly leaves conjoined in one stalk. Motto:

"Moderata durant."



Translation: "They abide temperately."

Alexander Irvine of Lairnie, descended of Drum, bears as Drum, all within a bordure vert., charged with six leaves slipped argent. Crest, a branch of holly and a lily, both slipped, crossing other in Saltier proper. Motto:

"Candide et constanter."

Translation:

Mr. Richard Irvine of Cairnfield, Bauffshire, descended of Drum, quarterly, first and forth the arms of Drum, within a bordure engrailed vert., second and third gules, three crescents argent for Oliphant. Crest, a cross crosslet fitched gules and branch of holly slipped vert., disposed Saltier ways. Motto:

"Ferendo ferēs."

Translation:

Irvine of Lenturk, the oldest cadet of Drum, bears as Drum within a bordure vert. Crest, sheaf of holly consisting of seven leaves and banded gules of the former. Motto:

"Fedeque perennant."

Translation:

John Irvine of Murthill: Argent, a sheaf of arrows, gules between three holly branches, each consisting of three leaves proper, banded together of the second. Motto:

"Sub sole, sub umbra crescens."

Translation:

Copy of the blazoning of the coat armorial appertaining to Lieutenant-Colonel Gerard Irvine of Castle Fartagh (now Castle Irvine) 1673.

To all and sundrie whom it affects, I, Sir Charles Araskin of Cambo Knight Baronet Lyon King of Arms.

"Considering that the twentieth act of the third session of the second parliament of our dread Sovereigne, Lord Charles the second. Be the grace of God, King of Scotland, England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, I am empowered to visit the whole armes of noblemen, Prelats, Barons and Gentlemen within the Kingdome. And to distinguish them with congruent difference. And to matriculate the same into my books and registers. And to give armes to virtuous and well deserving personnes. And extracts of all armes expressing the blazoning of the armes under my hand and seal of office, which register is therby ordained to be respected as the true and unrepealable rule of all arms and bearings in Scotland to remain with the Lyon's office as a public register of the Kingdome. Therefore conform to the tenor of the said act of Parliament, I testify and make knowne that the Coat Armour appertaining and belonging to Lieutenant-Colonel Gerard Irvine of Castle Fartagh, and approved of and confirmed by me to him to matriculate in my public register, upon the day and the date of these presents, and is thus blazoned, viz:—

The said Lieutenant-Colonel Gerard Irvine of Castill Fartagh,



for his achievements and ensigne armorial, Bears argent a fess gules betwixt three holly leaves vert. Above the shield an helmet befitting his degree. Mantles gules doubled argent next is placed on toise or wreath of his colors. For his crest a gauntlet issuing out of a cloud holding a thistle proper. The motto is an escrol

"Dum memor ipse mei."

Which coat above blazoned I declare to be said Lieutenant-Colonel Gerard Irvine his coat and bearing. In testimonie whereof, I have subscribed this extract with my hand, and caused appended my seal of office thereto. Given at Edinburg the first day of September and of our said Sovereigne Lord's reign the twenty-fifth year 1673.

"CHARLES ARIAKINE LYON."

(This is on parchment eight inches long and six inches wide, and has from the center of the bottom two narrow white ribbons and two green ribbons about a foot long.)

John Bell-Irving, Esq., Whitehall, Dumfriesshire. Arms, quarterly, first and fourth three holly leaves, proper; second and third sable, on a fess irmine, between three bells. Crest, a dexter arm embowered in armour, the hand grasping two holly branches in Saltier and proper. Motto:

"Sub sole, sub umbra virens."

Translation:

#### KNIGHTAGE.

(From De Brett.)

Irving, Sir (John) Henry Brodrigg, son of the late Samuel Brodrigg, of Chilton, Somerset; born 1838; educated at Dr. Pinche's school, George Lard, Lombard street, D. Lit. and LL.D., Cambridge and Glasgow; entered dramatic profession 1856, and has long been its acknowledged head; is a member of the Royal Institution, and a distinguished exponent of Shakespearean and other characters; for twenty-one years actor-manager of the Lyceum Theater; has successfully produced "Hamlet," "Macbeth," "Othello," "Richard III," "The Merchant of Venice," "Much Ado About Nothing," "Twelfth Night," "King Lear," "Henry VIII," "The Bells," "Louis XI," "The Cup," "Faust," "Becket," "The Dead Heart," "The Lyons Mail," "The Corsican Brothers," "Ravenswood," "King Arthur," "A Story of Waterloo," "Robespierre," "Cymbeline" and other pieces; received royal license, 1887, to enable him to continue to use surname of Irving in addition to and after that of Brodrigg; married 1869, Florence, daughter of Surgeon-General Daniel James O'Callaghan, Bengal Army; created knight in 1895. 17 Stratton Street, W.; Athenaeum, Garrick, Reform, Marlborough, Savage and Saville Clubs.

Sir Henry Brodrigg Irving, who died October 14, 1905, had no blood connection whatever with any branch of the Irvings.

Irving, Sir Henry Turner, G. C. M. G., son of the late Charles M. Irving, Esq.; born 1833, appointed clerk in Colonial office in 1854;





was private secretary of Baron Blackford (Under Secretary of State for Colonies) 1862-6; Colonial Secretary of Jamaica 1869, and of Ceylon 1869; Governor of Leeward Islands 1873-4, of Trinidad 1874-80, and of British Guiana 1882-7; married, 1884, Emma Patty, daughter of Sir David William Barelay, tenth Bart., and widow of Colonel Sir Henry Frederick Johnson, third Bart.; created C. M. G. 1874, K. C. M. G. 1878, G. C. M. G. 1888. 10 Trinity. Crescent. Folkstone, Reform Club.

#### COMPANIONAGE.

Irving, Lieutenant-Colonel Andrew Bell, D. S. O.; born 1855, entered R. A. 1875, became captain 1883, major 1891, and lieutenant-colonel 1900; served during Afghan war, 1878-80; present at battle of Kandahar (mentioned in dispatches, medal with clasp), and in South Africa, 1900-2 (twice mentioned in dispatches); created D. P. O. 1900.

Irvine, Charles John, C. M. G.; born 1831; was a clerk in Colonial Land and Emigration Office 1852-3, and in Audit Office, Somerset House, 1853-61, when he was appointed Auditor-General of the Straits Settlements, and a M. E. C. and M. L. C. of the Colony 1867; was acting Lieutenant-Governor of Malacca in 1870 and in 1877; acting Colonial Secretary in 1871-2, 1875-6, 1878 and 1883-4; and acting Lieutenant-Governor of Penang in 1879-80; appointed resident Councillor of Malacca 1879, and of Penang 1882, returned 1887; married 18—, created C. M. G. 1881, Hilllands, Tiverton, Devon

Irving, Major Lewis Erskine Wentworth, D. S. O., son of Sir Aemilius Irving, K. C. M. G., treasurer of law society, Canada; born 1868; M. D. and C. M. 1900; became lieutenant, Royal Canadian Artillery 1890, captain 1891, and brevet major 1901; served in South Africa 1899-1900 (mentioned in dispatches, brevet major, D. S. O.); created D. S. O. 1900, Toronto, Canada.

Irwin, Lieutenant-Colonel De La Cherois Thomas, C. M. G.; son of John R. Irwin, Esq., Y. P. of Carnagh House, County Armagh; born 1843; educated at Royal Military Academy, Woolwich; entered R. A. 1861, became captain 1873, major 1881, and honorary lieutenant-colonel (retired) 1882; joined Canadian militia 1872, became inspector of artillery at headquarters, Canada, 1894; served during Fenian riots, 1866 (medal with clasp); was honorary aide-de-camp to Governor-General of Canada (Right Honorable E. Minto); is Secretary of the Canadian Patriotic Fund Association; married 1867, Isabella, eldest daughter of Robert Hamilton, Esq., of "Hainwood," Quebec; created C. M. G. 1901. 170 Cooper Street, Ottawa; Carnagh House, County Armagh, Rideau (Canada) Club.

Irwin, George Robert, C. S. T., son of the late Henry Irwin, Esq., of Mount Irwin, Tynan, County Armagh; born 1855; educated at Uppingham and Christchurch, Oxford (B. A. 1877); entered T. C. S. 1878; became Assistant Secretary to Governor of India (Foreign De-



partment) 1886; first assistant to resident at Hyderabad, 1892; political agent, Jhalawar, 1893; resident at Jaiper, 1897; and general superintendent of operations for suppression of thuggee and dacoity, 1900; created C. S. T. 1901, East India, United Service and Kildare Street Club.

Irwin, Henry C. T. E., M. T. C. E., son of the late Venerable Henry Irwin, Archdeacon of Elphin Killerkin, County Roscommon; born 1841; entered office of Surveyor-General of Coast Guard building (Department of Director of Works), Admiralty, 1864; Public Works Department of Ceylon 1866 and India 1868; appointed Executive Engineer of Magpur, Central Provinces, 1872; superintendent of works, Imperial Circle, Simla, 1881; superintending engineer and secretary (Public Works Department) to the agents to the Governor-General for Rajputana and Central India, 1888, and consulting architect to Madras Government, 1889; retired 1896; married, 1871, Henrietta Helen, daughter of the Reverend Robert Irwin, of Rathore, County Meath; created C. T. E., 1888, United Service (Simla) and Madras Clubs.

#### ON THE SPELLING OF THE NAME.

“The name of ‘Erivine,’ or contracted ‘Irving’ or ‘Irvine,’ comes from the ancient Celto-Sythick word ‘Erin-viene’ or ‘Erin-fiene,’ which signifieth a ‘true or brave Westland man;’ for ‘Erin,’ both in the old Gaelic and Welsh language, signifieth the ‘west’ (and therefore Ireland is at this day called ‘Erin’ both by its ancient inhabitants and those of Albion, because its situation is west of Albion). ‘Viene’ or ‘fiene’ signifieth ‘himself,’ which, by way of excellency, is as much as to say, ‘a resolute or worthy man.’”

It may be well to here add that the earliest inhabitants of Britain were the Celts, who formed the vanguard in the great westward migration of the Indo-European or Aryan nations.

This family was divided into two branches, the Gaelic and the Cymric. To the Gaelic belonged the Irish and the Highlanders of Scotland, and the Cymric, the Welsh and the inhabitants of Brittany, and to these may be added the ancient Gauls, whose language proved them to belong to the Cymric, and the Gaelic races.

The Celts were people of the forest. They were the primitive inhabitants of the south and west of Europe, and came to Ireland at different times and places from Britain.

The Gaelic branch of the Celtic family came from the Isle of Man, in Wales, which with England comprises the Southern portion of Great Britain. The seas which encircle it are the German ocean or North sea, with the Atlantic ocean on the west and south.

In Ireland the Gaelic language prevailed, and was the language of nearly half a million of Scotch Highlanders.

The Irish branch of the Cymric race came from Turkey, near where Constantinople now stands, and the Piets were the ancient peo-



ple of Scotland, who in the later days of the Roman power in Britain appeared as dangerous invaders of the Roman Province. Along with them were the Scots, known at that time as the people from Ireland.

The question where the Caledonians came from is rather clouded. Some writers claim they were Welsh; others that they were Gauls (Scottish Highlanders) from the dunes and hills; others that they were of German origin, and others that they belonged to the British branch of the great Celtic family.

For a whole century after the death of Severus, who died at York in 210, ancient writers were silent regarding Caledonia. In 367 Theodosius, a Roman general, was sent into Britain to defend the Britons of the South against the attack of the men of the North, represented by Ammianicus Marcellinus, as being the Piets divided into two tribes (the Dicaledones and the Victoriones), the Saxons, the Atticotti and the Scots.

The etymology of the word Caledonia has been variously given. Celydd (in Welsh, a woody shelter) is the popular derivation; but Isaac Taylor thinks the word "may possibly contain the root Gael." If so, the Caledonians would be the Gaels of the dunes or hills. With this explanation of the races I renew the subject, the spelling of the name.—Irwin Mahon.

"The Earl's (or Count's) family in Hungary write themselves 'Erin' or 'Ervin;' a brother thereof, who was a monk, was very kind to my son" (this is Christopher Irvine, histographer to King Charles the Second, writing in 1680) "at Rome, and acknowledged his descent from the Irvings of Scotland, who warred against the Romans under the command of the valiant Fergusin, afterward King Fergus the Second, about the year 400."

The borderers wrote themselves of old "Irvine" correctly, and those settled in England still wrote themselves "Irwin" or "Erwin" and "Urwin," according to the different shires; but the true name is "Erwin" or Erin-viene."

The borderers also wrote "De Orvin;" many write "Irvine." Some to countenance the Pictish or Danish language, which was a dialect of the old Saxon or Teutonic, wrote "Irving" or "Ervinge," etc.; and some instead of "V" put in the "W" to soften the sound, but the true name is "Ervine" or "Erin-Viene."

William, the man that got Bonshaw in 1696 and the great-great-grandfather of Col. John Baufine Irving (the present chief of the Clan and the man who wrote the "Book of the Irvings," from which I largely quote) always signed the name "Irving." He married the Hon. Amelia Rollo, eldest daughter of Lord Rollo, in 1698."

Dr. Christopher Irvin, who was histographer of King Charles II, calls himself in a book he published in Edinburgh in 1682 "Christopher Irvinus ab Bon-Boseo," and in another part of the same book signs himself "Christopher Irvin." In one of his books called "Historiæ Scotæ, Momenclatura Latino-vernacula," 1682, he gives "Irvinus, the water of Irvine, which riseth above London hill, water



eth Newmillus, visiteth Kilmarnock, and falleth into the Firth of Clyde at the town of Irvine, and divideth Kyle from Cunningham. There is a castle of the same name two miles belonw Langholm, on the west side of the water of Esk, in Wauchopdale." They are now called Irving House, Burn and Wood, and belong to the Duke of Buccleuch. There is also a farm called "Old Irving."

In a very interesting little book called "Walks in Annandale" (1866) the name is spelt "Erewynis," "Auwings," "Irving," "Irvine," "Irwin," "Urin" and "Urwen."

In the Latin documents of the Chamberlain for Scotland, time of King Robert the Bruce, it is spelt "Willielmo de Irwyn" (this was the second son of Irving of Bonshaw and the first Irving of Drum) and "Rogerio De Irwyn." As to the Irving of Drum who held a chief command at the battle of Harlaw (1411), it is in the ballad as follows:

"Gude Sir Alexander Irvinge,  
The much renounit laird o' Drum."

In a book called the "History of Liddesdale, Eskdale, Ewesdale, Wauchopdale and the Debateable Land," dated 1883, the name is spelt as follows:

"Ervyn," "Erwig," "Erevyn," "Hurven," "Irewig," "Ivewig," "Irwig," "Irwing," "Irwevyn," "Irveyn," "Irvin," "Irving," "Irvinn," "Irwan," "Irwen," "Irwing," "Irwyn," "Irywyne," "Irwym," "Urwen," "Vrwin," "Trwen," "Trwin," "Eurwings," "Irwevings," "Irwinges," "Irywinnis," "Irwaynes," "Irenis," "Irynnis," "Urwens," "Irwens," "Irwins."

In 1504 David Irwin was called at the Justice Court of Dumfries for his lands of Irwen and Hedgeland. In a book called "Cunninghame," by Timothy Pont, M.A. (1604-1608) are given various spellings. In a list it gives of members of the Darien Company, dated 1695, in speaking of the town of Irving, it spells it five times "Irving," three times "Irvine" and once "Irvin." In the charters of Drum the name is spelt "De Irwin" and "De Irvyn." In the book of "Irvine of Drum in the County of Aberdeen," by Captain Douglas Wimberly, late 79th or Cameron Highlanders (1893), the "best book," says Colonel John Baufine Irving, "on the Drum branch that I have ever seen—up to 1680," the name is mostly spelt with a "G," and the same applies to the Castle Irvine and Killadeas branches, commonly known as the Irish branch of the Bonshaw family, but then it became the fashion to drop the "G" and take "E." Drum did it first and the Irish branch followed, but Bonshaw, as the head, refused to drop the "g." All the foregoing goes to prove that men in the old days spelt their name at will, as they thought they sounded. At the present day I think the "g," says Colonel Irving, "is the most commonly adopted."

Colonel John Baufin Irving further states: "In this connection, I give an extract from a letter of a kinsman who is one of the best authorities on clan history, but as he does not wish it, I do not give his





name: 'As to the way your name is to be written, I know the most common way, alike of Bonshaw, Drum and Castle Irvine in Ireland was anciently "Irving," though in all official documents when put in Latin it is generally "Irewin" or "Irvin." But in the seventeenth century the form "Irwine" or "Irvine" was adopted. In the first place the branch of Drum (Aberdeenshire) adopted it, then the Fermanagh Irvines did so. Sir Gerard's name being entered as 'Irwine' in the patent of his baronetcy. Again your ancestor, William of Bonshaw (1699) obtained a declaration of his coat-of-arms from the Lyon office, Edinburg (Reg. Vol. 1, page 335), as William Irvine—though he wrote his name usually as 'Irving,' and legal documents in Latin his name is given as 'Irwing.' I only say this to show that all members of the clan have used the various ways of writing the name, though it is in reality the same name. Sir Paulus Amilius, in the warrant of his baronetcy—which is the nearest state expression to you—was 'Irving.'

"But whatever may have been the origin of the word 'Irving,' the Castle of Irving, situated on the river of the same name in Ayrshire, was the ancient seat or head of a Celtic dominion, whose chieftain ruled the neighboring country. On its site arose, at a subsequent period, the town of Irvine. Its great antiquity appears from an old Scottish State paper of the reign of King Robert 2d, when, on the occasion of a dispute arising about the town of Irving, that King ordered a search to be made into the ancient records of the Kingdom, and, as a result, declared in a royal charter dated 8th of April, 1732, that "it was clearly found that time immemorial Irving had been in possession of the whole Barony of Cunningham and the Barony of Largys.

"The last of the chieftains who possessed the castle and territory of Irving was the celebrated Crine (or Criun) Eryvinus or Irving, who was the lineal ancestor of the royal family of Scotland by marrying Beatrice or Bethoe, the daughter and heiress of Malcolm 2d, in 1004.

"At a convention of the royal burgs (reign of King James 6th—December, 1589), in portioning out which burgs are to pay for providing certain ships of war, the name of the town is spelt, 'Irwing.'

"This spelling of the name has been a fruitful source of error, so there may be yet other ways of spelling than I have quoted; but I have said enough to show, although there were many various ways of spelling it, yet it was all the same name and referring to members of our clan—'Irving.'

"At this time the northern nations, making several incursions in the Roman provinces, especially into Hungary and Gaul, greatly annoyed the Romans. Fergus now grown to man's estate, joined them with the exiled Scotts and went to the Hungarian wars, where the Irvings that were in the expedition, and one of the principal



clans of the Scots, greatly signalized themselves under their valiant commander, Fergus, and there left that noble family, which to this day of Earls (or Counts) and do carry the name of 'Erin' or 'Ervin,' and own their original from the Scottish Ervines or Irvings that served against the Romans in the Hungarian wars.

"Christophus Irvinus abs-Bon-Bosco writes of them in the seventeenth century as follows: 'The Earl's or Count's family in Hungary write themselves "Ervin;" a brother thereof who was a monk was very kind to my son (Dr. Christopher Irvine) at Rome, and acknowledged his descent from the Irvings of Scotland, who warred against the Romans under the valiant Fergus, afterwards King Fergus 2d.'

"Count Eugene Erwin de Shonn, born in Hungary, is the immediate descendant. He married, in 1776, Maria Theresa, daughter of Francois Gundaccan, Princee de Colloredo."

"The Piets and Scotts, being both weary with the tyranny of the Romans, joined in recalling Fergus (whose heroic actions had acquired him great reputation amongst them, in hopes by his means to recover their lost liberties. He accepted the invitation and returned to Albion, was made King of the Scots by the name of Fergus 2d. With him the Erevines or Irvings returned, and were restored to their ancient possessions in 404, as were other exiles.

"Besides the lands the Irvings possessed on the south side of the Clyde, on the north side in Grange barge they had the land of Dule and their chief habitation was in the castle of Garth. These lands on the north side of the river Tay, from the rise thereof until it joins with the Teniel; it is commonly called Strath-Tay."

"Crine or Crinus Eryvine, to whom the aforesaid possessions belonged by right of inheritance, was Abathane of Dule (the highest title of honor then in Scotland) and Senechal and collector of all the King's rents in the West Isles, and a man of great note and authority in those days (and to this day the church of Irvine, where he lies interred, is called after him, Apthin Dule, corruptly for Abthau Dule). This Crinus Eryvinus (Irving) A. D. 1004, did marry Beatrix, eldest daughter and heiress of Malcolm 2d, King of Scotland (as Joannem Majorum, or John Marie, a doctor of the Sarbonne, and author of the first printed history of Scotland, relateth in the forty-first leaf and second page thereof). Of her he begat Duncan, first King of Scotland, who mounted the throne after the murder of his grandfather, King Malcolm, who left no male issue, in 1034."

"From him are descended all the Kings of Scotland to this day, in male line of Irvings, until John Baliol, except Macbeth, the usurper (son of Malcolm's second daughter) and by right of the females of this family till now."



Below is a portion of the Latin from the book by Joannem Ma-  
porem (MDXXI):

De Gestis Scotorum.

Malcolmus Victor omsit, nec regni diadema suscepit, quonque primores om-nis consenserunt quod Rex maneret, quod, anno Domani 1004, factum ligature. His Malcolmus XXX, annis regnavit filiam unigenitam habuit haeredum, quam nuptue tradidit Eryvine Abthane de sul, hoc est seneces callo regis in in Eryvinus Sulis, qui regio proventus collegit. Anno hujis regis Malcolmi XIII, regnovit in Anglia Edmunds Irnyd, de quo paulo superius mentionem fecimus, demum hic Malcolmus juxta Glammas, a traditoribus quibusdam, qui partes Grynemi sequebantur occisus est 96 De Gentis Soctorum L. B. III.

Sepulto Malcolmo eum Patribus suis in insula Iona, in qua pre-  
decessorum ejus plurimi sepulti errant, incepit reguare Duncanus nepos ex filia Beatrice, qui sex annis Duncanus reg navit, anno Secundo hujus, Knothus Danus Anglo Danorum rum rex obiit, cui filius Haraldus successit. Eadum anno dux Normadiae Robertus Viame universae carrius ingreshus Normaniae reges est in Cyrus locum suffectus est Gulielmus, dictus baster, dus puer Septimus, epe Henrice Francorum Regis Adjutus, qui puer in tutela habuit

“The genealogical tree of this family, beginning with Beatrix, daughter of Malcolm 2d, and wife to Crinus Eryvinus, the afore-said Abthane of Dule, is hanging up now in the palace of Hollyrood House, Edinburg.” (This is Dr. Christopher Irvine, Histographer to King Charles 2d, writing in 1680.) There is a marginal note in the manuscript that I have, written by one of my forbears, as follows:

“It was there in 1788; I saw it and compared it with these records. “I, the present writer, inquired after it in 1894, and was informed that it had been taken by the Duke of Hamilton, to Hamilton Palace, near Glasgow.”

“Duncan the 1st, being treacherously slain by Macbeth in 1040, that usurper reigned until he was slain by Malcolm 3rd, surnamed Kenmore, son of King Duncan, who in Macbeth’s reign fled to England for safety, and was honorably received and assisted to recover his crown by Edward, the Confessor, King of England, after the instigation of MacDuff, Thane of Fife, who had fled from Scotland upon a dispute, and hatred to the usurper. The Scots joining him upon his entering the kingdom, Macbeth was slain and Malcolm 3rd mounted the throne in the year 1057, and, after a glorious and pious reign of thirty-six years, was killed in besieging the Castle of Alnwiek, in Northumberland, which was surprised by the English. Donald Bane, his brother, assisted by the Norwegians, usurped the throne, but was in 1093 dispossessed by Duncan, a bastard son of Malcolm 3rd, who was sent for by the nobles of England; but not



treating them as they deserved, his subjects went over to Donald who again resumed the government, and had Duncan killed in Monteith; but he, losing the affections of his subjects, was in 1097 cast into prison by Edgar (son of Malcolm and Margaret, sister to Edgar Atheling) whom they sent for from England and placed upon the throne. He reigned with great justice till 1107, and was succeeded by his brother, Alexander 1st, surnamed "the Fierce," who dying likewise without issue, was, in 1124, succeeded by his brother, David 1st, a most pious and just prince, who by marrying a relation of the King of England, had Huntingdon and Northumberland in dowry with her.

Malcolm 4th, his grandson (his son, Prince Henry being dead) was his successor in 1153. He was a great builder of churches and encourager of monks. He had a war with England, and, parting with Northumberland, died without issue, in 1165, and was succeeded by William, the Lion, his brother; he had wars with Henry 2d, King of England, in which he was taken prisoner and sent to Normandy, where he was afterwards ransomed upon terms dishonorable to the Scottish monarchy. These were afterwards given up by Richard 2d, upon his going to the Holy Wars, in return whereof William sent his brother David, Earl of Huntingdon (ancestor of John Baliol and David Bruce) to assist him in Palestine, but his fleet being destroyed by a tempest, he was taken prisoner by the Egyptians, and afterwards ransomed by the Venetians. William, dying in 1214, was succeeded by Alexander 2d, his son, who assisted the Dauphin of France to dethrone King John of England, and greatly annoyed the English, till at length a peace was concluded between him and Henry 3rd. He suppressed his rebellious subjects and died in 1249.

"Alexander III, his successor, being a minor, his kingdom was governed by the Cummins, with great oppression to the subjects, till the death of Walter, their chief, in 1263.

"Acho, King of Norway, landed a great army in Scotland (laying claim to the Western Isles) but was defeated by Alexander Stuart, the King's general, with a great slaughter of his men, which obliged him to quit claim forever to these isles, and a match was concluded between his son and Margaret, daughter of Alexander.

"Alexander III also assisted King Henry, his father-in-law, against the rebellious subjects, but his forces with Commius, their general, were cut to pieces.

"He left no sons, and his daughter, Margaret of Norway, dying, left an only daughter of her own name, who was heiress-apparent to the Crown of Scotland, but she, after the death of her grandfather, being sent for to Norway to ascend the throne, died on the passage, so that all the issue of Alexander III being extinct, the crown was claimed by John Baliol and Robert Bruce, both descended from





daughters of David Erevine, Earl of Huntingdon, brother of William, King of Scotland.

“This contest is too well known to be insisted upon, as also the injustice of Edward Longshanks, King of England, who was chosen referee by the contending parties, and upon what dishonorable terms to Scotland he awarded the crown to John Baliol, until that great prince, Robert the Bruce, shook off the bondage under which Scotland lay, and restored the monarchy to its former lustre.

“It was this Robert the Bruce who, when flying from the pursuit of Edward Longshanks one stormy night in 1298, took refuge with the chieftain of the Irvings in Bonshaw tower, where he was hospitably entertained. When he left he took with him one of the laird’s younger sons (Sir William de Irving of Woodhouse) and made him his armor-bearer. For his fidelity in prosperity and adversity, the king, when settled on his throne, gave this William de Irving, in 1323, the lands and forests of Drum, which they still hold, and they still have the original parchment at Drum Castle.

“By this it appears that the male issue of Crinus Eryvinus (Irving) and Beatrix, eldest daughter of Malcolm II, possessed the throne of Scotland from the said Malcolm II to John Baliol, viz., from 1034 to the death of Alexander III (1285) or 251 years. All the kings that reigned in that space of time were Irvings, and the succeeding kings of this day reign in right of the females of that family.”

### BONSHAW.

“To revert now to Crine or Crinan Eryvinus and his son Duncan, afterwards Duncan I, King of Scotland, 1034. He was called Duncan after Crine Eryvinus’ father. Duncan was appointed king or prince of Cumberland by his grandfather, King Malcolm II. He took with him several of the clans of the Scots to the Borders to defend them against the English.

“With him went the clan of the Erevines, or Irvings, under Crine Eryvinus’ brother. They took up their first habitation upon the river Esk, between the White and the Black Esk; there they built Castle Irvine, below Langholm. The burn and wood still carry the name of Irving wood and Irving burn.

“The ruins of the Castle existed till the close of the seventeenth century. On the same spot now stands Irving House, belonging to the Duke of Buccleuch, and inhabited by his chamberlain. From this Castle Irving the eldest of his family, acquired by marriage the lands of Bonshaw, and many other lands there.

“In this Bonshaw Tower, on the banks of the Kirkle Water, ever since has continued to reside the acknowledged chieftain of this powerful Scots Border Clan.”

(The present chieftain of the Clan (1909) is Colonel John Baufin Irving, and his address—Ecclefechan, Dumfriesshire Scotland—



and it would be well if all of the name of Irwin, Irvine, Irving, etc., would put themselves in direct correspondence with him, no matter in what quarter of the globe they may be located, and in writing him not to fail to address their letter, Col. John Bauhin Irving, of Bonshaw.)

“Crine Eryvinus (Irving) being dead, and his patrimony falling to his son, King Duncan, the country was called Cunninghame (Ayrshire)—that is the old Pictish language (or Bailea) Konigshame “the King’s habitation” (several of the kings of the race residing there), which country was by his successors given to several families.

“As a proof of the clan having come from Ayrshire, several names given by Timothy Pont, M. A., in his “Cunninghame” (Ayrshire) (1604-8) are similar to those owned by Irvings in Dumfriesshire—such as Bonshaw, Knock Hill, Balgray, Corsehill, Langshaw, Pyrdekirk, Luce, Irving (an ancient parish now part of Kirkpatrick, Fleming, which joins or runs parallel to Bonshaw, in the parish of Annan.)

“The Castle of Irving, situated on the river of the same name in Ayrshire, was an ancient seat or head of a Celtic dominion, whose chieftain ruled the neighboring country. On its site arose at a subsequent period the town of Irving. Its great antiquity appears from an old Scottish state paper of the reign of King Robert II, when, on the occasion of a dispute arising about the town of Irving, the King ordered a search to be made into the ancient records of the kingdom, and as a result declared, in a royal charter dated April 8th, 1372, that “it was clearly found that, time immemorial, Irving had been in possession of the whole Barony of Cunningham and of the Barony of Largys.”

After this period Irving lost its ancient fame, and the territory became divided amongst several proprietors, while the castle itself sank into decay.

After Crine Eryvinus (Irving), his son, Duncan I, King of Cumberland, inherited this territory, and as it was the King’s patrimony and his youthful residence, it became henceforth known as Cunningham, or “the King’s Home.”

The Castle Irving existed until 1184, when it is mentioned by Roger Hovedon, secretary of King Henry II of England. He alludes to it casually when reporting a certain extraordinary story, and describes it as situated in the west parts of Scotland, which seems to have been the usual description of Ayrshire.

He says: “A. D. 1184, in same year and the same week in which the King landed in England, a spring of running water near the church of St. Winnin, in the western part of the territories of the King of Scotland, below Tynningham, and not far from the Castle of Irving, flowed with blood without intermission for eight days and as many nights.”



“The kindred of Crine Eryvinnus (Irving) acquired large possessions in the Border territory, and transferred the name of Irving from Ayrshire to Dumfriesshire. Thus Irving became anciently a local name in that part of Dumfriesshire that formed the original settlement of the Irving Clan—a district that lay close to the English borders, and embraced portions of Annandale, Eskdale, Wauchopdale, Ewesdale and Liddesdale.

“The Irvings have always been enumerated amongst the chief original proprietary clans of Dumfriesshire, and the principal family of the Clan (Bonshaw) has been counted amongst the ancient families of Scotland.

“When King David I succeeded to the Scottish throne in 1124, his close connection with Henry I of England attached him strongly to the Normans and their institutions, so he introduced the feudal system into Scotland, and encouraged the settlement of Normans through the country. He granted to his Norman friend, Robert de Brus, the feudal tenure of all Annandale. He thus became the liege lord or immediate sovereign to whom allegiance and proprietary rights in the first instance belonged.

“Among the Normans were also, as well as Robert de Brus, Jardine Comyn, Pierre de Bailleul, etc. These Norman settlers intermarried with the Carrutherses, Carlyles, Griersons, Irvings, Kirkpatrick, Murrays and other families in Annandale. It was then we put the ‘de’ in front of our name—as see the charter given to William de Irwyn, son of Irving of Bonshaw, by King Robert de Brus, in 1323, when he gave him Drum. This charter is still extant, and can be seen at Drum Castle, Aberdeenshire. A copy thereof is kept in the Advocates’ Library, Edinburgh.”

“Annals of Roger de Hovedon,” by Henry T. Riley, page 32. In the original Latin the passage is: “Anno Gratiæ, 1184, quidem fons fluentis aque, iuxta ecclesiam Swimini, in occidentalibus partibus terræ regis Scoticæ, infra, Tynningham, non longe a Castello de Irewin, manavit Sangrine per octo dies at eodem noctes sine intermissione” (Rogerus de Hovedon, Annalium Paris Prior et Posterior, amongst the Rerum Anglicarum Scriptores post Bedam, edition of 1601 A. D. page 622).

In my address before the historical meeting of the Hamilton Library Association, on Friday evening, October 18, 1907, subject, “Cullings from the Literature of the American Revolution,” I here take the liberty of inserting, in part, reference made to the parish in Scotland on the Irvine river, also Gen. William Irvine of Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pa., etc.—Irwin Mahon.

In Ayrshire a river, borough and parish bear the name in its earliest and most authentic form, Irwin, or Irvine.

The borough is called a royal one. It is on the Irvine River, and is of ancient fame. It was especially favored by the great Catholic King, Robert Bruce, who granted it a charter in reward for the devotion of the people to his interests. It at one time was represented in



the peerage of Scotland by Viscount Irvine, who was of the Ingrams of Temple Newsome, near Leeds, England. The title was of the creation of Charles II. It expired with the ninth and last Viscount Irvine, in 1778.

A noble bridge built nearly one hundred years ago connects the town with its more important suburbs. The Parish of Irvine is of historic note, especially in relation to its ecclesiastical antiquities, dating back to the ages of Faith. From this Irvine root sprang many forms of the name, such as Irvin, Irwin, Erwin, Irwyn, etc. The parent name is of Gaelic origin, the definition of which means the Western Flowing River, and is the property, not of lowland Scotch, but of the glorious old Gaelic element known as the Highlanders.

Sir J. Bernard Burke, in crediting the name as of long standing to the south and southwest of Scotland, not directly or impliedly to the lowland population, which for itself claims descent from a Saxon ancestry to which it is heartily welcome, is, as usual with that accurate and discriminating author, in strict harmony with the known facts of the case. King Robert Bruce already mentioned is credited by Sir Bernard Burke with having enriched and honored very signally one William de Irwyn, his armor-bearer. This fortunate knight was said to have been one of the Irvine or Irwin stock of Bonshaw in Dumfriesshire. King Robert made him a grant by charter, under the great seal, of the forest of Dum, or Brum, in Aberdeenshire, and also distinguished him by assignment to him of the heraldic device or arms of three holly leaves, which, as Earl of Carrick, the royal patron had himself borne.

Thus, Sir Bernard Burke relates, originated the great House of Irvine of Drum, so highly allied, so conspicuous in the family records of Scotland's landed gentry title of Irvine of Drum, and from this source sprang most of the Irvines of Scotland, the Irvines of Germany, the Irvines of Rockfield, near Enniskillen, where General William Irvine of Carlisle was born, and of Greenhill, Parish of Aghava, Barony of Magherstephena, County of Fermanagh, and their offshoots. From these came Castle Irvine Demesne, Parish of Derry-bullan, Barony of Lurg, County of Fermanagh.

Sir Bernard traces the Irish Irvines, in their common ancestor, to Christopher Irvine, laird of Bonshaw, who commanded the light cavalry at Flodden Field in 1513, where he was killed. His son Christopher, next laird of Bonshaw, also held a command, and was killed at the battle of Solway Moss.

At Tamego, Parish of Dromard, Barony of Tirerogh, County Sligo, was established early in the seventeenth century, by an Irwin family whose ancestry, it is said, was Scotch. This family traces its descent from John Irwin, an officer of the Cornwellian forces in Ireland, who, when the war was over, found it to his interest, convenience and pleasure to locate in the northwestern portion of Sligo. He married a daughter of another Cornwellian trooper, Colonel Jones of Urdonglass, County of Sligo.





His grandson and namesake, John Irwin, was the Colonel John Irwin of the British Military Service, who died A. D. 1752, and from whom sprang the fourth descent John Lewis Irwin of Tamegoe, County of Sligo. His father was the Reverend Crinns Irwin, Anglican Archdeacon of Orrory, and minister in Kilfane Parish. And his mother was Amy, daughter of Judge Tankerville, Chamberlain of the King's Bench in Ireland, 1794-1802. From this stock came the Rev. John Irwin, rector of Kilfane, whose residence was in the Glebe house, on the Kilkerry road.

King Robert the Bruce and the Irvings were cousins. And one stormy night, six hundred and nine years ago, A. D. 1298, King Robert the Bruce, in his flight from the pursuit of Edward Longshanks of England, went to Bonshaw Tower, where he was kindly received and hospitably entertained. When the Irvings learned that Edward of England had discovered Bruce's hiding place, they took him three miles down the Kirkle water, nearer to England, and there hid him in a cave in the rocks on the bank of the river. When Edward reached the Tower, and found the bird had flown, he dashed on to Scotland, and there Bruce escaped capture. This cave is now, in 1907, still in perfect condition.

When Bruce left the Tower he took with him one of the Irving of Bonshaw's youngest sons and made him his armor-bearer, and in 1323, five hundred and eighty-four years ago, when firmly seated on his throne, gave this William de Irving (Irwin or Irvine), for his fidelity in prosperity and adversity, the castle, land and forest of Drum, also his private coat-of-arms and motto. These lands are still held by the Irvines of Drum, and the parchment signed by Bruce is still extant. A younger son of his branch in 1400 went to Dilsney Islands, and from there to the Island of Shapinska; and from these Irvings came Washington Irving's father, whose mother came from Falmouth.

Lieutenant-Colonel Irvine of Castle Farlagh, now Castle Irvine, came from Christopher Irvine of Robigill Tower, next to Bonshaw, and a grandson of Irving of Bonshaw. He left Robigill and went to Fermanagh in 1613, and founded the first Irish branch of the Clan, now the Irvines of Castle Irvine, and the Irvines of Killeas. Before 1020 the Irvings of Bonshaw came, as previously stated, from Ayrshire, and their old castle there now gives name to the Tower of Irvine, and, like the name of Irvine, is spelled in many ways.

The mansion house at Bonshaw was built in 1770. The Tower was there when the Irvines got the place in 1020.

This tower stands on an almost sheer and rocky precipice, about one hundred feet above the Kirkle Water. In front is a gun terrace with six old guns and solid cannon balls; on the right is a deep ravine, with a burn flowing through it, on which is a waterfall. The walls in the thinnest place are six feet through. Near the old jett (or entrance gate) is carved the sacred motto, "Soli, Deo, Honor et Gloria;" the oblivion jett is gone. You enter a single hall about six feet square,



communicating with the old retainers' kitchen on the one side and the old stone "wheel" stair on the other. From the covered roof of the hall hangs down, about eighteen inches or two feet, an eight-sided stone, like a vast seal. It has on it in Ancient Hebrew raised letters, "I. H. S." in monogram. This is called the Crusader's stone, and was brought from the walls of the old Temple at Jerusalem by one of the Irvings, who was one of the first Crusaders in 1100. It was taken to Rome, blessed by the Pope, and then placed in the Tower as described, and is supposed to give a blessing to all of the Irving blood who pass under it. On the first floor of the Tower you enter the Grand Hall, called King Robert the Bruce's room.

There seems to have been at least two prominent branches of the Irvines and the Irwins that settled in Carlisle, some years prior to the Revolution—the General William Irvine branch and the John Irwin branch.

General William Irvine was married to Ann Callender, whose parents resided in or near Middlesex, a short distance from Carlisle.

The result of this marriage was nine children, five sons and four daughters, as follows: Callender, Ann, William, Neill, Armstrong, Elizabeth, Mary B., Rebecca, James and John.

Callender, the oldest of General Irvine's children, by his marriage had but one child, the late Dr. William A. Irvine of Irvington, Warren County, Pa. This Irvine in turn, by his marriage, had two daughters and one son. The son died before reaching manhood. Margaret, his eldest daughter, married Thomas M. Biddle of Carlisle, and Sarah Duncan married Dr. Thomas Newbold of Philadelphia. Both these men died in Philadelphia some few years ago.

Of the John Irwin branch, who were cousins of General William Irvine, there was the mother, three sons, William, David and John, and a daughter, Jane. The father, it is said, died at sea on his way with his family to America, and the mother died at the home of her son John, corner of Fourth and Market Streets, in Pittsburgh, March 1st, 1811, aged 95 years.

The John Irwin here mentioned was born in the County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1746, came to America about 1760 and settled near Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pa., where in 1790 he married Agnes Farquhar, when he removed to Pittsburgh, where he died, at his country residence, named by him "Erin Hill," April 19th, A. D. 1830, aged 84 years.

The direct coats-of-arms to which his family are supposed to be entitled are, first, "Argent, a mural crown gules between three holly leaves proper. Crest, a mailed arm fessways holding in the hand a thistle and a holly leaf, all proper, and charged on the arm with a crescent gules. Motto, 'Nemo me impune lacessit.'"

This badge of honor was conferred to Edwin Irwin of Derrygore, County of Fermanagh, the only surviving son of Acheson Irving and grandson of George Irving, Esq., of Derrygore, and their descendants.



The Irwin of Taurago, County Sligo, descended from John Irwin of Scottish ancestry, who held a command in the Parliamentary army under Cromwell and settled in Ireland. Arms the same as Irving of Bonshaw, and Irving of Derrygore, also the motto, "Nemo me impune læessit." The translation of which reads, "No one assails me with impunity." This is for the Bonshaw connection, and is still the motto on the flag (1909) floating over the old Tower.

Now comes the badge of honor connected with Drum, beginning with the flying of Sir Robert de Brus, heritable Lord of Annandale, and keeper of Loch Maben Castle, from Edward Longshanks. When he left Bonshaw after his escape he took with him a younger son of the family of Sir William Woodhouse, named William Irving, Irvine or Irwin (the spelling of the name immaterial) as his secretary or companion, and as a reward for his services, when he was seated on the throne, conferred upon him the lands of the forest of Drum, and the pricking bay tree, or holly, for his armorial bearings, with the motto, "Sub sole, sub umbra virgens," the translation of which reads, "Growing under the sun and under the shade."

While the spelling of the word Irwin, Irving, etc., counts for but little in its differences, yet it is well to note the fact, William Irwin seems to be most prominent for Bonshaw and Drum. In the pedigree of Drum it is spelled "Irwyn." In the pedigree record of Drum it reads thus:

"First William de Irwyn, son of Irwyn of Bonshaw, County Dumfries, and armour-bearer to Robert Bruce, from whom he got a grant of the lands of Drum, Aberdeenshire, 1323, lived 1260-1335. He also got a grant of Whitings and Redmyns from David Bruce, 1332.

Second William (otherwise Alexander), his son, lived 1317 to 1390.

Third Alexander, his son, held a command in the lowland force at Harlaw, 1411, where he was killed.

Fourth Alexander, his son, present at Harlaw, 1411. His monument in Drum's Aisle, where he is entitled, "Duns Alexander de Irwyn Second."

He and his brother, Robert, witnesses to cambion between Ragnald de Irwyne and Patrick de Ogilvy of Auchterhouse in 1422. "Vide spald club collect, abdn, and bauff, and note in text, Captain and Governor of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1440."

"William II (otherwise Alexander)," as above, Lord of Drum, in 1388 purchased from John Moigne the park of Drum. He suffered greatly during the civil war, and in 1684, as a recompense, the tenure of the land they held was changed from simple ward to tax ward.

#### THE IRISH BRANCH OF DRUM.

In this record a clew may be found to the John Irwin, born in the County of Tyrone in 1746, and came to America with his mother,



Agnes Irwin, who died in her son John's home, corner Fourth and Market Streets, in the City of Pittsburgh, Alleghany County, Pa., March 1st, 1811, at the age of 95 years.

This family when it left Ireland consisted of the father, mother and three sons, John, David and William, and a daughter, Jane. The father died at sea from a broken heart, caused by the sorrow he felt from leaving his old home, and only the mother, three sons and the daughter reached America. Also that of William Irwin and his brother, who came to America in the beginning of the 18th century and settled first in Dutchess County, New York. William was at that time about 14 years of age. His brother's name is not known, but supposed to be either Joseph or Robert, and were born in the County of Antrim, Ireland, and connected with the Earl of Antrim.

These Irwins all claim the armorial bearing of Drum: Argent three holly branches, each consisting of as many leaves proper, banded together gules. The supporters are two savages, wreathed about the head and loins with hollies, bearing batons in their hands. The private badge being the one carried by King Robert the Bruce, three laurel leaves, with the words, "Sub sole, sub umbra vireens."

I quote now from Col. J. B. Irving's book, "Book of the Irvings:"

"The following document is at Drumglass, Dungannon, County Tyrone, at present in possession of Rev. A. Staples Irwin. It was found thirty years ago in Dublin, in the house of Hugh King Irwin, in a chest that had not been opened for a hundred years. Robert Irwin, Hugh King Irwin's great-grandfather, "went out" in 1745 with Prince Charlie (Robert Irwin was then of Drum Castle, Aberdeenshire); in 1746 he had to fly for his life to Ireland and brought with him this chest, containing, besides this document, a miniature of Prince Charlie, presented by himself, and a painting on wood by Holbien of a former Irwin of Drum (it is like Rev. A. Staples Irwin), with a peaked beard and ruff of lace around his neck, painted in fifteen hundred and something. The manuscript is very clearly written, on thick, rough paper, rather like parchment, yellow with age, measuring 24 inches by 16 inches. It is apparently about two hundred years old, and perhaps more. I have copied the spelling as exactly as I am able.

"Robert Irvine's second brother adhered to King George and was rewarded with the grant of his elder brother's property of Drum, but he appears to have behaved very well to his brother, and sent him a good sum of money, as he was able to buy property and settle and live in Ireland as a gentleman. Of this elder brother and his descendants, see later on. The document reads as follows:

"The name and family is very ancient. Some antiquarians bring the name 'Ervine,' now written 'Irvine,' from the Celto-Scythic word 'Ervine,' or 'fiene,' which signifies 'a stout Westland man, for 'Erin' in old Gaelic or Welsh signifieth 'West' and 'Vine' or 'fein' a resolute and worthy man.





“Ireland is at this day called ‘Erin’ both by its ancient inhabitants and those of Albion, because its situation is west from Albion.

“When the colonies of the Gauls came from the west coast of Spain and seated themselves in the east coast of Erin and in the west hills and islands of Albion, then the Ereviens came to both these islands.

“The Silures of South Wales were of these colonies, as Tacitus affirmeth, and the Brigantes, both of Albion and Erin, were of the same.

“These among them in Albion called Erevines had their seat in that part of the county now called Cunninghame. They gave their name to the river and to their own habitation, at present called the town of Erevine or Irvine.

“The chief of them was Abathane of Dule, an honorable title of old.

“John Major (Degest Scot lib. 3, chap. 9) related that Erevine the Abathane married the only daughter of King Malcolm II, who began to reign A. D. 1004.

“He sayeth the Malcolm filiam migenetam habuit heredom quam nuptui tradidit Eryvins Abathane de Dule id est senescallo regis in insulis ad colligen dos Regis proventus.

“Some of the family went to the South, and took up their dwelling upon the River Esk, at present called Castle Irvine, or Irvine Hall.

“By marriage the eldest of the family acquired the lands of Bonshaw, which they as yet possess.

“King Robert the Bruce, when he fled from Edward Longshanks, came to Bonshaw, and took thence the oldest son of the family, Sir William Irvine, to wait on him. He made him his secretary and armorbearer, and because of his remarkable fidelity to him in all adversities, this king gave him the lands of the Forest of Drum, and he himself having carried as a private badge three laurel leaves, with the words ‘Sub sole, sub umbra virens,’ gave this to William Drum, predecessor, for arms three holly leaves, which is a kind of laurel, with the aforesaid motto, ‘Sub sole, sub umbra virens.’ Thus the armorial bearing of the family is: ‘Argent, three holly branches, each consisting of as many leaves proper, banded together gules; the supporters are two savages, wreathed about the head and loins with hollies, bearing batons in their hands. This is vouched from the charters of the families and by Sir George MacKenzie in his book of Heraldry.

“Some time thereafter the Laird of Drum married the daughter of Sir Robert Keith, Knight Marischal, whom he had by Margaret Hay, daughter of Gilbert, Lord Hay, First Constable of that family. This Sir Robert Keith was killed at the battle of Durham Arms, 1346.

“The son of this Drum, Sir Alexander Irvine, commanded the Lowland forces at Harlaw, in 1411, killed with his own hand MacLean, a chief commander of the Highlanders, and was there killed



himself, as Hector Boethius relates, saying that he was 'oburecipuum robur conspicuus.'

"His brother, named also Alexander Irvine, commanded, succeeded and was one of the commissioners sent by the Estate of Scotland to treat anent the ransom of King James I and to bring him home, as Hector Boethius and Drummond Hawthorden testify.

"John Major, in his 'History' (lib. 6, cap. 12), sayeth he was knighted by this king in his second Parliament, holden at Perth.

"His words are: *Equetum auratum militari caltor proximit; there he recovereth this family inter the troum.*

"This Sir Alexander married a daughter of the Lord Keith, Knight Marshal, by whom he had Alex. and another son, to whom he gave the land of Redmire and Whiterigs in the Means, holding as yet of Drum.

"From this second son descended the Irvines of Lenturke. Alex. married Abernathy, daughter to the Lord Saltoun, by whom he had Alex. Irvine of Drum, who married Katherine Forbes, daughter of the Lord Forbes. By her he had three sons, Alex., Richard of Creightoun, from whom are descended the Irvines, Hilltoun, and Henry, and a daughter, Lady Wardes. Alex. married Allardiee, only daughter of Allardiee of that ilk, by whom he had a son, Alex. Irvine of Drum, who married Catherine Balbeaus, and another to Frazer of Machal, the predecessor of the Lord Fraseer. Alex. married Ogilvy, daughter to the Laird of Failator, who was killed at Pinky, Anno Domini 1547. He left six sons and three daughters—Alex., William of Aidlogy, Robert of Tillibair, from whom forty is descended; Gilbert of Callairley, who had three sons, Alex., Gilbert and John of Murthill; James, Knight of Malta, ordained by the Great Master Prior of the order in Scotland, and was to have been created Lord Torphicen had he submitted to the Reformation; and John, the sixth son. The daughters were Janet, married to Gordon of Abergeldy; Elizabeth, to the Laird of Meldum, and the third to Arnadge.

"From John of Murthill, now mentioned, are descended the Irvings of Murthill and Cults. Alexander, the eldest, married kith to the Earl of Marischal, by whom he had five sons and four daughters, the eldest married to Ury, the second to Keith of Craig Inverugy, third to Ogilvy of Boys, and the fourth to Menzies of Pitfoddels. The sons were: Alex., the eldest, second, Robert of Fonet or Moncaffer (Extinet); third, James of Brucklaw, the predecessor of Saphoek; fourth, William of Beatty (also extinet); and the fifth, John of Ardtamford, the predecessor of Crimmond and Ardtamford. That this James was the third son and John the fifth was instructed by the two original charters granted by Drum, their father, to them—the one dated February 5th, 1598, and the other March 27th, 1602, and the eustody of Mrs. Irvine of Shaphoek, which serves to rectify a mistake in the first volume, page 403.

"Alex., the son of this Drum, married Marion Douglas, daughter of the Earl of Buchan. He had two sons—Alex. and Robert of



pedderate, and five daughters—eldest, Lady Bamff; second to Urquhart of Leathin; third to Douglas Glenberry; fourth to Ogilvie of Inverwharthy; and fifth to Graham of Morphy. Robert, the second son, married Camphall, daughter to Glenorchy. He had two sons, Alex. and Robert, and two daughters—one married to Gordon of Gight and the other to Fraser of Strichen. Alex., Lady Elizabeth Ogilvie, daughter to the Earl of Finlater. Both he and his brother Robert died without male issue.

“This Drum mastified four bursaries to the Grammar School of Aberdeen at 80 lib. Scots each, to the university there four of philosophy at 100 lib. Scots, and two of divinity at 200 marks each. His lady endowed a hospital for relief of poor widows—of all which Drum is patron.

× “His eldest son, Sir Alex. Irvine, was Sheriff Principal of Aberdeen. He married Magdalen Scrimgeous, daughter to Daddop, Constable of Dundee, and had five sons, Alex., Robert, James, Charles and Francis (four younger died without issue), and six daughters—Marion, married to the Viscount of Frenndraugh; Anne, to the Earl of Aboye; Elizabeth, Jane, Isabel and Margaret.

“Alex. married Lady Mary Gordon, daughter to the Marquis of Huntley, and had by her three sons, Alex., Robert and Charles, and four daughters Mary, married to Patriek, Count Leslys of Balquhain; Margaret, to Menzies of Pitfoddles; Jane, to Irvine of Murthill, and Henrietta, to Pitcaple. By his second marriage he had a son named Charles, and three daughters; the younger sons died without issue. This Drum received from King Charles I a patent creating him Earl of Aberdeen, but the civil wars then arising, it was never expiated through the seals. In these wars he suffered much. When in prisonment and confiscation he tailed his estate (Anno 1687), upon deathbed, failing heirs male of his body, to the Irvines of Murthill, Ardtamford and Cults, and their heirs male in order, excluding thus the nearest male heirs, to whom the succession by the ancient investitures was provided. His eldest son, Alex., died in 1695 without issue to him. Alex. Irvine of Murthill, in the right of the tailie, succeeded. He died 1719, leaving one son, Alex. and two daughters.

“James Irvine of Brucklaw, mentioned as the third son of Drum, married Lucretia Irvine, his uncle's daughter. He had two sons, John, who died without male issue, and Gilbert of Altree, who married Janet, daughter to the Irvines of Untoch, brother to the Laird of Innes, and had two sons, John Irvine of Saphock, and James. Mr. John Irvine of Saphock married Birny, sister to Bromhill, and left three sons, Alex., John and James.

“Alex. Irvine of Saphock, his son, as descended from James of Brucklaw, is the nearest lineal heir male now existing, and consequently the representative of the family of Drum for the Irvines Murthill and Cults had come of the family before Bucklaw, Ardtamford, at the same time with him, being the fifth and youngest son, and all the male descendants since then had failed.



"As is observed, these other families in the North descended from Drum, as the Irvines of Kingeousy, Glassit of Esterecune and Conrybaugh.

"*Queeque ex-Agricola amavimus quiquod mirati summus manet mansusumquae est in animis mornimum eternitate temporum fama rorum non multos verterum velut inglorios ignobilis obliviobruet Agricola posterì tati traditis naratus suporstis erit tacit in vit agrie.*"

"True copy taken from the original by me, John Beaufin Irving of Bonshaw, at Drumglass House, Drumgapon, County Tyrone, on 5th and 6th of January, 1906. Rev. Alexander Staples Irwin, the present owner of the original, and the descendant of the original owner, Robert Irvine (his great-great-grandfather), who brought it with him when he had to fly from the estate of Drum Castle, Aberdeenshire, after the failure of Prince Charlie Edward's rising in 1746, being present.

"In proof whereof, Rev. A. Staples Irwin appends his signature hereto.

"(Signed)

ALEX. STAPLES IRWIN.

"Dated the 8th day of Jan'y, 1906."

Robert Irwin of Drum Castle, Aberdeenshire (great-great-grandfather of Rev. Alexander Staples Irwin, Drumglass), took a leading part in Prince Charlie Edward's abortive rebellion in 1745-6, and to save his life fled to Ireland, bringing with him some valuables, and settled at Moree, County Tyrone, about four miles from Drumglass. There he and his eldest son, Robert (who married, but had no descendants) lived and died. Moree was sold, on the death of the second Robert, to pay his debts in 1818.

The younger brother of the Robert Irvine of Drum Castle, Aberdeenshire, took King George's side, and so got the Drum estates, which his descendants still occupy. This younger brother must have shared his income with Robert, who bought some land, built a nice house (Moree), and lived like a gentleman.

Robert had four sons, Robert, Alex., Hugh and John.

Robert married, but left no issue. Alexander married a Graves, a sister of the four Admirals. His son, Samuel, a Captain in the Royal Navy, and family emigrated to Australia in 1834 and prospered there. There are believed to be many of his descendants living in Australia now.

Hugh married a Miss King, heiress of Heathfield, from whom the present Rev. Dr. Charles King Irwin, Archdeacon of Armagh, is descended.

John married one of the three sisters Hamilton, co-heiresses, who brought with her the Drumglass estate, at present in possession of their descendant, Rev. Alexander Irwin (eighty-two years old). He bought it from his elder brother when the Land Act and Land Laws involved the estate, and it had to be sold.

John King Irwin, eldest son descended from Hugh, married, and





had eight sons living, but I don't know where. The Archdeacon whose father was Precentor of Armagh Cathedral, and his grandfather (John Irwin), an eminent Dublin solicitor, has four sons living.

James Moore Irwin, grandfather of the Rev. Alex. Staples Irwin of Drumglass, son of John Irwin and Catherine Hamilton, married Helen Houston. His eldest son, John, died in 1832, leaving three sons: (1) Thomas Staples Irwin is single, a Colonel commanding the Mid-Ulster Militia Garrison Artillery, and is a companion of the Order of the Bath. Arthur and Alex. are married and have issue. (2) Alexander Staples Irwin (Rev.), one son living. (3) John Edward Irwin died thirty years ago, no issue.

About thirty years ago, on the death of an uncle of the Archdeacon, an old chest was opened, and, amongst other things, was found the pedigree of the family of Drum, professionally engrossed with abstracts from public documents, which follow infra. I heard, through a Clansman, the story as told above, got into correspondence with Rev. Alexander Staples Irwin, and, by his kind invitation, went in January, 1906, to stay with him at Drumglass, where I got all this interesting information (from J. B. I.).

John Irwin, born about 1690, first son of Christopher Irwin of Oran, by his wife, Sarah Ormsby, was left Leabeg and Ballinderry by his father. He married Miss Burke of Killearbow and had issue: (1) William, who succeeded his father; (2) Alexander, titular Bishop of Kilalea, died at Leabeg, aged 33; (3) a daughter married Dennis O'Connor of Hillsbrook.



## CHAPTER II

### JOHN McDOWELL I, ANCESTORS, DESCENDENTS AND THEIR KIN.

#### O'HART'S IRISH PEDIGREES.

House of Heremon—The Stem of the McDowell Family.

1.—Dubhghall (Dowell) brother of Samhairle (or Sorley), who is 99 on the McDowell of Antrim family pedigree and No. 100 in the second edition of that series, was the ancestor of MachDubhghall, anglicised MacDougall, McDougald, MacDowell and MacDowall.

200.—Dubhghall (Irish) a black foreigner, son of Gidlabrighed (Gillbride) agreo MachDubhghall was King of the Isles living A. D. 1144.

101—Donach, his son, had a brother named John, who was the ancestor of MacDowell of Larnes County Antrim.

102—Lochlann, his son.

103—Dubhghall (2) his son.

104—Ionghar (Ion'ar) Irish much slaughter, his son, agrei Mac-Inkart (this surname has been Anglicised into other names including McKewer).

105—Giollacollum, his son.

106—Ionhair Dubhghall, his son. This Ionhair had two brothers (1) Hoeklann and (2) Fercar (feqr) by some genealogist-Ferrard, is derived from the Irish fear and hat ard-unus, meaning the tall or high man.

Authority—Irish pedigrees or the origin and stem of the Irish nation by John O'Hart, Associate of Arts q. u. i., author of the last Princess of Tara, etc. Dublin McGlashin and Gill 50 upp, Sackville. Ann Baskerville, a lady of English extraction.

Thomas Dillon, of the Tower, Esq., second son of Theobald Dillon, Lord Viscount Dillon, of Costello & Gallen—ancestors to Count Dillon and to His Grace, Arthur Dillon, Archbishop of Harbonne in France.

Catherine Fitzgerald, descended from the noble house of Fitzgeralds Earls and Marquises of Kildane and now Duke of Leinster.

John O'Reilly, of Balmaecadel County, Meath, Esq., Knight of the shire of the County Cavan, anno 1689, raised a regiment of dragoons at his own expense for the service of James 2. It was



included in the capitulation of Limerick. He died 17 of Feb. 1716, aged 70 years, and was buried in the church of Hilledrampartan, in the County of Cavan, where a monument was erected to his memory.

Margaret, daughter of Owen or Eugene O'Reilly, Esq., Chief of the family of Buary in the County of Cavan.

Luke McDowell, of Montain, the County of Roscommon, Esq. Colonel of Infantry in the service of King James II, served with distinction during the campaign of 1689-90-91, died of the gout in his castle of Montagh, Anno Domini, 1700, and was buried in the family vault in the Monastery of Tulsk, County Roscommon, which was built and founded by one of his ancestors A. D. 1440 for Dominican friars.

Margaret, daughter of Thomas Dillon of the Tower, Esq., by his wife, Catherine Fitzgerald, of the house of Kildare.

Thomas O'Reilly, of Baltrasma County Meath, Esq., fifth and youngest son of Col. John O'Reilly of Ballymacadd, aforesaid, was a Lieutenant in his father's regiment of Dragoons, and served with distinction all the campaigns of 1689-90-91. was at the siege of Limerick and included in the capitulation of that city anno 1691. He died Dec. 25. 1724, was buried with his father at Kill County Cavan. He married anno 1702.

Rosa, daughter of Luke McDowell of Monta, County Roscommon, Esq. Colonel of Infantry in the service of King James, by Margaret, daughter of Thomas Dillon of the Tower, Esq. He died at Baltrawny in the County of Meath anno 1753, buried with her husband at Kill.

His Excellency Don Alexander Count O'Reilly, generalissimo of his Catholic Majesty's forces, and Inspector General of the Infantry, grand commander of the order of Cathava, Captain General of Andalusia Military and Civil Governor of Cadiz, etc. Born at Baltrany in the year 1722.

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## OUR ANCESTORS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD.

The men whose names are inscribed with honor on the pages of American History were fitted to the times and to the occasions which called them forth. They were men of iron nerves and fearless hearts, of devoted action and incorruptible integrity, of splendid talents and practical common sense, who lived for the glory of their country and the happiness of their race.

In the history of the world there is no instance where love of country has been exhibited in bolder deeds than by those who carried us through the struggle for independence.

The history of this Republic has demonstrated beyond contro-



versy the ability of men to rule themselves and protect their individual rights without injury to the rights of others.

It is not only a duty, but a pleasing task to speak of the illustrious dead and distinguished patriotic living. The sacrifices and achievements of the heroes of 1776 should be kept constantly before the public as an inspiration for love of country and devotion to our free institutions of government. The efforts in this line embodied in the principles of the Society of Cincinnati, established in 1783, when the army was disbanded, is worthy of emulation.

The men who stamp the impressions of their genius, or their virtues on their own times influence largely those who follow and they thereby become benefactors of ages to follow. Americans owe it to their nation and to the world to perpetuate the records of such men while it is possible to separate truth from fiction in all that pertains to those who laid the foundation of the greatest republic on earth.

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### SCOTCH-IRISH BLOOD IN AMERICA.

Courage and Thrift of Ancient Clans Infused Into American Character—Recent Investigations Which Trace a Revolutionary Lineage Back to 373 A. D.

The Scotch-Irish blood in America has been a strong influence in the molding of our national character. In Virginia, Pennsylvania, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky, and along the Allegheny and Blue Ridge Mountains, the firmness, the courage and thrift and love of liberty of the ancient clans have been engrafted into American character for many generations. Recent investigations in Scotland and Ireland plainly show that among the founders of the American Republic were sons of the strongest strains of blood in the world.

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### GENEALOGY USED IN FITTING OUT APPLICATION PAPERS FOR ADMISSION TO THE SOCIETY OF COL. WARS FOR H. M. McDOWELL.

1. Hervey McDowell was born April 15, 1836, in Fayette County, Ky. Is a citizen of Cynthiana, Ky.

2. He is a son of John Lyle McDowell (pensioner of 1812) who was born August 24, 1794, died December 23, 1878, and Nancy Hawthorne Vance, his wife, who was born May 20, 1797; died June 13, 1868.

3. Capt. John Lyle McDowell was the son of Col. James McDowell, born April 29, 1760, died Dec. 22, 1843, and Mary Paxton Lyle, his wife, born Nov. 18, 1763, died 1843.





4. The said Col. Jas. McDowell (Revolutionary pensioner) was the son of Samuel McDowell, Sen., born Nov. 7, 1735, died Sept. 25, 1817, and Mary McClung, his wife, born 1733, died Oct. 28, 1826.

5. The said Col. Samuel McDowell was the son of John McDowell, born in Londonderry, died Dec. 25, 1742, in Augusta County, Va.

6. The said Capt. John McDowell was the son of Ephriam McDowell, born in Londonderry 1673, came to America 1727, died in Virginia in 1774, and Margaret Irvine, his wife, born in Londonderry, died in Londonderry.

The services of Samuel McDowell, Sr., in the American Colonial Wars:

Private soldier at Braddock's Defeat, July 9, 1755, in the Augusta, Va., company, of which his cousins Sam and Andrew Lewis, were Captain and Lieutenant.

See Green's Historic Families of Kentucky, page 32.

See Henry's Statutes in an Act passed in 1758, under Governor Dinwiddie, his name is found among the soldiers of the War of Independence, names to whom land was granted. This act enforced by the efforts of Washington in 1770 to 1775. Samuel McDowell's grant located in what is now Fayette County, Ky. Green's Historic Families, page 32.

#### MARY McDOWELL AND HER DESCENDANTS.

Mary McDowell (maiden name not known) was born October 6, 1709, in Scotland, and died in Steele Creek, Mecklenburg, N. C., in 1789. She and her husband, according to tradition, emigrated from Scotland to Pennsylvania. Her husband died in Pennsylvania and about 1750 she and her three children emigrated to Steele Creek, N. C. She died in 1789 in her eightieth year, and was buried in Steele Creek Cemetery.

#### CHILDREN OF MARY McDOWELL:

1. John McDowell.
2. Abigail.
3. Elizabeth.

1. JOHN McDOWELL, SR., was born in Lancaster County, Penn., in 1743, and died at Steele Creek, N. C., July 30th, 1795, aged 52 years. He was married to Jean Parks, daughter of Hugh Parks and Margaret Young (See Parks Connection) July, 1772. John McDowell, Sr., was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and served as a private until the battle of Gates' Defeat, near Camden, S. C., where he was twice wounded and left on the field. Finding he would bleed to death from his wounds, he forded a river, or creek, to reach a surgeon in the enemy's camp, but the cold water chilled his blood and stopped its flow, when he re-crossed the river and made his escape, following the army in a crippled condition until



he found them and was given an old, crippled horse to ride home. He lived for sixteen years afterward, but suffered from his wounds as long as he lived.

His wife, Jean, was a noted heroine, and among her other glorious deeds she rode a horse for 10 miles, carrying her infant son in her arms to notify the patriot army of the evacuation of Charlotte, N. C., by the British.

"In 1780, while John McDowell was in General Gates' army, Lord Cornwallis in command of the British army, sojourned a brief period in Charlotte, N. C., and some of his men went to Steele Creek settlement, under the command of Capt. McDowell, of Scotland, on a foraging expedition. He went to John McDowell's home and was stealing whatever they wanted, when the Captain was approached by Mrs. Jean McDowell, who said to him, "Is it soldierlike to plunder a helpless family so and leave us nothing?" He replied, "But, Madam, we must have something to eat, and these rebels won't bring it in." She appealed again, saying, "And have you no women and children at home?" He answered: "What is your name?" "McDowell—that is my name." "Where are you from?" "Our family came from Scotland, sir." "Aye, and very likely ye are kin of mine; I have some in America." He immediately called in his men, saying they had got enough from that home, and again addressing Mrs. McDowell, said: "And likely ye have some of your family among the rebels, but it is the fortune of war. Good-bye, it is the fortune of war."

John McDowell, Sr., was a leading citizen and an active member of the Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, and was buried in this churchyard, seven miles from Charlotte, N. C. His tombstone now stands at the head of his grave. At the top is a coat of arms, consisting of stag's head and shield with three stars, all supported by two lions standing upright, underneath in Latin the words "vivat post funera virtus," "virtue or bravery lives after death." These words follow: "An exceptional character in whose death his family, his neighborhood, the state and the church sustained a loss. Reader, go thou and do likewise—the world the benefit and God the glory, that when numbered with the dead your monument may be deserved like his." The three stars on the coat of arms represent the knighthood and that some of his ancestors in Scotland were knighted three times for bravery in battle."

(The following are references of authority to the above statement: John Irwin, Mayor Brevard McDowell, of Charlotte, N. C., Dr. Hunters, "Sketcher of Western North Carolina and Steele Creek Church.")

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The following article is from a North Carolina newspaper, under date of June 29, 1916.



## TRIBUTE PAID TO VALOR OF MECKLENBURG WOMAN.

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Marker in Honor of Mrs. Jane (Jean) Parks McDowell, Who Made Perilous Ride to Aid American Troops, Is Placed on Old Home Place.

### F. BREVARD McDOWELL MAKES THE ADDRESS.

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Interesting Exercises Mark Presentation by Mecklenburg Chapter, D. A. R., Through Regent, Mrs. J. Lenoir Chambers—Historic Sketch of the Event that Challenges Attention.

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Bridging the chasm of one hundred and thirty-eight years that have elapsed since the daring ride of Jane Parks McDowell, to notify American soldiers in Sugar Creek that the British had evacuated Charlotte, a few score Charlotte people gathered yesterday in the historic Steel Creek neighborhood to attend the presentation of a marker in honor of her memory. Mecklenburg Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, through the Regent, Mrs. J. Lenoir Chambers, presented the stone to the descendants of Mrs. McDowell. The monument is slightly more than six miles from the city, and stands on land belonging to John McDowell, a descendant of Jane Parks. It is on the York road at the foot of the home place of J. B. Watt.

The exercises were held at ten o'clock in the shade of a wooded slope, just east of the monument on the John McDowell place, in an environment that is rich in historic interest and alluring in scenic charms. In marked contrast to the conditions of 1780 when Mrs. McDowell made her historic ride, every visitor arrived in an automobile, the minister, Rev. John W. Orr, pastor of Steele Creek Church, being no exception. Mr. Orr opened the exercises with a brief, but fitting prayer, in which he included a petition for peace, and invoked blessings on "all whose lives are touched by the great noble deed of this woman whose memory we commemorate."

Mrs. Chambers.

Mrs. J. Lenoir Chambers, who presided, made the introductory address in a graceful manner. She said: "Standing as the Daughters of the American Revolution do, with their primary object that of perpetuation the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved America's independence by the acquisition and protection of historic spots, and by the erections of monuments; by the preservation of documents and relics of the records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots, we, as representatives of the Mecklenburg Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, are most happy to come together today on this historic spot, and do



reverence to the memory of the great-hearted woman, the loyal patriot, Mrs. Jane Parks McDowell. Through the generosity and courtesy of a friend of this chapter, which we represent, and through that of other descendants of this woman, whose deed of valor can never pale, the Mecklenburg Chapter is not only enabled to participate in these exercises, but also has the high privilege and honor of presenting this memorial of a woman's dauntless courage. As Regent, therefore, of the Mecklenburg Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and in its name, I present to the descendants of this noble woman, and to the public, this monument to the memory of Jane Parks McDowell."

#### Mr. McDowell Responds.

In response Mr. F. B. McDowell, great-great-grandson of the heroine, made a characteristically bright and appropriate speech, lightened by flashes of humor. He said: "In behalf of the public and the descendants, especially, I accept this beautiful marker in granite to perpetuate the memory of a heroine of Mecklenburg County and American Revolution. A few years ago I accepted an invitation to the unveiling of a monument at Lexington, Va., entitled, 'Virginia's Mourning for Her Dead.' It was in recognition of the valor of the cadets of the Virginia Military Institute, who saved the day for the Confederate cause at the Battle of Newmarket, Va. Scarcely any of these cadets were out of their teens. Two hundred were engaged in a battle, five were killed upon the field, two mortally wounded, and forty more or less seriously injured. My brother, William Hugh McDowell, was one of the dead, and the only North Carolinian killed. During the afternoon of the unveiling, as the visitors were seated in the chapel, a matron with gray hair and stately carriage, walked down the aisle and the old cadets in the audience, catching sight of her, arose en masse, and gave her the greatest ovation of the day. It was a spontaneous tribute to the courage and faithfulness of womanhood. Cadet Jefferson, one of the two mortally wounded, had died at her mother's home nearby, and with his dying breath asked her, the then young lady, to take a message in person to his mother, forty miles in the mountains of West Virginia, which was then inhabited by lawless characters and desperate and hostile troops. She made good her promise, despite all the dangers and hardships. This act recalled to me a similar mission executed by Jane Parks McDowell, in our early Revolutionary days. \* \* \* Mrs. McDowell rode ten miles, over dangerous roads, to give her countrymen the joyful news that the British had evacuated Charlotte. I have some affidavits never before published, secured from the pension office at Washington, stating that the Americans were encamped at that date in the swamps beyond Sugar Creek Church. While the British, in much stronger number, held Charlotte, it was to this spot, over ten miles







HON. BREVARD McDOWELL



distant, that our heroine made, unattended and unprotected, this marvelous ride, it is said with a baby in her arms.

#### A Remarkable Prayer.

“Some years ago a South Carolinian sent me a remarkable prayer delivered by a Presbyterian minister named Lacy, in York County, S. C. It was in pamphlet form and classic in its diction. The devout man thanked the Almighty for all the victories achieved by the American army. In the concluding paragraph he said: ‘We thank Thee, especially, Oh, Heavenly Father, for the great, glorious and culmination victory at the Battle of King’s Mountain,’ and continuing he added, ‘And, Oh, Heavenly Father, we would have had another thing to thank Thee for, if Thou had’st not let the British destroy Col. Billie Hill’s iron works.’ I make this quotation from the pamphlet because it had an association in the event we are now celebrating, for Col. William Hill, who owned the only iron works south of the Tredegar at Richmond, was a grandfather of the late Gen. D. H. Hill, an accurate historian and a writer of note, who was well acquainted with the sons and daughters of the Revolutionary soldiers and the history and traditions of this portion of the Carolinas, and in the early 70’s he published in the “Southern Home,” the first authentic account of the daring and successful ride of Jane Parks McDowell, and the Regent of the Mecklenburg Chapter, who has tendered this memorial stone, is a descendant of the noted family of Laeys, to which the author of this rare and human old prayer belongs. The heroine of this occasion was a modest woman and devoid of pretense, and raised a family of children, none of whom left any taint on the name; and she did so by implicating in their lives the motto of the coat of arms and carved on this stone, that ‘Virtue Lives Beyond the Grave.’ This motto was the symbol of her life and character, and is the highest conception of the final award that awaits for duty performed and life well-spent on earth. Your chapter has the distinction of having departed from the imperious and one-sided custom of honoring men alone for their deeds, but has made a new departure in recognizing the claims of women, and this shaft will stand unique in Mecklenburg and has few, if any, counterparts either in the State or nation.”

Mr. McDowell said the memorial was really inspired by Mrs. C. P. Elliot, oldest granddaughter of Jane McDowell, and at her request he read an interesting sketch. It told how John McDowell, husband of the heroine, was shot in the Battle of Camden, and left for dead, after being robbed by the British of everything except an old watch, which was secreted in a pocket his wife had made in his underclothes. This watch was exhibited yesterday and attracted much attention. Mr. McDowell also exhibited an exceedingly handsome brooch, which is a replica of the one which was worn by



Robert the Bruce, and which was snatched from him by the chief of the McDowell Clan in a terrific personal combat. It is of mammoth size, and set with richly beautiful Scotch pebbles. The marker bears this inscription:

“1870

In Memoriam

JANE PARKS, WIFE OF CAPTAIN JOHN McDOWELL,  
WHO RODE TEN PERILOUS MILES TO NOTIFY AMERICAN  
CAMP OF THE BRITISH EVACUATION  
OF CHARLOTTE.

ERECTED BY THE MECKLENBURG CHAPTER, D. A. R.”

The exercises were attended by Mr. and Mrs. F. B. McDowell, Mrs. J. Lenoir Chambers, Regent of Mecklenburg Chapter, D. A. R., and the following chapter members: Miss Cordelia W. Phifer, Mrs. Latta C. Johnston, Mrs. A. Livingstone Smith, Mrs. J. P. Durant, Mrs. E. L. Keesler, Miss Anne Parks Hutchison, Mrs. A. M. McDonald, Mrs. W. B. Rider, Mrs. I. W. Henderson, Mrs. H. A. London, Miss Julia Robertson, Mrs. J. M. Harry, Miss Mary Johnston and Miss Susie Hutchison.

The Signers chapter was represented by Miss Violet Alexander, and the Battle of Charlotte, by Mrs. J. P. Caldwell.

Descendants of Jane Parks McDowell present included:

Messrs. F. B. McDowell, John McDowell, John M. Harry, R. E. McDowell, Mrs. C. P. Elliott, Mrs. Baxter Henderson, Mrs. Chas. E. Walker and daughter, Miss Katherine Walker; Mrs. A. T. Allen, Miss Ellen Peoples and Miss Emma Peoples and Mr. Henry Peoples.



DESCENDANTS OF JOHN McDOWELL, SR., AND HIS WIFE  
JEAN PARKS.

1. John McDowell II.
2. Hugh.
3. Margaret.

## JOHN McDOWELL II.

JOHN McDOWELL II, son of John McDowell, Sr., and his wife, Jean Parks, was born at Steele Creek, Mecklenburg County, N. C., March 18, 1775, and married Rebecca Davis, daughter of Walter Davis and Rebecca Lyeon (see Davis and Lyeon connection).

Rebecca Davis was born July 12, 1780, and died March 14, 1959, aged seventy-eight years.

John McDowell II, died November 31, 1843, aged 68 years.

CHILDREN OF JOHN McDOWELL II, AND HIS WIFE,  
REBECCA DAVIS:

1. John Davis McDowell, born in Steele Creek, Jan. 25, 1810, died July 13, 1889, aged 79 years.
2. James Hall, born at Steele Creek, N. C., Sept. 21, 1800; died Sept. 18, 1801.
3. Jane Parks, born at Steele Creek, N. C., July 12, 1802; died August 7, 1848.
4. Rebecca Eliza, born at Steel Creek, N. C., June 24, 1804; died Sept. 15, 1865.
5. Mary Davis, born at Steele Creek, N. C., March 30, 1806; died Jan. 4, 1831.
6. Esther Young, born at Steele Creek, N. C., March 20, 1808; died Dec. 24, 1859.
7. Margaret Lucy Berry, born at Steele Creek, N. C., Feb. 12, 1812; died June 25, 1851.
8. Pamela Caroline, born at Steele Creek, N. C., Feb. 13, 1814; died August, 1844.
9. William Andrew, born at Steele Creek, N. C., Aug. 7, 1816; died Feb. 19, 1868.
10. Samuel Hugh, born at Steele Creek, N. C., Aug. 27, 1818; died Oct. 14, 1842.
11. Robert Wallace, born at Steele Creek, N. C., Feb. 23, 1821; died Oct. 14, 1889.

(See "Children of John McDowell II, and His Wife, Rebecca Davis, With Their Descendants and Connections.")

## HUGH McDOWELL.

HUGH McDOWELL, son of John McDowell, Sr., and his wife, Jean Parks, married Margaret Irwin, daughter of Gen. Robert Irwin, one of the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. (See Gen. Robert Irwin.)





## McDowell Coats of Arms



McDOWELL



REBECCA McDOWELL.

Mother of John Davis McDowell and grandmother of John Hugh McDowell. She was born July 12, 1789, and died March 14, 1858, aged 78 years, 8 months and 2 days.



## CHILDREN OF HUGH AND MARGARET IRWIN McDOWELL:

1. John Hamilton McDowell.
2. Robert I. McDowell.
3. Sarah McDowell.
4. William McDowell.
5. Emeline McDowell.
6. Margaret McDowell, who married Andrew Lawson Barry. (See Barry Line.)
7. Jane, who married Moses Neely. (See Neely Line.)

(See "DESCENDANTS OF HUGH AND MARGARET IRWIN McDOWELL, WITH THEIR CONNECTIONS.")

## MARGARET McDOWELL.

MARGARET McDOWELL, daughter of John McDowell, Sr., and his wife, Jean Parks, was born April 6, 1782, and died June 7, 1846. She married Richard Barry, Jr., son of Richard Barry, Sr., one of the signers of the Mecklingburg Declaration of Independence, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, and settled in Mecklenburg County, N. C., long before the Revolution. Margaret McDowell Barry, with her husband, is buried at Hopewell. Children:

1. Mary M. Barry, born Aug. 18, 1806; died April 9, 1833.
2. Ann Ataline Barry, born Dec. 2, 1808; died June 21, 1880; married David Harry.
3. Jane L. Barry, born March 29, 1811; died May 11, 1876; married W. A. Sample.
4. Elinor Barry, married Batte Irwin. (See Wm. Irwin.)

## DESCENDANTS OF ANN BARRY AND DAVID HARRY (See Harry Line.)

1. John F. Harry, born Aug. 29, 1829; died Aug. 7, 1871. (See "Harry Line.")
2. Richard B. Harry, born Oct. 27, 1831; died Nov. 5, 1855.
3. William Batte Harry, born Feb. 26, 1834; died June 17, 1889.
4. Margaret E. Harry, born Oct. 31, 1836; died April 7, 1895; married James S. Henderson.
5. Martha Elinor Harry, born July 1842; died May 22, 1897; married R. S. Barnette.

## DESCENDANTS OF JANE BARRY AND W. A. SAMPLE.

1. Martha E. Sample, born Sept. 8, 1832; died Sept. 20, 1857.
2. J. Me. Sample, born Jan. 17, 1835.
3. David I. Sample, born August 6, 1837.
4. John W. Sample, born Feb. 28, 1840.
5. Hugh B. Sample, born Sept. 29, 1843.
6. Margaret Jane Sample, born Aug. 19, 1846; married S. J. McElroy.



### CHILDREN OF MARGARET E. HARRY AND JAMES S. HENDERSON:

1. Annie Harry.
2. Margaret Harry.
3. Hugh Harry.
4. Carrie Harry.
5. Rosa Harry.
6. Eugenia Harry.
7. William Harry.
8. Walter Harry.

Annie married William Jamison.

WILLIAM BATTE HARRY married a Miss Lawing. Issue: 1, Susan; 2, Ellen; 3, Name unknown. Susan married an Abernathy. Ellen also married an Abernathy. All lived in Hopewell, N. C.

### ABIGAIL McDOWELL.

2. ABIGAIL McDOWELL, daughter of Mary McDowell, was born October 5, 1740, and married Robert McLeary, of Mecklenburg County, N. C., a brother of General McLeary, of Revolutionary fame.

### ELIZABETH McDOWELL.

3. ELIZABETH McDOWELL, daughter of Mary McDowell, was born in 1738; and died in 1807, married Colonel Samuel Watson, of Bethel neighborhood, York District, S. C.

COLONEL WATSON was a faithful, brave, heroic soldier in the war of the Revolution. He came South with the McDowells and was a ruling elder of Bethel Church. He died in 1808, aged 79 years.

### CHILDREN OF SAMUEL WATSON AND ELIZABETH McDOWELL.

1. MARY, who married a Howe, who was killed in the Battle of Hanging Rock, S. C. Mary afterwards married an Eakins, and moved to East Tennessee.
2. JAMES, who married near Pendleton, S. C., and died in 1864, aged eighty-two years.
3. JOHN, born in 1770, and died in 1830, aged sixty years. Moved to East Tennessee.
4. DAVID, born Feb. 27, 1772 and died in 1839. He married Margaret Adams, born April, 1780. He was the father of Rev. S. L. Watson, who married Nancy Hannah Neal (See Neal Connection, page —), and David McEwen Watson, who was born Jan. 24, 1814, and died Sept. 4, 1855, married Mary Jane Anderson, born Feb. 24, 1824, and died at Chester, S. C., Dec. 30, 1882. Issue of David McEwen Watson and Mary Jane Ander-



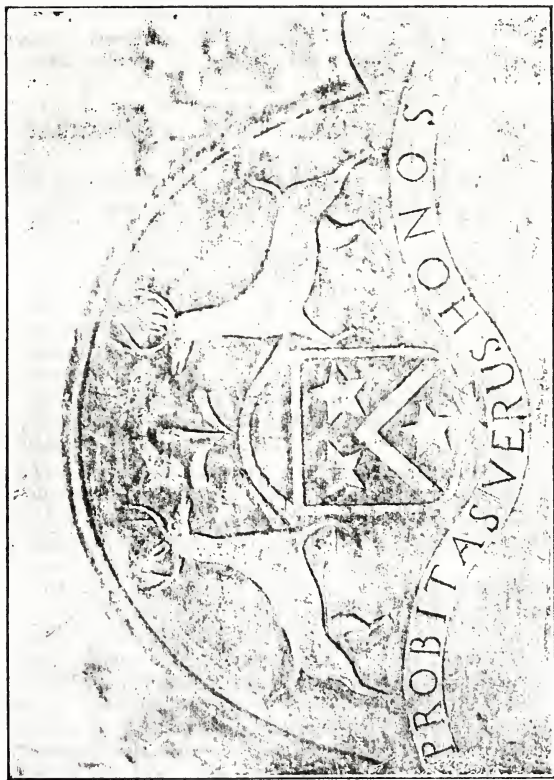
son: 1. Elizabeth, born at Clay Hill, Nov. 5, 1846; died Jan. 1, 1883. 2. Emma, born at Clay Hill, Jan. 24, 1848. 3. John Anderson, born at Clay Hill, Dec. 18, 1849; died Nov. 5, 1902. 4. Sallie Storr, born at Clay Hill, Jan. 3, 1852. 5. David Samuel, born at Clay Hill, Oct. 5, 1854. Sallie Storr Watson married James Henry Anderson, born at Spartanburg, S. C., Aug. 10, 1848. They were married at Clay Hill, York County, S. C., July 15, 1873. Issue: 1. Mary Elizabeth, born at Spartanburg County, Aug. 31, 1874. 2. David Watson, born at Moore, S. C., July 14, 1877. 3. James Mayson, born at Moore, S. C., Feb. 9, 1881. 4. Samuel Monroe, born at Moore, S. C., Feb. 20, 1883. 5. John Herschel, born at Moore, S. C., Aug. 14, 1885. 6. Bessie Belle, born at Moore, S. C., Dec. 27, 1888. 7. Horace Brockman, born at Moore, S. C., Nov. 14, 1890. 8. Katherine, born at Moore, S. C., June 18, 1893. David Watson, son of James Henry Anderson and Sallie Storr Watson, married Mande Comfort.

5. HUGH, son of Elizabeth McDowell and Col. Samuel Watson, died in Bethel, S. C., aged 59 years.
6. WILLIAM, who married Margaret Parks, daughter of Hugh Parks (See Parks Connection, page —), at Steele Creek, N. C., was born in 1778, and died in 1854, aged seventy-six years. His wife, Margaret Parks, died in 1866.
7. Elizabeth, daughter of Elizabeth McDowell and Col. Samuel Watson, married John Barry, whose ancestor was Andrew Barry, of Revolutionary fame. Issue: Mary, John, Samuel, Andrew, Charlie, William, John and Samuel, went to Texas, but left families in Tennessee. William died in Missouri, and left a family of four daughters, as follows: Mary, born Sept. 22, 1775; died Jan. 14, 1888. Margaret, Eliza, Kate. Margaret married Oliver Alexander. Eliza married Richard Barry. Eliza's children all dead except Emma Burnett, who lives near Palestine, Texas. Kate married John Sloan (brother of Andrew Moore Sloan, who married Sarah McDowell, daughter of Hugh and Margaret Irwin McDowell).

MARY BARRY, daughter of Elizabeth Watson and John Barry, married William Henderson. Mrs. Alice McWhorter, of Longview, Texas, is a daughter. Mrs. McWhorter's daughter, Mary, married Rev. S. M. Tenny, a Presbyterian minister.







DAVIS' COAT OF ARMS (Taken from tombstone)



## REV. S. L. WATSON.

Rev. Samuel Watson, son of David Watson and his wife, Margaret Adams, and the grandson of Elizabeth McDowell, was born in 1798, where Bethel Church, York District, S. C., is, and of which his father was elder. He was licensed to preach by the South Carolina Presbytery in 1826 and in 1827 was employed by Steele Creek Church. In 1828 three-fourths of his time was given to Steele Creek and one-fourth to Ebenezer Church, York District, S. C. He died June 1869, aged seventy-one years. He married Nancy Hannah Neal.

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 WALTER DAVIS, SENIOR, HIS CHILDREN AND THEIR DESCENDANTS.

WALTER DAVIS, SR., married Rebecca Lycan of Wales. He died Dec. 18, 1800, aged sixty-five years. Rebecca Lycan was born in 1736 and died March 1, 1784.

## CHILDREN OF WALTER AND REBECCA LYCAN (KNOWN)

1. John Lycan Davis.
2. Walter Davis, Jr.
3. Elijah Davis.
4. James Davis.
5. William H. Davis.
6. Rebecca Davis, who married John McDowell, II.
7. Mary Davis, who married Hugh Parks, Jr.
8. Esther Davis.

JOHN LYCAN DAVIS was born in Pennsylvania in 1763. His parents removed to North Carolina when he was quite young. He professed religion alone in the woods at 18 years of age, and shouted aloud the praises of the Lord. He married Jane Elliott in 1788. Issue: 1. James Elliott. 2. Rebecca. 3. Andrew.

After the death of Jane Elliott, his first wife, he married Elizabeth Bell, and by her had nine children. In 1803 he removed from North Carolina and settled in Wilson County, Tenn., where he died February, 1840. Rebecca Davis, daughter of John Lycan Davis, married John Martin, of Rutherford County, Tenn., and had eight children. One of her daughters married Alpassa Young, a minister, and moved to Texas. Another daughter married and moved to West Tennessee. James Davis, son of John Lycan Davis, commenced to study law before the Civil War. Narcissa, another daughter of John Lycan Davis, married George Smith. P. Y. Davis, another son of John Lycan Davis, was born in Wilson County, Tenn., in 1805. Early in life he united with the Presbyterian Church, and before he was twenty-one years old he was licensed to preach. The country was sparsely settled at that time, and he traveled over much territory, building up the weak churches, preaching often twice a day,



as the supply of ministers was inadequate. In 1837, at the age of 32, he married Eleanor Gwyn. Issue: 1. William Robertson, married Mary Foster. They had several children. 2. Ransom Gwyn, who entered the Confederate Army at the age of 18, and only survived three months. 3. Sarah E., who married W. M. Suddarth. They reside in Lebanon, Tenn., and have a number of children. 4. Mary Eleanor (married name unknown).

After the death of his first wife P. Y. Davis married Louisiana Young. They had three children, two of whom died young, the other, Walter Young.

After the death of Louisiana Young, P. Y. Davis married a widow, America Young, who was drowned six months later, attempting to cross the Cumberland River at Carthage, Tenn. He married the fourth time to Rachel Hallam.

WALTER DAVIS, JR., son of Walter and Rebecca Lyeon Davis, had a daughter, Rebecca, who married Ezekiel Dickson, of Fayette County, Tenn., whose daughter, Mary, married William Patton.

ELIJAH DAVIS, son of Walter and Rebecca Lyeon Davis, lived the last ten years of his life in Obion County, Tenn. He died about 1840, and left four sons and one or two daughters. John, the oldest son, died about 1865, and left a family with several children. Joseph Davis lives in Missouri, and has a wife and family. Samuel Davis married twice and lives in Obion County, Tenn. A daughter of Elijah Davis married William Moon. They live in Madison County, Tenn.

ESTHER DAVIS, daughter of Walter and Rebecca Lyeon Davis, married John Bell, of North Carolina, in 1800, and later moved to Tennessee. Issue: 1. Jane. 2. Robert. 3. Mary. 4. Angie. 5. Samuel K. 6. John E. 7. William. 8. Martha.

Robert Bell married Elizabeth Roan. He was a minister and much loved by the church. He died about 1843 in his 47th year. He left a large family. One of his sons was an eminent lawyer. His daughters all married excellent gentlemen.

WILLIAM H. DAVIS, son of Walter and Rebecca Lyeon Davis, settled near Rutherford County, Tenn., in 1825. His son, Dr. Joseph W. Davis, died at Smyrna, Tenn., in 1899, and Dr. Davis' son, Wallace, lives there now. He married Hattie Brocken.

REBECCA DAVIS, daughter of Walter and Rebecca Lyeon Davis, married John McDowell H. (See John McDowell H.)

MARY DAVIS, daughter of Walter and Rebecca Lyeon Davis, married Hugh Parks, Jr. (See Parks Connection.)

JAMES DAVIS, son of Walter Davis and Rebecca Lyeon, married Prudence Bell (see sketch).

#### WALTER DAVIS I. AND DESCENDANTS.

James Davis (son of Walter Davis, Sr., and Rebecca Lyeon Davis) married Prudence Bell, who was a native of County "Down."



Ireland. They lived on Alpine Creek, in Providence Township. They had three sons and five daughters. The sons were Samuel Asbury, John Newton, and James Hilliard. The daughters were Mariah, Hettie, Angelina, Jane and Mary.

Samuel Asbury married Elizabeth Stitt of Providence Township. They had five children, James Taylor, John Newton, and Margaret; Jane died early in life; Susan never married, and died February 7, 1904, at the home of her sister, Julia, in Charlotte, of heart failure. General James Taylor Davis, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Stitt Davis, graduated at Emery and Henry College, Va., at the age of seventeen (17), studied law under Judge Pearson and was licensed in 1857 before he was quite twenty years old. Traveled a year, as the license could not be given to one under twenty-one, and the license was sent him and was a compliment to his mind. In the war of the '60s he enlisted in the Hornet's Nest Rifles and they only enlisted for six months; he returned and joined in organizing the Forty-ninth Regiment, State troops, with others—captain of Company F. He was promoted to Major and then to Lieutenant-Colonel, and on the 25th of March, 1865, at the battle of Harris Hill, he was shot and mortally wounded. For his gallantry in that charge he was promoted to Brigadier-General, but died, before the commision reached him, from the wound. These were his last wrds, "I owe my country nothing," to Colonel S. H. Walkup of Monroe.

Julia Davis, daughter of S. A. Davis, married her cousin, Marcellus L. Davis, son of James H. Davis, June 1st, 1865. They had three children, Juanita and Alice Oliver, who died young, and one son, James Taylor, who died at twelve years of age, of much promise. Having spoken at his Sunday school celebration, was greatly applauded; sick even then, died next day of appendicitis—a disease not then known to the medical profession.

John Newton Davis, son of James and Prudence Davis, was a member of the South Carolina conference. He married Miss Annie West of Savannah, Ga., and died in Mecklenburg in 1848, was buried in the South Carolina Confederate burying ground in Columbia, S. C. His widow went back to Savannah.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stitt Davis died February 14th, 1849. Three years later S. A. Davis married Miss Ellen Alexander of Hawkins County, Tenn. James Hilliard Davis, son of James and Prudence Davis, married Jane D. Lee, of whom he had three children—one son, Marcellus Leonidas; two daughters, Alice Octavia and Adelaide Eugonia. Alice married Major William M. Smith of Tennessee. They moved to Bosque, Texas, where he died January 25, 1894, and his wife followed on the 25th of February, one month later. Adelaide died young. Mariah Davis married Rev. Jacob Hill of South Carolina conference. They had eight children, five sons and three daughters. John Wesley, the oldest son, married Margaret Kistler of Lincolnton and died October 12, 1860. The only son, Alexander G., died at five years of age. Jane Delilah Hill married Hart Davis: no chil-







JOHN DAVIS McDOWELL,  
Son of John McDowell II; father of John Hugh McDowell.  
Born in 1810; died 1889.



children. Mary Elizabeth Hill was born February 6, 1852. She is a widow Dunn, with several children living near Rozzle Ferry. Martha Lucinda was born July 9th, 1854, and married James McCollough. Ellen Luvenia, born July 3d, 1856, married Jack Bailes. Margaret Catherine, born July 8th, 1858, married Jerome McElwell of South Carolina. Mary Joanna, born June, 1860, married Bob Hoover. Rev. Jacob Hill died June 16th, 1865, aged 65 years. William Asbury married Sallie Lytle; they lived in Rock Hill, S. C. Samuel Jackson married Janie Rembert of Sumter, S. C.; raised quite a family. He was a member of the South Carolina conference. Henry Davis Hill died a member of the Georgia conference (in Savannah). Jacob died in Kingston Hospital of typhoid fever in 1863. The daughters were Jane Hill, who married Thomas Rozelle; they had three sons, Durant, Thomas and Jacob. Mary Hill married Lawson Kistler; three children, Jane, Samuel and Mattie. Mattie Hill married Frank Wilkinson; they had one son and two daughters, Meynardie, Annie and Julia Davis. The son is married and has three children. They live at Old Fort. Julia married Mr. Robert Simons of Rutherford, N. C.

Hettie Davis, daughter of James and Prudence, married Audrey Crockett, went west and had a large family. Only one son ever came to visit his people, James Davis Crockett, who came in 1865.

Angelina Davis, daughter of James and Prudence Davis, married Abram Alexander, who went west and moved to Tuspen Valley, Mex., and died there. The children, when last located, were in Yuba City, Colorado. Jane Davis, daughter of James and Prudence Davis, married Thomas Webb.

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### JOHN DAVIS McDOWELL.

JOHN DAVIS McDOWELL, son of John McDowell II and his wife, Rebecca Davis, was born near Steele Creek, Mecklenburg County, N. C., January 25, 1810, on the farm settled by his grandfather, John McDowell, Sr., of the Revolutionary War. He received a good English education in the best schools the country then afforded. At the early age of sixteen he joined Steele Creek Presbyterian Church. This church was organized in 1760, and his parents and grandparents were prominent members of it until their deaths. At the age of 22 he married Nancy Hunter Irwin, daughter of William Irwin and granddaughter of General (or officially Colonel) Robert Irwin. The wedding occurred May 10th, 1832, the bride being seventeen years, ten months and sixteen days old. On Oct. 25th following, he, wife, and five negroes, given them by their parents, started in wagons with spike (three-horse) teams, across the mountains of western North Carolina, Eastern Tennessee and Middle Tennessee, to Gibson County, West Tennessee. They were one month on the road, reaching their home in the wildwoods five miles south of Trenton, Tenn., Nov. 25, 1832. On the journey they often camped out at



night—often many miles from any habitation, and in a wilderness where sign boards were unknown and roads were scarce, where wolves and panthers howled and screamed every night; but these frontiersmen had become inured to wild and rugged lives, and met the difficulties of frontier life with that courage and unflinching determination that characterized the Scotch-Irish early settlers.

John Davis McDowell pitched his tents in the woods where not an acre of land had been cleared. He hewed logs and erected log houses for himself and slaves. There were no sawmills in those days, and they ripped out with whip saw two-inch slabs and made paneleon floors. They had then to clear up land on which to make the next year's crop. They would chop down trees all day and burn brush at night until 9 o'clock. He was a man of fine stature, six feet, two inches high, and weighed 180 pounds, of great constitution and energetic in whatever he undertook. Soon after settling in Gibson county he and his wife joined Shiloh Church, four miles northeast of Humboldt, Tenn., was soon elected a ruling elder, and held this office forty-six years. In 1852 he moved his membership to the Trenton Presbyterian Church, retaining his membership there until 1873. Moving to Memphis he joined the Lauderdale Street Presbyterian Church, where he remained until his death, which occurred July 13, 1889, at the ripe age of seventy-nine years, five months and nineteen days, and was buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Tenn. On his tombstone is the McDowell coat of arms, taken from his grandfather's tombstone, Steel Creek.

John Davis McDowell was a man loved and respected by all who knew him. He had no ambition for office and never held any save that of Justice of the Peace and County Judge. He belonged to the Odd Fellows' Fraternity, and was for fifty years a strong advocate of temperance and for the abolition of the saloon. His life was religion; he talked it and lived it. His uniform custom was to call his family around the hearthstone at night and Sunday morning for prayer, and when he died his spirit was wafted by angelic wings to the haven of eternal bliss in the realms of glory.

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#### NANCY HUNTER IRWIN.

NANCY HUNTER IRWIN, wife of John Davis McDowell, was born June 14, 1814, near Steele Creek, N. C., on the old homestead settled by her grandfather, Col. Robert Irwin. She was the only daughter of William Irwin and Lydia Birdsong, and received a good education in the best schools of the country. She was a woman of great constitution and energy, and it was said of her in the days of family looms when every family wove cloth at home, that she could card and spin six cuts a day, besides attending to her household duties. At an early age she professed religion and



joined Steele Creek Church, N. C., and for sixty-seven years she was a consistent devoted member of the church. She died at the home of her son, John H. McDowell, near Union City, Tenn., on Sept. 23, 1899, at the good old age of eighty-five years, three months and six days. A few hours before her death she said: "Tell my children who are absent I am perfectly happy and willing to die." She died in the joy and triumph of the Lord, with that peace of soul and calm repose that cometh only to the children of God.

"There is no death, the sun goes down  
To rise upon another shore,  
Where throughout all eternity,  
She dwells with God forevermore."

#### CHILDREN OF JOHN DAVIS AND NANCY HUNTER IRWIN McDOWELL:

1. William Wallace McDowell, born June 26, 1833; died April 30, 1904.
2. Cordelia Felicia Hemans McDowell, born June 6, 1835; died May 24, 1913.
3. Rebecca Jane McDowell, born March 21, 1837; died April 20, 1912.
4. Jessie Irwin McDowell, born Oct. 30, 1839; died May 26, 1860.
5. Roxana McDowell, born Jan. 5, 1842; died June 25, 1862.
6. John Hugh McDowell, born Dec. 12, 1843.
7. Laura Ann McDowell, born March 15, 1846.
8. Samuel I. McDowell, born Sept. 4, 1848; died June 7, 1888.
9. Luther McDowell, born March 13, 1857; died in infancy.
10. Verner McDowell, born March 5, 1856; died Dec. 22, 1882.

See John Davis M. D. et al. His Descendants and Connections

#### REBECCA ELIZA McDOWELL

REBECCA ELIZA McDOWELL, daughter of John and Rebecca Davis McDowell, was born June 24, 1804, married Frank H. Simiril, of Yorkville, S. C., Jan. 11, 1827. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was an efficient and active elder. Rebecca Eliza Simiril died Sept. 15, 1865. Of this marriage was born three daughters:

1. Rebecca-Jane, born Jan. 4, 1828; died June 17, 1874.
2. Mary Henrietta, born Dec. 7, 1880, and died Oct. 10, 1857. Buried in Yorkville, S. C.
3. Lenora Eualine, born March 16, 185—; died July 25, 1907.





Rebecca Jane Simiril was married to Dr. T. C. Neel (brother-in-law of her uncle, Robert W. McDowell) (see Neal line). Aug. 16, 1848. Issue:

Lenora Simiril Nell, born May 9, 1855.

Frank Simiril, born Sept. 27, 1857.

William Henry Neel, born Dec. 17, 1859; died Nov. 6, 1863.

Frank Simiril Neel, son of T. C. and Rebecca Jane Neel, was elected deacon of Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church, when only twenty years old; after the death of his father in Feb., 1897, was elected elder to fill his father's place, which position he still holds. The matter of eldership has certainly been laid down for four or five generations in this county.

Mary Henrietta Neel was born Jan. 13, 1862; died Feb. 1906.

Robert McDowell Neel was born July 26, —, and died May 25, 1865.

Cora Hannah Neel was born Nov. 17, 1865.

Lenora S. Neel married Rev. Chalmers Moore, a Presbyterian minister. He died in Cheraw, S. C., at the home of his mother. They had no children.

Frank S. Neel married Elizabeth Caldwell, daughter of Milton and Kate Moore Caldwell, of Sugar Creek. They had five children: Kate, Frank, Caldwell and Ernest and William Henry.

Mary Henrietta Neel married Charles H. Caldwell, who survives her with two daughters, Rebecca and Esther.

Cora Hannah Neel married C. P. Murphy, of Union, S. C. He died suddenly the same day Chalmers Moore was buried, the oldest and youngest sisters were left widows in one day. Cora has a daughter, Louise, who is teaching in the graded school at Union S. C.

Mary Henrietta Simiril married Rufus Weeks January, 1851. He died in 1857. No children.

Lenora Emaline Simiril, youngest daughter of Rebecca Eliza and Frank H. Simiril, was married March 20, 1858, to Dr. J. Henderson, of Sugar Creek. They had six daughters and two sons:

Margaret H. Henderson was born July 7, 1859.

Fannie Eliza Henderson was born Aug. 23, 1861.

Pinkney Caldwell Henderson, was born January, 1864.

Daisy Henderson was born Jan. 20, 1867.

Simirill McDowell was born Jan. 13, 1869; married Pearl Oaker, of Fayetteville, N. C.

May Henderson.

Lucy Henderson.

Josie Henderson was born November, 1876.

Dr. J. Henderson died in 1878. They lived eight miles north of Charlotte on the Statesville road.



Margaret H. Henderson married Dr. John R. Irwin, who was born Dec. 29, 1853; married Feb. 19, 1879. Issue:

Herbert Irwin, born Dec. 6, 1879.

Mary Irwin, born March 3, 1882; married Wm. Henry Belk. A prominent Colonial Dame.

Henderson Irwin, born June 13, 1884.

John Henderson, born Sept. 15, 1887.

Batte Irwin, born Sept. 15, 1887.

Julia Irwin, born Feb. 18, 1890.

McKnut Irwin, born July 11, 1893; died 1897.

John R. Irwin is the only son of Batte Irwin and the great grandson of Gen. Robert and Mary A. Irwin.

Dr. John Irwin is one of Charlotte's noted physicians, and is an active member of the Second Presbyterian Church.

Pinkney C. Henderson was married to Miss Julia Dowd, June 15, 1897. Issue: David, born Jan. 3, 1899; died Feb. 1, 1902. Lenora Simiril Henderson, born Sept. 15, 1901. P. C. Henderson, born Sept. 25, 1903.

Daisy Henderson was married May 8, 1888, to Dr. Wilson, of Catawba County. Issue: Eva Rebecca, born Aug. 25, 1890, and Helen Lenora, born Nov. 24, 1892.

Lenora Simiril Henderson's other children, are at the old home. Simiril McDowell is a fine physician.

### JANE PARKS McDOWELL.

Jane Parks McDowell, daughter of John McDowell, II. and his wife, Rebecca Davis, married Jonathan Reid, Jan. 3, 1882. She was born July 12, 1802, and died Aug. 7, 1848. Jonathan Reid was born Sept. 9, 1800; died May 9, 1860. Issue:

John Mc. Reid, born Nov. 25, 1824; died Dec. 18, 1841.

William W. Reid, born Nov. 17, 1826; died Dec. 18, 1841.

Samuel Watson Reid, born Dec. 12, 1831; died Dec. 24, 1902.

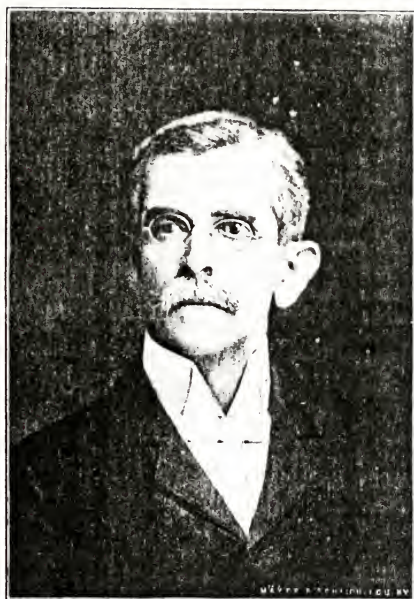
John and William were drowned in McAlpin Creek, Dec. 18, 1841. John was attending school in Providence, under the care of Rev. Cyrus Johnston. A vacation for Christmas was given and William had gone horseback for John. The creek was swollen and both drowned.

### CHILDREN OF SAMUEL WATSON REID AND JANE PATTERSON PRESSLY:

1. Jonathan, born at Steele Creek, April 8, 1855; married Lizzie Clark, at Pineville, N. C., Nov. 15, 1876.

2. James Pressly, born at Steele Creek, April 22, 1857, married Lula Kirkpatrick, Sharon, N. C., Dec. 24, 1889. Issue: Ellen Moore, born at Sharon, N. C., Sept. 17, 1891; Walter Kirkpatrick, born Nov. 20, 1893; Louisa, born May 15, 1898.





MAJOR S. WATSON REID,  
Steele Creek, N. C.



3. William Lowry Reid, born May 27, 1859, unmarried.
4. Laura Jane, born Sept. 21, 1861; died Nov. 6, 1863.
5. Mary Ellen, born Oct. 13, 1863; died Nov. 18, 1893; married Rev. John W. Moore. She went to Japan as a missionary, and returned in 1893, broken down in health, and soon died. She was a most lovely character, greatly esteemed by all who knew her.
6. Robert McDowell Reid, born Aug. 20, 1865, married Lelia Sheppard, at Gastonia, N. C., April 28, 1897. Issue: Francis Allen, born Sept. 3, 1898; Robert McDowell, born June 2, 1901; Martin Shuford, born Oct. 3, 1906.
7. Samuel Watson, born Sept. 9, 1867. Unmarried.

#### A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF MAJOR S. W. REID.

Major Samuel Watson Reid, third son of Joanthan and Jane McDowell Reid, was born December 12, 1831, in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, a few miles south of the city of Charlotte.

His primary education was obtained in the common schools of his neighborhood. At the age of fourteen he was sent to a high school in Yorkville, S. C., taught by a Mr. Jacobs.

In 1849 he entered Erskine College, Due West, S. C., and was graduated from that institution in the summer of 1853.

On February 22, 1854, he was married to Jane Patterson Pressly, daughter of the Rev. James P. Pressly, D.D., professor of Greek in Erskine College. She died in 1872, the mother of nine children, as follows:

Jonathan, James, Pressly, William, Lowry, Laura Jane, Mary Ellen, Robert McDowell and Samuel Watson.

Laura Jane died at the age of two years, and two other children died in infancy. All the others lived to the age of maturity and became useful and respected citizens, some of them attaining eminence in their callings; one of them as an educator, a daughter was a missionary of the Presbyterian Church to Japan, one a popular physician, one a minister of the A. R. P. Church, now a pastor in Louisville, Ky., and two successful farmers.

Major Reid's second marriage on July 29, 1873, was to Anna Eleanor Pressly, daughter of Dr. William Adams Pressly, of Mecklenburg, who survives him.

After completing his education Major Reid chose the pursuit of agriculture and settled on a good farm about ten miles south of Charlotte, where he spent the greater portion of his life.

He was a man of more than ordinary ability and much public spirit. His neighbors recognized his worth and frequently called him to serve them in a public capacity. For a time he served as a member of the Board of County Commissioners. He was made a member of the County Board of Education in 1872. He was elected by the people of Mecklenburg to represent them in the lower House







MARY ELLA REID MOORE,  
Missionary to China.  
Daughter of Major S. Watson Reid



of the Legislature, where he served two terms. Perhaps the most distinguished service he rendered his fellow-men was in the enactment of the "No Fence" law. We are not informed whether the original conception of this beneficent measure was his own or not. At any rate it was his to formulate and introduce and have the bill pass the Legislature and become a law. Beginning with a few townships in Mecklenburg County as an experiment, it has continued to spread until the whole Southern country is enjoying its blessings in the saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars and in the exemption of the people from untold labor and inconvenience. If Major Reid had left nothing else to remind us of his mission here, the "no fence" law will always remain a monument to his memory in the hearts of a grateful people.

His last public service was as a member of the Building Committee of Mecklenburg's beautiful courthouse, where on a tablet at the entrance his name is chiseled, together with other members of the committee.

Major Reid was equally useful and honored in the work of the church. For more than forty years he was an elder in Little Steele Creek A. R. Presbyterian Church. For many years he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Erskine College. He was made agent and canvassed the church for an additional endowment of the College with gratifying results. He was also a member of the Board of Foreign Missions. He took a deep interest in the American Bible Society, and was president of the Mecklenburg County branch of this society for thirty years. In January, 1895, he removed from his country home to the city of Charlotte, where he continued to live until his death, which occurred on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 1902.

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#### WILLIAM ANDREW McDOWELL.

WILLIAM ANDREW McDOWELL, son of John McDowell, II, and his wife, Rebecca Davis, was born in Mecklenburg County, N. C., Aug. 7, 1816, joined the Presbyterian Church at Steele Creek in early life, was educated at Chapel Hill and Washington University, Va. It was his desire to devote his life to the service of God as a minister, but his health failed to such an extent that he had to abandon school and follow agricultural pursuits. He was affable in manners, kind-hearted and a pious devoted Christian. On April 21, 1841, he was married to Mary Martha Price, of Mecklenburg County, N. C., daughter of Isaac Price and Nancy Barnett Price, who lived on Catawba River, near Steele Creek, N. C. Referring to his marriage he wrote to his brother that "he had found a wife who would do him good and not evil all the days of his life." He moved to Tennessee and located near Fishersville, Shelby County, Tenn., in the fall of 1841, where he lived until 1852, when he sold the



farm and bought land one mile southwest of Hickory Withe, Fayette County, Tenn. He devoted the remainder of his life to his farming interests. He was ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church at Hickory Withe about 25 years. He died Feb. 19, 1868.

Mary Martha Price McDowell, his wife, was born Jan. 22, 1822, in Mecklenburg County, N. C., joined the Steele Creek Presbyterian Church in early life, was educated at Salem, N. C. She was modest, quiet, and spent her life in consecrated service to her master and devotion to her family. She died Oct. 19, 1872.

#### CHILDREN OF WILLIAM ANDREW McDOWELL AND MARY MARTHA PRICE:

1. Nancy Rebecca McDowell, born April 14, 1842; died Sept. 7, 1843.
2. Euphemia Price McDowell, born June 16, 1844; married James Stitt Matthews, Nov. 20, 1866. James Stitt Matthews was the son of James Royce Matthews and James H. Stitt. He was born in Mecklenburg County, N. C., June 14, 1835, and died Feb. 21, 1917. Issue: 1. Lily Price Matthews, born March 25, 1868, near Macon, Tenn. 2. Mattie Jane Matthews, born July 31, 1870; died April 2, 1871. 3. James William Matthews, born April 31, 1874; married Marion Francis Borum, Oct. 11, 1904. Issue: Leroy Borum Matthews, born Oct. 28, 1910; James William Matthews, born March 31, 1916.
3. John Davie McDowell, born Feb. 25, 1846; died June 5, 1861.
4. Laura Jane McDowell, born Jan. 17, 1848; died Nov. 23, 1871. She was reared and educated at Hickory Withe, Tenn.
5. William Thomas McDowell, born March 10, 1850, was killed near Hickory Withe by a wagon running over his head July 31, 1856.
6. Robert Wallace McDowell, born July 7, 1852. He died in Grosbeck, Texas, Sept. 28, 1887. Buried at Hickory Withe, Tenn.
7. Price Watson McDowell, born June 4, 1854; died Nov. 14, 1859.
8. Nettie Ada McDowell, born June 4, 1856; died May 28, 1873.
9. James Karr and Lizzie McDowell (twins) born Oct. 21, 1858, died of diphtheria at the age of 11 months, were buried in the same casket as Price Watson McDowell, who died an hour before of same disease. Lizzie K. McDowell married Ambrose Goff Reid, April 2, 1890, died in Jackson, Tenn., Jan. 3, 1913. (See sketch "Thomas Reid.")



10. Louella McDowell, born April 2, 1861; married Irving Sherrod Clement, Oct. 2, 1889; died at Mason, Tenn., May 25, 1891. Irving Sherrod Clement was a son of Dr. and Martha Sherrod Clement, of Mason, Tenn. Louella McDowell Clement died at her home in Mason, Tenn., and was buried in Magnolia Cemetery.

Thomas Reid was born in Chatham County, N. C., Aug. 18, 1802, moved to Tennessee in 1836, owned and operated a large plantation in Madison County. Was elected ruling elder in the Denmark Presbyteria Church in the year 1851, and remained in the same church to the time of his death, Oct. 14, 1895. His father was David Reid, of North Carolina, and his father was Dr. Thomas Reid, of Scotland. Thomas Reid's mother (wife of David Reid) was Mary Ramsey, of Scotch-Irish descent.

Thomas Reid married Mrs. Katherine Bathune Green, daughter of John McKay, of North Carolina, in 1847. Ambrose Goff Reid, son of Thomas and Katherine Reid, was born in Madison County, Tenn., June 25, 1849, was reared on plantation of his father, which he owed and operated. Joined the Denmark Presbyterian Church at the age of 15, in the year 1877. Ambrose was elected ruling elder in the Denmark Church. He married Miss Lizzie McDowell, daughter of William Andrew and Mary Martha Price McDowell, at Hickory Withe, Fayette County, Tenn., April 2, 1890. They lived at his old home near Denmark until March 10th, 1899, when they moved to Jackson, Tenn., where she died —.

James Stitt Matthews died Feb. —, 1917.

ROBERT WALLACE McDOWELL,  
SON OF JOHN McDOWELL, II.

Robert Wallace McDowell was born February 23, 1821, on the plantation owned and cultivated by his father and grandfather, and all of his useful life was spent thereon.

He died October 14th, 1889, in the house he spent his life in, and was buried in the churchyard of the justly famous Steele Creek Church. He married the second daughter of General William Henry Neel and Hannah Alexander Neel, Hanna Elvira, July 29th, 1848.

To them were born nine children, two sons and seven daughters, five of whom, one son and four daughters, are now living. Mr. McDowell was descended from splendid ancestors on both his father's and mother's side of the family, and his good, noble wife was no less well born. They came of the English and Scotch-Irish gentlefolks; than whom the world has produced no better.

It came to him by birth and training, therefore, that he was a man and a nobleman, in the truest uses of the word. He was as





"gentle as a woman and as brave as a lion." A man of the most exalted piety, full of the sense of righteousness, chaste in thought and speech, a loving father and ideal husband, universally loved and revered, and withal, modest to a degree. He was a man of few words, and yet full of wisdom, and his opinion was sought by all who knew him. He shunned publicity, abhorred ostentation, and yet in matters that counted and were of themselves right he was proud, as he was punctilious. When about twenty-four years of age, he was elected deacon of Steele Creek Church, and later an elder, in which capacity he served faithfully and devotedly until his death. He was the same loyal, devoted citizen in war that he was in peace, and as a member of Company C, Tenth North Carolina Artillery, he did valiant service for his State and country, and fulfilled well the arduous duties of a soldier, in dangerous campaigns and hardships. On a tombstone of one of Robert Wallace McDowell's ancestors, it is simply told that he was an honest man. The subject of this sketch earned the right also to this epitaph, and no grander can be expressed in the language, when sanctified in truth.  
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ROBERT WALLACE McDOWELL, son of John McDowell II, and his wife, Rebecca Davis, was born Feb. 23, 1821, and died Oct. 14, 1889. He married Hannah Elvira Neel, July 29th, 1848. (See Neel Connection.)

CHILDREN OF ROBERT WALLACE AND HANNAH ELVIRA McDOWELL:

1. Mary Davis McDowell, born Aug. 18, 1849.
2. Hannah Young McDowell, born Nov. 27, 1851; died Oct. 9, 1852.
3. Ella Jane McDowell, born Feb. 6, 1854; died Aug. 7, 1874.
4. William Neel McDowell, born Feb. 27, 1857; died Sept. 18, 1858.
5. John McDowell, born Sept. 27, 1859.
6. Dora Ashlyn McDowell, born April 3, 1862; died June 29, 1910.
7. Addie Estelle McDowell, born Dec. 17, 1866; died May 18, 1875.
8. Eunice Rebecca McDowell, born May 31, 1869.
9. Lois Neel McDowell, born Sept. 20, 1872.

MARY DAVIS McDOWELL married Charles Pinkney Elliott, Oct. 11, 1869. Issue:

1. Robert Neel Elliott, born Jan. 8, 1871; married Ann Kirkpatrick.
2. Mary Elvira Elliott, born Jan. 23, 1873.
3. John McDowell Elliott, born June 2, 1875.



4. William Pegram Elliott, born April 1, 1878; died Dec. 23, 1879.
5. Ella Lewis Elliott, born April 11, 1880; married John E. Ewart, June 6, 1912.
6. Clarence Morrow Elliott, born Feb. 27, 1883.
7. Eunice Pegram Elliott, born March 21, 1888.

JOHN McDOWELL, JR., and EMMA NEELY were married at Steele Creek, N. C., Nov. 16, 1881, who was born Feb. 10, 1858, and died at Steele Creek Oct. 20, 1815.

CHILDREN OF JOHN McDOWELL, JR., AND EMMA NEELY:

1. Claribel, born at Steel Creek, Aug. 14, 1882; married A. T. Allen, of Charlotte, N. C., June 19, 1909. Issue: A. T. Allen, Jr., born at Saulsbury, N. C., Sept. 13, 1910. Elizabeth Allen, born at Saulsbury, N. C., Sept. 26, 1914.
2. Anna Lois, born at Steele Creek, N. C., July 7, 1884; married J. Frank Collins at Steele Creek, Nov. 26, 1908. Issue: Emily McDowell Collins, born at Spartanburg, S. C., Aug. 14, 1913.
3. Elva, born at Steele Creek, N. C., Dec. 9, 1885.
4. Robert E., born at Steele Creek, Oct. 7, 1887.
5. Frank Neely, born at Steele Creek, Oct. 26, 1889.
6. John, born at Steele Creek, N. C., Dec. 30, 1891; married Nancy Wyatt, of Richmond, Va., February, 1916.
7. Grace, born at Steele Creek, N. C., April 26, 1893.

DORA ASHLYN McDOWELL married James Matthew Grier Dec. 15, 1886. Issue:

1. Dora McDowell Grier, born Aug. 24, 1890.
2. Laura Yates Grier, born Aug. 25, 1893; died March 8, 1894.

EUNICE REBECCA McDOWELL married Sidney Johnson Lowe, Feb. 22, 1892. Issue:

1. Dora Ashlyn Lowe, born Feb. 3, 1893.
2. Sidney Johnson Lowe, born March 2, 1895.
3. David Alexander Lowe, born Oct. 8, 1900.
4. George Edwin Lowe, born March 2, 1905.

LOIS NEEL McDOWELL married James Richmond Boulware, Dec. 9, 1917. Issue:

1. James Richmond Boulware, Jr., born Dec. 6, 1898.
2. Robert McDowell Boulware, Jr., born March 20, 1901.
3. Mary Louise Boulware, born Aug. 9, 1903.
4. John Hamilton Boulware, born April 9, 1906.

MARGARET LUCY BERRY.

MARGARET LUCY BERRY, daughter of John McDowell II,





DORA ASHLIN FORTSON  
Shreveport, La.



and his wife, Rebecca Davis, married John Ashlin, the son of William Ashlin, and his wife, Dicy, June 25, 1839. (See following sketch.)

#### ASHLIN.

William Ashlin was born March 5, 1766, and died Sept. 1, 1821, aged 55 years.

His son, John Ashlin, was born Dec. 1, 1807, and married Margaret Lucy Berry McDowell, daughter of John McDowell and Rebecca Davis, June 25, 1839. She was born Feb. 12, 1812, near Steele Creek, N. C., and married while on a visit to relatives in Middle Tennessee. Her father gave her a tract of land near Fisherville, Fayette County, Tenn., where they lived until after her death, June 25, 1851. She was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, near Hickory Withe, Tenn.

#### CHILDREN OF MARGARET LUCY BERRY McDOWELL AND JOHN ASHLIN:

1. Dicy Rebecca (Dora), born March 1, 1839, married Capt. Washington P. Fortson, July 2, 1865, and died May 1, 1875. Issue: Pettie Bell, born June 30, 1867, died in 1871. Hortense McDowell Fortson, born Feb. 12, 1869, died in 1871. Estelle Fortson, born Oct. 16, 1871, died June 10, 1872. Pearl Ashlin Fortson, born Jan. 12, 1873, two years before the death of her mother. She received a first class education and is one of the leading educators of Shreveport, La. Her mother, Dora Ashlin Fortson, was educated in the High Schools of Somerville and Macon, Tenn., had a cheerful, happy disposition and was much beloved by her associates. She was a very beautiful woman. After the death of his wife John Ashlin moved to Shreveport, La. Captain Fortson afterwards lived at Mansfield, La.

2. JOHN McDOWELL ASHLIN, son of John Ashlin and Margaret McDowell, was born Sept. 23, 1843, near Fisherville, Tenn. He was educated at Hickory Withe and Belmont. When the war broke out in 1861 he was 18 years of age, joined a company of Confederates that went from Dangerfield, Texas. He was said to be a brave and fearless fighter, and fell at the forefront of his company, mortally wounded at the battle of Murfreesboro, Dec. 31, 1862.

3. Cornelia J. Ashlin, daughter of Margaret McDowell and John Ashlin, was born Feb. 12, 1841, and died Sept. 2, 1842.

4. Mary Josephine Ashlin, youngest child of Margaret McDowell and John Ashlin, was born November 5, 1846, and died Nov. 25, 1849. She is buried with her sister, Cornelia, near the old home at Fisherville.

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#### ESTHER YOUNG McDOWELL.

ESTHER YOUNG McDOWELL, daughter of John McDowell II, and his wife, Rebecca Davis, born March 20, 1808; died Dec. 24,





1859; married Reece Price (first husband) Sept. 6, 1831; married Thomas Hutchison (second husband) March 4, 1844.

CHILDREN OF ESTHER YOUNG McDOWELL AND REECE PRICE:

1. Rebecca E. Price, born June 3, 1832.
2. John McDowell Price, born Sept. 26, 1834, and died in 1837.
3. Minnie Reece Price, born March 16, 1837.

CHILDREN OF ESTHER McDOWELL PRICE AND THOMAS HUTCHISON:

1. Jane McDowell, born Aug. 1, 1845, and died 1849.

REBECCA E. PRICE married John F. Harry, who was born at Hopewell, N. C., Aug. 29, 1829, died at Hopewell, Aug. 7, 1871. They were married at Steel Creek June 3, 1832. He was a farmer and an elder in Hopewell Presbyterian Church. Issue:

1. Reece Price Harry, born Aug. 13, 1858. Is a merchant at Union, S. C.; married May Duncan, Nov. 20, 1901.

2. David Richard Harry, born Dec. 23, 1859; married Fannie Neely at Salisbury, N. C., Oct. 5, 1887. Issue: Elizabeth, born at Charlotte, Aug. 28, 1888; Richard, born Sept. 1890; Francis, born Oct. 1892; Reece, born December, 1894.

3. Samuel Walkup Harry, born Nov. 24, 1862; married Annie Bennett, of Chester, S. C., April 5, 1893. Issue: Doris, born February, 1894.

4. John McDowell Harry, born July 18, 1864, married Minnie Olive, at Apex, N. C. Lives in Charlotte, N. C. No children.

5. Adrian Ernest Harry, born Nov. 7, 1866, married Lalla McKissick at Union S. C., November, 1897. He is a merchant in Elberton, Ga. Issue: Sara McKissick, born August, 1898; Elizabeth Price, born October, 1899; Ernest, Edward. John McDowell.

6. MINNIE ESTHER HARRY, born Dec. 22, 1868; married Dr. Charles E. Walker, of Huntersville, N. C., Dec. 26, 1894. Issue: Rebecca Walker, born October, 1895; Minnie Olive, born in 1898; Kate Jackson, born July, 1901.

7. ARTHUR WALTER HARRY, born February 17, 1871; married Roberta Houston, at Hopewell, N. C., Nov. 9, 1904. Issue: Louise Harry.

3. MINNIE PARMELIA REECE PRICE, daughter of Esther Young McDowell and Reece Price, was born in Rock House, in Steele Creek Township, N. C. She was well educated, having attended some of the female colleges. She married Col. Samuel H. Walkup, a lawyer, living in Monroe, N. C. He was a gallant officer, having command of a regiment in the Civil War. Colonel Walkup was a candidate for Congress from the Sixth Congressional Dis-



trict, and was elected, but was excluded, as he had taken a very active part in the war, and could not take the iron-clad oath of those elected to Congress. Colonel Walkup died in 1876. His wife only outlived him three years, dying in 1880. They had five children, all daughters. See sketch "Esther Young McDowell, by Lelia Walkup Davis."

ESTHER YOUNG McDOWELL,  
DAUGHTER OF JOHN McDOWELL II.

(By Julia Walkup Davis.)

Esther Young McDowell, daughter of John McDowell II, was born near Steele Creek Church, Mecklenburg County, N. C., March 20, 1808, and married Reece Price, Sept. 6, 1831. He was born Nov. 22, 1794, and died Nov. 23, 1836, aged 42 years. After his death on March 4, 1844, she married Thomas L. Hutelison. My mother, the daughter of Esther Young Price, after the death of her mother, Dec. 25, 1859, made her home with her uncle Robert Wallace McDowell, and his noble wife, Hannah Elvira Neal, until her marriage, Oct. 4, 1860, to Col. Samuel H. Walkup. My mother often spoke in highest praise of Uncle Robert McDowell, as a genial, kind-hearted Christian gentleman, and Aunt Elvira as a very cultured and superior lady. My grandfather, Reece Price, lived at the noted old Rock House, erected in 1770 by his father, in Steel Creek Township. There was nothing I liked better when a child than to sit by her side and listen to her sweet voice as she would tell me of her childhood days in the old Rock House, during Grandmother Price's lifetime, the place was more beautiful than ever. Her love for flowers caused the gardens and our surroundings to take on new beauty and everywhere there was lovely roses, great old fashioned pinks, graceful lilies and clinging vines. It was famous, too, not only as a beautiful place, but as one in which the owner entertained with true Southern hospitality, not only the friends and relatives that loved to visit there, but often the "stranger within the gates." "She stretches out her hand to the poor, yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy."

I met many during my pleasant visits to Steel Creek who had known and loved my grandmother. Some spoke of how good she was to them while in trouble, others of her being a mother to them when their own had been taken away.

She must have been a rare Christian woman, for she was beloved of two sets of step-children.

Of my own sweet mother I will say, that she was a "pearl among women." When a girl she seems to have won friends wherever she was. She was beautiful, of the brunette type, accomplished especially in music, possessing a cheerful and lovely disposition, that





MRS. MINNIE R. WALKUP



is so attractive in others. She was a true and faithful friend, a devoted wife, a loving and wise mother. Of her children's religious and moral training, she was always careful, always careful, too, in choosing her associates, quick to detect the false from the true. Truly "Her children rise up and call her blessed." In domestic affairs she was an exemplary housewife; she was very fond of making dainty dishes, to please husband and children. What a charming and lovely home she made for us. How wisely, yet tenderly she counseled us. When I asked her the night she left us, where I should go for advice after my mother was gone, she whispered, "Go to God." It was only about three years after father's death. She sweetly fell asleep in Jesus, April 22, 1880. She was only forty-three years of age, having been born in Steel Creek, Mecklenburg County, N. C., March 16, 1837. She gave us many proofs of her perfect submission to God's will and her desire to depart and be with Christ.

At first she found it hard to give up fatherless children, who she felt needed a mother's care and love, but she was finally enabled to put us and everything in God's hands, His promise is not only to the faithful but to their children. He has indeed been faithful to the trust. In church work my mother had been very active. She and father were the leading spirits in building the Presbyterian Church in the town of Monroe, N. C., where they lived. Her place at church services, prayer meeting and ladies' aid society was rarely ever vacant. She was president of the latter society, from the time of its organization until her death. In our home there was an "upper room," set apart which she called the "prophet's chamber," and here was always a welcome for God's ministers. She was never happier than when engaged in some work for her Master. She was a great admirer of the beauties of nature and a dear lover of flowers. She spent much time beautifying her home, and it was, indeed, a lovely spot, surrounded with rare and beautiful shrubs and flowers, and when at her death friends literally covered her casket with flowers is seemed very appropriate. They were typical of her lovely Christian life, for around her memory will ever cling the sweet fragrance of a character that blossomed into deeds of kindness and love. My mother's full maiden name was Margaret Parmelia Reece Price, but she was generally called "Minnie" as an abbreviation of Millie or Parmelia.

My father and mother first met at Carolina College, where he made the usual address at one of the commencements, while she was a student there. He was a rising young lawyer at that time an eloquent speaker, a fluent writer and one of the literati of the State. However, she was only a school girl, and he some twenty years her senior, and it was several years after this that their acquaintance was renewed followed by a short courtship. They were





married Oct. 4, 1860. After a tour of the Northern cities, Washington, New York, Canada and Niagara, they were settled in Monroe County, N. C. He was practicing law. At the time of his marriage he was a militia general and a member of the State Senate. He had been a member of the North Carolina Legislature for one or two terms previous to this. At first before the South seceded from the Union he was opposed to secession, but when the Old North State came out, and all around were joining the Confederate army, like Gen. R. E. Lee, he felt it was his duty to take sides with his State. They were patriots fighting for their altars and their fire-sides. My father was Lieutenant Colonel of the 48th North Carolina Regiment, Cook's Brigade, until Jan. 19, 1864, when he became Colonel. He sometimes assumed command of the brigade in the absence of the Brigadier General, being left in command by him.

Even his enemies said he was a man of undaunted courage and bravery, he had established a reputation for great gallantry and fighting and "that he and his men were always in the thickest of the fight."

I think his first battle was at City Point, Va. He was present at the opening of the seven days fighting in front of Richmond, on right of Williamsburg, June 25, 1862. He was in the second battle of Manassas. He and his regiment assisted in the capture of Harper's Ferry, Sept. 14, 1862. He was in the great battle of Sharpsburg, Md., Sept. 12, 1862, also at Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13, 1862, where he received a hip wound, but remained on duty. Here the 48th Regiment and Cook's Brigade were covered with glory. He was in the Battle of Seven Pines, Bristow Station, Chancellorsville, 1863, the great battle of the Wilderness, where he and his regiment gallantly held the position they first took until night, while the right and left of the division was forced back to form a horseshoe curve. He was in all the great battles of Spottsylvania Court House, and all from North Ann River to siege of Petersburg and Richmond, and remained with General Lee's army until its surrender at Appomattox C. H. He is still spoken of as the brave old Colonel of the 48th North Carolina Regiment. As a tribute of honor to his memory the Confederate Veterans of Union County, N. C., have organized themselves into a camp and call it "Camp Walkup." It was the election after the Civil War that he was elected Congressman from the Sixth Congressional District of North Carolina. He went to Washington with other Southern members, but they were refused admission into Congress, who had just formulated their reconstruction policy. He wrote home to his wife from Washington that he would leave soon, as he could never take the "iron-clad oath that was required," that he would never hold an office that required the adoption of a policy incompatible with his manhood and self-respect. So he refused a seat in Congress at such



a price. He was the soul of honor, and held honor and truth above fame. He was a graduate of the University of North Carolina in the year 1843, and the following year 1844, graduated in the law at the same school. He wrote an article of great historical value, proving that Andrew Jackson was born in Waxham, N. C., and greatly assisted James Parton in his history of Jackson, by collecting dates, facts and incidents relative to his birth and childhood, for which he was presented with a copy of the book, by the author.

He was at one time president of the board of trustees of Davidson College. He sometimes indulged in poetical effusions, though only when his heart was touched. In his home he was kind, affectionate and gentle for "the bravest are the tenderest." In religion he was like his wife, Presbyterian by choice, as well as by birth; both were descendants of Scotch-Irish forefathers. He was the ruling elder in the Monroe Church and one of its most liberal supporters, after advancing for more than his share of the minister's salary and other collections for Church and Sunday school. There was nothing stingy or small about his character, but was liberal and generous to a fault. He was very liberal and broad in his religious views. As a Christian he was honorable, sincere and true. During the first years of the church he organized a school and was superintendent from that time until his death, which occurred Oct. 26, 1876.

My father, Col. Samuel Huey Walkup, was born in Union County, N. C., Jan. 22, 1818, and died Oct. 26, 1876, aged 58 years, 9 months and 4 days. His death was a Christian triumph. He embraced wife and children tenderly, as if he was going for a long journey, and bade them and their friends standing at his bedside to meet him in heaven. He died "Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch around him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

The funeral services were conducted by the Presbyterian pastor in the Methodist Church, that was the largest church in town. The largest procession that had probably ever been in Monroe, attended his remains to their last resting place, where he was buried with Masonic honors. All business ceased, all business houses were closed and deep and genuine sorrow was depicted on the countenances of all. The Monroe papers announcing his death put on mourning. Quoting from this announcement, Col. Walkup had held many places of honor and trust. He made one of the bravest soldiers and a brilliant officer. In all his relations he was the very soul of honor, the very embodiment of courage and principle. In him the county has lost one of the purest and most valuable landmarks. The State and country one of the purest, bravest and most patriotic sons and the church one of her most ardent supporters and most worthy members. Few, if any nobler specimens of virtue, honesty and truth ever lived, and well may our community and country mourn with saddest hearts the great loss they have sustained. Gen. D. H. Hill, editor of



“Southern Home,” and one of his best friends, said: “He was one of the purest and noblest men in the State, and Marshal Ney was not more fearless.”

He was at the time of his death clerk of the Suprior Court of Union County. When my father died I said, in the first sorrow of my young life, that I could never be happy again. I had always been such a constant companion in his walks and drives, and he had always shown such a special care and pride in training my character and directing my studies. I had lost not only a dear father, but a pleasant companion and friend and guide. He had given his children every comfort and luxury in life that his love could suggest. He never denied us any pleasure if he could help it.

Lelia Eugenia Walkup was born July 21, 1861. Since you asked about my education, I will say, I attended Monroe High School for several years, where I was carefully trained and prepared for college. During my last year at this school, I was awarded a beautiful gold medal for the best paper in a competitive examination in Latin. I was especially proud of this, because I had beaten the boys in this class, some of whom were much older than myself. You know boys always think they can beat the girls. I also delivered the valedictory at the same commencement, 1878. The following autumn I attended Peace Institute, entering the senior class. In the closing examinations I received the highest mark in the class of astronomy and French.

I could have easily graduated the next session, but duty detained me at the bedside of my darling mother, who was fast fading away and who died the following spring. After this sad event, we left our dear old home, for the light of that home had gone out and how could we bear to live there without her. I remember how sad, how desolate I felt, as I took one last backward glance as my uncle's carriage bore me away. My father's brother, Col. William Walkup, took us to live with him, except my sister Minnie, whom mother had given to her sister, Aunt Rebecca. My uncle, who had never had any children of his own, but had raised several orphan children, took us to his heart and home as if we were his own. He was an excellent Christian gentleman of the old school, Presbyterian type.

I was married Aug. 25, 1891, to J. Davis, of Montgomery, Texas. My husband was related to me on my father's side. I do not know whether he was related to my great grandmother (whose maiden name was Rebecca Davis) or not. He is a son of the late Judge N. H. Davis, who came to this town from Alabama in 1840, and practiced law here for fifty-three years and up to his death, in 1893. He had been in the heroic period of the Texas history, the friend of Sam Houston, Jesse Grimes and other great spirits of the times. He was judge of the Seventh Judicial District, for several years. My



husband's mother was a niece of my father. His grandfather had several brothers who settled in North Carolina, and of whom they had lost sight. Therefore my mother's great grandfather, Walter Davis, may have been a relative of my husband's father. John Felix Davis (my husband) was born June 30, 1857, was educated here in Montgomery, in the public and private schools, and at 13 years of age was sent to Mississippi (near Memphis, Tenn.) to his uncle, Felix Davis, and sent to school there. About this time he almost lost his life in a railroad accident of an excursion train. His father and mother were also on board and many lives were lost. He was taken back to Memphis to the Peabody Hotel, where after many, many weeks, with the best attention and good nursing, he recovered. The Hon. Jefferson Davis and family were staying at the Peabody Hotel at that time. He and his wife were especially kind to the sick boy. Mrs. Davis helped nurse him back to life, and with all a mother's tenderness. My husband loves to recall her lovely Christian kindness to him during that trying and sad time. This accident interfered very much with Judge Davis' plans for his son, as he had intended educating him as a lawyer, but as a piece of iron penetrated his tongue, it caused partial paralysis of the tongue. This he outgrew in time, but for many years it was thought that he would never make a fluent speaker. He is now a merchant in the town of Montgomery, Texas. We have three children, Margaret Elizabeth Davis, the eldest, was born July 12, 1893; Nat Hart Davis, was born March 15, 1895; Samuel Walkup Davis, was born Jan. 1, 1898.

My mother's and father's five children were all girls, and all are now living. Esther Alice Jane Walkup, was born Oct. 20, 1863, was married on Dec. 25, 1882, to Mr. Alex. W. Klutty, of Salisbury, N. C. They live in Chester, S. C., where he has been a prominent merchant for several years. They have four children living and one dead.

Sam Walkup Klutty, the eldest, was born 1884; William Klutty was born Aug. 2, 1866, and died Aug. 14, 1887; Dewit Talmage Klutty was born March 4, 1889; Lollie Klutty, born Sept. 24, 1891; Lenor Alexander Klutty, born Oct. 23, 1873.

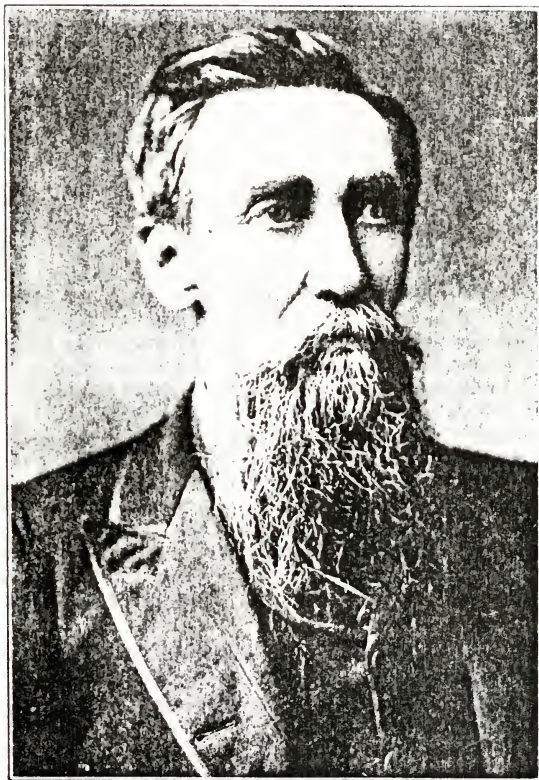
Minnie Rebecca Walkup was born April 5, 1868. Her present address, 620 a. Quiney St., Brooklyn, New York. She has been a teacher for a good many years, in which profession she was quite successful. She is a lovely Christian, and is going to devote her life to missions among the Jews in New York City.

Mary Willis Walkup was born Oct. 20, 1869. She married Dec. 8, 1897, to Mr. N. S. Matthews. They have one baby girl, born Aug. 3, 1899. Their home is at Wardlaw, N. C.

Dasie Ellen Walkup was born May 24, 1870. She is very talented, especially in art and music. She is teaching these branches







JUDGE W. W. McDOWELL,  
Son of John Davis McDowell and Nancy Irwin.



in Elkanan Institute, Marion, N. C. All my sisters and myself were carefully instructed in music. My father played well on the flute and mother would accompany him on the piano.

Music in the home is instructive, refining and ennobling. You asked me to tell anything, any incident, that was remarkable or worth relating in the lives of my grandparents. So I will relate a sad and unusually distressing thing that happened in my father's childhood, when he was only five years old. My grandfather Walkup had just finished a large two-story house and moved into it. His three eldest sons were ready to go off to school at some distance and their cousin, Joseph H——, was also going, and had come to grandfather's house on the eve of their intended departure and the four boys occupied one room that night. It was Feb. 27, 1823. In the dead of night grandfather awoke and found that his house was on fire. He aroused his wife and went to rescue his daughters, who were sleeping upstairs, sending Robert, his little son of eight years, to awake the older boys. Whether the fire caught in their room was not known, but had made such headway that Robert could not get to his brothers nor get out again, and called out in distress, "Father! Father!" The father ran hastily toward him, towards his boys' room, fighting his way through smoke and flame. It was impossible to reach them, and he was forced back, finally jumping out of the upstairs window to save his own life. He made two attempts to rescue his darling boys, but all four of them perished in the flames, together with their cousin James. The eldest was only fifteen years and Robert, the youngest, only eight years of age. It was enough to make an angel weep. The agonized father fell upon his knees, crying, like Job, "The Lord gave and the Lord taketh away, blessed by the name of the Lord." He was most crazed and never fully recovered from the blow, but he was a man full of faith in God, and with childlike simplicity trusted in Him even unto death. The remains of these five boys were interred in one grave.

#### WILLIAM WALLACE McDOWELL.

WILLIAM WALLACE McDOWELL, son of John Davis and Nancy Irwin McDowell, was born June 26, 1833, near Trenton, Tenn., and died at Memphis, Tenn., April 30, 1904. He was educated at Andrew College, Trenton, and other schools of Gibson County. After graduating at Andrew College he attended the Lebanon Law School, and while there joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, of which he was a consistent member until his death.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, May 10, 1861, he entered the Confederate Army, joining Company II, of the 12th Tennessee Infantry Regiment, commanded by Col. W. B. Russell. He was in the beginning elected first lieutenant of Capt. Ben H. Sandeford's



company. At Belmont, Mo., in a battle between General Polk and General Grant, he was shot down and carried from the battlefield supposed to be fatally wounded. He was sent home, and under the gentle nursing of a noble mother he recovered and returned to the army. After the Battle of Shiloh he was elected captain, and was always found at the forefront leading his men. At the close of the war he was in command of General Bell's escort, Forrest Cavalry. After the war he resumed the practice of law, locating in Memphis, Tenn., in 1867, where he was county attorney for five years, Chancellor eight years, State Senator two years and was also appointed special Supreme Court judge.

On March 23, 1867, he married (first) Anna Emma Jones, who was born in 1848, and died in 1883, a daughter of Rev. John Wesley Jones (see sketch "Captain James Jones") of Gibson County, Tenn., and a cousin of Judge Thomas Freeman and John T. Carthey, of Tennessee. Oct. 14, 1885, he married the second time, Lizzie Arrandel Freeman, daughter of Joseph Lenow, of Memphis, a captain in the Mexican War, and widow of Edward Thomas Freeman, a native of Virginia. She was born in Memphis, Tenn., May 26, 1853, now lives in California (1918) at Riverside.

#### CHILDREN OF JUDGE WILLIAM WALLACE AND ANNA EMMA JONES McDOWELL:

1. John Overton McDowell, born July 12, 1872, lives in New York City.
2. William Wallace McDowell, born July 10, 1875.
3. Annie Lena McDowell, born Dec. 1877; died May, 1884.
4. Eulalia Emma McDowell, born Nov. 14, 1868; married Morrison Ewing. Issue: Pauline Randall Ewing. Eulalia Emma died in Atlanta, Ga.

#### CHILDREN OF JUDGE WILLIAM WALLACE AND LIZZIE FREEMAN McDOWELL:

1. Edith Brooks McDowell, born April 22, 1888, and died Oct. 10, 1902. She was a girl of great beauty and personal charms, and wise beyond her years, as was her sister, Anna Lena.
2. Hugh Neely McDowell, born March 3, 1891. In the army with the allies.
3. Frances Lenow McDowell, born Sept. 24, 1893, married Francis Ferguson, July 17, 1915.
3. Joseph Lenow McDowell, born Jan. 5, 1887, and died Aug. 4, 1887.

Lizzie Freeman also had one daughter by her first husband, whose name was Edna Arrandel Freeman. She married Dr. W. T. Arrington, Jr., of Memphis.



## CAPTAIN JAMES JONES.

By Judge W. M. McDowell.

Captain James Jones, a Revolutionary soldier of Wake County, N. C., commanded a company of First Regiment of Light Horse Cavalry of North Carolina. He was also a member of the first Continental Congress of North Carolina, in 1776. His father was Shugon Jones, and his parents were Edward Jones and Abigail Shugon. Capt. James Jones married Charity Alston. Her father was Solomon Alston. Their son, Thomas Jones, Born Jan. 2, 1771, in Wake County, N. C. He married Katie Shaw, daughter of John Shaw and Frances Meleelbray, on Nov. 19, 1795, and later moved to Gibson County, Tenn., and first settled five miles south of Trenton, in 1825. Children:

Elizabeth Jones, born in Wake County, N. C., Sept. 10th, 1796. She married Alexander Williams, he died and she married John Barham.

John W. Jones, born Jan. 6, 1800, in North Carolina; married Betsy Perry; she died and he married Miss Love.

Rachel Jones, born Oct. 17, 1801, in Wake County, North Carolina, married Joseph Carthel, whose son, Judge Carthel, lived at Trenton, Tenn., highly respected, and who some years ago was honored with a seat in the State Senate.

Franky Jones, born Dec. 17, 1803, married William Harmon.

Charity Jones, born Feb. 15, 1806; married H. S. Dickerson.

Priscilla Jones, born Feb. 20, 1808; married John H. Freeman, whose son Thos. J. Freeman, was for many years one of the Supreme judges of Tennessee.

Polly (Mary) Jones, born Feb. 7, 1810; married John H. Crisup.

Solomen Jones, born Oct. 31, 1812; died young.

Willis Jones, born June 3, 1815; married Luan Tindall. His son, Thomas, a wealthy citizen of Columbia, Tenn., married a Mrs. Mary Ahutt, a sister of Hon. W. H. Gardner, of Union City, Tenn.

Aily Jones, born June 19th, 1817; married H. D. Nelson.

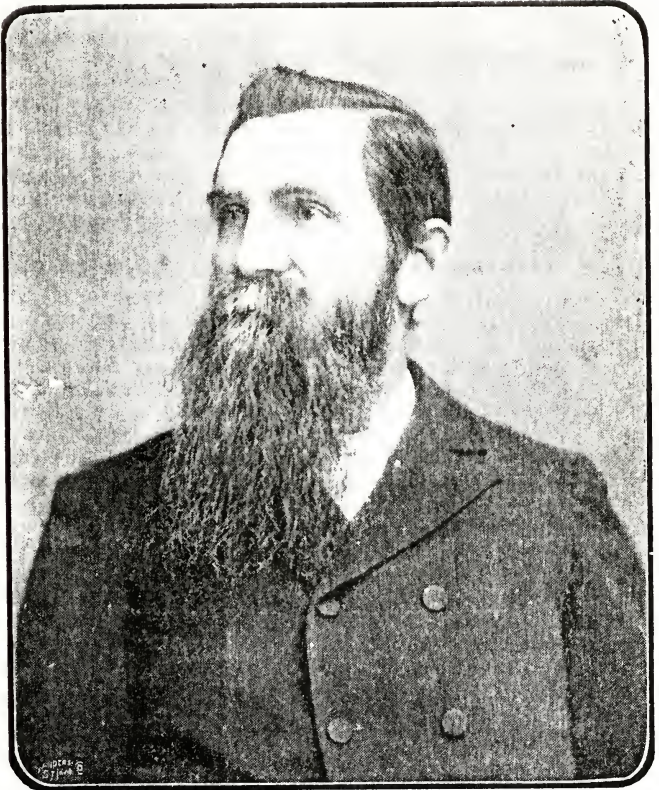
Ruth Jones, born in Maury County, Tenn., Feb. 1, 1819; married William M. Irwin, June 26, 1837. He was born at Steel Creek, N. C., Feb. 12, 1811. His father was William Irwin, son of General Robert Irwin, of Mecklenburg County, N. C. (See General Robert Irwin.)

William Lucillus Irwin, born July 10, 1838. He enlisted in Captain White's company in April, 1861, the first that went out from Trenton, Tenn. He was a brave and efficient soldier and was killed at the battle of Missionary Ridge, Nov. 25, 1863, in his 26th year.

Lenora Irwin, born July 19, 1840, beautiful, kind-hearted and highly cultured, loved and admired by all who knew her. She mar-







JOHN HUGH McDOWELL,

The Author; Chieftain of McDowell Clan of America, in  
his 60th year.



ried James Northeross in 1868. Has a large family and live in Luston, Cal.

Calista Irvin, born in Somerville, Tenn., May 8, 1845, was well educated in the best schools, and married John P. Vann, Oct. 10, 1871. After his death she married James V. Vann, in 1876, a brother of first husband. Children:

Lenora Vann, born in Jackson, Tenn., Aug. 26, 1873; married A. D. Muse.

Hellen Ruth Vann, born Oct. 8, 1881.

William Valentine Vann, born July 4, 1884.

James Randleson Vann, born July 12, 1888.

William M. Irwin, died at Hannibal, Mo., June 17, 1846, where he had gone to establish a mercantile business. His wife, Ruth, died near Jackson, Tenn., June 16, 1899. Aged 80 years.

#### LAURA ANN McDOWELL, SAMUEL IRWIN McDOWELL.

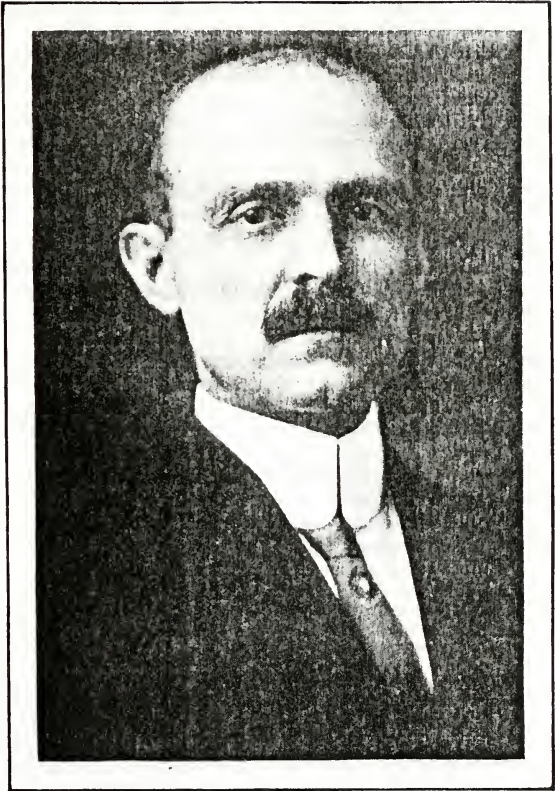
LAURA ANN McDOWELL, daughter of John Davis McDowell and his wife, Nancy Hunter Irwin, was born near Trenton, Tenn., Feb. 22, 1846. She received a good education and taught school some years. At the age of twenty-six she married Robert Andrew McNeilly, of Charlotte, N. C. He was born February 1846, studied law and civil engineering at Washington and Lee College, Va. They were married Feb. 21, 1872, and moved to Cleburne, Texas, where they lived for ten years. His death occurred July 20, 1882, aged 36 years and ten days. Mrs. McNeilly then returned to Tennessee and is living now in New York City. No issue. Like her parents and ancestors, she is an ardent Presbyterian, and lives a devoted Christian life, loved and respected by all who know her, highly cultured without ostentation.

SAMUEL IRWIN McDOWELL, son of John Davis McDowell and his wife, Nancy Hunter Irwin, born near Trenton, Tenn., Sept. 4, 1848, educated at Andrew College. At the age of fourteen he joined General Bedford Forrest's Confederate cavalry, when the command made a raid into Tennessee to Union City and Paducah, Ky. On the army's return through Tennessee the commanders thought the lad was too young to withstand the hardships of war life, and left him at home. After the war he moved to Memphis and opened an abstract office. A few years later he was chosen Chancery Clerk, which he held until his death, June 7, 1888. On Dec. 12, 1883, he married Miss Bessie McGowan, of Memphis, Tenn. No issue.

#### GENERAL JOHN HUGH McDOWELL.

JOHN HUGH McDOWELL (author and compiler of this volume), son of John Davis McDowell and his wife, Nancy Irwin, was born at Trenton, Tenn., Dec. 12, 1843. He was educated at Andrew





JOHN DAVIS McDOWELL.



College. On May 10, 1861, at the age of seventeen years, he entered the Confederate army, serving through the war, and was paroled at Gainsville, Ala., May 11, 1865, under Gen. Bedford Forrest. After the war he settled on a farm near Humboldt. In 1877 he removed to a farm three miles west of Union City, Tenn., where he lived for forty years. In 1883 he was elected a member of the Tennessee Legislature. In 1885 he was elected State Senator to represent Lake, Dyer and Obion Counties, and re-elected to the Senate in 1887. In 1905 he was again elected a member of the Tennessee Legislature. He married Mary Emma Sandeford, daughter of Nathan Davis and Frances Maria Sandeford, at Humboldt, Tenn., Nov. 2, 1865. (See Avent Line.) He was three times elected Major General of the Tennessee Division United Confederate Veterans, and is now Brigadier General, Tennessee Division, Forrest Cavalry.

CHILDREN OF JOHN HUGH McDOWELL AND MARY EMMA SANDEFORD:

1. William Wallace McDowell, born in Gibson County, Tenn. (See sketch "Lieutenant Governor McDowell of Montana.")
2. John Davis McDowell, born in Gibson County, Tenn., Sept 24, 1869; married Bettie P. Pulliam at Somerville, Tenn, April 23, 1895. Issue:
  1. Elizabeth Gray, born Jan. 27, 1896; married Robert Goodwyn Heard, May 7, 1917.
  2. John Hunter, born Jan. 18, 1900.
  3. Nathan Davis McDowell, born Aug, 11, 1872, in Gibson County, Tenn. In 1904 he married Mabel Southworth Wetmore, of Rochester, N. Y., daughter of Lansing

JOHN DAVIS McDOWELL, son of John Hugh McDowell, Treasurer of the McDowell Clan of America, was born Sept. 24th, 1869, at Trenton, Tennessee. He was only sixteen years old, when he was offered a position in the Chancery Court Clerk's office at Memphis, Tenn., which he accepted. Not having finished his education in the high schools, he attended the night schools in Memphis.

Later he accepted a position with the Union and Planters' Bank, where he remained for twenty-two years, holding the position of cashier for several years. In 1914 he resigned to accept the position of cashier of the Mercantile National Bank. After being with that bank for three years he returned to the Union & Planters' Bank & Trust Company as Vice-President, which position he now holds.

He joined the church at the age of 17 years, and has been a faithful worker in the Sunday schools and church, occupying now the position of Ruling Elder and Sunday School Superintendent of the Buntyn Presbyterian Church, Buntyn, Tenn. He has been Treasurer of Memphis Merchants' Exchange, Chamber of Commerce and Memphis Association of Credit Men.







NATHAN DAVIS McDOWELL.

NATHAN DAVIS McDOWELL, son of John H. McDowell, born in Trenton, Tennessee, Aug. 11, 1872. Received the degree of Bachelor of Science at the University of Nashville in 1894; studied medicine in Vanderbilt University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the latter college in 1897; spent one year as interne in St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford, Mass., and two years in the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, after which he located in Rochester, N. Y., taking up the specialty of treating the eye, ear, nose and throat. He is one of the attending physicians at the Rochester General Hospital. In 1904 he married Miss Mabel Southworth Wetmore of Rochester, N. Y., and has one daughter, Amoret, and three sons, William Wallace, Nathan Heath and Lansing Wetmore.





HORACE McDOWELL.

HORACE McDOWELL, son of John Hugh McDowell, was born near Medford, Ark. At the age of six months he, with his parents, moved to a farm near Union City, Tenn., in 1877. At the age of fourteen he accepted a position in the Capitol City Bank in 1890 at Nashville, Tenn. In 1893 he accepted a position with the Nelson Morris firm of packers. Later he was transferred to St. Louis, Mo., and when the Spanish-American war broke out he enlisted March 1st, 1898, in Battery A of St. Louis, Mo. He was mustered out Nov. 1, 1898. On his return from the war he again entered the Nelson Morris Packing Co.'s service and was later employed by Swift & Co., pork packers, where he is highly appreciated. He married Stella Scherer April 15, 1902, at St. Louis, Mo. Issue:

Scherer, born in New York City.

Stella, born in New York City.

Fredericka, born in New York City.





W. W. McDOWELL,  
Lieutenant-Governor of Montana.



- Gilbert Wetmore, and his wife, Amoret Southworth Handy. He is a well-known oculist. Issue: 1. Amoret Wetmore McDowell, born at Rochester, N. Y., June 29, 1905. 2. William Wallace McDowell, born at Rochester, N. Y., Sept 2, 1906.
- 4 Horace McDowell, born near Medford, Ark., Aug. 6. 1876, married Stella-Sherrer at St. Louis, Mo., April 15, 1902. Issue: Horace Sherrer McDowell, born Dec. 30, 1902. They reside in Chicago.
  5. Hugh McDowell, born near Union City, Tenn.
  6. Fannie Emma Avent McDowell, born near Union City, Tenn.
  7. Eloise Bedell McDowell, born at Bon Aqua Springs, Tenn.

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#### LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR W. W. McDOWELL, OF MONTANA.

Lieutenant Governor William Wallace McDowell, son of John Hugh and his wife, Emma Sandeford McDowell, was born in Tennessee, Jan. 22, 1867, and passed his boyhood upon his father's farm. After finishing college he entered the banking business in Nashville, where he remained four years. For three years after he was with Armour & Company, the big packers, in Chicago, where he was promoted from one responsible position to another.

He came to Montana twenty years ago, and has been engaged in mining and ranching ever since. His ranch on Rock Creek, between Granite and Missoula counties, has been occupying much of his attention in recent years.

Lieutenant Governor McDowell was elected to the Montana Legislature of 1909. He was selected Speaker of the House, although it was his first term as a member of the Legislative Assembly. Again in 1911, he was re-elected to the Legislature, being the only member of the 1909 House of Representatives who was returned from Silver Bow County. At that session of the Legislature he was again elected Speaker of the House, being the only man in Montana who has ever been twice elected Speaker.

In 1912 he was elected Lieutenant Governor of Montana, and presided over the sessions of the Senate in 1913 and again in 1915. He was re-elected Lieutenant Governor in 1916. In legislative bodies much depends upon the parliamentary ability of the presiding officer. Lieutenant Governor McDowell's enemies, if he has any, will not deny he is one of the best presiding officers and parliamentarians in the State. His record speaks for itself. He has frequently acted as Governor, during the absence from the State of Governor Stewart, and his friends say he has demonstrated, that if circumstances should place him for a longer period in the Chief Executive





office, the affairs of the State would be in safe, conservative and intelligent hands.

While Lieutenant Governor McDowell calls himself a farmer, he is a director in the Miners' Saving Bank of Butte, a fairly large owner of real estate, and president of several mining companies.



## NEEL CONNECTIONS.

ZENAS ALEXANDER, born Dec. 25, 1771; died May 26, 1826. On January 24, 1797, he married Margaret McLeary, daughter of General McLeary (brother of Robert McLeary, who married Abigail McDowell, daughter of Mary McDowell) a hero of the Revolution. Margaret McLeary was born Feb. 25, 1772, and died in 1846.

HANNAH GRIER ALEXANDER, born Oct. 23, 1802; died Nov. 21, 1880, married Nov. 25, 1819, WILLIAM HENRY NEEL, who was born Nov. 21, 1799, and died Dec. 29, 1889.

HANNAH ELVIRA NEEL, born Dec. 24, 1830; died Dec. 28, 1895; married ROBERT WALLACE McDOWELL, son of John McDowell II, and his wife, Rebecca Davis, July 27, 1848. (See Robert Wallace McDowell.)

## GENERAL W. H. NEAL.

General Neal was born near Catawba River, Mecklenburg County, in 1799, and died in 1889, at the ripe old age of 90 years. He commanded the State militia before the Civil War. At the age of 20 he married Hannah G. Alexander, Nov. 25, 1819. Children:

Samuel Wallace Neal, who moved to Indian Territory, and died there; Dr. Thomas C. Neal, who married Rebecca Jane Simirill, granddaughter of John McDowell and Rebecca Davis; Susan E. Neal, who married Rev. Walter McPharr, she lives in Charlotte; Mary A. Neal, who married Capt. M. H. Peoples; Hannah Elvira Neal, who married Robt. W. McDowell, son of John McDowell II; W. B. Neal, deceased; Louisa A. Neal, who married Rev. J. B. Watt; Preston A. Neal, who lives at Rock Hill, South Carolina.

After the death of his first wife General Neal married Martha D. Williamson, but had no children of this marriage. He was a man of highest integrity, honored and respected by his neighbors and acquaintances. He erected a good home on his farm near his birthplace, where he lived and died. He was the pioneer of the state in the manufacture of cotton goods before the Civil War, and a successful manufacturer of flour during and after the war. He was a Christian whose life was emblematical of the reality of the Christian religion which he professed. His nobility of manhood, daily walk and conversation marked him as a man of God whose influence was most wholesome. His first wife, Hannah G. Alexander, was born in 1796 and died in 1880—aged 84 years.



## HUGH PARKS, SR., HIS CHILDREN AND THEIR DESCENDANTS.

(By Mary Parks McIntosh.)

HUGH PARKS, SR., emigrated to Pennsylvania before the Revolutionary War. He was born Oct. 9, 1716, and died Nov. 1780. He married Margaret Young, who was born Jan. 15, 1716. He moved to Rowan County, N. C., in 1733.

### CHILDREN OF HUGH PARKS, SR., AND MARGARET YOUNG.

1. Ann Parks, born Jan. 16, 1744.
2. Jean, born March 5, 1746, married John McDowell, Sr.
3. John, born February, 1751.
4. Hugh, born March 5, 17—.

1. ANN PARKS, daughter of Hugh Parks, Sr., and Margaret Young, married Captain James Reid, who was killed at the battle of Hanging Rock, S. C. Issue: 1. James, 2. Anna. James' daughter, Anna, married Robert Wilson and moved to Fayette County, Tenn. Had eight children, four sons and four daughters. Phoebe married Futhy Steels, Mary married William Brown, from York District, S. C. Josiah Wilson was a minister in the C. P. Church, James a physician. Most of the family moved to Arkansas after their parents' death.

3. JOHN PARKS, remained at the old home in Rowan County, N. C., married Jean Kerr, daughter of David Kerr. She died in 1834. Issue: 1. Hugh, born Jan 10, 1792, died 1891, age 99; married a widow, Mrs. McKenney. They had two sons and three daughters. John, killed in the Civil War; David, born Feb. 22, 1837; Jane, Margaret and Bettie. David married a Miss Winecoff, two sons are living, John and Homer. They are living on the old Parks homestead. Jane Parks married George McKnight. No issue. Margaret married Horace Grier, left one son and two daughters. Belle, who married E. V. Furr, living in Charlotte; Bettie Jane married Charles Frairer, has four girls. Bettie married Albert Bell, two sons, Hugh Parks Bell and Dr. E. H. Bell.

4. HUGH PARKS, son of Hugh Parks, Sr., and his wife, Margaret Young, married Mary Davis, daughter of Walter and Rebecca Lyeon Davis and sister of Rebecca Davis, who married John McDowell, II. Hugh Parks was a captain in the Revolutionary War. His sword is today in the possession of his great grandson, Currie Watson, of New York City. He was an elder in the Steele



Creek Church, where he lived, and died in 1830. Issue of Hugh Parks II and Mary Davis:

1. Lyeon Parks, was a Presbyterian minister in Charleston S. C., married General Haynes' widow. They had two children, Lyeon and Eliza. Lyeon died young, left a widow and two children in South Carolina; Eliza married McWhirter and moved to Texas.
2. Ann Parks.
3. Margaret.
4. Permelia.
5. John.
6. William.
7. Andrew.
8. Eliza.

2. Ann Parks, daughter of Hugh Parks and Mary Davis, married James Kirkpatrick. They moved to Decatur, Ga., where they lived and raised a large family of children, eleven. Jane Kirkpatrick married a Morgan, left one daughter, Mrs. Maggis Ramspeck; William Kirkpatrick was for some time a merchant in Atlanta, Ga.; Wallace was judge in Decatur, Ga. Had eight children, John Lyeon Kirkpatrick, D.D., was a man of high attainments and greatly honored in his profession as a minister in the Presbyterian Church, editor of the "Southern Presbyterian" in Charleston, S. C., and professor in Davidson College and Washington and Lee University, until his death. He married Mary Turner. His son, James Alexander Kirkpatrick, was a well-known citizen of Montgomery, Ala. He was a lawyer of acknowledged ability and prominent in social circles. He married Miss Holtzelaw, daughter of General James Holtzelaw. Three children were born to them: Mary Kirkpatrick, and John Kirkpatrick. (See sketch "Alabamian Wins Honor.")

Thomas Kirkpatrick married and lived on a farm near Marietta, Ga. Had several children.

3. Margaret Parks, daughter of Hugh Parks, Jr., and his wife, Mary Davis, married William Watson. (See Elizabeth McDowell and Samuel Watson.) Had eight children:

1. Samuel Watson, served in the Confederate army, would not submit to the surrender, moved his family to Campanas, Brazil, died in a few years, leaving a widow and several children, who returned to their home.

2. Hugh Parks Watson, was a distinguished lawyer, judge and general. Was on Scott's staff in the Mexican War, also did service in the Confederate Army, lived and died in Montgomery, Ala.

3. Mary Watson, married Wilson, lived and died in York District, S. C. Had three sons—Presbyterian ministers.





4. Elizabeth Ann Watson, married John Hall, moved to Monticello, Ark., in 1860. Had four sons and four daughters. John G., graduated in the Theological Seminary in Columbia S. C., married Virginia Wilson, Staunton, Va. They went to Pernambuco, Brazil, as missionaries, war breaking out there in a few years, they were brought back and sent to Brownsville and Matmorris, Mexico, where they labored about twenty years. Were sent to Credeuas, Cuba, in 1899.

5. Andrew W. Watson was a Presbyterian minister, married Miss Martha Campbell, went as missionaries to the Indian Territory, health failing, they returned, and he preached at Selma, Ala., then Atoka, Tenn. In 1878 his health failed so much he went to Florida. The yellow fever being in Memphis, his family moved to him in Huntersville, N. C. He remained in that State until he died.

6. John Lycan Watson, married and remained in Yorkville, S. C.

7. William Marion Watson, married \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Margaret Henrietta Watson, married an Alexander, then moved to northwestern part of Georgia, not far from Chattanooga, was living there in 1876.

4. Permelia Parks, daughter of Hugh Parks, Jr., and Mary Davis, married McGinnis, lived and died in Powder Springs, Ga. Issue: 1. Mary Jane, married a Johnson and died young. 2. Eliza, married Capt. Lindsley.

5. John McDowell Parks, son of Hugh Parks and Mary Davis, was born Nov. 23, 1799, moved to Tennessee when about twenty years of age. Located some land pensions his father drew as captain in the Revolutionary War in Fayette County, West Tennessee, nine miles northeast of Somerville, Tenn. This deed is for 640 acres, date Aug. 24, 1826. In July, 1828, he married Hiley Tucker, daughter of William Tucker and Susie Hampton, a relative of General Wade Hampton. They moved from North Carolina and settled on Stewart's Creek, Rutherford County, Tenn., at an early day. His grandchildren still own the place.

John M. Parks was a very public spirited man, took a deep interest in everything that worked to the betterment of the public. Served as a Justice of the Peace six years at the urgent request of his neighbors in the good old times when the "office sought the man, and not the man the office." Though he lived on a farm he had great talent for and was well versed in law, and acted as guardian and administrator of estates and executor of wills for many years of his life. Was ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church for thirty years. He was a man of great integrity of character, investigated subjects thoroughly and then stood firmly for what he believed to be right.



Hiley Tucker Parks, his wife, was a faithful helpmate, sympathetic, benevolent. She possessed great energy and kindness of heart, and accomplished so much good among those less fortunate that she was often styled a "ministering angel."

John McDowell Parks and his wife improved the farm in Fayette County until they had a comfortable, beautiful home, where they spent thirty years of their lives. They then removed to Shiloh, Gibson County, Tenn., where they both died, he on Feb. 2, 1862, aged 57 years. They had four children:

1. Mary Caroline Parks, born July 9, 1829, married Daniel F. McIntosh, of pure Scotch descent, was raised in Moore County, N. C., but moved to Haywood County, Tenn., then to Humboldt, Tenn. Here he died, Dec. 30, 1869. She had three step-sons, who are now living in BeeBee, Ark. In 1890 Mary Caroline McIntosh went to Nashville, Tenn., to live with her sister Susan.

2. Susan Emeline Parks, was born June 12, 1831, married Hiram K. Northway, who was raised near Syracuse, N. Y., and came to Rutherford County, Tenn., when quite a young man. He served as ruling elder in the Presbyterian church for many years. They lived in Rutherford County until 1862, then moved to Shiloh, Gibson County, to be with her sister in the home where their parents died. After living in San Antonio, Texas, for nearly twenty years, they came to Nashville in 1890. They had seven children: Mary Ruth, died Feb. 28, 1896, aged 41 years; John Parks Northway, died in Jackson County, Ark., aged 18 months; William Ralph died when three years old in Smyrna, Tenn., April, 1861; Hugh Parks Northway, married Mamie Lee Morrison, in San Antonio, Texas; lives near Smyrna, Tenn; has four children. Hiley Anna Northway married Halsey W. Chenoweth, in San Antonio, Texas, now living in Nashville, Tenn. Has five children; Thomas H. Northway, married Eva Seay in San Antonio, Texas. Has three children, Carrie Tucker Northway lives with her parents in Nashville, Tenn., since died.

3. William Hugh Parks, born 27th of March, 1837. Enlisted in the Confederate service in the fall of 1861. Was wounded and captured by the Federals on Kennesaw Mountain, Ga., June 19th, 1864. died in their field hospital the next day. His friends did not know what became of him for five years, then heard through a Federal officer that "he was shot through the bowels by a minnie ball and died praying for his friends and country, and requested that he would let his sisters know, if possible, what became of him, but his mind wandered so much he (the Federal officer) did not learn their postoffice address. Was buried near a creek and mill about three miles from Marietta, Ga."

Capt. Blakeslee, of Sunbury, Ill., was the Federal officer, and he published a memorial of his death in the "Blue and the Gray,"



a magazine published in Philadelphia, in January, 1894. It was re-published in the "Confederate Veteran," September, 1897. He also wrote a beautiful poem dedicated to his sisters, which was published in the Humboldt papers in the spring of 1897. William Hugh Parks was 27 years old, was a most dutiful son, affectionate brother and exemplary Christian boy and man.

6. William Parks, son of Hugh Parks, Jr., and Mary Davis, married Eliza Haynes, daughter of General Haynes, lived and died near Steele Creek, N. C. Had five children: 1. Mary, died soon after her parents. 2. Lyeon, died in 1865, from the effects of hard service in the army, leaving a widow and two children. 3. William, lived in Troy, Ala., was a judge of the circuit court. Had seven sons and one daughter. Two of his sons were lawyers, and one a judge. 4. Isaac Haynes, died in 1897, leaving five children. 5. Fannie, married Capt. McKensie, died in 1865, leaving one daughter (now Mrs. Dr. Johnson, of Navasota, Texas.) All of the sons served in the Confederate War with Fannie's husband, Capt. McKensie.

7. Andrew Davis Parks, son of Hugh Parks, Jr., and Mary Davis, married Elizabeth D. Price, Dec. 23, 1823. He was born May 23, 1800, and died Oct. 16, 1838. They had one daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born Aug. 22, 1828.

Mary Elizabeth Parks married Thos. B. Price, April 30, 1846. They lived with her mother on the old Parks place about four miles from Charlotte, N. C. (near big Sugar Creek). Issue:

1. Andrew Parks Price, born Jan. 16, 1848, married Bettie Wolfe, December, 1869. She died about 1872. No issue living. He died July 30, 1883.
2. Margaret Annette Price, born Oct. 10, 1850, never married, lived with her brother, John Knox Price, at the old Parks place, until his death.
3. Josephine.
4. Elizabeth Jane, born 1854.
5. Thomas Kirkpatrick, born Sept. 16, 1861; died Dec. 6, 1908.
6. John Knox, born Sept. 16, 1864, married Sarah Estelle Summerville, Oct. 19, 1893. Issue: 1. Adrain Parks, born July 17, 1894. 2. Sarah Annette, Jan. 25, 1897. 3. Elizabeth, April 3, 1899. 4. John Graham, born April 1, 1901, died June 21, 1902. 5. William Knox, born Feb. 11, 1904.

8. Eliza Parks, daughter of Hugh Parks, Jr., and Mary Davis married a McLarty, lived and died in Cherokee County, Miss. Had several sons and one daughter. The daughter married a Latham, who served in the Confederate war and was killed at Franklin. James Polk McLarty was also killed at Franklin. John Parks Me-



Larty married and lived at Scraps, Miss. Harvey married Ellen Bonham in Waco, Texas, and died there.

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From a Montgomery, Ala., newspaper:

#### ALABAMIAN WINS HONORS.

James Holtzelaw Kirkpatrick, who was awarded the Alabama scholarship to Oxford University, provided for in the will of the late Cecil Rhodes, was born in Opelika. He is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Kirkpatrick, of Montgomery, and is a grandson of the late Gen. James P. Holtzelaw, of this city.

He moved to Montgomery with his parents in childhood, and received his early education in Miss Woodruff's school. In 1897 he entered Starke's University School, and was one of the ten honor pupils of that school throughout his three years' course of study there. In the fall of 1900 he entered the sophomore class of the University of Alabama, and graduated before his nineteenth year, at that institution, taking an A.B. degree. He was appointed fellow and instructor in Greek and Latin at the University, and was graduated with the degree of Master of Science.

He stood the examination for the Rhodes scholarship, having five competitors from various State institutions, and won.

He is well known in Montgomery, and has a large circle of friends.

Under the rules of the scholarship he will take up his residence at Oxford about Oct. 1. The scholarship is worth \$1,500 a year for three years.

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#### FAMILY RECORDS OF RICHARD IRWIN AND DESCENDANTS.

(By Richard Irwin, of Pennsylvania.)

The parents of RICHARD IRWIN, the emigrant ancestor, resided in the County of Armagh, province of Ulster, Ireland, and were of the people first called Ulster Scots, and latterly Scotch-Irish, descendants of those Protestant Scotch colonists whom the English government planted in the north of Ireland, in the province of Ulster, in the time of James I. "These colonists," we are informed by McIntosh, in his history of Scotland, "were Presbyterians, mostly of the John Knox type, and were very numerous. Being religious, economical and industrious, they prospered in their adopted home, becoming the leading people, and ever loyal to the government that gave them better lands than those they left behind them."

The Irwin family of Chester County, Pa., subsequently of Northumberland and Union counties, then of Cherrytree, Venango County, is of Scotch-Irish extraction. The family traces its ancestry to David Irwin, of the County of Armagh, Ireland, who married Margaret Berry, in 1725, and reared a family of eleven children, eight







MRS. LAURA ANN McDOWELL MCNEILLY



sons and three daughters. Of the sons, six emigrated to America and settled in several of the States, principally Pennsylvania, New York, Virginia and Ohio. Their descendants are now very numerous in the United States.

It is from Richard, who was born in the year 1740, in Armagh County, Ireland, and who married Ann Steele, who was the daughter of Samuel Steele, Esq., and Ann (Futhey) Steele, in November, 1764, at New London, Chester County, Pa., and that the family whose record is here given, is descended.

As every attainable item connected with the life of Richard Irwin, the American ancestor, is of interest to his descendants, I give all the extracts and records I can find relating to him as immigrant and pioneer, and have been greatly aided by references to him in the "Annals of the Buffalo Valley," written by the Hon. John Blair Linn, the accomplished historian of Central Pennsylvania, who exhibits great research in pioneer history. Although the accounts of a single person and his family in a work of its magnitude must of necessity be fragmentary, yet all contained therein cannot fail to be of interest.

When Richard Irwin was 36 years old he went himself to White Deer township, Union County, then Northumberland, which was then considered the frontier, to find a new home, leaving his wife and family in Chester County. At that time the frontiers were in a very disturbed condition, owing to Indian troubles, the settlers driving back the Indians and occupying the lands, making the frontier to recede westward each year before advancing civilization. I quote from the records of Chester County and from the Annals, copied by S. D. Irwin, from records of Chester County, Pa., assessment duplicates.

1762. Richard Irwin, Freeman, Tax, 9 shillings.

1763. Richard Irwin, Freeman, Poll tax.

Not found on tax list in New London township after that date.

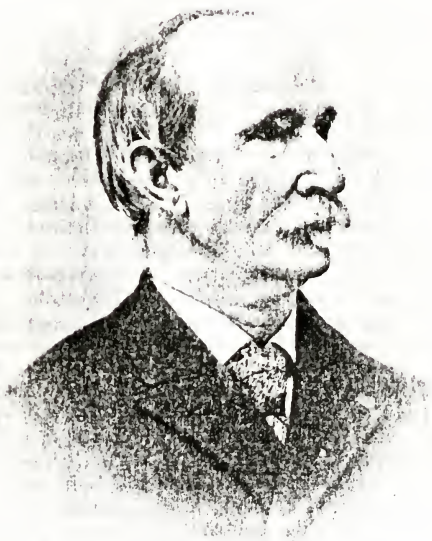
Annals, page 113. "March 13, 1776, at a town meeting Richard Irwin was appointed first lieutenant of the committee of safety in Capt. Wm. Murray's Company."

Page 149: "Assessment list of inhabitants of White Deer, Northumberland County, for the year 1778, appears the name of Richard Irwin, 1 log cabin."

He afterwards purchased the Basher place, at White Deer, in 1777, several years before he removed his family from Chester County. This was the year of the "Great Runaway," so known among the early settlers. As the account of this purchase is interesting and shows the state of the border at that time, I quote from the Annals in full:

Page 156: "At this time occurred the death of John Michael Basher. It was the time of the Great Runaway, and as Basher's





SAMUEL D. IRWIN  
Chester County, Penn.



name is dropped from the assessment of 1778, his death must have occurred in the first week of July, 1778. Basher came to the Valley in 1774, and in June of that year purchased the 'Jacob Rees' tract, near New Columbia, of Hawkins Boone. In April 1777, he sold it again to Richard Irwin, and moved down on the place of Peter Swartz. Weyland and another person took up Basher's goods, and then pushed out into the river. Basher went to the stable, got a horse, and attempted to drive some cattle down along the shore. When he got to the bluff that comes down to the river, at the present lime kiln of Hon. G. F. Miller, just by a red oak, that was still standing a few years since, he was fired upon by some Indians in ambush, and killed. Weyland and his comrade who were lying down in the boat, rose to fire, and Weyland was struck on the lip with a spent ball, the mark of which he carried to his grave. He said Basher was buried on the river bank.

The next place Richard Irwin is mentioned in the Annals is on page 258: "Officers elected in White Deer in 1789: Supervisors, John Laeky and Samuel Dale; Overseer, Richard Irwin."

Annals, p. 306: "Assessment of White Deer townshop, 1796. Irwin, Richard. Log house and barn. Occupation, weaver and farmer." This assessment also gives the names of his sons, who afterward settled in Cherrytree, as follows: "Irwin, Samuel, weaver; Irwin, John, surveyor."

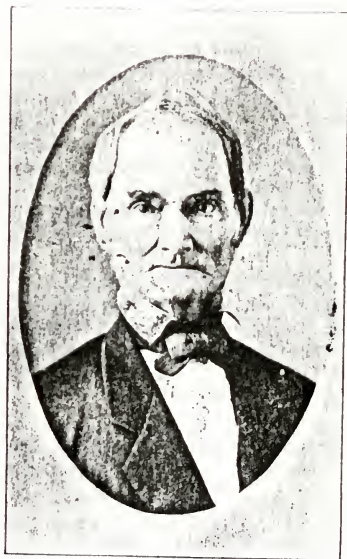
Mr. Linn, in his Annals, publishes in two or three places extracts from the diary of a certain Flavel Roan, who was an eccentric and jolly bachelor of bibulous habits, if we can trust his journal, as well as being something of a poet. He writes in a dashing off hand way, and appeared to be on sociable terms with all the prominent early settlers of the Buffalo Valley. In his journal he speaks of visiting Richard Irwin and Samuel Dale (who afterward went to Lancaster County), and of calling on the same day to see Dr. Joseph Priestly, the celebrated Unitarian preacher and philosopher, the discoverer of oxygen, who lived in the neighborhood. His (Roan's) sketches are amusing, and instructive, too, as they furnish an insight to the times. The writer well remembers hearing his grandfather tell funny stories of the sayings and exploits of Flavel Roan. I quote two extracts from the Annals from said diary, inasmuch as they relate to Richard Irwin.

Annals, page 361: "1807, July 29. Militia meeting. Field officers present. Election for company officers at Richard Irwin's White Deer. Edw. Morton and I attended and clerked. We had plenty to talk and some whiskey."

Annals, page 381: "1809; July 1. Called at Grier's and R. Irwin's. Sent a snuff box to Mrs. Robt. Lyons. Had business at Dr. Priestly's. Not a quart of whiskey in all the haying. Met Col. S. Dale on his way to the Assembly. Party at Rev. John Hood's."







RICHARD IRWIN  
Franklin, Penn.



This ends all that is said in the Annals concerning Richard Irwin. It is evident that he was living in July, 1809, and the writer understands by tradition that he lived until 1812. From what has been said he was an industrious man, led an exemplary life, and raised a large and useful family.

We subjoin a brief sketch of the Steele family, of Chester County, Pa., which we extract from the history of that county by Hon. J. Smith Futhy:

“Ann Steele, who married Richard Irwin, was descended from Ninnian Steele, who came from the north of Ireland and settled in New London township and died there in 1745, leaving six children, among whom was Samuel Steele, Esq., who lived at Thunder Hill, New London township, and died in May, 1760, leaving eleven children, among whom was Ann, who married Richard Irwin, and Ruth, who married Robert Futhy, whose daughter Ann married Samuel Dale, in 1769, and removed to Buffalo Valley, near the present site of Lewisburg, Pa. The descendants of Ninnian Steele, the emigrant, are very numerous and scattered over the country. The Steeles and Futhys are of Scotch-Irish descent and of Presbyterian faith generally.”

Short sketches of the children of Richard Irwin and Ann Steele will follow, in place. As presenting a general summary, I adopt the record of his grandfather's family, kept by Hon. Richard Irwin, of Franklin, which follows, to which is added other data omitted by him or occurring since his death.

NOTE—The small figure affixed to a name in the list hereinafter given, shows the generation to which it belongs, numbering downward from the immigrant Richard.

The Roman numerals designate the branch of the family to which the individual belongs. For example: 1a. Richard Irwin, designates him the son of 1 Samuel Irwin 2, and the grandson of Richard Irwin 1. The prefixed letter a, shows him to be the first child of Samuel 2, b Fanny being the second, c Samuel Miller, the third, and so on.

Richard Irwin, born County Armagh, North Ireland, in the year 1740; came to New London township, Chester County, Pa., and was married to Ann Steele in November, 1764.

Ann Steele, born May 18, 1744, of parents Samuel Steele, Esq., and Ann Futhy, in New London township, Chester County, Pa. Their children as follows:

1. Samuel Irwin 2, born Aug. 17, 1765, at New London, Chester County, Pa.; married Jane Miller of Northampton County, Pa., March 9, 1797, at White Deer township, Northumberland County, Pa. Jane Miller Irwin



- died Nov. 4, 1865, at Cherrytree, in the 88th year of her age.
2. David Irwin, born Dec. 15, 1766, at New London, Pa.; died March, 1767.
  3. John Irwin, born Jan. 24, 1768, New London, Pa.; died Dec. 28, 1838, at Cherrytree, Pa. Never married.
  4. James Irwin, born Feb. 13, 1770, West Fallowfield township, Chester County, Pa.; died Sept. 27, 1827, at Cherrytree, Pa.
  5. Margaret, born May 18, 1772; died July, 1779.
  6. Ninian, born May 24, 1774, West Fallowfield township; died Aug. 10, 1826, at Cherrytree.
  7. Eliabeth born May 7, 1777, West Fallowfield township; died June 16, 1858, in Delaware township, Mercer county, Pa.
  8. Robert, born Aug. 5, 1782, New London township, Chester county, Pa.; died Nov. 7, 1858, in Harrison county, Ohio.
  9. Richard, born Oct. 13, 1785, in West Fallowfield, Chester county, Pa.; died Sept. 25, 1857, in Cherrytree, Venango county, Pa.
  10. Joseph, born May 20, 1788, in White Deer township, Northumberland county, Pa.; died Oct. 9, 1827, in Mead township, Crawford county, Pa.

I. Samuel Irwin II. married Jane Miller, of Mt. Bethel, Pa. Their children:

- a. Richard Irwin, born May 6, 1798; married March 5, 1834; died Nov. 18, 1882.
- b. Fanny, born May 3, 1800; married William P. McGhee, Oct. 20, 1829; died July 14, 1887.
- c. Samuel Miller; married Eliza Hamilton; born June 25, 1804; married July 9, 1835; died July 2, 1869.
- d. Ann, born Aug. 6, 1806; married Charles Chase Oct. 13, 1831.
- e. John, born Oct. 12, 1808; married March 20, 1834; re-married November, 1844, Emily Newton, born 1816.
- f. William, born Jan. 9, 1811; married Eliza Stewart Jan. 5, 1837; died Oct. 16, 1863.
- g. Eliza, born Feb. 1, 1815; married Asahel Lovell Oct. 1, 1835; died Sept. 1, 1851.  
(Note.—Asahel Lovell died Oct. 5, 1891.)
- h. Jane, born April 21, 1817; married Joshua T. Currie, of Warren county, Pa., Feb. 4, 1846.

(Note—Mr. C., her husband, born in the Province of Quebec, in 1815; died Aug. 18, 1879. No children.)



Ia. Richard Irwin III, born in White Deer township, Northumberland county, Pa., May 6, 1798; married Hannah W. May, daughter of Rev. Hezekiah May, March 5, 1834; died Nov. 18, 1882. Their children:

Samuel Dale IV, born March 12, 1835; married Mary Thomas March 13, 1871. No children.

Frances Helen, born Jan. 23, 1837; married Christopher Heydrick June 20, 1860.

II. May, born Sept. 25, 1838; married Mary Louise Leech, Sept. 11, 1879.

Margaret Jane, born Oct. 21, 1840; married Willis B. Benedict, 1874; died April 14, 1877.

Hannah G., born Sept. 17, 1842; residence, Franklin, Pa.

Richard Lovell, born Aug. 27, 1845; married Nancy Eaton; died March 13, 1878.

Frances Helen 4, born Jan. 23, 1837; married Christopher Heydrick, June 20, 1860. Their children:

Carl Irwin, born June 3, 1863. Attorney, Franklin, Pa.

Harriet, born Feb. 24, 1866.

Richard I., born Feb. 24, 1866; died Nov. 22, 1871.

Fred. Paul, born Oct. 23, 1869. Bank teller, Franklin.

Helen M., born May 30, 1876.

II. May Irwin 4, born Sept. 25, 1838; married Mary Louise Leech, Sept. 11, 1879. Their children:

Richard, born June 7, 1880.

Hiram L., born Feb. 11, 1882; Cadet at Annapolis.

Arthur May, born Sept. 1, 1883.

Francis Huntington, born Sept. 5, 1885.

Katherine Gertrude, born Aug. 3, 1887.

Mary Louise, born Aug. 17, 1891.

Margaret Jane 4, born Oct. 21, 1840; married Willis B. Benedict, June 18, 1874; died April 14, 1877.

Their child, Selden Spencer, born June 23, 1875. Resides at Titusville, Pa.

Richard L. 4, born Aug. 27, 1845; married Nancy Eaton; died March 13, 1878, at Olean, N. Y. Their children:

Helen E., born March 30, 1871, at Pleasantville, Pa. Residence, Jacksonville, Fla.

Clara M., born Nov. 16, 1875, at Pleasantville. Residence, Jacksonville.

Ib. Frances 3, born May 3, 1800, in White Deer township, Union county, Pa.; married William Parker McKee (born March 3, 1802)





Oct. 20, 1829; died at Farmington, Iowa, July 14, 1887, aged 87 years, 2 months and 11 days. Their children:

Samuel Irwin 4, born July 30, 1830; died July 1, 1882, at Bradford, Pa.

John Irwin, born May 5, 1832; died Feb. 15, 1852, at Kittanning, Pa.

Mary Jane, born April 7, 1834; died June 16, 1866.

Juliet P., born in Venango county, June 30, 1836.

Frances A., born in Venango county, Jan. 9, 1840.

Samuel I. McKee 4, married Julia A. Forker, Harrisville, Pa., June 5, 1850. He was killed in a railroad accident July 1, 1883. His wife died March 6, 1887, at Bolivar, N. Y. They were both buried at Bradford, Pa. Their children:

William James 5, born in Harrisville, Pa., Feb. 22, 1851; residence, Ningpo, China.

John Irwin, born in Brookville, Pa., Oct. 1, 1852; residence, Chicago, Ill.

M. Fannie, born in Clintonville, Pa., Sept. 6, 1854; residence, Rochester, N. Y.

Samuel H., born in Farmington, Ia., March 1, 1857; residence, Tacoma, Wash.

Clarice Anna, born in Farmington, Sept. 7, 1859; married W. E. Smith; residence, Chicago.

Julia Ella S., born in Farmington, March 28, 1862; married F. A. Robinson; residence, Rochester, N. Y.

Thomas Clinton, born in Croton, Ia., June 27, 1867; married Kate Fuhes, Jan. 5, 1886; residence, Wellsville, N. Y.

A. Dwight, born in Clintonville, Sept. 8, 1869; married Minnie K. Webster; residence, Rochester, N. Y.

May P., born in Rouseville, Pa., April 4, 1873; residence, Rochester.

Rev. William James McKee 5, born Feb. 22, 1851; married Abbie P. Ketchum, of Marshall, Mich., Oct. 22, 1879, at Ningpo, China, where he is now a prominent missionary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. Their children, all born in Ningpo:

Irwin William, born April 19, 1881.

Sidney B., born Oct. 23, 1882.

Samuel Clark, born Nov. 5, 1884.

John Irwin McKee 5, married Edith E. Folsom, of Millerstown, Pa., Nov. 19, 1876. His wife died in July, 1882. Their children:

Elsie G.

Frankie, who died in September, 1883.



M. Fannie McKee 5, born Sept. 6, 1854; residence, 35 Bartlett street, Rochester, N. Y.

Samuel Harris McKee 5, born March 1, 1857; married Martha Sylva, Sept. 5, 1879, at Butler, Pa. No children; residence, Tacoma, Wash.

Clarice Anna 5, born Sept. 7, 1859; married W. E. Smith, Dec 2, 1876; residence, Chicago, Ill. Their children, four in number:  
Ella Frances 6, Julia, Andrew P. and Will E.

Julia Ella S. 5, born March 28, 1862; married F. A. Robinson, Aug. 6, 1882; residence, Rochester, N. Y. They have two children:  
Arthur Best 6 and Vive McKee.

Thomas Clinton 5, born Croton, Ia., June 27, 1867; married Kate Fuhes; residence, Wellsville, N. Y. No children.

A. Dwight 5, born Clintonville, Sept. 8, 1869; married Minnie K. Webster, Jan. 22, 1891; residence, Rochester, N. Y.

Mary Forker 5, born Rouseville, April 4, 1873; residence, Rochester, N. Y.

Mary Jane 4, married Jos. P. Gray, of Athens, Mo., June, 1858. She died June 16, 1866, on the plains, on her way to Pike's Peak, and was buried at Fort Laramie. Parents of three children: Joseph, Nellie and Samuel I. Parents and children all dead.

Juliet Parker 4, married Paul S. Thome, of Athens, Mo., Feb. 24, 1856; residence, Emporia, Kan. Their children, all born at Athens, Mo.:

Clarence M. 5, born April 12, 1857; died May 4, 1865.

Edwin T., born Sept. 11, 1859.

Fannie McKee, born Oct. 1, 1862.

Charles Irwin, born Sept. 26, 1865.

William McKee, born May 10, 1869.

Fred Scott, born Dec. 8, 1872; died Aug. 24, 1874.

Watt Armstrong, born Dec. 12, 1878:

(Note—Paul S. Thome is a native of Missouri, and during the war was a prominent Union man. He was always full of energy. To his wife the compiler is much indebted for statistics, as well as to Frances A. (4) and M. Fannie McKee (5), of Rochester, N. Y.)

Edwin T. 5, married A. Boory, June 19, 1890; residence, Dodge City, Kan.; merchant.

Charles Irwin 5, married Flora Glancy, Dec. 25, 1890; residence,



Dodge City, Kan.; railroad agent. One child, Paul Irwin 6, born Oct. 12, 1891.

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Frances Ann 4, married George King, a prominent citizen of Farmington, Ia., Feb. 19, 1857. Their children:

Edgar Irwin 5, born Oct. 17, 1858.

Carrie S., born Sept. 7, 1862.

Mary Elsie Ora, born Feb. 15, 1866.

Craig McKee, born Dec. 20, 1873; died Aug. 3, 1874.

Frank Forker, born Dec. 29, 1878; died July 3, 1880.

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Carrie Susan 5, married Prof. S. B. Allison, superintendent public schools, Elmwood, Ill., June 29, 1890.

One child, Ruth 6, born December, 1891.

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1c. Samuel Miller Irwin 3, married Eliza T. Hamilton, July 9, 1835. Their children:

Emily Jane 4, born May 17, 1836; married Gleason Breed, March 28, 1865; died April 5, 1891, at Galesburg, Ill. No children.

Ann Elizabeth, born July 26, 1838, Cherrytree, Pa.; died at Chicago, July 18, 1887.

Mary Reynolds, born May 14, 1840, at Cherrytree, Pa.; residence, Galesburg, Ill.

Lydia O., born Sept. 17, 1841, at Cherrytree; died April 3, 1843.

Edward L., born July 6, 1843, at Cherrytree; died Feb. 9, 1863.

Celia Frances, born Nov. 2, 1844; residence, Galesburg, Ill.

Selinda Louisa, born Aug. 8, 1846; died March 17.

Dr. Harlan Miller, born Aug. 1, 1848; married Della M. Childs, May 28, 1891.

Richard H., born March 19, 1850; died in infancy

(Note—Dr. Irwin is a practicing physician in Chicago, residing at 341 Warren avenue. To him the writer is indebted for the record of his father's family. The doctor was educated at Knox College, Galesburg, and completed his medical course at Heidelberg, Germany. His son, Harlan Childs Irwin, was born May 25, 1892.)

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1d. Ann 3, married Charles Chase, Oct. 13, 1831; died at Plainsville, O., Aug. 13, 1884. Their children:

Jane A. 4, born Dec. 1, 1834; married A. S. Dobbs, March 18, 1854; died May 30, 1891. Their children:

Charles Chase 5, born May 21, 1859; residence, Plainsville, Ohio.

Frank C., born Dec. 11, 1865; residence, Painsville, O.

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1e. John 3, married March 20, 1834, to Ann Irwin, who died in



1842; on Nov. 21, 1844, married Emily M. Newton. Their children:  
 Lucie A. 4, born Nov. 27, 1846; married Aug. 5, 1873, to  
 Rev. Isaac E. Carey; residence, Chardon, Ohio.  
 John Newton, born Aug. 22, 1847; married Aggie McMaster,  
 Feb. 23, 1872; residence, Galesburg, Ill.  
 Sara I., born Oct. 2, 1849; married Aug. 4, 1881, to Rev. R.  
 G. McNiece, Salt Lake City, Utah.  
 Rev. Albert B., born Oct. 2, 1851; married Dec. 27, 1877, to  
 Loretta E. Hart; residence, Highland, Kan.

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Lucie A. 4, married Dr. I. E. Carey. Their children:  
 Ann Newton 5, born March 5, 1875, at Waterloo, Ia.  
 John Dwight and Ben Irwin, twins, born Sept. 20, 1877, at  
 Huntsburg, Ohio.  
 Alice Emily, born Oct. 23, 1881, at Huntsburg, Ohio.

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John N. 4, of Galesburg, Ill., married Aggie McMasters, of Pitts-  
 field, Pa. Their children:

Walter McMaster 5, born Nov. 9, 1872.  
 Herbert Elwood, born April 19, 1875.  
 Lynn N., born June 9, 1877.  
 John Paul, born Nov. 22, 1879.  
 Keith Gordon, born March 13, 1885.  
 Florence Louisa, born March 11, 1890.

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Sarah Irwin 4, married Rev. R. G. McNiece, Aug. 11, 1891.  
 Their children:

Irwin 5, born June 17, 1882, at Salt Lake City, Utah.  
 Rendwick Sloane, born June 28, 1886, at Salt Lake City.  
 Theodora, born Feb. 7, 1888; died Dec. 15, 1888.

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Rev. Albert B. 4, Highland University, Highland, Kan.; mar-  
 ried Loretta E. Hart, Dec. 27, 1877. Their children:

John Hart, born Aug. 7, 1880; died May 12, 1889.  
 Helen, born Aug. 29, 1882; died March 3, 1888.  
 Fannie T., born Sept. 7, 1884.  
 Ralph Alexis, born July 27, 1888.

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If. William 3, married Eliza Stewart, daughter of Elijah Stew-  
 art, at Cherrytree, Pa., Jan. 5, 1873. Their children, all born in  
 Cherrytree:

Elijah Stewart 4, born Dec. 15, 1838; died Dec. 20, 1865.  
 John, born May 4, 1841; married Caroline B. Canfield,  
 April 15, 1868.  
 Samuel B., born Dec. 26, 1842; died June 30, 1863.  
 (Note.—Member of Company E, 16th Pennsylvania Cavalry  
 (161st Pa. Vols.) in the war of the Rebellion; died in  
 the service.)





Lydia J., born Sept. 8, 1884; married Rev. W. C. Burchard, Aug. 30, 1864; residence, Alleghany, Pa.

James Harvey, born Aug. 5, 1846; married Nellie E. Burchard, Sept. 20, 1877; residence, St. Louis, Mo.

William Alfred, born Oct. 16, 1848; married Mina E. Meals, Sept. 25, 1897.

Hannah Louisa, born Dec. 25, 1850; died Jan. 4, 1854.

Clarissa Lucille, born April 12, 1853; married Arthur B. Canfield, Nov. 2, 1882.

Ann Eliza, born Aug. 4, 1856. Resides at Pittsburg, Pa.

Child of John and Caroline (Canfield) Irwin, of Santa Paula, Cal.:

Ralph 5, born Sept. 9, 1874.

Children of William Alfred and Mina (Meals) Irwin, of Webster, St. Louis county, Mo.:

Wilburn M. 5, born Nov. 21, 1880.

Howard Alfred, born April 19, 1886.

Child of Clarissa L. and Arthur B. Canfield, of Webster Grove, St. Louis county, Mo.:

Lois Eliza 5, born April 30, 1887.

Ig. Eliza 3, married Asahel Lovell, Oct. 1, 1835, at Cherrytree, Pa. Their children:

Marvin Hampson, born Oct. 25, 1842; died June 10, 1845.

Eliza J., born Sept. 9, 1850, in Allegheny township, Venango county, Pa.

IV. James Irwin 2, born Feb. 13, 1770, in West Fallowfield; married Feb. 23, 1793, in Chester county, Pa., Mary Stewart, who died in June, 1812; married Margaret Stewart, second wife, who died in February, 1848. Their children:

a. James Steele 3, born April 20, 1794; died Jan. 3, 1798, at West Fallowfield.

b. Margaret, born Feb. 28, 1797; died Aug. 8, 1866, at Cherrytree.

c. Elizabeth Steele, born Sept. 13, 1799.

d. Andrew Stewart, born Aug. 10, 1803; died April 16, 1805, at Cherrytree.

e. Richard S., born June 15, 1806; died Nov. 23, 1887, at Cherrytree.

f. Mary, born April 19, 1809; died Oct. 7, 1850, at Cherrytree.

Ive. Elizabeth S., married Richard Irwin 3 (of Ninian 2), March 1, 1827. Names of children not obtained; all dead, excepting



Mrs. Margaret S. Alsbough 4, of Cherrytree, who married J. H. Alsbough (now deceased), Nov. 2, 1864.

IVc. Richard Steele 3, known as "Captain;" married Feb. 14, 1850, to Mary Strawbridge, who was born March 8, 1814, and died Oct. 25, 1880. Their children:

Jennie M. 4, born May 30, 1851; married F. W. Irwin, April 20, 1886. No children.

Lizzie M., born Oct. 24, 1852; residence, Cherrytree, Venango county, Pa.

Lucy Ellen, born March 22, 1854; married Samuel Kerr, Titusville, Pa., March 22, 1881. No children.

Adeline N., born Nov. 10, 1856.

(Note.—Acknowledgement is due Mrs. Kerr, of Titusville, for record of the family and descendants of James IV.)

VI. Ninian 2, born West Fallowfield township, Chester county, Pa., May 24, 1774; died Aug. 10, 1826, at Cherrytree, Pa. He was known among the Irwins of Cherrytree (where he came in 1802) as "The Schoolmaster." Married April 2, 1800, to Frances Graham, of Cecil county, Md., who died Jan. 17, 1820; married Mary W. Davison, May 3, 1821. Their children:

a. Richard 3, born Aug. 14, 1801.

b. James, born Sept. 4, 1802; married Nancy Hamilton, Dec. 21, 1841; wife died Nov. 19, 1883; he died April 3, 1884.

c. Ninian, born Jan. 29, 1806; died May 5, 1877.

d. Ann, born March 21, 1807; married Henry Hancox, 1834; died Dec. 9, 1859.

e. William G., born Oct. 22, 1812.

f. Katherine G., born Aug. 4, 1818; married Alex Robinson, Oct. 13, 1836; died March 31, 1878

a. Richard 3 (called "The Carpenter"), married Elizabeth S. IV, March 1, 1827. Their children:

a. Margaret S., born Aug. 27, 1830; married J. H. Alsbough, Nov. 2, 1864.

James W., born March 31, 1834; died May 6, 1841, at Cherrytree.

John Franklin, born May 12, 1839; died May 6, 1841, at Cherrytree.

Mary J., born Sept. 13, 1834; died Oct. 2, 1850, at Cherrytree.

b. James Irwin 3 and Nancy Hamilton. Their children:

a. Fannie E. 4, born Dec. 9, 1844.

b. James Law, born Oct. 10, 1847; married ————; died Dec. 4, 1869, at Cherrytree.



c. Nancy Ann, born April 27, 1854.

a. Fannie E. 4, married Andrew T. Meorn, May 10, 1867; residence, Cherrytree, Pa. Their children:

b. Irwin O. 5, born March 21, 1867.

c. James Law, born 1869.

d. Olga, born Feb. 18, 1874.

e. Bernice, born July 3, 1876; died June 14, 1889, at Cherrytree.

f. Nancy J., born March 21, 1881.

e. Anna 5, married Henry Homan, Dec. 11, 1883; residence, Cherrytree, Pa. Their children:

James I. 6, born April, 1885.

Henry G., born May 31, 1886.

Roy Arthur, born Oct. 31, 1887.

c. Ninian 3, married Fannie Irwin, March 15, 1832, who died Jan. 9, 1851, at Cherrytree. Their children:

Two died in infancy, and Ninian Nelson 4, born Aug. 31, 1836, died July 11, 1864, in the U. S. service, at Alexandria, Va.

Married his second wife, N. Adeline Irwin 3, April 20, 1852, at Cherrytree, Pa. She now resides at Norristown, Pa.

Their children:

George Graham 4, born May 17, 1858, at Cherrytree.

Adda B., born March 20, 1861; died March 19, 1863.

James B., born May 23, 1865; died March 6, 1886, at Norristown, Pa.

(Note.—George G. Irwin, the surviving child, married Ida M. Hitchings, of Virginia, Sept. 25, 1889. He resides at Norristown, Pa., where he is connected with the railroad business, is an excellent penman, and is said to possess considerable mechanical talent. Their child, George Graham, was born Jan. 18, 1892.)

d. Ann 3, married Henry Hancock, 1834, at Cherrytree. Their children:

Fanny I. 4, born Dec. 4, 1836; married A. J. Davidson, Dec. 5, 1863. He died November, 1868, and she died Sept. 11, 1888, at Titusville, Pa. They had one child, Luella May.

E. Anna, born Jan. 9, 1839; married Oct. 29, 1865; residence, Pleasantville, Pa.

Ninian I., born July, 1841; married F. E. Collins; residence, Olean, N. Y.; oil producer.

William H., born Oct. 6, 1843; married Miss Johnson; died June 17, 1885, at Titusville, Pa.



Kate H., born April 20, 1847; residence, Titusville, Pa.; musician, etc.

A. Sheffield, born March 28, 1850; married Miss Tuxford, of Free Port, Pa.; residence, Oakdale, Pa.; oil producer.

Mercy A., born March 21, 1853; died May 20, 1860, at Titusville, Pa.

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E. Anna 4, married T. McLaughlin, Oct. 26, 1865; residence, Pleasantville, Pa. Their children:

Roland E. 5, born Jan. 14, 1868, at Pithole, Pa.

Edith M., born Nov. 7, 1869, at Pleasantville.

Belle, born Dec. 14, 1872, at Pleasantville.

Grace E., born April 5, 1874, at Pleasantville.

Sam S., born Aug. 21, 1876, at Titusville.

(Note—Special acknowledgements are due Miss Kate H. Hancock, of Titusville, and Mrs. E. A. McLaughlin for valuable statistics; also N. Adeline Irwin, of Norristown, Pa., and James G., of Union City, Pennsylvania.)

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e. William G. 3, born Oct. 22, 1812, at Cherrytree, Pa.; married Frances E. Breed, Nov. 3, 1842, at Cherrytree, and she died May 18, 1851; married Eleanor S. Wallace, of Crawford county, Pa., Sept. 8, 1853. Their children:

Nathan B. 4, born March 17, 1844; died June 17, 1844, at Cherrytree.

William E., born June 24, 1850; died May 7, 1851, at Cherrytree.

Frank Wallace, born March 26, 1857; married Jane M. Irwin, daughter of R. S. Irwin, April 20, 1886. No children.

James Graham, born May 4, 1863. Residence, Union City, Pa.; manufacturer of patents.

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f. Catherine G. 3, born Aug. 4, 1818; died March 31, 1878; married Alexander Robinson, Oct. 13, 1836, who died July 26, 1887. Their children:

Frances A. 4, born Aug. 10, 1837.

Justin Arthur, born Oct. 26, 1844; married Martha E. Logan, Oct. 15, 1873. Commissioner's Clerk of Erie county, Pa.

Ninian I., born Sept. 29, 1848; married Addie L. Wilson, June 29, 1876. Residence, Titusville, Pa.

James Lynn, born Dec. 2, 1850; died Feb. 15, 1863.

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Justin A. Robinson 4 and Martha E., of Erie, Pa. Their child:  
Adah Maud 5, born April 21, 1875, at Erie.





Ninian I. 4 and Addie L. Robinson. Their children:

Samuel Ernest 5, born July 22, 1878, at Titusville, Pa.

Kittie Ethel, born Sept. 9, 1884, at Titusville.

VII. Elizabeth Irwin 2, married George Reznor in Union county, Pa., Jan. 17, 1807. He died Feb. 28, 1838. Their children:

a. John 3, born June 3, 1808, in Union county, Pa.; died in Mercer county, Pa., Dec. 22, 1827.

b. Ann Steele, born Sept. 15, 1809, in Union county; died in Mercer county, Feb. 23, 1841.

c. David, born March 10, 1811, in Union county; married Jane Moore, April 5, 1838. She died July 25, 1851. On June 12, 1853, married Prudence Kelly, who died Sept. 18, 1856. Married again Feb. 18 to Eliza J. Blair. Residence, New Hamburg, Pa.

d. Richard Irwin, born in Union county, Feb. 25, 1813; married Eliza Mann, Nov. 12, 1835. He died Feb. 21, 1890; she is still living.

e. Rebecca, born in Mercer county, Feb. 25, 1815; married John White, Sept. 23, 1834; died Jan. 25, 1847.

f. Eliza C., born July 3, 1817; married Robert Irwin 3, Sept. 25, 1838; died April 12, 1858, at Cherrytree. (For family of Eliza C., see Robert Irwin of Richard 2.)

e. David 3, married three times. (See above.) Children:

a. John 4, born March 19, 1839; died Jan. 12, 1841.

b. George W., born April 3, 1841; married Lizzie M. Lundy, Dec. 26, 1865.

c. Richard M., born July 8, 1843; married Lavina A. Bram, Jan. 1, 1868. Residence, Warren, Pa. Three children, Frank 5 and Elsie.

d. Wilson G., born Aug. 30, 1846; unmarried. Residence, New Hamburg, Pa.

e. Alex Reznor, born June 24, 1851; died Sept. 5, 1851.

f. Rebecca, married John White. Reside in the West. Their children:

Eliza J. 5, married John Jewell. Residence, Oregon.

Four children, Bertus, Pearl, Frank and Gertrude.

Sarah A., married J. M. Christy, Nov. 13, 1862. Residence, New Windsor, Mercer county, Pa. Five children, George 6, Adda, Benjamin, Jefferson and Gertrude. Of the above George is married and has one child. Residence, New Windsor; merchant.

d. Richard I. 3 and Eliza (Mann) Reznor. Their children:

a. Robert I. 4, born Sept. 22, 1836; married Belinda



Rhodes. Residence in Mercer county, Pa. Their children, James C, 5, Blanche Dora, Lamont E.

- b. Ann Eliza 4, born Nov. 26, 1839.
- c. Harriet J., born June 4, 1838; died June 12, 1839.
- d. James Mann, born April 18, 1841. Was a member of Co. B, 10th Pa. Vols., and died from wounds Sept. 21, 1862.
- e. John N., born July 2, 1843; died July 6, 1889. Served in the war in Co. K, 139th Pa. Vols.
- f. Julius S., born July 20, 1845. Residence, New Hamburg.
- g. Adeline L., born Jan. 24, 1847. Residence, New Hamburg.
- h. Milton B., born Oct. 13, 1848; married Mary E. Sloan, Oct. 2, 1873. Residence, Greenville, Pa. Two children, Irene 5 and Carl.
- i. Thomas J., born July 9, 1852; married Dec. 25, 1881, to Marila A. Wiley, of Pickering, Mo. Five children, Fred 5, Anna, Jessie, Edward and Leroy.
- j. Mary E., born April 12, 1854; died Sept. 4, 1854.
- k. George H., born June 4, 1855. Residence, Delaware Grove, Pa.
- l. David W., born Oct. 6, 1858; married Millie E. Stewart, June 5, 1887. Residence, Greenville, Pa. One child, Grace.

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VIII. Robert Irwin 2. No record obtained of this family, which settled in Harrison county, O. From N. Adeline Irwin 1 obtain the following statement: Robert Irwin married Miss Aull and settled near Cadiz, O. Names of his children: Sons, Richard and Ninian; daughters, Mary Ann and Catherine.

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IX. Family and descendants of Richard Irwin 2 and Nancy (Miller) Irwin:

- a. Fanny 3, married Ninian Irwin 3, March 15, 1832; died Jan. 9, 1851.
- b. Robert, born May 1, 1814; died March 14, 1882, at Garrettsville, Ohio.
- c. Ann married John Irwin, March 20, 1834; died 1843.
- d. Jane M. (Stewart), born Aug. 3, 1819; died April 5, 1865, at Cherrytree, Pa.
- e. Eliza R. (Shugert), born Nov. 12, 1821; died April 22, 1885, at Oil City, Pa.
- f. Samuel M., born March 15, 1825; died March 2, 1873, at Cherrytree.
- g. N. Adeline, born Sept. 27, 1827. Resides at Norristown, Pa.



b. Robert Irwin 3 married Eliza C. Reznor, Sept. 25, 1838. Their children:

- a. John Wilson, born Aug. 23, 1839; died September, 1886, at Brazil, Ind.
- b. James Newton, born Aug. 17, 1841; died March 29, 1848, at Cherrytree, Pa.
- c. A son, born Oct. 3, 1846; another, born June 19, 1848; both died in infancy.
- d. Robert Hampson, born March 3, 1850; married Sue Kilmer. Residence, Santa Paula, Cal. Three children, Vclera, Guy and Mabel.
- e. Edwin E., born Aug. 3, 1853; died March 22, 1855.

(Note—R. H. Irwin is engaged in the oil business in the California field, along with John Irwin of William.)

d. Jane M. 3, married William R. Stewart, Cherrytree, Jan. 4, 1838. Their children:

- a. Milson, born Sept. 24, 1838; married Ella J. Marsh, Dec. 23, 1880, Titusville, Pa.
- b. Lyman, born July 22, 1840; married Sarah A. Burrows, of Elliotville, N. Y., May 2, 1867.
- e. Eva A., born Nov. 22, 1842.
- d. Nancy J., born Dec. 2, 1845; married J. D. McFarland, Sept. 7, 1869.
- e. Elijah, born Aug. 22, 1847; died April 17, 1863.
- f. Lydia, born July 30, 1860. Residence, Los Angeles, Cal.

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Children of Lyman and S. A. Stewart, of Los Angeles, Cal.

- a. William L., born April 7, 1868, at Titusville, Pa.; married Christena Pitblado, June 15, 1892, at Los Angeles.
- b. Mary, born Dec. 12, 1870.
- e. Alfred Clement, born Nov. 24, 1874.

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Children of Nancy J. and J. D. McFarland, of Ontario, Cal.:

- a. Wendell S., born July 15, 1870.
- b. Alice C., born Feb. 20, 1872.
- c. Arthur H., born June 4, 1873.
- d. Mabel Irwin, born May 11, 1877; died Dec. 26, 1885.
- e. Donald H., born Sept. 18, 1879.

(Note—John D. McFarland and family reside at Ontario, Cal., where he is a prominent business man. William Boyd Stewart and his two sisters, Eva and Lydia, also reside at the same place.)

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e. Eliza R. 3, married Dr. William B. Shugert, of Titusville, Pa., Sept. 4, 1845, who died Feb. 11, 1866. Their children (living):



- a. Ninian I. 4, married Adelaide Schofield, April 23, 1872; one child, Guy Schofield 5. Married second time to Leah Able. Residence, Rochester, Pa.
- b. Richard I., married Mary A. Miller, Sept. 2, 1880. Two children, William and Edith. Residence, Corapolis, Pa.
- c. A. J., married Louise B. Payne, January 8, 1884. One child, Eliza.
- d. Jennie E., married Rufus H. Heron, Oct. 30, 1873. Three children: Fred Irwin, Edith and Paul Anderson. Residence Pittsburg, Pa.

f. Samuel M. 3, married Jane Reynolds, May 27, 1851. Their children:

- a. Joshua, born May 3, 1852; died Sept. 24, 1852.
- b. Lucinda C., born Oct. 2, 1853; married J. A. McClintock, Dec. 28, 1873; died June 28, 1876.
- e. Lemuel G., born Jan. 9, 1855; married C. T. Romer, Feb. 18, 1881. Residence, Plumer, Pa.
- d. Nancy E., born Aug. 8, 1856; married Samuel Royds, July 4, 1876. Residence, Cherrytree, Pa.
- e. Mary A., born January 4, 1858; married William Romer, Feb. 5, 1878. Residence, Plumer.
- f. Sadie A., born May 16, 1859; married J. A. McClintock, Feb. 25, 1877. Residence, Kingsville, Ohio.
- g. Elias, born July 7, 1860; died Sept. 15, 1860.

x. Joseph Irwin 2, married M. A. Knight, in 1821, at Buffalo Valley, Pa., migrated in Mead township, Crawford County, Pa., April, 1826, and died there Oct. 9, 1827, of malarial fever, leaving a widow and two sons, Wm. K., born May 5, 1822, and Richard, who died when young. William K., married Miss C. Maxwell, of Meadville, since deceased. Have no facts about the widow of Joseph. The following I have from Mrs. C. Moore, of Meadville:

William K. Irwin, born May 5, 1822, in Mead township; married March 6, 1851; died Nov. 20, 1863, leaving a widow, Corinna, now living (who married B. Moore, now deceased). Children, residents of Meadville, Pa.

- a. Florence Irwin, born in 1852.
- b. Charles, born in 1854.
- e. Henry, born in 1860; blacksmith.
- d. Arthur, born in 1862. Killed in a railroad accident, Dec. 31, 1887.





## WILLIAM IRWIN OF PENNSYLVANIA.

William Irwin, born in Ireland, emigrated to America about 1730, settling near Carlisle, Pa., where he died sometime prior to 1763. He had twelve children, among whom were John, William, James, Samuel, Robert, Alexander, Francis, Mary, Elizabeth Ann and Sarah.

An investigation made April 16th, 1906, of the available records in the Register's office at Carlisle, Pa., shows the following results: Feb. 15, 1763, in Book K, page 250, note made of will made by William Irwin. November, 1787, will made by Eleanor Irwin, Samuel Irwin executor, but no will recorded. Oct. 1771, will of John Irwin, in which he leaves property to his wife, Mary, sons Robert and Joseph, and daughters, Mary, Elizabeth, Margaret Ann and Catherine. This John Irwin is evidently the oldest son of the emigrant, William Irwin, and the brother of General Robert Irwin, of North Carolina. In Book Q, page 31, 1831, is found the will of William Irwin, in which he leaves property to his sister Jane, niece, Elizabeth Hepburn, James R. Irwin, son of his brother Robert, William Irwin, Holmes (son of Andrew Holmes).

Mrs. Mary Dugan Brown, of Asheville, N. C., is a descendant from Samuel Irwin, son of William Irwin, and brother of Col. Robert Irwin, of Mecklenburg County, N. C.

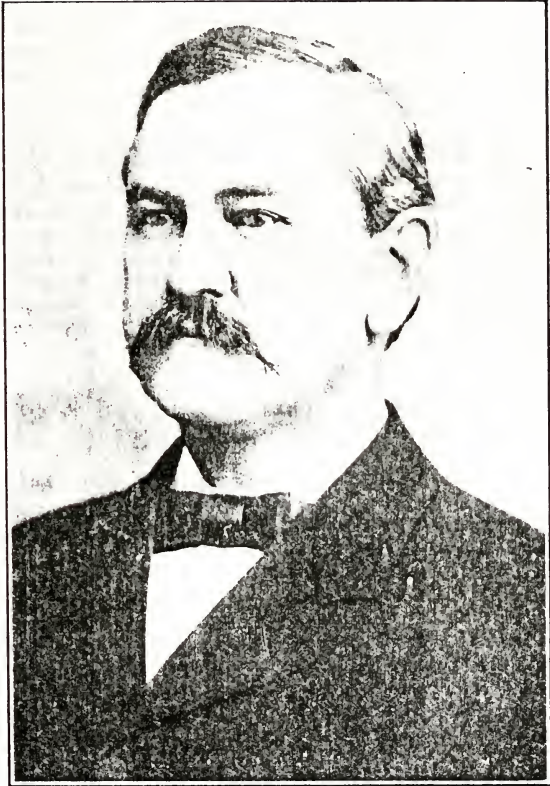


## THE WILL OF WILLIAM IRWIN, SR., THE FATHER OF COL. ROBERT IRWIN, OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, N. C.

William Irwin's will, as shown on the records of Carlisle, Lancaster County, Pa., was made May 5th, 1748, and recorded Feb. 15, 1763. His wife's given name was Elenor, and so given in the will. Their children: Sons, John, William, Francis, James, Samuel, Alexander and Robert; daughters, Mary Margaret, Sarah Elizabeth, Sarah Ann. Robert, born in 1738 in Pennsylvania, left Carlisle about 1762, locating near Steel Creek, N. C. John, said to be oldest son alive, and died near Carlisle, as shown by the registration of his deed. Most of William Sr.'s decendants remained in Pennsylvania. Alexander and one other brother, it is said, moved to Macklenberg County, stopping a short time near Charlotte, moving later to Georgia. The statement as to Alexander being a brother of Col. Robert Irwin I have not been able to positively verify.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN The Twelfth day of May 1748. William Irwin of the Township of Pensborough in the County of Lancaster & Province of Pennsylvania Being Sick in Body but of Good and perfect Memory thanks be to Almighty god and Calling to Remembrance the Uncertain Estate of this Transitory life and that all flesh must yield unto Death when it shall please God to Call Do make constitute ordain and Declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following revoking and annulling by these presets all and every Testament and Testaments Will and Wills heretofore by me made and declared Either by word or Writing and this to be taken only for my Last Will & Testament and none other First being penitant and Sorry from the heart for my Sins past most humbly desiring forgiveness for the same I give and Commit my Soul unto almighty god my Savior and Redeemer in whom and by the merits of Jesus Christ I trust and Believe assuredly to be saved and have Remission and Forgiveness of all my Sins and that my Soul with my Body at the General day of Resurrection shall rise again and my Body I Recommend to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian Like and Decent manner at the Discretion of my Executor hereafter named and Now for the Settling of my Temporal Estate and such goods and chattles and Debts as it hath pleased God far above my Deserts to bestow upon me I do order give Dispose the same in Manner and Form following That is to say First I will that all those Debts and dues I owe in Right or Conscience to any Manner of Person or Persons whatsoever shall be well and truly Contented and paid or ordained to be paid within Convenient Time after my Decease By my Executor hereafter Named Item I give and Bequeath unto my Well beloved Wife Elender Irwin the one third part of all my goods and Chattles after my Debts are paid and the Black Colt and a Saddle and I allow her the Benefit of the Improvement that I now live in during her widowhood Except one hun-





DR. JOHN IRWIN  
Charlotte, N. C.



dred Acres next to John Lasks which I allow to be sold to help pay my Debts and I allow my wife Elender to have the Benefit of all Childrens Legacies during her Widowhood or till they Come of Age and no Longer Excepting one Saddle and a Suit of Clothes to my Daughter Mary and the Sorrel Filly which I allow to be given to my Son Francis and Daughter Mary in hand or as soon as Can be done Conveniently and I allow my Well beloved Wife Elender and Cloath my well 6 beloved Sons Francis John William Robert James and Samuel Irwin during her widowhood or till they come to be of Twenty one Years and to learn my well beloved Daughters Mary Margaret Elizabeth and Sarah Irwin or Cause to be Learnt to Read the Bible plain and to knit or make their own Stockings Imp: I leave to my well beloved son Alexander Irwin five Shillings Sterling for his Childs part of my Estate and all my Smyth Tools Except the Shoeing hammer and Tallon my Son Alexander to pay in Lien of the Tools Seven pounds ten Shillings Imp: I leave and bequeath to my well beloved Daughter Ann Irwin five Shillings Imp: I do leave and Bequeath the Rest of my Estate to be equally Divided Betwixt my Sons Francis, John William Robert James and Samuel Irwin and my Daughters Mary Margaret Elizabeth and Sarah Irwin and I do Constitute Name make and Ordain my truly and well beloved Friend John Swaney my Exeutor of this my last Will and Testament And I make and Constitute and Ordain my well beloved Friend William Lamond Guarantee of this my Last Will and Testament.

Signed Sealed Published and Pronounced  
By me William Irwin as my Last Will  
and Testament The day and Year above  
Written—

William Irwin (Seal)

In the Presence of us  
Arthur Clark  
William Queiry

Personally appeared Arthur Clark and William Queiry the Witnesses to the Within Will and made Oath that they Were Present and saw and heard William Irwin the Testator Sign Seal Publish and Declare the same as his Last Will and Testament and that at the Doing thereof he was of Sound and Desposing Mind and Memory According to the Best of their Knowledge

Before Thos. Cookson D. R.

A True Copy From The Original Testament Proved and Remaining In the Registers Office at Lancaster Penn.

Thos. Cookson D. Regr.

I do Hereby Certife that the above is a True Copy of the Copy Remaining in the Protr ys Office in Carlisle In the County of Cumberland as Witness my hand and Seal of the County aforesaid Carlisle the 15th of Feby 1763

Harm Alricks D. R.







MRS. JOHN IRWIN  
Charlotte, N. C.



## CHILDREN OF GENERAL ROBERT IRWIN.

## DORCAS IRWIN.

DORCAS IRWIN, married Andrew Herron. Issue: Mary Irwin Herron. Mary Irwin Herron married Samuel Roach and moved to Madison County, Tenn. She had one daughter, Sarah, by name.

## WILLIAM IRWIN.

WILLIAM IRWIN, son of Col. Robert Irwin and his wife, Mary Alexander, was born at Steele Creek, N. C., in 1773, and died April 29, 1822, at Steele Creek. He married Lydia Birdsong, of Virginia, who was born in 1782, and died Feb. 5, 1834, aged 52 years.

## CHILDREN OF WILLIAM IRWIN AND LYDIA BIRDSONG:

1. John Irwin, born at Steele Creek, N. C.
2. Robert Irwin, born at Steele Creek, N. C.
3. Batte Irwin, born in 1810; died in 1854, aged 44 years.
4. William Irwin, born Feb. 12, 1811; died June 17, 1846.
5. Nancy Hunter, born June 14, 1814; died Sept. 23, 1899 (see John Davis McDowell).
6. Samuel.
7. Jesse Ramsey, born March, 1824, at Steele Creek, N. C.; died at Williamson, W. Va., Feb. 19, 1902.

## JOHN IRWIN.

1. John Irwin, son of William Irwin and Lydia Birdsong, married Matilda Strickland (his first cousin). They moved from North Carolina to Pulaski, Tenn. Issue:

1. Matilda Irwin, married — —McClain, of Pulaski. Issue:
  1. Laura McClain. 2. Lucy McClain.

## BATTE IRWIN.

3. Batte Irwin, son of William Irwin and Lydia Birdsong, married Elinor Barry, daughter of Margaret McDowell and Richard Barry (see Mary McDowell and Descendants). Issue:

1. John Irwin (Dr. John Irwin, of Charlotte, N. C.) (See Rebecca Eliza McDowell and Her Descendants.)

## WILLIAM IRWIN.

WILLIAM IRWIN, son of William Irwin and Lydia Birdsong, was born at Steele Creek, N. C., Feb. 12, 1811, and died at Hannibal, Mo., June 17, 1846. At the age of twenty-two he married Ruth Jones, near Trenton, Tenn., June 26, 1837. She was born near Trenton Feb. 1, 1819, and died near Jackson, Tenn., June 16th, 1899, in her 81st year. She was the daughter of Thomas Jones, a wealthy farmer.





DR. JOHN IRWIN'S RESIDENCE  
Charlotte, N. C.



## CHILDREN OF WILLIAM IRWIN AND RUTH JONES:

1. William Lucillius, born at Trenton, Tenn., July 10, 1848, died in Battle of Missionary Ridge. At the age of 23 he volunteered his services and entered Capt. White's Company, 4th Tennessee Regiment of Confederate Soldiers, in April 1861. He was a brave and gallant fighter, and at the Battle of Missionary Ridge near Chattanooga, he was killed and buried in the cemetery there.

2. Nora Irwin was born July 19, 1840. She was a woman of rare beauty and loveliness of character. She married James Northcross near Trenton, in 1866. They lived some years near Trenton and later moved to California.

3. Calista Irwin, born at Somerville, Tenn., May 8, 1845. She was educated at the best schools in the country, married John P. Vann, of Madison County, Tenn., Oct. 10, 1871. He lived but a few years and she then married his brother, James P. Vann. They have five children:

1. Nora Vann, born at Jackson, Tenn., Aug. 26, 1873, married Albert Daniel Muse. Issue: Albert Daniel Muse, born at Jackson, Tenn., Nov. 18, 1897. John Thomas and Wm. Collier Muse (twins) born Jan. 15, 1897. Wm. Collier died Jan. 5, 1897.

2. John Henry Vann, born Feb. 8, 1878.

3. Helen Ruth Vann, born Oct. 8, 1881; married George F. Goosmann. Issue: Katherine Goosman, born at Jackson, Tenn., June 15, 1902; died April 15, 1903.

4. William Valentine Vann, born July 4, 1884.

5. James Randleson Vann, born Jan. 12, 1888.

## JESSE RAMSEY IRWIN.

JESSE RAMSEY IRWIN, son of William Irwin and Lydia Birdsong, was born near Steele Creek, N. C., March, 1824, and died at Williamson, W. Va., Feb. 10, 1902. He married in 1846 Margaret Phoebe Miller, at Somerville, Tenn. She was born at Somerville in 1829, and died at New Orleans, La., Oct. 2, 1852. He married (second) Naney Jane Blakesley, at Pass Christian, Miss. She died at New Orleans, Nov. 11, 1871.

## CHILDREN OF JESSÉ RAMSEY IRWIN AND MARGARET PHOEBE MILLER:

1. Euphemia Estelle Irwin, born at Somerville, Tenn., June 8, 1851, married Thaddeus Hooper at New Orleans, La., Nov. 11, 1869. Issue: Irene Cecilia Hooper, born at New Orleans, La., Oct. 31, 1875, married Wells Goodykoontz. (See Goodykoontz, sketch and photo.)

2. Leon Irwin, born at New Orleans, La., Oct. 1, 1857, died in Helena, Ark. (date unknown), married Georgia Hooper in 1872. Issue: Leon Irwin.







JESSIE RAMSEY IRWIN  
Deceased



## CHILDREN OF NANCY JANE BLAKESLEY AND JESSE IRWIN:

1. Irene Irwin, born at New Orleans, La., 1860, died in New Orleans, La., 1881, married George Wood Stem at New Orleans, 1875. Issue: 1. James Batchelor Stem, born at New Orleans in 1875, died in New Orleans, 1901. 2. Myerva Stem, born in 1876, married William Wordsworth Hall in 1898, has one child, lives in McComb City, Miss. 3. Euphemia Stem, born in 1877, married William Moore White at New Orleans, Jan. 5, 1897, was killed in automobile accident while visiting her son, a student of Bellbuckle Military Academy, at Nashville, Tenn. 4. George Wood Stem, Jr., born in 1879, lives in New Orleans.

2. Clara Irwin, born at New Orleans, La., in 1863; died in Williamson, W. Va., in 1896; married William Henry Churchill, at Memphis, Tenn., in 1888. No issue.

3. Alvin Irwin, born in New Orleans in 1865; died at Mattheawan, Va., Nov. 11, 1895; married Marie Bowers, at Memphis, Tenn., 1888. Issue: 1. Virginia Irwin, born at New Orleans, La., in 1889. 2. Ethel, born at Charleston, W. V., 1891. 3. Claire, born in 1893. 4. Alvin, born 1895.

4. Jessie Valentine Irwin, born in 1867; died April 12, 1891; married John Newton Beckwith, at New Orleans, La., March 28, 1890. Issue: John Newton Beckwith, Jr., born at Memphis, Tenn., 1890.

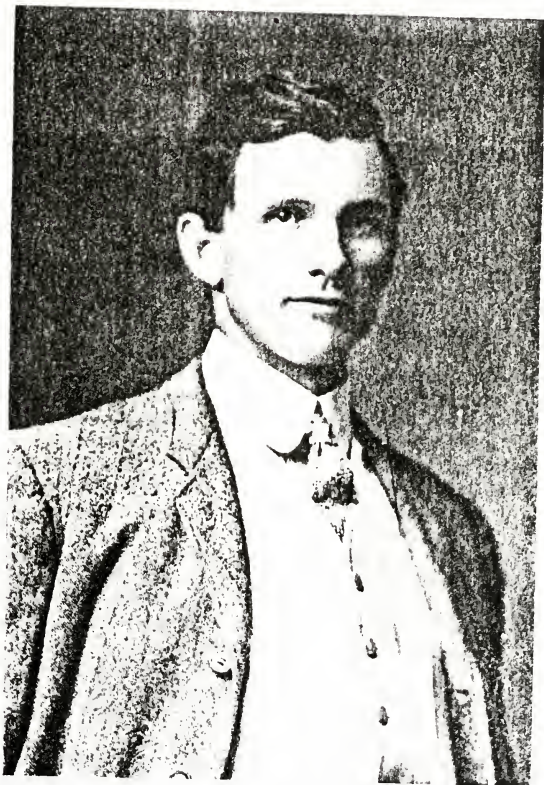
Lillie Irwin, another daughter of Jesse Ramsey Irwin and Nancy Jane Blakesley, was born in 1858, and died at Yazoo City, Miss., 1876; married Warren W. Hollingsworth.

## EUPHEMIA ERWIN HOOPER.

## HON WELLS GOODYKOONTZ.

The following sketch is from "Who's Who in West Virginia." Wells Goodykoontz, Williamson lawyer, banker and legislator, born June 3, 1872, in Pulaski County, Va., being the son of Wm. M. and Lucy K. Goodykoontz. He received his early education in the public schools and Oxford Academy, at Floyd, Va. Choosing the law as his profession, he fitted himself for a legal career at Washington and Lee University. He was admitted to the bar in 1892, and began the practice of law in Floyd County, Va. In February, 1904 he located at Williamson, then in Logan, now in Mingo County, and has since practiced at that point. He is a member of the well-known law firm of Goodykoontz & Scherr, is a member of the executive council of the West Virginia Bar Association, and a member of the American Bar Association. Besides his high standing in the legal world, Mr. Goodykoontz has prominent business connections, being president of the National Bank of Commerce of Williamson.





HON. WELLS GOODYKOONTZ



Possessing political ability of high degree, he has twice signally been honored by the people of West Virginia. In 1911 he was elected to the Legislature from Mingo County, and made a splendid record. His constituents showed their appreciation of his good work by electing him to the State Senate on Nov. 3, 1914. Incidentally, it may be remarked that Senator Goodykoontz led the ticket by considerable majorities in the several counties on the Norfolk & Western Railway, comprising the Sixth Senatorial District. On Dec. 22, 1898, he married Miss Irene Hooper. He is a Knight Templar and Mystic Shriner of the Masonic order.

## CHILDREN OF WILLIAM IRWIN, OF PENNSYLVANIA.

### COLONEL ROBERT IRWIN.

COL. ROBERT IRWIN, son of William Irwin, was born in Lancaster County, Pa., in 1738. After the death of his father he sold his interest in the estate to an older brother and with this small inheritance, came to Mecklenburg County, N. C. He married (first) Mary Alexander, who was born in 1754, at Steele Creek, N. C. He married (second) Mary Barry, March 28, 1798, and died at Steele Creek, Dec. 23, 1800.

"THE HISTORY OF STEEL CREEK CHURCH," by Rev. John Douglas, on page 25, says: "Colonel Robert Irwin never enjoyed the advantages of either a classical or collegiate education, but possessing an intellect considerably above the generality of men, capable of culture and improvement, by his own exertions acquired considerable knowledge of matters pertaining to church and state, in both of which he manifested a deep and lively interest. He was of a social and genial disposition, fond of anecdote, of great conversational powers and withal a popular and fluent speaker. Hence the frequency of his being placed in important positions requiring the exercise of such gifts. In addition to the many other honors and offices conferred on him, he was appointed one of the county magistrates. In virtue of the powers of functions of this office he was frequently called upon to solemnize the rite of matrimony. He was not only noble in church, serving over twenty years as ruling elder of Steel Creek Church, but noble in the Senate, where he served twelve years, and noble in the field in times that tried men's souls, having served with General Thomas Sumter of North Carolina during the most dark and perilous period of our revolutionary struggle. Himself and first wife, Mary, lie in the same grave; the same monumental slab covers them both, with this just inscription on it:

"Great, noble, good and brave  
 Characters he did justly claim,  
 His deeds shall speak beyond the tomb  
 And those, unborn, his praise proclaim."





"C. L. HUNTER'S SKETCHES OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA" states that Col. Robert Irwin was one of the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence of May 20, 1775; that he was a member of the provincial congresses, which met in Halifax, N. C., on April 4, 1776 and Nov. 12, 1776. It further states: "Col. Irwin was a distinguished officer and performed important military service during the Revolutionary War; that he commanded a regiment under General Griffith Rutherford in the expedition to subdue the Cherokee Indians, who were committing murders and numerous depredations on the frontier settlements."

He was with Gen. Thomas Sumter and with his regiment at Rocky Mount and Hanging Rock, and he and his regiment led the assault at the latter place. In 1781 Colonel Irwin commanded a regiment under Gen. Rutherford in the Wilmington campaign.

#### CHILDREN OF COLONEL ROBERT IRWIN AND MARY ALEXANDER:

1. Mary, who married John Dinkins.
2. Dorcas, who married Andrew Herron; their daughter was named May Irwin Herron.
3. Margaret, who married Hugh McDowell. (See Nancy McDowell Line.)
4. William, who married Lydia Birdsong. (See Nancy Hunter Irwin.)
5. Robert, who married (first) Elizabeth Ray, in 1818, and (second) Martha Alexander, in 1838.
6. Sarah, who married John Fincher.
7. Eleanor (Nelly) who married James Moore.
8. James (see sketch by Georgia Irwin Abbay).

#### CHILDREN OF COL. ROBERT IRWIN AND MARY BARRY:

8. Anna Le Nira.

#### GENERAL ROBERT IRVIN'S WILL.

In the name of God Amen. I Gen. Robert Irwin, Esq., of Mecklenburg County, State of North Carolina, being through the abundant Mercy and goodness of God, Tho' weak in body yet of a sound and perfect understanding and memory, do constitute this my last will and testament and desires it to be received by all as such.

In primis. I most humbly bequeath my soul to God my Maker, beseeching his most gracious acceptance of it, and my body to the earth from whence it was taken in full assurance of its resurrection from thence at the last day.

As for my burial, I desire it to be decent, without pomp or state, at the discretion of my dear wife and my Executors here-



after named, who I doubt not will manage it with all requisite prudence. As to my worldly estate, I will and positively order that all my debts be paid.

Item. I give to my dear and loving wife a comfortable living becoming her station on my plantation, I now live on, both for boarding and clothing, and that she shall have the parental government while she remains over my children as heretofore, and that it is my will that they each of them use her as a parent in every respect and further I will her my negro wench, Nan, to be at her disposal forever, and also her bed and its furniture and her clothing of every kind, and also a good riding young creature of not less value than one hundred silver Dollars, and also at the expiration of five years from my decease, I will that my executors pay her three hundred Silver Dollars and also a good saddle when she calls for it, and also a chest of drawers and a genteel set of Tea ware in full and all its parts and one dozen Table spoons and five silver teaspoons marked R. I. and one Dozen and one half of genteel plates with Bowls, but in case she should choose for to marry again, I will that she move off my premises and that she shall have all the aforesaid legacies given her above named, with one dozen of Knives and Forks, also, and further I will that during her widowhood my executors shall not see her in want of anything needful for her, also I will her a good case of Bottles if she choose to have them, together with her umbrella and her wheel and a pair of cards.

Item. I will and bequeath to my daughter Nelly, my negro wench named Lucy, together with every other thing I have heretofore given her also one hundred silver Dollars paid her by my Executors at the end of five years after my decease.

Item. I will and bequeath to my son William all that plantation I now live on, on the waters of Steel Creek containing four hundred acres with all its rights and improvements provided always that the power shall not be vested in him to sell or dispose of any part thereof for the full time or term of seven years after my decease on account of provisions for the rest of the family, also my Walnut desk and the largest looking glass and also my negro fellow Limeriek and my silver watch, also my saddle and my bridle also my silver eastor with all its bottles also six silver table spoons and six silver tea spoons not marked.

Item. I will my son-in-law, Andrew Herron, married to my daughter Dorkey my Roan mare with all the other property I have given him and cash I have heretofore discounted for him.

Item. I will my daughter Mary Dinkins my negro wench Hannah I have given her, also the other things I have given her, also one hundred Dollars I owe her for a horse to be given her one year after my decease.



Item. I will my son Robert a plantation bought for him at a price not exceeding two thousand dollars by my executors and that he shall have no power to sell it or any part of it for the term of five years after my decease, and my negro fellow Peter, together with a bay filly kept for him for the ensuing year on my plantation.

Item. I will my daughter Margaret her living on my plantation during her single state of life, and a negro wench to be bought for her of about 12 years of age a healthy likely sound negro and a horse and saddle and bridle worth not less than one hundred and twenty dollars with a bed well furnished off in every part and the clothing as what her other three sisters had when they went away from me, and a full set of ware and other necessary things for her cupboard and shelves and in case she should marry before she comes of age, I will that these things be given her when she needs them to set up house with.

Item. I will and bequeath my son James a plantation bought for him at a price not exceeding two thousand dollars by my executors and trustees and that he shall have no power to sell it, until he is thirty years of age without the consent of the Executors and trustees of my will, and a negro fellow bought for him, such a one as his Brothers had given them with a good horse and saddle and to be well schooled.

Item. I will my daughter Sarah her living on my plantation during the time she remains single and that she shall be provided for in clothing and every other necessary she stands in need of and be well schooled and have a horse and saddle and bridle bought for her when they think she stands in need of it, worth not less than one hundred and twenty dollars and also my negro wench named Phyllis, together with a bed well furnished off in all its parts and clothing as what her other sisters had when married and went off from me, and a full sett of all ware necessary for her shelves and cupboard such as her sisters received from me.

Item. I will my daughter Amy Le Nira her living on my plantation I now live on during the time she remains single and that she be well provided for in everything necessary for her both as to clothing and schooling, and that she have a horse and saddle and bridle bought for her worth not less than one hundred and twenty Dollars, together with a negro wench bought for her of about twelve years of age and to be given to her when she stands in need of it also a bed well furnished off in all its parts and clothed as what her sisters were when they were married and went from me and a full sett of all ware necessary for her cupboard and shelves such as her married sisters received from me.

Item. I will my granddaughter Mary Irwin Herron a negro wench of about twelve years of age likely healthy and sound and



sensible to be bought for her when she stands in need of it.

Item. I will to my two sons William and Robert my tract of land entered in their own names on Duck River on the western waters of Three Thousand Two Hundred acres as appears on record, and to my son James as much value out of the rest of my stock of land as to make him equal in value to the one half of the aforesaid tract of 3200 acres willed to my sons William and Robert.

Item. I will my daughter Nelly five hundred acres of land on the western waters where my Executors and trustees think best, also her son Robert Irwin Moore five hundred acres as aforesaid.

Item. I will my Daughter Mary five hundred acres and her son five hundred acres on the western waters, where ever the executors and trustees sees it answers best.

Item. I will my three younger daughters, Margaret, Sarah, Anna Le Nira, each of them six hundred acres wherever it can be laid off by my executors to the best advantage of the whole of the legatees, and all the remainder of my property I will it to be divided in the following manner, that is to say:

To be divided equally amongst my children then alive in such order that every one of my sons hath two shares and my daughters one or half each of what the sons get and lastly I appoint my son William Irwin and my son-in-law James Moore and my son-in-law Andrew Herron and my son-in-law John Fincher Executors of this my last will and testament and Thomas Greer, Esq., and Capt. Hugh Parks Guardians for my wife and children in witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and I do declares this to be my last will and testament this 26th day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred.

Robert Irwin (Seal).

In presence of us.

James Greer

Daniel Gallant

Anne Barry.

State of North Carolina.

I, Braly Oats, Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held for the County of Mecklenburg and State aforesaid, do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a full and perfect copy of the last will and testament of Gen'rl Robert Irwin, dee'd which appears from the records of my said office to have been proved in due form of law and recorded at January sessions of said Court A. D. 1801. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name and affixed the seal of my office at Charlotte the 15th day of October A. D. 1834.

B. Oats. C. C. C.

State of North Carolina.

Mecklenburg County.

I, Pearsall Thompson, presiding Justice of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Mecklenburg aforesaid, do





hereby certify that Braly Oats, Esq., whose signature appears to the within certificate as Clerk, is the Clerk of our said Court and that his certificate is in due form of law Given under my hand and private seal (having no seal of office) at Charlotte, this 16th day of October A. D. 1834.

Pearsall Thompson, P. J. (Seal).

#### DESCENDANTS OF COLONEL ROBERT IRWIN.

ROBERT CLELL IRWIN, born near Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, N. C., April 5, 1840, died at Tunica, Miss., March 3, 1909; married at White Oak Plantation, Tunica County, May 9, 1865, to Anne Elizabeth Owens; born at Clarksville, Tenn., May 4, 1846.

CHILDREN OF ROBERT CLELL IRWIN AND HIS WIFE, ANNE ELIZABETH OWENS:

1. James Owens Irwin, born at Hernando, Miss., Dec. 9, 1866; died July 14, 1867.

2. Georgia Elizabeth Irwin, born at Hernando, Miss., Feb. 14, 1868; married William G. Abbay, Tunica Miss., Dec. 28, 1887. Issue: Robert Irwin Abbay, born at Tunica, Miss., April 16, 1889; William Georgia Abbay, born at Tunica, Miss., June 5, 1891.

3. Amanda Idella Irwin, born at Hernando, Miss., Nov. 12, 1869; married J. T. Lowe, at Tunica, Miss., Nov. 27, 1895. Issue: Annie Elizabeth, born at Tunica, Miss., Sept. 4, 1896; Nylda Lowe, born Dec. 7, 1898; Robert Irwin Lowe, born Feb. 12, 1902; Charlie Lowe (girl) born Aug. 14, 1903; John T. Lowe, Jr., born Nov. 10, 1905; Glynde Marie, born Sept. 13, 1909.

4. Robert Clell Irwin, Jr., born at Hernando, Miss., Aug. 25, 1872; died July 13, 1887.

5. Annie Marie Irwin, born at Hernando, Miss., May 31, 1875; married L. C. Mangum, Tunica, Miss., Aug. 31, 1897. Issue: Leonidas Campbell Mangum, born at Tunica, Miss., Jan. 27, 1907; Robert Irwin Mangum, born at Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 7, 1902.

6. Ethel Clell Irwin, born at Hernando, Miss., Sept. 18, 1878; married S. R. Leatherman, at Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 15, 1897. Issue: Mary Abbay Leatherman, born at Tunica, Miss., Aug. 23, 1898; Ann Irwin Leatherman, born at Tunica, Miss., Oct. 28, 1900; Richard Abbay Leatherman, born at Memphis, Tenn., July 7, 1902; died July 17, 1903; Samuel Richard Leatherman, Jr., born at Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 24, 1903; Robert Irwin Leatherman, born at Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 9, 1907.

#### ROBERT IRWIN, JR.'S APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE.

State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County.

Know all men by these that we Robert Irwin and John Irwin in the State aforesaid are held and firmly bound unto the Govern-



nor of the State of North Carolina for the time being in the just and full sum of five hundred pounds current money of the State, to be paid to the said Governor or his heirs, successors or assigns, to the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators sealed with our seals and dated this 29th day of April Anno Domini 1817.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas the above bounden Robert Irwin, Jr., hath made an application for a license for a marriage to be celebrated between him and Elizabeth Rea, of the County aforesaid.

Now in case it shall not appear hereafter that there is any lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage then the above obligation shall be null and void, otherwise it be in full force and virtue sealed and delivered.

In the presence of

Isaac Alexander,

Robert Irwin, Jr. (Seal).

John Irwin (Seal)

#### ROBERT IRWIN, JR.'S SECOND MARRIAGE.

State of North Carolina.

Know all men by these presents that we, Robert Irwin and Samuel Harris, in the State aforesaid and held and firmly bound unto the State of North Carolina in the first and full sum of five hundred pounds current money of the State, to be paid to the said State. To the which payment well and truly to be paid and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, sealed with our seals and date this 6th day of August Anno Domini 1838.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden Robert Irwin hath made application for a license for a marriage to be celebrated between him and Martha Alexander of the county aforesaid. Now in case it shall not appear hereafter that there is any lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage then the above obligation shall be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Robert Irwin (Seal).

S. A. Harris.

Monday morning, March 26, 1798.

Sir, as I cannot conveniently call on you at this time, will you please send me by the bearer, Mr. Daniel Gallant, leave to entermarry with a certain Mary Barry, and I will execute a bond at any time in order to fulfill the law and indemnify you, as there is no lawful objection in the way. I hope you will oblige him who has the honor to be your most humble servant,

Isaac Alexander,

Robert Irwin, Sr.



## JAMES IRWIN, AND DESCENDANTS.

BY GEORGIA IRWIN ABBAY.

JAMES IRWIN, the son of General Robert Irwin, was born in or near Steel Creek, Mecklenburg County, N. C. He accumulated lands, not only in his native State, but in others, and gave liberally to his sons as they reached mature years. To his eldest son, Robert, he gave property near Hanover, Ind., and to his youngest son, James Irwin, Jr., he gave land in Tennessee, near Raleigh. His will shows a careful and generous forethought for the welfare and interest of his family—wife, children and grandchildren. He was a member of the Steel Creek Presbyterian Church. He died suddenly on his seventy-fifth birthday of heart failure and is buried in Steele Creek Cemetery.

## JAMES IRWIN, JR.

JAMES IRWIN, JR., the son of Robert Irwin, was born in Mecklenburg County, S. C. In early life he was married to Elizabeth Rogers. Four children were born to them. With his young wife and infant son, John, James Irwin, Jr., came overland to Tennessee and located near Raleigh on the land given him by his father. But the continued ill-health of his family and death of a daughter, an infant named Jane, determined him to sell this property and return to North Carolina. It was in North Carolina, after his return, that his son, Robert Clell Irwin, was born, April 5, 1840, the only child of this union to reach maturity. Three years later the young wife died. She is buried in Steele Creek Cemetery.

James Irwin's second wife, widow of William Knox, lived only a year, leaving an infant son, who died in childhood.

Several years later James Irwin, Jr., married the widow of Col. Davis. From this marriage there were eight children, only three of whom lived beyond childhood, and only one is living now, Mrs. Sarah Irwin Mattingly.

In 1850 James Irwin, Jr., made his second journey westward. This time his destination was the Mississippi Valley in Tunica County, Miss. He left North Carolina with his family overland and with a train of carriages, wagons and a full retinue of servants and slaves. On reaching Huntsville, Ala., owing to illness in his family, he completed the trip via Nashville, Tenn., and from there by boat to their destination. Leaving his two young sons, John, aged fourteen, and Robert, ten, in charge of the servants, teams, etc., the brave lads, after many mishaps and misgivings, arrived at their new home on the Mississippi River the first day of January, 1851, and found that the other members of the family had arrived a full month in advance.

James Irwin, Jr., died after a short illness of pneumonia, February 26, 1864. He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, near Tunica, Miss.



## ROBERT CLELL IRWIN.

ROBERT CLELL IRWIN, the second son of James Irwin, Jr., and Elizabeth Rogers, was born April 5, 1840, in Mecklenburg County, N. C. His great-grandfather, William Irwin, was born in Scotland and was among the Scotch-Irish settlers of Cumberland County, Pa. Robert Irwin was named for his father's brother, who was named for his ancestor, Gen. (or Col.) Robert Irwin, of Mecklenburg County, N. C.

When Robert C. Irwin was ten years old his father moved to Tunica County, Miss. At the age of fourteen he entered Hanover College, Indiana, remaining a student of this institution until the spring of 1860, when war between the North and South became imminent. In April, 1861, he entered the Confederate service as a volunteer and left Memphis in the company known as the Memphis Light Dragoons; afterwards he was in the Seventh Tennessee Regiment under Gen. Forrest, where he remained during 1861, '62 and '63. From 1863 he was with Capt. Tom Henderson's company of scouts. He was a cavalryman throughout the war, receiving honorable discharge from Capt. Henderson, May 10, 1865. On the 9th of the same month he was married to Miss Annie Elizabeth Owens, third daughter of Georgiann Elizabeth and James M. Owens. Two sons and five daughters were born to them, only four (daughters) reaching maturity.

Robert C. Irwin was a member of the Ku-Klux Klan, fearlessly doing his duty in the dark days of reconstruction. In 1878, when the Howards' Board of Health called volunteers during the yellow fever epidemic, forty-one men responded in Hernando, Miss. Of these forty-one, some dying, others leaving town, Bob Irwin was the only man who never left his post for a day until the dreadful scourge was over.

R. C. Irwin was a man of strong personality, possessing a genial, lovable nature—a man outspoken in what he believed to be right, conservative and cautious in business affairs, an honest man, Bob Irwin's word was considered his bond. He was a Democrat of the old school, never seeking office for himself, but taking an active interest in politics, and while he served fourteen years as a member of the Upper Yazoo (Miss.) Levee Board Commission, his appointment was unsolicited. After serving this long term he resigned because other duties required his time. He was president of Tunica's first bank—serving in this capacity for several years, he resigned. A few years later became the founder and president of Irwin's Bank of Tunica. When his health failed he closed this bank.

At the time of his death—March 3, 1909—he was president of the Planters' Oil Mill of Tunica and president of the Irwin-Leatherman Cotton Company, of Memphis, Tenn.

He was a consistent member and active Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church. He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, near





Tunica, Miss. An honest man and good, beloved by his family and friends, respected by all men, can truly be said of Robert C. Irwin.

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### CHILDREN OF COL. ROBERT IRWIN—DINKINS LINE.

#### MARY AND JOHN DINKINS.

MARY IRWIN, daughter of Col. Robert Irwin, of Mecklenburg County, N. C., married John Dinkins. He was a descendant of one of the three Dinkins brothers, who immigrated with the Armstrongs from Ireland, landing at Charleston in 1717. Who his parents were we have no record, but the supposition is that he was a brother or cousin of the James Dinkins who married Lucy Kendrick (see elsewhere. However, this cannot be stated positively, as the connection is not clear, although the Dinkins of Mecklenburg County, N. C., all belonged to the same family. There is no means of ascertaining his exact relationship to the Dinkins whose lines follow, but he was evidently a cousin or brother.

May Irwin and John Dinkins had one son, Robert Irwin Dinkins, and it is claimed a daughter, who married a Morrison and whose descendants now reside in North Carolina. We have been unable to learn anything definite about this family. After the death of John Dinkins, May Irwin married a Mr. Williamson and had five children: Cynes, Frederick D., John, Cynthia and Samuel. Cynthia married an Alexander.

ROBERT IRWIN DINKINS was born in North Carolina, January 12, 1797, and died in Mississippi, September 28, 1838. He married his cousin, Louisa Davis Dinkins, and came to Mississippi from North Carolina some time in the late '40s or early '50s. Robert Dinkins died shortly after reaching Mississippi. Mrs. Dinkins then married Alfred Galloway and died in 1873.

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### CHILDREN OF ROBERT I. DINKINS.

1. John, who never married.

2. Melvina, married (first) ——— Whitman and had one child, Lucinda, who married Robert Kemp and was living in Greenville in 1893.

After the death of Whitman, Melvina married Richard Barrington, a nephew of Commodore Barrington, and had three children (deceased).

3. Sarah Lee Dinkins married E. J. Bowers and had two children:

1. E. J. Bowers, who is a brilliant lawyer with few equals in his profession. He lives in Bay St. Louis, and was elected to Congress in 1903. He has several children, names unknown.
2. Minnie Lou Bowers, who lives with her brother, E. J. Bowers, in Bay St. Louis.



DESCENDANTS OF HUGH McDOWELL AND MARGARET  
IRWIN AND THEIR CONNECTIONS.

MARGARET I. McDOWELL, the daughter of Hugh and Margaret I. McDowell, married Andrew Lawson Barry (her second cousin), of South Carolina. Many of their descendants won fame and distinction and held positions of honor and trust.

CHILDREN OF MARGARET McDOWELL AND ANDREW  
LAWSON BARRY:

1. Robert Lindsay McDowell.
2. Euphemia Elizabeth McDowell.
3. Mary Jane McDowell.
4. Sarah Ann McDowell.

1. ROBERT LINDSAY BARRY, son of Andrew Lawson and Margaret McDowell Barry, married Laura Augusta Hackett of Georgia. Issue: 1. Robert Irwin. 2. Margaret.

Robert Irwin Barry married (first) Mary Bryan Theat of Savannah, Ga. Issue: 1. Ruth Mary Barry. 2. Robert Andrew Barry. Robert Irwin Barry married (second) Anna Henderson ——— of Atlanta, Ga. Issue: 1. Edwin Barry. 2. Joseph Barry.

Margaret Barry, daughter of Robert Lindsay Barry, married Edward Ansly of Atlanta, Ga. Issue: 1. Laura. 2. Monsie Ansley.

2. MARY JANE BARRY, daughter of Andrew Lawson and Margaret McDowell Barry, married Dr. Adolphus Sherrod Fowler of Georgia. Issue: 1. Eugene Moore. 2. Minnie Lee. 3. Mary Jane. 4. Hugh Barry. 5. Jessie Euphemia.

Eugene Moore Fowler married Minnie Riggs of Texas. Issue: 1. Hugh.

Mary Jane Fowler, daughter of Dr. Fowler, married Roy N. Cole of Newnan, Ga.

Minnie Lee Fowler married Melvin Gardner of Norfolk, Va. Issue: 1. Dorothea. 2. John.

3. SARAH ANN BARRY, daughter of Andrew Lawson and Margaret McDowell Barry, married William E. Sloan of Georgia. Issue: 1. Elizabeth Irwin. 2. Willie Emma. 3. Julia Scott. 4. Thomas. 5. Annie Gertrude. 6. Euphemia. 7. Laura Barry. 8. Robert Andrew.

Elizabeth I. Sloan married Oscar Sloan (her cousin), of Florida. Issue: Eva, Anne Mary, Andrew Moore and Willie Emma.

Willie E. Sloan married Oscar E. Horn of Georgia: Issue: Alton, Emma, Estelle, Rosa Jane and E. Barry.

Julia Scott Sloan married Edgar L. McDonald of Georgia. Issue: Eddie Cloud and Julia Irwin.

Thomas A. Sloan married Annie Iola Tyle of Georgia. Issue: Thomas, Adam, Cash, Wyman.

Annie Gertrude Sloan married Herbert Greenberry Bryan of Georgia.



Euphemia Sloan married William P. Bellinger of Florida.  
 Laura Barry Sloan married Joel Echols Smith of Florida.

4. EUPHEMIA ELIZABETH BARRY, daughter of Andrew Lawson and Margaret McDowell Barry, married William A. Moore. Issue:

Emma Eliza, who married William Wood Draper of Alabama.

Sallie Erwin, who died in 1875.

Susan Margaret, who died in childhood.

Mary Lou, died in 1881.

William A., who died in infancy.

Anna Euphemia, who married Seaborne Wright of Rome, Ga.

John McDowell, who married Hattie Grace Wharton.

Jessie, who married Hugh L. McKee. Issue: Jessie and Margaret.

Wilmer Lee, who married Cornelia Jackson.

#### CHILDREN OF EMMA ELIZA MOORE AND WILLIAM WOOD DRAPER.

1. William. 2. Robert. 3. Daniel. 4. Mary. 5. Jessie. 6. Wallace Wood.

#### CHILDREN OF ANNA E. MOORE AND SEABORNE WRIGHT:

1. Thomas Barry. 2. Lucius Moore. 3. Max Seaborne

#### CHILDREN OF JOHN McDOWELL MOORE AND HATTIE GRACE WHARTON:

1. Wharton Adolphus. 2. Elizabeth Irving. 3. Maye Belle. 4. Emma. 5. Bertha Harben.



## THE RECORD OF THE BARRY FAMILY.

(Wilmer L. Moore, the writer of the following sketch, is a successful business man of Atlanta, Ga., of the firm of Wilmer L. Moore & Co. His mother was Euphemia Elizabeth Barry.)

Andrew Barry, born 1746; died June 17, 1811; married Margaret Moore, who was born in 1752 and died Sept. 29, 1823. Both of them are buried at Moore, S. C.

Andrew Barry was supposed to have come direct from Ireland and located in Pennsylvania, and afterwards moved to South Carolina with Charles Moore.

Charles Moore was the father of Margaret Moore. He was born in 1727 and died in 1805; buried at Moore, S. C. He is supposed to have come direct from Ireland to Pennsylvania. He married either a Mary Graham, Mary Lawson or Mary Hamilton. Just which one of these my records are unsatisfactory.

John Barry, who was the son of Andrew and Mary Barry, was born in 1772; died March 3, 1844. He married Elizabeth Watson, who was born in 1774 and died Aug. 30, 1838. Both of them are buried at Liberty Hall, Ala.

Andrew Lawson Barry, born Nov. 23, 1805; died Jan. 6, 1892; married Margaret McDowell, who was born in 1811, and died in 1839.

They were married Dec. 22, 1829, and buried at LaFayette, Ga.

Euphemia Elisabeth Barry, born Feb. 4, 1832; married William Adolphus Moore, who was born Nov. 19, 1819, and died July 31, 1891. They were married Nov. 19, 1850.

William Adolphus Moore and Euphemia Moore are my parents.

I will now trace for you the McDowell branch as far as I have any record.

Col. Samuel Watson married Elizabeth McDowell. They were buried at Bethel Church, York, S. C. These are the parents of Elizabeth Watson, who married John Barry.

Col. Samuel Watson came to North Carolina with the McDowells. The family Bible is in possession of J. A. Barry's family in Atlanta, and his sword and his spinning wheel are in the possession of a relative in Alabama.

Charles McDowell married some one by the name of Rachel, but I have never been able to learn her last name. They were from Frederick County, Virginia.

Their son, John McDowell, was born in Pennsylvania in 1743, and died July 30, 1795; was buried at Steele Creek Church, N. C. He married Jean Parks, who was born 1747 and died Oct. 8, 1824.

Their son, Hugh McDowell, was born Dec. 16, 1777, and died May 16, 1835. He married Margaret Irwin, who was born in 1785 and died May 3, 1838.

They were married March 31, 1802, and were buried at Steele Creek Church, N. C.





Their daughter, Margaret McDowell, married Andrew Lawson Barry.

The Irwins are connected with our family in the following manner:

Gen. Robert Irwin, supposed to have been born in Pennsylvania in 1738, died Dec. 23, 1800; married Mary Alexander, who died March 24, 1796. They are buried at Steele Creek Church.

These are the parents of Margaret Irwin, who married Hugh McDowell.

The father of Gen. Robert Irwin was William Irwin, who died near Carlisle, Pa., about 1750. The Irwins from North Ireland.

The parents of Mary Alexander, who married Gen. Robert Irwin, was the daughter of Zebulon Alexander and sister of Zenus Alexander. (See Irwins and Alexander Pages.)





## NEELY

### DESCENDANTS OF MOSES NEELY AND JANE PARKS McDOWELL.

Moses Neely was born Jan. 29, 1799, at Steele Creek, near Charlotte, N. C.; died Jan. 17, 1887.

His parents were Moses Neely and Margaret Campbell, of Scotch-Irish and Revolutionary ancestry. In 1825 he married Jane Parks McDowell, granddaughter of Col. John McDowell and Gen. Robert Irwin of Revolutionary fame. She died in 1886.

The descendants of Moses Neely and Jane Parks McDowell are James Columbus Neely, married Frances Blocker; Margaret Neely, married W. M. Harrison; Mary Neely, married W. W. Flinn; Sarah Roxana Neely, married Benjamin Maclin; Hugh McDowell Neely, married Mary Bethell McGown; Felicia Neely, married Robert Shorter; Hannah Neely, married Lucius Paine; Eliza Neely, married N. F. Harrison; Frances Neely, married N. F. Harrison.

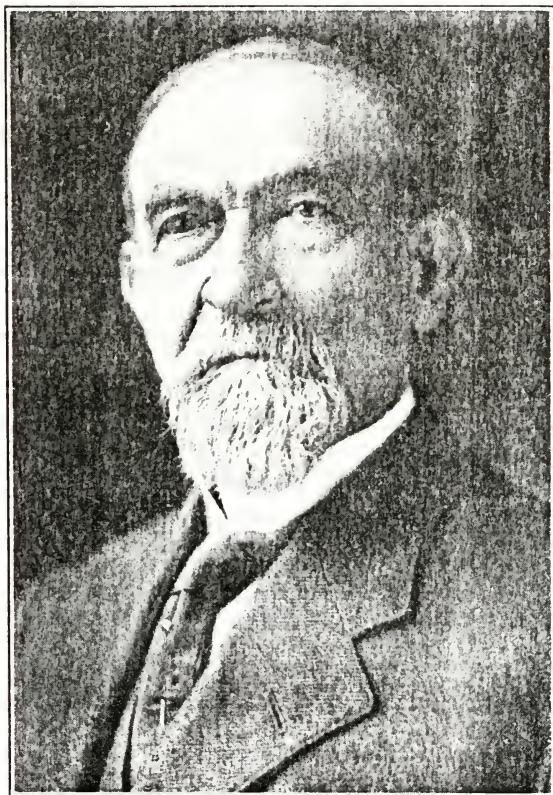
#### GRANDCHILDREN.

Florence Neely, Pearl Neely Grant, James Columbus Neely, Sidney M. Neely, Hugh McDowell Neely, Frances Neely Mallory, W. W. Flinn, Neely Flinn, Lilly Maclin Blocker, Felicia Maclin Aymette, Benjamin Maclin, Cora Shorter Davis, Lee Paine, Annie Paine Bradley, Frances Paine Bowen, Charles Harrison, Emma Harrison, Robert Harrison, Lucile Harrison Brett, Margaret Harrison Owen, Neely Harrison Rehse, Eva Blocker Lemman, Brooks Blocker, Milton Blocker, Lena Blocker.

#### GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

James Neely Grant, Daniel Brooks Grant, Mamie Wright, Erna Wright, Hugh Wright, Aubrey Wright, Louise Wright, Eugene Aymette, Richard Harrison, Katherine Harrison, Louise Harrison, Lee Edwin Reese, Lucile Harrison Brett, Catherine Lemman, Marion Lemman, William Neely Mallory, Barton Lee Mallory, Frances Neely





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Mallory, Hugh McDowell Neely, Sidney Milton Neely, Theodora Trezevant Neely, James Columbus Neely, Cheatham Bradley, Pauline Bradley, Leita Bradley, Forlie Bradley, Brooks Bradley, Myrtle Maclin, Bessie Davis Jalonick.

JANE McDOWELL, the daughter of Hugh McDowell and his wife, Margaret I. McDowell, was born at Mecklenburg, N. C., Feb. 10, 1805, and died at Germantown, Shelby County, Tenn., July 5, 1886. She married Moses Neely, who was born in Mecklenburg County, N. C., Jan. 29, 1799, and died at Germantown, Shelby County, Tenn., Jan. 17, 1887.

#### CHILDREN OF MOSES NEELY AND JANE McDOWELL.

1. James Columbus, Neely, born at Mecklenburg County, April 17, 1826; died Jan. 20, 1901.

2. Margaret E. (married N. F. Harrison), born in Mecklenburg County, N. C., Dec. 29, 1827; died Aug. 13, 1881.

3. Mary L. (married Fliinn), born at Mecklenburg County, Nov. 13, 1829; died April 24, 1872.

4. Sarah R. (married McClin), born at Mecklenburg County, July 21, 1831.

5. Hugh McDowell Neely, born in Madison County, Tenn., Nov. 8, 1833.

6. Felicia Shorter, born Madison County, Tenn., Aug. 24, 1835; died March 18, 1875.

7. Hannah Ann (Paine), born at Madison County, Tenn., Dec. 7, 1838; died Jan. 14, 1898.

8. Eliza Jane (Harrison), born at Shelby County, Tenn., May, 1840; died Sept. 22, 1859.

9. Frances E. (Harrison), born at Shelby County, March 26, 1844.

#### NEELY.

Hugh McDowell (H. M.) Neely was born in Madison County, Tenn., Nov. 8, 1833. He is descended on the maternal side of his family from Gen. Robert Irwin, a signer of the Declaration of Independence; Col. John McDowell, Col. William Campbell, distinguished officer of the Revolution. His mother, Jane Parks McDowell, was a typical McDowell woman; she was tall, graceful, with an attractive manner and full of energy and spirit. She was born Feb. 10, 1805, and died July 5, 1886. She was married to Moses Neely of Mecklenburg County, N. C., in 1825. He was a man of great energy and integrity. From this union there were born nine children.

At the age of seven he came with his father, who was a planter, to Shelby County, Tenn., where he was raised on a typical Southern plantation. He received a full academic education and has since been fond of books; has an easy command of language, and is an interesting talker. In the war between the States he went with the South; was Captain of Company 1, 38th Tennessee Regiment of Infantry, and the last year of the war was Adjutant-General on the staff of







J. COLUMBUS NEELY



Brig.-Gen. J. C. Carter. Gen. Carter was wounded at the battle of Franklin and fell into the arms of Capt. Neely. Capt. Neely fought in nearly all of the battles of West Tennessee and received a bullet at the Battle of Perryville, which he still carries.

After the war he was a member of a very successful mercantile firm of Brooks, Neely & Co. of Memphis, and so remained until it went into voluntary liquidation in 1900. Mr. Neely was President and Vice-President of the Memphis National Bank for sixteen years, and has been President of the Phoenix Fire & Insurance Co. for thirty-one years. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and Y. M. C. A. of Memphis, and being in good circumstances, gives them and other charities liberal support.

He is a man of fine physique; is six feet three inches in height and weighs two hundred pounds, and is well known for his rugged honesty and strict adherence to truth. Aug. 10, 1886, he married Mrs. Mary B. McCown, formerly Miss Sneed of North Carolina. No children followed this congenial and happy union. They live in their elegant home in Memphis and are noted for their hospitality.

#### JAMES COLUMBUS NEELY.

By Pearl Neely Grant.

JAMES COLUMBUS NEELY, born in Mecklenburg County, N. C., April 19, 1826; died at Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 20, 1901; married at Olive Branch, Miss., to Frances Blocker, who was born in DeSoto County, Miss., Feb. 8, 1840.

#### CHILDREN OF JAMES C. NEELY AND HIS WIFE, FRANCES BLOCKER:

1. Florence, born at Memphis, Tenn.
2. Jesse Pearl, born at Memphis, Tenn.
3. James Columbus, Jr., born at Memphis, Tenn.
4. Sidney Milton, born at Memphis, Tenn.
5. Frances Blocker, born at Memphis, Tenn.

Hugh McDowell, born at Memphis, Tenn.

Jesse Pearl married James Daniel Grant, Memphis, Tenn.

James Columbus, Jr., married Eleanor McGhee, Knoxville, Tenn.

Sidney Milton married Theodora Trezevant, Memphis, Tenn.

Frances B. married Lee Barton Mallory, Memphis, Tenn.

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William Neely Mallory.

Sidney M. Neely, Jr.

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In 1863 his father moved with his family to Madison County, Tenn. Mr. Neely died in Memphis, Jan. 20, 1901. He was a man of fine mentality, of unusual physical development, was tall, muscular and endowed with indomitable energy. In 1860 he married Miss Frances Bloeker, of a prominent Mississippi family. Five children survive them.

In the year 1856 he came to Memphis and organized the mercantile firm of Goyer & Neely, and in 1885 he organized the mercantile firm of Brooks, Neely & Co., of which he was the acknowledged head. The firm was composed of himself, S. H. Brooks and H. M. Neely. It was successful from the start and became one of the richest and most widely known in the South. It went into voluntary liquidation in the year 1900, all its members retiring from active business with fine estates.

Mr. Neely was also largely interested in coal and iron mines in Alabama, planting in the Mississippi River bottom and other industrial enterprises. He was President of the Continental National Bank and Bluff City Insurance Company.

He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, in temper equable, and in association with his family always patient, kind and liberal; with his acquaintances kind and courteous. He was eminent for his great common sense and so ripe in judgment and experience that his advice was often sought by those who knew him. He was always optimistic, fond of anecdote, and possessed an interminable flow of good humor. It may be said of him that when living he made no enemies and lost no friends, and in dying, among his varied associations he left vacancies difficult to be filled.

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#### SLOAN.

SARAH SALINA McDOWELL, daughter of Hugh and Margaret I. McDowell, married Andrew Moore Sloan of South Carolina, the issue of whom were:

JOHN HUGH.

OSCAR.

CHARLES ANDREW.

ADAM.

ROBERT.

JOHN HUGH SLOAN married Mary C. Winn of Thomasville, Ga. Issue: Johnnie and Hugh Sloan. Said Johnnie married Edward Berkley. Their issue: Virginia Berkley.



2. Charles Andrew Sloan, son of Andrew and Sarah Sloan, married Mollie L. Morris of Monticello, Fla. Their issue: \_\_\_\_\_ and Oscar Sloan.

3. Adam Sloan married Elizabeth Irvin of McDonough, Ga. Their issue: Sarah, Eva, Annie Mary and Andrew Moore Sloan.

4. Robert Eugene Sloan married Ida Turnbull of Monticello, Fla. Their issue: Richard, Robert Eugene, Sarah Salina.

#### DESCENDANTS OF HUGH AND MARGARET IRWIN McDOWELL AND THEIR CONNECTIONS.

ROBERT I. McDOWELL, son of Hugh and Margaret Irwin McDowell, was a man of wealth and an elder in the Presbyterian Church both at Steele Creek and Unity Church, Lincoln, N. C. He was a member of the North Carolina Legislature and a business man of marked ability and great success. He married Rebecca Brevard, who was a daughter of J. Franklin Brevard, a son of Capt. Alexander Brevard and Margaret, his wife, of Lincoln County, N. C. Margaret Brevard died October, 1866, aged 68 years. She was the daughter of James Comer, who emigrated from the north of Ireland about 1774. He volunteered in the Revolutionary war and fought to its finish and died in 1835, aged 84 years. His wife was Lallis (sometimes called Lille) Wilson, who was the daughter of Samuel Wilson, Sr., and his wife, Margaret Jack, sister of Capt. James Jack, who was the bearer of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence to Congress. Samuel Wilson emigrated to Mecklenburg County about 1745 and settled near Hopewell Church. He was of Scotch-Irish descent and died March 13, 1778.

Capt. Alexander Brevard, father of Robert Irwin McDowell's wife, Rebecca, was a cadet in a military school at the beginning of the war, was in many battles and was noted for his bravery. He was one of eight sons of John Brevard, a Huguenot family.

Among the children of Robert I. McDowell were:

William Hugh, killed in battle.

Rena, who married Dr. Roach of Charlotte, N. C.

F. Brevard McDowell of Charlotte, N. C.

#### DESCENDANTS OF ELEANOR IRWIN AND JAMES MOORE.

ELEANOR IRWIN, known as "Nelly," daughter of Col. Robert Irwin and his wife, Mary Alexander, was born Oct. 15, 1771, in Mecklenburg County, N. C., and died in Williamson County, Tenn., Aug. 8, 1909. She married James Moore, son of John Moore (originally from Ireland), May 8, 1790. James Moore was born in Lincoln County, N. C., Feb. 15, 1764, and died in Williamson County, Tenn., July 12, 1830. Eleanor and James Moore moved to Williamson County, Tenn., November, 1807, and settled on a 640-acre tract of land at Brentwood, the land warrant for which was granted in 1785 to Col. Robert Irwin for services in the Revolutionary War by





the State of North Carolina. In May, 1795, Col. Irwin made a deed of gift of this land to his son-in-law, James Moore, the same being on record in the Register's office at Nashville, Tenn. About four hundred acres of this original grant is still owned by Hugh C. Moore, a grandson of James Moore and Eleanor Irwin. Eleanor Irwin Moore is buried at Brentwood, Tenn.

#### CHILDREN OF JAMES MOORE AND ELEANOR IRWIN:

1. Robert Irwin Moore, born in Lincoln County, N. C., July 20, 1791.
2. Jane Moore, born Aug. 18, 1793.
3. John, born Aug. 29, 1795.
4. Alexander, born March 7, 1798.
5. William, born June 2, 1802.
6. Sinai Graves, born Aug. 29, 1804.
7. James Archer, born Sept. 8, 1807.

#### ROBERT IRWIN MOORE.

1. ROBERT IRWIN MOORE, eldest son of Eleanor Irwin and James Moore, married (first) Isabella Caldwell Harlan, an aunt of Justice M. Harlan of the U. S. Supreme Court, near Danville, Ky., in 1824. Issue: 1. James Harlan Moore, born May 12, 1825, at Nashville, Tenn.; died in 1884. 2. Sarah Ellen Moore, born in 1827, died 1848.

ROBERT IRWIN MOORE married (second) Martha Clay near Danville, Ky., May 3, 1832. Issue: Martha Clay Moore, born 1833; died at Rome, Italy, 1902.

ROBERT IRWIN MOORE married (third) Mrs. Jane Bell Walker (daughter of James McKissick and Mary Vance Greer) near Shelbyville, Tenn., in 1835. Issue: Ruth Isabella, born at Nashville, Tenn., 1836; died unmarried in her 21st year Dec. 4, 1856. 2. Mary Adelaide, born Jan. 17, 1839; died in old home at Brentwood, 1863. 3. Robert Irwin Moore, Jr., born April 14, 1841, Nashville, Tenn.; now resides in New Orleans. 4. Hugh Campbell, born April 18, 1846; now resides in Brentwood, Tenn. 5. James McKissick, born May 28, 1848; now resides in Spring Hill, Tenn.

#### CHILDREN AND DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT IRWIN MOORE.

JAMES HARLAN MOORE, son of Robert Irwin Moore and Isabella C. Harlan, married Adeline Farrelly, daughter of Col. P. Farrelly. Issue:

1. Sarah, born in Arkansas in 1851; married Edward Williford in 1864; had three children: 1. Adeline. 2. Daughter (name unknown). 3. Edward.

2. Mary (Molly), born in 1852; married Abraham Brooks, near Louisville, Ky., February, 1871. Children: 1. Mollie, married Ellsworth McCormick. 2. Edna, married William S. Matthews. 3. Ruth, died in Rome, Italy, 1902. 4. Austin. 5. Abraham.



3. Fannie, born in 1853; now resides at Bardstown, Ky.; married Dr. Patrick Pendleton in Arkansas about 1894. Dr. Pendleton died in 1900. No issue.

4. Ruth, born 1856, married Joseph Johnson in Arkansas; died in 1890. Issue: 1. Francis Johnson.

5. Charles P., born in 1858; married Mrs. Murphy in Pine Bluff, Ark. Resides in Arkansas.

6. Robert Irwin, born in 1860.

SARAH ALLEN MOORE, daughter of Robert Irwin Moore and Isabella Harlan, married Philip Gilchrist, of Courtland, Ala.

MARTHA CLAY MOORE, daughter of Robert Irwin Moore and Martha Clay, married Patrick Farreley, son of Col. P. Farreley, in 1853, at Nashville. Issue: John Patrick Farreley, born 1855. is now Bishop of Catholic Diocese, Cleveland, Ohio.

ROBERT IRWIN MOORE, JR., son of Robert Irwin Moore and Mrs. Jane B. Walker; married Lena Bell McKissick, at Spring Hill, Tenn., April 27, 1865. Mrs. Lena Moore died about 1892. No issue.

HUGH CAMPBELL MOORE, son of Robert Irwin Moore and Mrs. Jane B. Walker, married Kate Jones Greer, at Memphis, Tenn., April 3, 1872. Issue:

1. Allen Jones Moore, born at Brentwood, Tenn., Oct. 20, 1875.
2. Hugh Campbell Moore, Jr., born at Brentwood, Tenn., March 16, 1878.
3. Robert Irwin Moore, born at Brentwood, Tenn., May 29, 1888.

JAMES McKISSICK MOORE, son of Robert Irwin Moore and Mrs. Jane B. Walker, married Sallie R. Cheairs, daughter of Nat F. Cheairs and Susan B. McKissick, at Spring Hill, Tenn., October, 1874. Issue:

1. Robert Irwin, born at Spring Hill, Tenn., Oct. 9, 1875.
2. Nathaniel Frank, born at Spring Hill, Tenn., Dec. 26, 1876; married Martha White. Issue: Frank C., born Sept. 25, 1915.
3. Susie Bell, born at Spring Hill, Tenn., Dec. 17, 1878.  
Jane Ruth, born at Spring Hill, Tenn., July 3, 1881; married Osa Anderson Sept. 30, 1912. Issue: Sarah Moore Anderson, born Sept. 30, 1913. Jane Cheairs Anderson, born July 26, 1915.
5. Elizabeth Timberlake, born at Spring Hill, June 29, 1883.
6. Sarah Cheairs, born at Spring Hill, October 19, 1901.

#### JANE MOORE.

2. JANE MOORE, daughter of Eleanor Irwin and James Moore; married Thomas Dickson about 1820. Thomas Dickson was



born in Lincoln County, N. C., 1793, died in Gibson County, Tenn., Sept. 12, 1870. Jane Moore was born in Lincoln County, N. C., 1793, and died Sept. 15, 1876.

#### CHILDREN OF THOMAS DICKSON AND JANE MOORE.

1. Isabella Allen, born in Williamson County, Tenn., 1820; died 1893; married James J. Cooper, in Williamson County, Tenn., 1836.
2. James A., born in Williamson County, Tenn., 1822; died 1898; never married.
3. Susan T., born in Williamson County, Tenn., 1826; died 1892; married Thomas Payne, Gibson County, Tenn., 1866.
4. Augustus F., born in Williamson County, Tenn., 1831; married Laura McCutcheon, Dyer County, Tenn., 1866.

#### JOHN MOORE.

JOHN MOORE, son of Eleanor Irwin and James Moore; married ——— Stewart, and died at Brentwood. Issue:

1. Sarah, married ——— Andrews.
2. Thomas, married Lucy Lightfoot, April, 1872.
3. Mary, married George Simpson.

#### ALEXANDER MOORE.

ALEXANDER MOORE, third son of Eleanor Irwin and James Moore, married Nancy Merritt, Dec. 8, 1824, in Williamson County, Tenn., and died at Franklin, Tenn., March 26, 1888. Nancy Merritt Moore died near Franklin, Tenn., June 27, 1891.

#### CHILDREN OF ALEXANDER MOORE AND NANCY MERRITT:

1. Rebecca Jane Moore, born Oct. 8, 1825; died Nov. 22, 1826.
2. James Park Moore, born in Williamson County, Tenn., Aug. 18, 1827; married Martha Washington Crockett, Oct. 25, 1860. She died June, 1915. A few years ago (1918) James Park Moore, in memory of his beloved wife, made a bequest of sixty thousand dollars to the Galloway Memorial Hospital at Nashville, Tenn., a fitting monument to this worthy descendant of Martha Washington.
3. Susan Ann Moore, born Oct. 18, 1830; married D. P. Hadly, died June 27, 1883. No issue.
4. William Alexander Moore, born June 2, 1838; died April 13, 1860.



## WILLIAM MOORE.

5. WILLIAM MOORE, son of Eleanor Irwin and James Moore, married Mary Duncan, Franklin, Ky., died 1844. No issue.

## SINAI GRAVES MOORE.

6. SINAI GRAVES MOORE, son of Eleanor Irwin and James Moore; married Sarah Ann Louisa Quinn (daughter of Matthew H. Quinn and Harriet Louise Elliston) at Nashville, Tenn., March 15, 1837. Sarah Quinn was born in Nashville, Feb. 25, 1873. Sinai G. Moore died at Nashville, Oct. 6, 1893. Issue:

1. Harriet Ellen Moore, born at Franklin, Ky., Sept. 15, 1842; married Major Thomas Porter Weakley, at Nashville, Tenn., March 15, 1866, who died April, 1910. Issue: 1. Annie Lou, born at Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 22, 1867; married Joseph V. Allen, at Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 11, 1891, and now resides at Birmingham, Ala. Has three children: Thomas Porter Allen, Joseph V. Allen, Jr., and Eleanor Allen. 2. Mary Porter Weakley, born June 21, 1871; married Geo. B. Allen (a brother of Joseph V.) at Nashville, Tenn. Now resides in Birmingham. No issue. 3. Sarah Moore Weakley, born Dec. 2, 1873. 4. Harriet Ellen Weakley, born Nov. 12, 1876. 5. Elizabeth Carter Weakley, born May 17, 1878; married Edward Werner, at Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 17, 1902. Now resides in Atlanta.
2. James Quinn Moore, born 1855; married Jamie Seawell at Lebanon, Tenn., April, 1882. She was born Nov. 30, 1858, and is the third child of Eldridge G. and Susan K. Seawell. Now resides at Belleair, Fla. Issue:
  1. Eldridge Seawell, born Nashville, Tenn., May 11, 1884. now resides in Tampa, Fla.
  2. Elizabeth, born Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 10, 1878, married Wharton J. Cheairs (son of John Cheairs) of Moore's Grove, Belleair, Fla., Jan. 5, 1911. Now resides in Spring Hill, Tenn. Issue: Eldridge Seawell Cheairs, born Nov. 22, 1911, at Spring Hill, Tenn., Jane Seawell Cheairs, born Jan. 5, 1915.
  3. Annie Lou Moore, born Franklin Ky., 1845; died 1864.

## JAMES ARCHER MOORE.

7. JAMES ARCHER MOORE, son of Eleanor Irwin and James Moore, married \_\_\_\_\_ Jordan, at Murfreesboro, Tenn. Issue:

1. James Archer, Jr., born March 10, 1840; married Rosa Carney, at Murfreesboro, Tenn., Jan. 18, 1870. Issue:
  1. Jennie, born March 31, 1871; died July 25, 1873.





2. Kate, born August 14, 1874; married Nathan Davis Overall, Nov. 21, 1894. Now resides in Nashville. Issue: Robert M. Overall, born Nov. 8, 1895; Katrina Overall, born June 9, 1897; Natalie, born Feb. 11, 1899; James C. Overall, born Dec. 24, 1900; Dorothy Overall, born Aug. 24, 1909. 3. James Carney, born Oct. 10, 1877; married Elsie Winkler Dec. 28, 1913. 4. Helen, born Aug. 8, 1887; died March 2, 1905. 5. Rosa, born Dec. 13, 1882; married Thomas B. Cannon, Dec. 23, 1908. Issue: Daughter born 1911 (name unknown).
2. William Alexander, born March 10, 1842; died December, 1870, unmarried.
  3. Sarah Ellen, born ———, married Brasfield. Issue: George M. Brasfield.
  4. John Thomas, born ———, married Susan Halliburton near Murfreesboro. Issue: Three sons and one daughter (names unknown).



## BISHOP CHARLES BETTS GALLOWAY, D.D., LL. D.

By Mrs. Willie Galloway Ventress.

Charles Betts Galloway was born at Kosciusko, Mississippi, September 1, 1849; died at Jackson, Mississippi, on May 12, 1909.

He was graduated from the University of Mississippi at the age of 19, and at once entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

He married Harriet Elizabeth Willis, daughter of Capt. E. B. Willis (of Forrest's Cavalry, in the civil war) and Margaret E. Ervin, in Warren County, Mississippi, September 1, 1869. During the yellow fever scourge of 1878 he was stationed at Vicksburg, and remained at his post, was stricken with the disease, and was reported dead, and his obituary written.

After filling various important appointments in the Conference, he was elected editor of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, in 1882, where he made a reputation as a forceful writer and brilliant journalist. During the year 1882 he had conferred on him the degree of D.D., by Northwestern University, and of LL. D., by Tulane.

In 1886 he was elected Bishop, the youngest man ever chosen for that position in the history of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

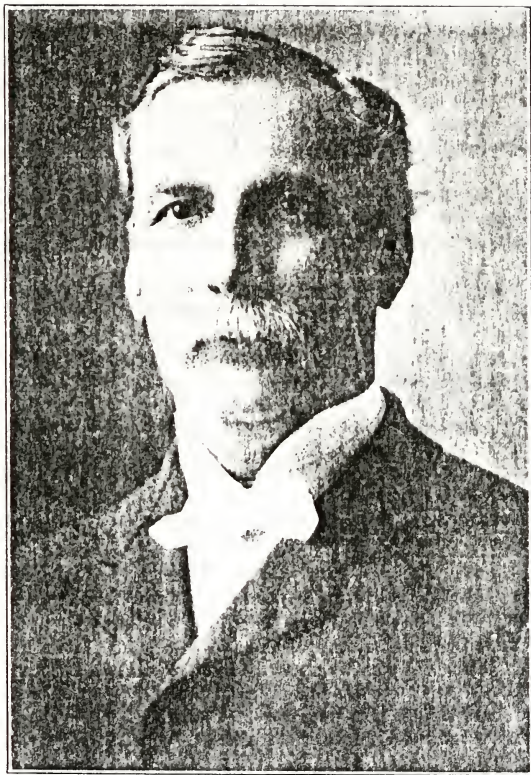
He received many honors from his Church; was Fraternal Messenger to the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada in 1886; member of the Ecumenical Conference in London in 1891; delegate to the Wesleyan Conference in England in 1892; officially visited missions in Japan, China and Korea three times, and twice to Brazil and Mexico.

He was a member of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church South; a member of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Slater educational fund for negroes, and President of the Board of Trustees of Vanderbilt University, and of Millsaps College. He was also, for many years, a member of the Board of Trustees of his alma mater, the University of Mississippi, and a member of the Historical Society of Mississippi, and his contribution of papers are among the most valuable in the archives of that organization.

He was an active prohibitionist, and wrote much on the subject; was the author of a "Life of Bishop Parker," of "Methodism, a Child of Providence," "A Circuit of the Globe," and "Modern Missions."

"Bishop Galloway was especially distinguished as an orator,





BISHOP CHAS. B. GALLOWAY



his close and cogent reasoning being relieved and illuminated by beautiful thoughts, and many graces of expression. He was a man of most pleasing manners and charming disposition, and he was beloved and held in the highest honor and esteem, not only in his church circles, but by all who knew him."—New Orleans Picayune.

While visiting Jackson, Mississippi, in 1911, ex-President Roosevelt, who was a warm personal friend of Bishop Galloway, paid him the following tribute:

"While I was President one of the inspirations that I considered dearest to me, to act decently and honorably, was the example given me by the life and deeds of that great Mississippian, now dead, Bishop Galloway.

"You are fortunate to have such a great example of what was great in American citizenship—I am glad to take this opportunity of testifying to my obligations to him in this way, of strength and inspiration."

Bishop Galloway was eligible to membership in "The Irvine Society of America," his maternal grandmother having been Harriet Doreas Ervin, of Charlotte, N. C., daughter of Alexander Ervine, of Burke County, N. C. Bishop Galloway's wife is a great-granddaughter of Col. John Ervin, of South Carolina, an officer in Marion's Cavalry, and his second wife, Margaret Ervin, was his cousin. The children of Bishop and Mrs. Galloway, may, therefore, trace Ervin blood in three lines.

Bishop Charles Betts Galloway, born at Kosciusko, Miss., on Sept. 1, 1849; died at Jackson, Miss., on May 12, 1909; married in Warren County, Miss., on Sept. 1, 1869, to Harriet Elizabeth Willis, born in Warren County, Miss., on July 28, 1850.

#### CHILDREN OF ABOVE:

1. Willie Estelle, born at Canton, Miss., June 29, 1870.
2. Harriet Elizabeth, born at Canton, Miss., June 29, 1872.
3. Charles Betts, born at Canton, Miss., April, 1874; died 1901.
4. Margaret Kate, born at Canton, Miss., November, 1877.
5. Ethelbert Hines, born at Canton, Miss., July, 1879.
1. Married Wm. P. S. Ventress at Jackson, Miss., Dec. 6, 1893.
2. Married H. B. McGhee at Jackson, Miss., May 18, 1893.
4. Married A. M. Mueckenfuss at Jackson, Miss., June, 1897.
5. Married Mabel Johnson at Jackson, Miss., Nov. 1, 1908.

#### GRANDCHILDREN:

- Harriet Ventress, born at Woodville, Miss., July 30, 1894.  
 Margaret Ventress, born at Woodville, Miss., Jan. 8, 1900.  
 Charlotte Ventress, born at Woodville, Miss., Jan. 7, 1896;  
 died Dec. 28, 1903.





Charles Galloway Ventress, born at Woodville, Miss., Aug. 30, 1898.

Stella McGhee, born Woodville, Miss., June 3, 1894.

Howard McGhee McGhee, born at Woodville, Miss., June 3, 1894.

Ethel McGhee McGhee, born at Woodville, Miss., July, 1901.

Ralph Muckenfuss, born at Jackson, Miss., January, 1899.

Elizabeth Muckenfuss, born at Jackson, Miss., January, 1901.

Charles Galloway Muckenfuss, born at Fayetteville, Ark., 1903; died 1909.

Charles B. Galloway, Jr., born at Jackson, Miss., September, 1911.

#### GREAT-GREAT GRANDFATHER:

Alexander Erwin, son of Nathaniel Erwin, lived in Bucks County, Pa., 1750; died 1830; married, 1785, to Mrs. Patton, nee Margaret Crawford. Nationality of ancestry, Scotch-Irish. Official positions held district auditor from Burke County.

#### GREAT GRANDFATHER:

Lewis Dinkins, born in Mecklenburg County, N. C., on Jan. 25, 1798; died in Madison County, Miss., Sept. 27, 1870; married at Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 22, 1821, to Harriet Dorcas Irwin, born in Burk County, N. C., Nov. 2, 1801; died at Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 15, 1828.

#### GRANDFATHER:

Dr. Charles B. Galloway was born in Brunswick County, N. C., April 15, 1825; married Elizabeth Adelaide Dinkins, daughter of Lewis Dinkins and Harriet Irwin, October, 1845. She was born May 3, 1825; died July 17, 1873. He died June 3, 1877.

Of this union Bishop Charles Betts Galloway was the eldest child.

Alexander Erwin was Colonel in Revolutionary War.

Official positions by Great-Great Grandfather, District Auditor for settling claims. See Col. Record XXXVIII, 336, 24598, 245-38.

Bishop Galloway was the great-grandson of Alexander Erwin. His wife, Harriet E. Willis, was the great-granddaughter of Col. John Erwin, of South Carolina, and officer in Marion's Brigade. Col. John Erwin's second wife (Mrs. Galloway's great-grandmother) was his cousin, Margaret Erwin, thus the children of Bishop Galloway may claim Erwin blood through three lines.



## JAMES DINKINS AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON DINKINS, third son of James Dinkins and Lucy Kendrick, his wife, married Cynthia Dinkins Springs, in Mecklenburg County, N. C., in 1842.

She was the daughter of William Polk and Margaret P. Springs, and was born Dec. 6, 1813. Alexander Hamilton Dinkins and his wife lived in Madison County, Miss., from the date of their marriage until their deaths in 1870 and 1872, during which time they won the love and confidence of all who knew them. They took an active interest in everything which contributed to the happiness and welfare of their neighbors, assisted many worthy persons in starting life, and educated numerous boys and girls whose parents were unable to do so.

As an evidence of the high regard in which they were held, nearly all their neighbors named a child for them. Several families having a Hamilton and Cynthia also. During the war they employed their numerous slaves in making crops of breadstuffs and raising meats, which were freely distributed among the needy."

## CHILDREN OF ALEXANDER HAMILTON DINKINS AND CYNTHIA DINKINS SPRINGS:

1. James, married Sue E. Hart, born 1844. She was the fifth and second daughter of Captain John D. Hart and Sophia Emmeline, his wife. James Dinkins was born in Madison County, Miss., on April 18th, 1845. He attended a country school until 1860, at which time he was entered at the North Carolina Military Institute at Charlotte, N. C. He enlisted in the Confederate Army before his 16th birthday, and served as a private in Company C, Eighteenth Mississippi Regiment, Griffith Barksdale's Mississippi Brigade, until April 9, 1863, when he was appointed first lieutenant of cavalry in the Confederate States Army. He was appointed aide-de-camp to General James R. Chalmers, in October, 1863, and served in that capacity until Dec. 15, 1864, at which time he was appointed captain to command Company C, Eighteenth Mississippi Cavalry, detailed as escort to General Chalmers. He was captain of cavalry at nineteen years of age.

He participated in the battles of Bethel, Leesburg, Dam No. 2, New Kent Courthouse, Savage Station, Malvern Hill, Harper's Ferry, Sharpsburg and Fredericksburg, with Army of Northern Virginia, and Coldwater, Colliersville, Moscow, Okolona, Breece's Cross Roads, Oxford, Fort Pillow, Harrisburg, West Point, Memphis,



Athens, Sulphur Springs, Paris Landing, Johnsonville, Perryville, Columbia, Springhill, Franklin, Nashville and Pulaski, under Forrest, and during the entire four years of the war was not sick nor wounded. He never missed a march nor an engagement in which his command was engaged, and was not quite twenty years of age when the war closed.

Captain Dinkins published his experiences and recollections of the Confederate War, in 1897. Title, "1861 to 1865, by an old Johnnie."

He also wrote and published a history of "Forrest and His Cavalry," in 1902, and is the author of "The Southern Girl."

Captain Dinkins married Miss Hart after the war, and lived on a plantation until 1874, when he entered the service of the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railway, at Canton, Miss. This company was absorbed by the Illinois Central, and when the line was built to Aberdeen, Miss., Captain Dinkins was appointed agent of the company at that place. In 1891 he was appointed agent of the Illinois Central Railroad at Memphis, Tenn., and when that company purchased the Louisville, New Orleans and Texas Railroad in 1892, he was appointed Division Passenger Agent of all lines south of the Ohio River. He removed to New Orleans in 1899, and in 1903 participated in the organization of the Bank of Jefferson, Gretna, La., opposite New Orleans, and at this time is cashier of the bank.

Lynn Hamilton, the son of James Dinkins and his wife, Sue Hart, was born in Madison County, Miss., Nov. 15, 1866. He is now president of the Interstate Trust and Banking Company, president New Orleans Real Estate Mortgage and Security Company, and a member of the Finance Committee, Board of Directors New Orleans Railway Company. Capt. Dinkins' daughter, Myriam Cynthia, married C. G. Robinson, of Virginia, and their daughter Lynn Dinkins Robinson, the only grandchild of James and Sue Hart Dinkins, was born in Charlottesville, Virginia, Sept. 22, 1905. Earl Jeffrey, third child of James Dinkins and his wife, Sue Hart, was born Feb. 3, 1887, and died Feb. 3, 1891.

2. Margaret Springs, daughter of Alexander Dinkins and Cynthia Springs, his wife, born 1846; married John L. Henderson in 1866, and died in 1879. Issue:

1. Pauline, born 1868; died 1869.
2. Lee Dinkins, born 1870; died 1879.
3. John Hamilton, born 1872.
4. Lula Kemp, born 1874; married Meeks.
5. Chas. Coolidge, born 1876; died 1876.

3. William Leonidas, born 1849, was the third child of Alexander Hamilton and Cynthia Springs Dinkins. He married Kate McWillie. Issue:



1. Kemp McWillie, born 1876; died 1904.
  2. Louise Springs, born 1877.
  3. Kittie Lee, born 1879.
  4. Lucy Calhoun, born 1885.
  5. Suenete, born 1892.
4. Blandina Baxter, daughter of Alexander Hamilton Dinkins and his wife, Cynthia Springs, born 1854; married E. A. Lindsey in 1878. She died 1880. No children.
5. Hamilton Charles, son of Alexander and Cynthia Springs Dinkins, born 1857; married Willie Tunstall in 1886. Issue:
1. William Tunstall, born 1889.
  2. John Hamilton, born 1893.
6. Sarah Tullulah, daughter of Alexander and Cynthia Springs Dinkins, born 1852; married John B. Kemp in 1872. No issue.

#### THE DINKINS FAMILY.

The following paragraphs are borrowed from a booklet on the Dinkins family and their connections by Captain James Dinkins, of New Orleans, La.:

"The name 'Dinkins' originated in Wales, about A. D. 1500, and signified 'The Devil in the Bush.'

"The people thus characterized were evidently 'Bushwhackers,' who resisted the government for some supposed wrong.

"So it seems the original Dinkins came from Wales, and we have it from tradition, they moved into the lowlands of Scotland in the sixteenth century, from whence they were driven into Londonderry in the north of Ireland.

"Three brothers, James, John and Samuel, and two cousins, Thomas and Joshua, landed at Charleston, S. C., in October, 1717.

"We find no trace of them afterwards in South Carolina for fifty years or more, except that Captain Sam Dinkins (evidently a son or grandson of one of the brothers) is mentioned as Captain in Marion's famous cavalry. He distinguished himself for bravery on many fields.

"It seems they removed to North Carolina and settled in Mecklenburg County, for about 1740 we find the names of James, John and Joshua Dinkins in the records there."

#### JAMES DINKINS AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

JAMES DINKINS, the son of John Dinkins and Fannie Henderson, of Mecklenburg County, N. C., was born in 1772; married Lucy Kendrick in 1793. She was born in 1772 and her mother was Amy Fox, daughter of Colonel William Fox, of King William County, Va., direct descendant of Hannah Ball Fox, daughter of Col. William Ball, who was the grandfather of George Washington. Amy Fox was acknowledged to be the most beautiful woman of her





time in Virginia. She was famous for her brilliancy and accomplishments.

#### JAMES DINKINS AND LUCY KENDRICKS' CHILDREN:

1. Lewis, born 1798.
2. Sarah, born 1800; married William Branch.
3. Louisa, born 1802 (see John Dinkins and Mary Irwin).
4. Rufus Kendrick, born 1804; killed in duel at Canton, Miss., 1837.
5. Lucinda, born 1812; married Lewis G. Slaughter.
6. Alexander Hamilton, born 1815.

1. LEWIS DINKINS, son of James Dinkins and Luck Kendrick, married Harriet Erwin, daughter of Alexander Erwin, son of Nathaniel Irwin, of Ireland (see Nathaniel Erwin Line). Harriet Dorcas Erwin was born Nov. 2, 1801. She married Lewis Dinkins at the house of her sister, Mrs. Cynthia Erwin Fox (wife of Dr. John Fox) at Charlotte, N. C., in 1821. She died in 1827, and he married Elizabeth Patterson in 1829. He died in 1868.

#### CHILDREN OF LEWIS DINKINS AND HARRIET IRWIN:

1. James Alexander, born 1822. He was a volunteer in the first company of the Civil War organized in Canton, Miss., in 1861, and which became a part of the 18th Regiment. He served the Confederacy throughout the war; was in many of the battles around Richmond, fought in the battle of Bull Run and was one of the ragged gray army that gave up arms and hope at Appomatox and returned with sapped energy, weakened spirit and heavy heart to take up a life he had never known and was entirely unfitted for.

#### JAMES ALEXANDER DINKINS MARRIED MARGARET WADLINGTON IN 1845. Issue:

1. Harriet Wallace, born 1846; married J. W. Cameron in 1867, and had one daughter Mabel, who married W. E. Stevenson. Issue: Pauline and Cameron Stevenson.

2. Mary Delia, born 1848; married D. W. E. Parson. Issue: Malvina, married W. E. Harreld. Three children: Mary, John, Randolph. 2. Lillian, married E. E. Wallace. Children: David C. M., Margaret (married Williford, and has one child, James Williford).

3. Lewis Mereer, was born 1850; died 1872.

4. Elizabeth, born 1853; married R. A. Mann, 1876. Issue: Robt. A. (married Martha Cook), James Arthur, Ruby (married Chas. E. Couty), Mereer, Cameron, Elizabeth, Margaret.

5. Rufus Tilliford, born 1855; married Elizabeth McDaniel, 1877. Issue: Myrtle (married J. H. Preston and had one child,



(Ada), Sara (married Jas. W. De Moss, child, James) Mary (married Daney McDowell).

6. Alexander Hamilton, born 1856; died 1883.

7. James Irwin, born 1859; died 1880.

8. John Fox, born 1860; married Dr. C. Cowan. No issue.

9. Henry Lee, born 1862; married Rowena Hickman, 1888. Issue: Henry W., Georgia H., John, Lewis H.

10. Paul, born 1865, died 1911.

11. Edwin Daney, born 1867; married Pearl Cayce, 1895. Issue: Marjorie W., Virginia C., Edwin L., Hermine, Paul.

12. Anna Lola, born 1874; married Clifton Rodes Hood, 1899. Issue: Clifton Rodes. Mrs. Lola Dinkins Hood resides at Hoods, Miss., and the compiler of this history is indebted to her for much valuable information of the Dinkins line.

2. Margaret L., daughter of Lewis Dinkins and Harriet Erwin; born in 1824; died in 1869; married W. E. Daney in 1841: Issue: William. 2. Lueco. 3. Chas. James (who married and had three children, Lucy Daney, Istalena, Robert Campbell). 4. Lucy Daney married Robert B. Campbell. Issue: Eugenia and Edwin Patterson Campbell.

1. Chas. Betts Galloway (see sketch "Bishop Chas. Betts Galloway"), born Sept. 1, 1849; died May 12, 1909, married in Warren County, Miss., Sept 1, 1849. Harriet Elizabeth Willis, born July 28, 1850. Issue: 1. Willie Estelle, born at Canton, Miss., June 29, 1870; married Wm. P. S. Ventress, at Jackson, Miss., Dec. 6, 1893. Her children are Harriet, born July 30, 1894; Margaret, born Jan. 9, 1900; Charlotte, born Jan. 7, 1896; died Dec. 28, 1903. Charles Galloway, born Aug. 3, 1898. 2. Harriet Elizabeth, born June 29, 1872; married H. B. McGee. Children: Stella, born June 3, 1894; Howard, born Dec. 1, 1898; Ethel, born July, 1901. 3. Charles Betts, born April, 1874; died 1901. 4. Margaret Kate, born Nov. 1877; married A. M. Muckenfuss, June 1897. Children: Ralph, born January, 1899; Elizabeth, born January, 1901; Charles Galloway, born 1903; died 1909. 5. Ethelbert Hines, born July, 1879, married Mabel Johnson. Issue: Charles Betts Galloway, Jr., born at Jackson, Tenn., September, 1911.

#### CHILDREN OF LEWIS DINKINS AND ELIZABETH PATTERSON:

Lewis Dinkins came to Mississippi after his second marriage to Elizabeth Patterson. Their children were:

1. Claudius H., married Josephine Parker.

2. John W. Dinkins, born 1830; died 1853.

3. William P. Dinkins, married Anna Harrison.

4. Marcellus L. Dinkins, married Fannie E. Muse.



5. Harriet E. Dinkins, married A. J. Bransford.
6. Joseph R. Dinkins, died unmarried.
7. Henry H. Dinkins, married Maggie Hareld.
8. Anna Rose (Minnie) Dinkins, married S. S. Shipp.

There is quite a large connection descended from the above children living in Mississippi.



GENEALOGY OF JUDGE FONTAINE T. FOX AND MRS. ANDREW M. SEA, THROUGH THEIR FATHER.  
FONTAINE T. FOX.

Irvine Genealogy—State of Kentucky.

Fontaine Talbot Fox, born at Richmond, Ky., on Jan. 28, 1803; died at Danville, Ky., on April 7, 1887; married at Stanford, Ky., on Feb. 16, 1830, to Eliza Jane Hunton, born at Charlottesville, Va., on Jan. 20, 1808. Children of above:

1. Thoms Hunt Fox.
  2. William McKee Fox.
  3. Peter Camden Fox.
  4. Fontaine T. Fox.
  5. Samuel Irvine Fox.
  6. Felix Goggin Fox.
  7. Sophie Irvine Fox.
  8. John Oliver Fox.
  9. Anna Belle Fox.
  10. Charles Crittenden Fox.
1. Married (1) Henrietta Clay Gist (2) Mary Moberly.
  2. Never married.
  3. Never married.
  4. Married Mary Barton.
  5. Married Maggie Derrick, of Texas.
  7. Sophia, married Andrew M. Sea.
  8. Never married.
  9. Married J. C. Caldwell.
  10. Married Mary Allen.

Judge Fontaine T. Fox, son of Robert and Elizabeth Wylie, son of David and Sophia Gault, son of James and Margaret Wylie, married 1670, son of William Irvine and Annie Craig, came to America in 1730.

GREAT-GRANDFATHER:

David Irvine, born in Ireland on May 29, 1721; died at Bedford County, Va., on July 21, 1754; married Jane Kyle and moved to Madison County, Ky. They had thirteen children; died Feb. 15, 1809. Nationality of ancestry, Scotch-Irish.

GRANDFATHER:

William Fox, born at Hanover County, Va., on March 1, 1779; died at Somerset, Ky., on Oct. 19, 1855; married on May 13, 1802, to Sophie Irvine, born at Campbell or Bedford County, Va., on Dec. 11, 1779; died at Somerset, Ky., on Oct. 15, 1833.

Children of Grandfather:

Fontaine T. Fox.

Amanda F. Goggin, born 1804; died 1872.

Samuel Irvine Fox, born 1806; died 1838.





Jane P. Caldwell, born 1808; died 1874.

Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, born 1811; died 1850.

Sophia Kenorick, born 1816; died 1841.

Wm. Montgomery Fox, born 1816; died 1841.

Grandfather was Clerk of Pulaski Circuit and County Courts for 50 years.

(MRS.) SOPHIA IRVINE FOX SEA.

Andrew McBrayer Sea. Born Lawrenceburg, Ky., 1840; died near Anchorage, Ky., Dec. 5, 1917. Through the White, Blackwell and Seay families, he came of fine old Virginia and Revolutionary War stock. Educated at Bacon College, Harrodsburg, Ky., and at Yale. Entered the Confederate Army in 1861, and served in the Army of the Tennessee until after the surrender of Johnston. Commanded a battery accompanying President Davis and Cabinet as an escort in the final days of the war. Served with Marshall's, Morton's and Wiggins' Batteries, being in command of the latter for the last 19 months of the war. Participated in the battles of Shiloh, Chickamaugh, Resaca, Peach Tree Creek, Columbia and others. Was assistant ordnance officer, Wheeler's Corps, several times. Destroyed Broad River Bridge, at Columbia, S. C., to prevent pursuit of Wheeler by Sherman.

In civil life, he held many positions of trust. Was City Treasurer of Louisville, Ky., 1909-13; tax receiver, 1913-17. Trustee Kentucky Confederate Home for fourteen years. Ruling elder Presbyterian Church about thirty years.

Married 1867, at Danville, Ky., Miss Sophie Irvine Fox, a daughter of Judge Fontaine T. Fox. She survives.

"He was a man of striking personality, a Christian gentleman, a soldier of renown, and a citizen of incorruptible integrity."

### THE IRVINE FOX SEA LINE.

By Sophia Irvine Fox Sea.

### SKETCH OF THE IRVINE FAMILY, OF MADISON COUNTY, KENTUCKY.

The study of genealogy is often an object lesson illustrating the immutable laws of heredity. Such is the case in a peculiar degree in the study of the Irvine family of Scotland, Ireland and the United States. Mrs. Boyd, in her book entitled "The Irvines and their Kin," says this:

"The same courage and strength of mind that the Irvines of the old country displayed on many a battlefield, have been repeated by their descendants in this new land. The same ability in theology, literature and statesmanship that characterized the Irvines of the old countries have distinguished the Irvines of America."



There are several branches in Kentucky and elsewhere that possess history and traditions in common, proving a common ancestry. This sketch is confined strictly to the Madison County Irvines and descendants.

It is not known positively when Christopher Irvine, emigrant, came to Bedford County, Va., with his family, but probably about 1731. He was the progenitor of the Madison County (Kentucky) Irvines, and of the Georgia branch represented by Christopher Irvine, Jr. He was a man of great excellence of character and strong religious convictions. His sons inherited his sterling traits of character, and also possessed strong religious convictions. Christopher Irvine, the emigrant, died in 1769. His sons, David and William, served as officers in the Colonial Army of Virginia, having belonged for many years to a company enrolled for the protection of the frontier against the Indians. William Irvine died in 1767.

David Irvine was born in May, 1721, and married Jane Kyle, in Bedford County, Va., July, 1754, and died 1804. They were the progenitors of a large family, ten daughters and three sons. Their sons were William, Christopher and Robert.

William Irvine, pioneer, born 1763, son of David and Jane Irvine, was in all the Indian warfare in Kentucky, from 1779 until the Indians were driven from their strongholds. He was one of the eighteen known survivors of the battle of Little Mountain, or Estill's defeat, having been wounded three times in this battle, and having carried three bullets in his body until his death. But physical disability did not impair his great energy or lessen his zeal in philanthropic effort. The Irvine brothers, William and Christopher, performed prodigies of service to found the infant State of Kentucky. They shine through those dark, stormy days like headlights, revealing God's beneficent purpose for the betterment of human conditions through human agencies. I speak thus strongly because of their immense moral force.

Military skill and statesmanship, unless agencies for good, are like the "rattling of hailstones," "the crackling of thorns under a pot"—noise, noise, nothing more. I have in my possession a copy of the will of Christopher Irvine, emigrant, which shows clearly the source of the family characteristics. After disposing of a large estate, he leaves on record the most exalted sentiment of religious faith.

William Irvine, son of David and Jane (Kyle) Irvine, was a delegate to the Danville, Ky., Separatist Convention of 1787 and 1788. He was one of the trustees of Boonesborough in 1787; represented Madison County at the Virginia Convention of 1788, which ratified the United States Constitution, voting against the ratification; represented Kentucky County in the Virginia House of Burgesses; was one of the framers of the first Constitution of Ken-



tucky, and elector of the United States Senate under the first Kentucky Constitution; was president of the Court of Assizes that met at Stanford, Ky. This court gave Kentucky her place and rights as a State of this Union. He was presidential elector in 1805, 1813 and 1817, always voting as a Democrat. He was one of the founders of the Society for the Distribution of Useful Knowledge, which met at Danville, Ky., he having been most zealous in the work of this society. He was first clerk of the Madison County Court of Quarter Session, and when this court was abolished was made clerk of the Circuit Court, and held this position until death. He also built Fort Irvine at Irvine's Lick. He was also appointed by the Virginia Legislature one of the trustees of the town of Milford in Madison County, Kentucky. Collins says of him in his history: "No man had a stronger hold upon the affections of the people, and few have gone to the grave more generally lamented."

William Irvine married Elizabeth Hoekaday. Their children were David, Christopher, Albert, Edmund, Adam, Patsy and Amelia.

David served as aide to Gen. Green Clay, in an expedition against the Indians. He was made Circuit Clerk after his father's death, and held the office until his death in 1872. He married Susan McDowell, eldest daughter of the distinguished surgeon, Dr. Ephriam McDowell (father of oraviotomy) and his wife, a daughter of Gov. Isaac Shelby, and their children were David W. (unmarried), Isaac Shelby, Sarah and Elizabeth.

Isaac Shelby Irvine married Elizabeth Hood; no issue. Both dead.

Elizabeth married her cousin, William McClanahan Irvine, an able financier of revered memory, son of Adam Irvine and Minerva Stone, his wife. Only one of their children grew to maturity, Bessie, a lovely young girl, who died just as she was budding into womanhood.

Sarah married Gen. Addison White, of Abingdon, Va., later of Huntsville, Alabama. They have six children: Alice Greenway, Bettie Patton, Susan, David I. and Newton K. White, and Sarah, wife of Judge Richard W. Walker, of Alabama.

Christopher Irvine, son of William and Elizabeth (Hoekaday) Irvine, enlisted in a battalion of mounted riflemen for the campaign on the Maumee River, and at Dudley's Defeat, or Fort Meigs, Ohio. He was killed in 1813.

Albert Irvine, his brother, was married twice, first to Miss Coleman, second to Mrs. Ann Brown, of Texas.

Edmund, another brother, married Sallie Ann Clay, daughter of Gen. Green Clay.

Patsy, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Hoekaday) Irvine, married Ezekiel H. Field. They had fifteen children, as follows: Elizabeth, married William Holloway, in 1830.



Amelia, married Brutus J. Clay, in 1831. They had five children: Mrs. Martha Davenport, of Virginia; Col. Ezekiel Clay, of Paris, Ky.; Col. Green Clay, of Missouri; Christopher and Junius.

Christopher married, first Charlotte Martin, and second Pauline Rodes. He had one child, Patty, who married Brutus J. Clay, Jr. Patsy Field, married J. H. Miller.

Willis Field.

William H. Field.

David, married Lucy Cunningham.

Ann, married Brutus J. Clay. They had one son, Cassius M. Clay, eminent in the political and constitutional history of Kentucky. He married, first, Sue Clay, daughter of Samuel Clay, of Bourbon County, and second, Patty Lyman, daughter of Dr. William Lyman, of Richmond, Ky., and third, Miss Harris, of Madison County.

Mary, married W. W. Embry.

Susan.

Edmund, married Ann Brown.

Thomas M.

Isabella, married Dr. William Lyman; one daughter, married her cousin, Cassius M. Clay.

Margaret.

Ezekiel H. Field, married Sallie Embry.

Amelia Irvine, daughter of William Irvine, married William McClanahan in 1811. They had seven children:

1. Elizabeth, married Thomas Stone.
2. Margaret, married Cyrus Turner.
3. Amelia, married Jacob F. Stonestreet.
4. Irvine, married first, Jane Wheat; second Maria McQuirk.
5. Thomas E., bachelor.
6. Willis.
7. Anna.

Christopher Irvine, pioneer, son of David, and brother to William Irvine, was born in Bedford County, Virginia, 1755, and came to Kentucky in the winter of 1778-9, with his younger brother, William. He was appointed one of James Thompson's deputy surveyors for Lincoln County, in 1783; was a member of the Danville Separatist Convention of 1785; assisted in the organization of Madison County in 1786; was one of the first ten justices of Madison County. The Court of Lincoln County was increased at its November term, 1783, by Christopher Irvine. He was captain of a company of mounted volunteers that accompanied General Logan into Ohio on many of his numerous Indian raids, and was there killed in 1786. Collins says of Captain Irvine, "He was a man of high character, interpid, energetic, daring, with a strong and vigorous intellect, was beloved and admired by his pioneer companions."





Captain Irvine married Lydia Calloway, a daughter of Col. Richard Calloway, and they had three children, David C., Mary and Frances.

1. David married Nancy Howard, of Fayette County. To her is due the honor of founding the first temperance society in Madison County.

2. Mary married John Hart, and had twelve children:

David Irvine married Lucy Ann Goodloe; second, Sarah T. Hart.

Edwin, married Betsy Bryan.

Christopher, married, first, Elizabeth Dudley; second Nancy Bryan.

Sophie married, first, James Boggs; second, Clayton Curle.

Isaac Shelby, married Lucy Elliott.

John, married Miss Duncan.

Fannie, married William Irvine.

Lydia, married, first, John Williams; second, William Irvine.

Mary, married, first John Todhunter; second, Thomas Irvine.

Thomas, married Ara Geyoso, of Louisiana.

Nathaniel, married Elizabeth Dudley.

Sally Ann married James Steele, of Woodford County.

3. Fanny Irvine married Robert Caldwell, and had two children:

Mary married Chief Justice James Simpson, of Kentucky.

Elizabeth married Judge Browning, U. S. Senator from Illinois.

The daughters of David and Jane (Kyle) Irvine were Mary, Elizabeth, Anne, Magdalena, Sarah, Jane, Frances, Margaret, Amelia and Sophie.

Mary, born 1757, married James Adams, of Lynchburg, Va., 1776. They had four children:

Their eldest son, Robert, was drowned in boyhood.

Their second son, Christopher Irvine Adams, known as "Kit Adams of the Coast," married Susanne Johnston, of Lexington, Ky. He moved to Iberville Parish, Louisiana, where he built three magnificent homes, the Alhambra, Belle Grove and White Castle. His only child, Penelope Lynch Adams, married John Andrews, of Norfolk, Va., and their daughter, Penelope Lynch Adams Andrews, married Paul Herbert, Governor of Louisiana and Major General in the Confederate Army.

William Irvine Adams, son of James and Mary Adams, married Nancy Chinn, daughter of Benjamin Chinn, of Kentucky.

Penelope Adams, only daughter, married James Terrell, and was the ancestress of men of note, among them Robert Irvine Adams Terrell, for whom the town of Terrell, Texas, was named, and George Whitefield Terrell, sometime Attorney General of Texas.

Elizabeth Irvine, born 1760, married Hail Talbot, and moved to



Lutrea Island, Missouri, where they dispensed a princely hospitality.

Anne Irvine, born 1761, married Richard Goggin, descendant of Lord Goggin, who built a fort at Mary's Mound, Va., and together with his sons and retainers, whom he had brought with him from England, successfully defended it against Indian assaults, without any other help, the only one of the colonists who did. (Campbell's History of Virginia.)

Magdalena Irvine, born 1765, married, first, Bourne Price, and second, John Pittman.

Sarah Irvine married Goggin. Their only child, a daughter, married Dr. Venable.

Jane Irvine, married Archibald Curle, of Curle's Neck, Va., son of Henry Curle. The Curles were men of broad public spirit, and great liberality. They gave \$10,000.00 to secure the independence of Texas. From this couple are descended the Goddin and Boyd families, including many notable representatives: William G. Boyd, of St. Louis; Hugh and Ernest Boyd, of New York; J. G. Allen Boyd, of Louisville, and Mrs. James Mahon and Mrs. Edgar Willis, of Louisville.

Frances Irvine married Robert Rowland, who died in 1830. Their son, David I. Rowland, married Mahala Tyree. They had five children:

1. Elizabeth, married John B. Francis. Their children were five in number:

- a. David R. Francis, born 1850, of St. Louis, president of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition; Mayor of St. Louis; Governor of Missouri, and Secretary of the Interior in President Cleveland's Cabinet.
- b. Thomas H. Francis, of St. Louis.
- c. Sidney died many years ago.
- d. Hallie, now deceased, married William G. Boyd.
- e. Mollie, married Mr. Ellerbe.

2. Sidney Venable, of revered memory, Christian worker and useful citizen, of Danville, Ky. He married Susan F. Shackleford. Their children are:

- a. William S., of Danville, Ky.
- b. David P.
- c. Edmund S., of St. Louis.
- d. Margaret S., now deceased. She married Steve B. White.
- e. Hugh, died in infancy.
3. David Pitman Rowland, died 1904.
4. James R. Rowland, died 1893; served in Confederate Army.
5. Hugh, dead.

Amelia Irvine, born 1775, married Isaac Hoekaday, and died 1830. From them are descended the Hoekaday family of Missouri, including representative citizens of high standing, among them, Col.



Ed Stephens, of Columbia, Missouri, publisher and author. Christian worker and statesman. One of the daughters of Isaac and Amelia Hockaday, was Evelyn, who married Thomas P. Moore, of Virginia, whose daughter, Ann, married Samuel Wornal, of Kentucky. Eliza Wornal married Joseph Croxton, of Winchester, Ky.

Margaret Irvine married John Pace.

Sophie Irvine, born 1779, married in 1802, to William Fox, who came to Kentucky in the latter part of the eighteenth century, and took up a tract of land, 10,000 acres, including the site of the town of Somerset, Ky. From 1799 until 1846, he was clerk of the County and Circuit Courts of his district, and his books, carefully preserved in the Court House at Somerset, are shown to strangers at this day as marvels of penmanship and business finesse.

Before William Fox came to Kentucky, he studied law in the office of his uncle, Peter Tinsley, Clerk of the High Court of Chancery, of Virginia, and was indebted to him for his knowledge of jurisprudence.

His opinions bearing on knotty questions of law were accepted as incontrovertible authority by leading lawyers of his district. He was the father of Judge Fontaine Talbot Fox, the eminent jurist of Danville, Ky., who died in 1887.

Samuel Fox, father of William, came to Kentucky about 1790. He inherited a large body of land under the Virginia law of primogeniture, and owned many slaves. He settled in Madison County, Kentucky, where Foxtown is now located. He married Rhoda Pickering, daughter of Richard and Lucy Pickering. The ancestor of Samuel Fox came to Virginia from England with his kinsman, Sir John Ratcliffe. Fontaine Talbot Fox, son of William and Sophie Irvine Fox, married Eliza Hunton, of Virginia. The Huntons were an English family of ancient lineage. Eliza Hunton Fox was descended from Col. Richard Tunstall, member of the Virginia House of Burgesses, and of various committees of safety for King and Queen County, Va. Also descended from Capt. John Bell, Revolutionary soldier, wounded at Brandywine, who came to Louisville, Ky., from Virginia, about 1800, and filled important offices in civic affairs.

Fontaine T., and Eliza Fox were the progenitors of a large family, eight sons and two daughters:

Thomas Hunton, lawyer, deceased.

William McKee, lawyer, deceased.

Fontaine Talbot, lawyer, jurist and writer.

Samuel Irvine, physician of Texas, deceased.

Felix Goggin, lawyer, deceased.

John Oliver, civil engineer, deceased.

Sophie Irvine, who is Mrs. Andrew H. Sea, of Louisville, Ky.



Annie Bell, who is Mrs. Jerry C. Caldwell, of Danville, Ky.  
 Charles C. Fox, lawyer, of Danville, Ky.

The following tribute to Judge Fontaine T. Fox, Sr., appeared in the Courier-Journal of April 9, 1887, from the pen of Henry Waterson:

"In the death of the venerable Fontaine Talbot Fox, there passes away from the scene the last remaining, but by no means the least considerable, among the imposing figures of that Kentucky, which was glorified in the State by Clay, Breckenridge and Crittenden, and at the bar by Rowan, Hardin and Bell \* \* \* Judge Fox's genius was brilliant and undisputed. A man of large affections and captivating manners, he possessed along with the most striking legal talents and learning an exalted character, the gift of charm and was universally loved in his home. His standing before the courts when in active practice, and as a jurist on the bench, was second to none."

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MRS. SOPHIA IRWIN FOX-SEA ON HER HUSBAND'S BIRTHDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1914.

Dear heart of mine, the years go by,  
 The years of fair and cloudy weather,  
 And oft I thank the God of Love  
 That still our lives are knit together,  
 No happier lot than that you brought  
 Has ever been my wish, or thought,  
 True heart of mine, I know your worth,  
 I still choose you from all the earth.

(The above was written on Dec. 22, 1914, commemorating the birthday of her husband during his lifetime.)

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TO MY CLANSMEN AND CLANSWOMEN OF THE SCOTCH AND SCOTCH-IRISH RACE.

Fair, fair, those historic hills and valleys  
 Where the far-famed thistle grows,  
 Where over the slopes and battle-crowned heigh's,  
 The breath of the heather blows—  
 And a green isle shows clear as a jewel,  
 In setting of crystal dew—  
 And blessed the light of immortal deeds  
 That gleameth eternal through.

All hail to the race whose infancy saw  
 God's truth like a rush-light shine,  
 'Till Iona's grim walls, or Scotia's shore  
 Revealed His wonderous design.







MRS. SOPHIA FOX SEA  
Louisville, Ky.



Still that light shines like the star's fixed splendor,  
 Still the great heart of mankind,  
 Reaches to it through the mist of ages  
 Claims its heritage Divine.

True hearts of old Irish fire was your flame,  
 Straight kindled at Tara's shrine,  
 And there nourished by Scottish strength of will—  
 Rare union of soul and mind.  
 Something a-kin to the power that holds  
 In cheek, the wave and the wind.  
 Was that dauntless race that no fear could tame,  
 No earthly fetters bind.

And worthy they all hearts true homage,  
 Worthy they that which is best,  
 And grandest and noblest in words that burn,  
 In thoughts to this sad earth, blest—  
 Statesmen, soldiers, God's thinkers, God's workers,  
 Today they stand well confessed  
 As men in their supremest manliness,  
 Woman through womanhood's test.

O land, our land, withhold not thy fulness  
 Of honor, to death they wore,  
 Like a garment well-fitting, thy purpose,  
 For thy weal their blood did pour.  
 Withhold not thy love, those spirits of fire  
 Upwards like eagles would soar,  
 Those wills of iron kindled the flame  
 Of liberty on this shore.

Still the fire burneth, we thank Thee, O God,  
 For truth revealeth in Thy word;  
 The tocsin they rang for freedom and right  
 Today in our land is heard—  
 May we have the courage our fathers had  
 Be their faith our guiding star,  
 Memories sacred to them and their work  
 Glorious, eternal, are.

—SOPHIA IRVINE FOX SEA,

Mrs. Andrew M. Sea.

Chief Matron of "The Irvine Society of America" and Honorary Patron for life of the South by the Scotts of America, elected in Canada in 1812.



## THE NEED OF THE HOUR.

Mrs. Sophie I. F. Sea.

The need of the hour is for men  
Who will stand for God's Sovereign right,—  
Who fear not the powers of earth, secure  
In His armour of truth and might;

Who can hear God's call to their souls,  
Mid distractions of time and sense,  
And trusting alone His incarnate word  
Press on where conflict is tense.

O! blessed be God for the men  
Who will stand in the breach of the strife,  
And shed on the gloom of this sin-cursed earth  
The gleams of the glad Gospel life,—

Proclaiming evangel's of Grace  
Through the blood of God's crucified son,  
The only Redeemer for sinful man  
'Till the kingdom for Christ is won.



## OUR ANCESTRY.

With most people there are few subjects more interesting than the study of the lives of men and women who have been prominent actors in human affairs. Personal knowledge of those of our ancestors who have preceded us is impossible. Therefore we have to depend upon authentic and trustworthy data gathered by others. With many of the living referred to in this book we have come in personal contact, and had the opportunity of studying their characteristics.

The memory of those of our ancestry who have stamped their footprints upon the sands of time should be religiously cherished. We should especially feel proud of and preserve the record of our Revolutionary forefathers whose heroic opposition to oppression gave to us the greatest republic on the face of the earth.

Book and monuments are the lasting memories of the world; without them names, personages and facts worth preserving would pass out into the boundless sea of the forgotten. The patient perseverance, enterprise and hardihood, the daring heroism and chivalrous adventure of these frontiersmen, is a record of which their descendants may well be proud. Driven by persecution on account of their religious belief, from Scotland and Ireland, they emigrated to an unknown wilderness, braving the dangers and disregarding the perils attending the formation of feeble settlements upon the borders of fierce and warlike tribes of Indians, whose savage barbarity drenched the frontier with the blood of these adventurous emigrants, sparing neither women or children, thousands of whom were the victims of the scalping knife and the tomahawk. It was a perilous conflict that tried men's souls. The little log cabins and rough puncheon floors first erected by these pioneers, became the funeral pile of its occupants. Struggling under these fearful surroundings our forefathers drove back these cruel barbarians and laid the foundation for peaceful habitations and happy homes, where every man could worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, and we find today the impress of the heroic valor, virtue and patriotic love of freedom possessed by our forefathers in their struggle against the savage Indians and British oppressors stamped upon their descendants, who with pride can say:

“Let no mean hope your souls enslave;  
Be independent, generous, brave;  
Your forefathers such example gave,  
And such revere.”

In every call to arms, whether at New Orleans or Alamo, at Monterey, or Santiago, in the civil war between the States, or





Dewey at Manilla, on land or on sea, the sons of these sires have possessed the same God-given impulses of patriotism and heroism displayed at King's Mountain. It is no ordinary achievement thus to have laid the foundation for a free and independent nation. They came home enriched by no spoils, stained with no dishonor, enriched only by an imperishable fame, an undying renown, and an unquestionable claim to the admiration and gratitude of their countrymen and of posterity.

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## CHAPTER III

NATHANIEL IRWIN OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND  
DESCENDANTS

NATHANIEL IRWIN.

By Lawrence S. Holt, Jr.

The earliest settler of the name of Erwin in North and South Carolina, of whom authentic record is obtainable, is Nathaniel Erwin of York County, S. C. He is supposed to have come to this country in 1740 from the North of Ireland, probably Londonderry, and landed at Philadelphia, settling in Bucks County, Pa. There are records of numerous Erwins in and around Bucks County, but efforts to connect them with Nathaniel Erwin have been unavailing. Nathaniel Erwin went to South Carolina, probably about 1768, and settled in York County. His will is on file in York County Courthouse, Yorkville, S. C., case 65, No. 485, Book A, No. 50, pages 91 to 93.

"In the name of God, Amen. December the 13th, Anno Dom. 1793, I, Nathaniel Irwin, of the County of York, and State of South Carolina, being weak of body, but sensible and perfect of mind and memory, thanks to God, calling to mind mortality, I recommend my soul to God and my body to the earth; as touching my worldly estate, I give, devise and bequeath in the following manner, that is to say:

"I give and bequeath to my beloved son by law and daughter, Abram and Mary Roach, Thirty Pounds sterling money, three cows, four sheep, to be levy'd out of my estate.

"Likewise, I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Abigail Irwin, one hundred pounds, North Curreney, to be levy'd out of my personal estate.

"I give and bequeath to my beloved son, Alexander Irwin, one-fourth part of my real estate; that is, my lands, messuages and tenements, according to quantity and quality of same.

"I give and devise to my beloved son, William Irwin, one-fourth part of my real estate, that is, my messuages and tenements.

"I likewise give and devise to my beloved son, Nathaniel Irwin, one-fourth part of my real estate, my lands, messuages and tenements, according to quantity and quality.

"I likewise give and devise to my beloved son, James Irwin, one-fourth part of my real estate, to be divided according to quantity and quality.



"I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Susana Irwin, fifty pounds, to be levy'd out of my personal estate.

"I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Sofia Irwin, fifty pounds, to be levy'd out of my personal estate.

"My beloved wife, Leah Irwin, to enjoy the mansion house during her life, or widow-hood.

"Likewise constitute and appoint my beloved wife, Leah Irwin, and my brother-in-law, Jacob Julian, my sole executrix and executor of this my last will and testament and no ——— to be made the rest of my estate, not mentioned, to be ordered according to their will as they shall think best with their schooling and clothing the children, and revoke all other wills and wills, legacies and bequeathes, and acknowledge this as my last will and testament, the day and year above. Witness my hand and Seal.

"NATHANIEL IRWIN (Seal).

"Sealed, signed, published and pronounced, by I. Nathaniel Irwin, as his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us.

"William Kerr,

John F. Garrison,

"William Elliott,

Mark Garrison."

Mention being made in above will of his brother-in-law, Jacob Julian, and his wife, Leah, we are able with a high degree of probability to say that Nathaniel Erwin married Leah Julian, probably in Ireland, as his eldest son was born in 1734.

The children of Nathaniel Erwin were as follows:

I. William, born 1734, died 1814; married Sallie Ross, sister of Major "Gentleman" Frank Ross. He served as Colonel in the Revolutionary War. His wife lived to the age of 98. They had seven children.

II. Susanna, married John Graham, relative of General Joseph Graham. She was early left a widow and did not marry again.

III. Arthur, born 1738, died August 21st, 1821; married Margaret Brandon, born 1740, died August, 1833. They had six children.

IV. Alexander, born December 29, 1750, died 1830; married (1) Sarah Robinson, born November 29, 1750, died April 7, 1785. She was the daughter of James and Catherine Robinson of Lancaster, S. C. By this marriage Alexander had six children. He married (2) January 21, 1786, Mrs. Margaret Crawford Patton, and by her had eight children, none of whom left male descendants bearing the Erwin name.

V. James. We have little if any information about him, but he has descendants in Savannah, Ga.

VI. Mary, married Abram Roach of York, S. C.

VII. Abigail.

VIII. Nathaniel, died young unmarried.

IX. Sofia.



The children of Col. William Erwin, eldest son of Nathaniel Erwin and Sallie Ross, were as follows:

1. Dorcas, born 1765, died 1798; married 1784 Alexander Moore, born 1756, died 1813, son of James Moore and Rachel Black of Pennsylvania. They have numerous descendants in North and South Carolina today. These descendants are given in detail in another portion of this account.

2. Frank, born 1767, died 1839; married Mary, sister of Alexander Moore and widow of Col. James Moore, who was killed at battle of King's Mountain.

(1) Alexander, married Miss Adair.

(2) William, married Miss Williamson of York, S. C.

I. Leonidas.

II. Leander.

III. Mattie, married her cousin, Arthur Erwin.

IV. John Randolph, Capt., married Miss Greer of Charlotte, N. C.

V. Wiliam, married; several children.

VI. Robert L., married; several children.

VII. Louise, unmarried.

(3) Randolph, married.

(4) Maria, married Thomas Erwin, son of Arthur, grandson of William.

I. Albertus, Capt., married Emily McElwee, Mecklenburg County, N. C.

(I) Mary.

(II) James, of Florida.

(III) Frances Elizabeth, married B. Pegram, of York S. C.

Martha.

Alberta.

II. Fannie, never married.

(5) Frank Moore, born 1803, died 1870.

3. Arthur, born 1770, died 1849; married daughter of Thomas Spratt of York County, S. C.

4. William Major Ross, born 1778, died 1848; married Elizabeth Bratton.

(1) William Albertus, born 1809, died 1839; married Isabella Smith.

I. Edwin, Dr., married and had no children.

II. John Bratton, Gen., married May L. Barnes, of Lancaster, S. C.

(I) John Bratton.

(II) Charlotte.

(III) Daughter who died.

(IV) Daughter who died.

(V) Isabelle McCaw.





- (VI) Mildred, of Washington, D. C.
- (2) James Frank, born 1813; died 1876; married Letitia Smith.
- I Elizabeth, married Robert Neely; no children.
- II William, died in Confederate Army.
- III Hazel, died in Confederate Army.
- IV Charles, died in Confederate Army.
- V Margaret, born 1845; married Dudley Jones, born 1846, died 1910.
- (1) Rev. Frank Dudley, born 1874; married (1) Rowena Gunby.
- Margaret Louise, born 1901.
- Rowena Gunby, born 1904.
- Married (2) Catherine Wyman.
- Frank Dudley, born 1907.
- Rosalie Wyman, born 1908.
- Henry Parker, born 1910.
- Catherine Wyman, born 1911.
- Margaret Erwin, born 1913.
- VI Harriet Bratton, born 1848; married November 12, 1868, William Randolph Sims.
- (I) Claudia L., born 1869; married 1894 James L. Keys, Chester, S. C.; died 1901.
- Mary L., born 1895.
- James T., born 1897.
- Francis Sims, born 1898.
- Claudia Sims, born 1901.
- (II) Rosa M., born 1871; married 1892 William Speight McClean, died 1898.
- William Speight, born 1892.
- Harriet, born 1894.
- Martha, born 1896.
- Randolph Sims, born 1898, died 1904.
- (III) Francis K., born 1872; married Mary S. McBryde.
- Francis K., born 1901.
- Mary Stewart, born 1903.
- Warren McBryde, born 1904.
- Marion S., born 1907.
- (IV) Robert Erwin, born 1880; married Rosa L. Burton.
- (V) Benjamin Stark, born 1882; married Nellie Lyons.
- Benjamin Stark, born 1909.
- (VI) William Randolph, born 1886; married 1908 Annie Hall.
- Mary Harriet, born 1909.
- William Randolph, born 1912.
- Robert Erwin, born 1913.



VII Sophie, married Josiah Abell.

(1) Charles.

(II) Robert, Dr.

(III) Stewart, married Winifred Crawford.

(IV) Fannie.

(V) Lou.

(VI) Letitia.

VIII Letitia, died unmarried.

IX Annie, married John McLean of Gastonia, N. C.

Charles McLean, Dr., and others.

X Martha, married Robert Abell.

Erwin, married; three children.

XI Robert, died young.

(3) Emily Martha, married Hazel Smith.

I Fannie, married James Curtis, of Norfolk, Va.

(1) Iva, married G. W. Young.

(II) Gertrude, married Mr. Bethea.

5. Jennie.

6. Mary.

7. Katie, married and settled in York County, S. C.

The children of Arthur, second son and third child of Nathaniel Erwin and Margaret Brandon, were as follows:

1. William Willoughby, born March 2, 1764; died July 20, 1837; married May, 1788, Matilda Sharpe, born 1769, died 1846. She was the daughter of Col. William Sharpe, a signer of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. They had sixteen children, who left a large number of descendants. They lived at old homestead of Arthur Erwin, Belvidere. (See children.)

2. John, married Catherine Erwin, born November 23, 1771, daughter of Alexander Erwin and consequently his first cousin. They had four or five children, who died, and then they moved from Burke County, N. C., to Haversham, Ga. They had children there as follows:

(1) William.

(2) Sarah Robinson, married Mr. Davis.

(3) Margaret Brandon, married William Craig, of Georgia.

(4) Hannah, married Cyrus, son of Alexander Erwin, her uncle; went to Georgia.

(5) Mary Simiana, born 1800, died 1890; married Elisha England; went to Haversham, Ga., about 1820.

(1) James Slighter, married Piety Barr, of South Carolina.

(1) Mary, married Mr. Smith.

Clio.



Mary, married William D. Tidwell.  
Reuben, of Atlanta, Ga.

(6) James, married.

I. John, Judge, married.

(1) Ella, married O. E. Mitchell.

Hattie May.

3. Frank, married and moved to South Carolina.

4. Arthur, went to Mitchell County.

5. Alexander, married and lived in Western Burke County.

(1) Arthur.

(2) Margaret.

(3) Robert, born 1800; went to Georgia...

(4) Cyrus, married Hannah, daughter of John and Catherine Erwin.

(4) Rebecca.

(5) William, died without children.

(6) Marcus.

(7) Sarah.

(8) Mary, married Mr. Duckworth.

6. Mary.

7. James, married Mary Miller, daughter of Gen. James Miller, and moved to Rutherfordton, N. C., Their children are as follows:

(1) Arthur, Col., born 1801; married 1825 Evelina Terril; went to Forsythe, Commings County, Ga., about 1835.

(2) Miller.

(3) Overton.

(4) Matilda, married David Brown Miller.

I. Andrew, married Anna Twitty.

II. Erwin, unmarried.

III. William, unmarried.

IV. John, married Emma Merriek.

V. Mary, unmarried.

VI. Lou, married Major Spann.

VII. Lee, married Anna Donaldson.

VIII. Nancy Elizabeth, married Theodore Melvyn Smith.

(1) Mae Lucile, married 1915, R. E. Walker.

IX. Matt, married Lawson, Taylor.

X. Susan, married W. E. Deaver.

XI. George, died in childhood.

XII. Arthur, died in childhood.

XIII. ———, married Simmons.

XIV. ———, married Ramseur.

(5) John, married Miss Gash.

I. James, of Spartanburg, S. C.

II. Sallie, married Lewis Walke of Spartanburg, S. C.



- (6) William, married and went to Clarksville, Ga.  
 I. Alexander, Judge, married daughter of Gov. Howell Cobb.  
 (I) Son in Athens, Ga.  
 II. William, Solicitor-General, married.  
 (I) George, died in early manhood.  
 (II) Alexander, Clerk of Superior Court.

The children of Alexander, the third son and fourth child of Nathaniel Erwin and his first wife, Sarah Robinson, were:

1. Catherine, born November 23, 1771; married John, son of her uncle, Arthur Erwin. (See above.)
  2. Mary, born December 5, 1773, and known as "Pretty Polly;" married Rev. John McKemie Wilson, a Presbyterian minister of great power. His influence was greatly felt in Western North Carolina. (See Foote Sketches.) They have a great many descendants, which see.
  3. James, born February 22, 1775; died September 8, 1848; married, January 7, 1808, Margaret Phifer, born December 7, 1786; died March 10, 1870; daughter of Martin Phifer, Jr., and Elizabeth Locke. They have many descendants, which see.
  4. Margaret, born November 4, 1777; married Hugh Tate. (See children.)
  5. Hannah, born October 15, 1779; married Zebulon Baird.
    - (I) Myra Margaret, married January 2, 1825. Capt. David Vance, Jr., born 1792.
      - I. Robert Brank, born April 24, 1824; died, November 28, 1899; married May 13, 1851, Harriet V. McElroy. Six children.
      - II. Zebulon Baird, born May 13, 1830; died April 14, 1894; married (1) Aug. 3, 1853, Harriet N. Espy. He was Governor of North Carolina, U. S. Senator for many years, and one of the most able and prominent men the State has ever produced.
        - (I) Charles, married Katie Tate.
        - (II) David, married.  
Ruth, Espy—twins.
        - (III) Zebulon Baird, Jr.
        - (IV) Thomas, married Emily Wheeler.
- Zeb Vance, as he was affectionately called by everyone, married a second time, in 1880, Mrs. Florence Steele Martin of Kentucky, and his wife survives him.
- (2) Mary, unmarried.
  - (3) Joseph.
6. Joseph, born December 8, 1782; died unmarried.





The children of Alexander Erwin and his second wife, Mrs. Margaret Crawford Patton, were:

1. Sophia, born October 30, 1786; married William Alexander.
  - (1) Sarah, married Alexander Tate; no children.
  - (2) James, married Frances Hicks.
    - I. Ben.
    - II. Harrison.
  - (3) Mary, married Devault.
    - I. William, married Kate Kincaid.
    - II. Katie, married McLean.
    - III. Laura, married Benbow Scott.
    - IV. Hugh, married.
    - V. Edward, married.
    - VI. Sophia, married.
  - (4) Eliza, married Scott.
  - (5) Cynthia, married Scott.
  - (6) Eugenia, married Perry.
  - (7) Lena, married Baumgardner.
2. Cynthia, born April 6, 1788; married Dr. Stephen Fox of Charlotte, N. C.
  - (1) Charles, Dr., married Julia McClinn.
    - I. Charles, unmarried.
    - II. Douglas, unmarried.
    - III. Janie, unmarried.
  - (2) Junius, married Mrs. Claudia Benbury; no children.
  - (3) Philadelphia, married Charles James Torrence.
    - Charles.
  - (4) Martha, married Thomas H. Brem.
    - I. Walter, married (1) Katie Colyer; (2) Hannah Caldwell.
      - (1) Walter, married; three children.
      - (II) Minerva, married Robert L. Mayer.
        - Walter Brem.
      - (III) Tod Robinson, married November 15, 1913, Margaret Locke Moore.
      - (IV) Helen, married R. R. Beatty.
        - R. R. Beatty.
    - II. Charles, unmarried.
    - III. Florence, unmarried.
    - IV. Thomas, unmarried.
  - (5) Harriet, married Dr. Moses Manlius Orr.
    - I. Laura Ellen, unmarried.
    - II. Blanche, married Hugh Hammond.
      - (1) Laura, born March, 1874.
      - (II) Hugh, married.
      - (III) Hattie, married Gregg.



- (IV) Bland.
  - (V) Sallie.
  - (VI) Eleanor.
  - III. Fannie, married Ford; no children.
  - IV. Martha, married Albert Aycock.  
Several children.
  - V John Frank, married Sallie Bussey.
    - (I) Hattie, married John Allison.
    - (II) Nathan Judson, married.  
Daughter.
    - (III) Manlius.
  - VI. Mary, married C. A. Williamson.  
Gertrude, married Zwier.
3. Sarah Myra, born March 13, 1790; married Freeland Henson.
- (1) Alexander, married.
  - (2) Laura Margaret, married George Washington Phifer Er-  
Erwin, born April 6, 1822.
    - I. Alexander, married.
    - II. Laura Theresa, married William Rankin.
      - (I) Erwin.
      - (II) William.
    - III. William, married; lives at Bellbuckle, Tenn.
    - IV. Margaret, married.
    - V. Mary Lee, unmarried.
    - VI. Robert.
  - (3) John McKamie, Dr., lived in North Mississippi.
  - (4) Marshall.
  - (5) Mary, married Dr. Lee, of Mississippi; no children.
4. Abdial Hiemsel, born March 20, 1792; unmarried.
5. John McKamie Wilson, born May 8, 1794; unmarried.
6. Milton Pinkney, born February 13, 1797; unmarried.
7. Stanhope, born May 29, 1799; married Eliza G. Tate; no children.
8. Harriet Dorcas, born November 20, 1801; married Lewis Dinkins.

We have enumerated above the children and grandchildren of Nathaniel Erwin, so far as is known authentically. In some cases the lines end without heirs or on account of no authentic information, and where this is the case we have traced these lines further in order to embody in the above tables the entire record of these short lines.

In the case of the eldest son of Nathaniel Erwin, William, we have already given all of his descendants with the exception of those of his daughter, Dorcas Moore.

The second child of Nathaniel, Susanna, apparently left no children.

We have given above what is known of the descendants of the third child of Nathaniel, Arthur, with the exception of his son, Wil-



liam Willoughby, whose line is taken up at some length further on.

We have also given the family of the fourth child of Nathaniel, Alexander, with the exception of the descendants of the following of his children: Mary (Pretty Polly), James and Margaret. Of the remaining five children of Nathaniel Erwin, our information is very slight and does not extend beyond what has already been given.

We will now trace the line of Nathaniel Erwin, through Dorcas, the daughter of his son William.

Dorcas Erwin, born 1765, died 1798; married 1784 Alexander Moore, born 1756, died 1813, son of James Moore and Rachel Black, who came from Pennsylvania to South Carolina. He was Captain in Revolutionary Army. The children of Dorcas Erwin and James Moore were seven in number, as follows:

- I. James, born 1785, died 1849; married 1808 Sophia Springs. (See children.)
- II. Sallie, married Henning Adickes.
  1. Henning, married Mary Withers of York, S. C.  
Mary, married Dr. Alexander of St. Augustine, Fla.  
Four or five children.  
Amanda, married Thomas Clawson of York, S. C.  
Ten children.  
Frederick, married Sallie Clawson of Raleigh, N. C.  
Four or five children.  
Sallie, never married.  
Withers, married Helen Wardlaw of York, S. C.  
Marie.  
Clark.  
Francis.  
Withers.  
Henning.
  - Blanche, married Robert Lindsay of York, S. C.
    - (1) Blanche, married Carroll.
    - (2) Rose.
    - (3) Frank.
    - (4) Fredrica.
    - (5) Robert.
  - Annie Lee, married Walter Bedford Moore, son of Eli Peyton Moore. (See below.)
- III. Rachel, married Zedekiah Coulter of York County, S. C.
  1. John, died unmarried.
  2. Alexander, married Miss Massey.  
Several children.
- IV. William L., born 1788, died 1860; married Harriet Baxter Springs. (See children.)



- V. Alfred, married his first cousin, Jane, daughter of Rev. James McIlheny. They lived in York County, S. C., on homestead granted by the English Crown to one of the Moore family in Colonial days and which has never belonged to anyone outside the Moore family, being now owned by Judge Ernest Moore of Lancaster, S. C., grandson of Alfred Moore. (See children.)
- VI. Doreas Erwin, married Pratt and went to Kentucky or Tennessee.
- VII. Maurice Augustus, Dr., married Sophinisba Nott of Spartanburg, S. C. They lived at Glen Springs, S. C.
1. Maurice Augustus, married 1848 Miss Staggers.  
Francis Piekens of Washington, D. C.
  2. James Nott, married 1866 Lucy Herndon.  
James Sumter, married 1897 Florence Elliott.  
Celina E., married 1896 H. W. Fair.  
Mary A., married 1899 Laville Bremer.  
Blanche, married 1902 H. G. Kammer.
  3. Celina E., married 1864 Dr. T. Sumter Means; no children.

We have given above the children of Doreas Erwin and Alexander Moore. We will now take up in order the families of the children which have not been included above. The children of James Moore, eldest child of Doreas Erwin and Alexander Black, and his wife, Sophia Springs, were as follows:

- I. Jane Adeline, born April 17, 1810; died November 21, 1850; married Mr. Campbell and moved to Kentucky.
- II. Alexander Leroy, Dr., born May 18, 1812; married Elizabeth Taylor.
  1. Lizzie, married Dr. Torrence of Gaston County, N. C.; no children.
  2. Augustus.
  3. Benamin; had no children.
  4. Addie, did not marry.
  5. Carrie, married David Yates.  
Lizzie, of Columbia, S. C.
  6. Annie, married William Coleman of Columbia, S. C.  
Annie, married Hough; several children.  
William, married Mayna Mixon; several children.  
Carrie, married Joseph Sylvan; several children.  
Tresvant, not married.  
Samuel, not married.  
Myrtle, not married.  
Joan, married Julius Krentzlin; two children.
- III. Richard Springs, born July 21, 1814; died April 30, 1874. Died unmarried.





- IV. Dorcas Erwin, born October 25, 1816; died August 8, 1871; married James Murphy.
1. Euphemia, married Mr. Starr of Rock Hill, S. C.  
Julian, married and has children.  
Murphy, died young.  
Lillian, married Charles Stewart of Rock Hill; several children.
- V. James Lawrence, born December 19, 1819; died March 23, 1889; married (1) his first cousin, Susan Moore, daughter of Alfred Moore and Jane McIlheny. There were no children by this marriage. He married (2) Mary Miller of Shelby, N. C.
1. Alice, born 1863; married October 18, 1888, Joseph Dargan Arthur of Union, S. C.  
Lawrence Moore, born 1889, died 1890.  
Joseph Dargan, born 1891.  
John Miller, born 1893.  
Edward John, born 1894.  
Kathleen, born 1897, died 1912.  
Harvey Moore, born 1898.  
Alice Elizabeth, born 1902.  
Albertus Adair, born 1904.
  2. James Lawrence, born 1865.
  3. John Miller, born 1867, died 1912. Surgeon U. S. A.; unmarried.
  4. Richard Springs, born 1870, died 1900.
  5. Mary Booth, born 1874, married D. S. Betsill; several children.
  6. Albertus Adair, born 1877, died 1912, unmarried.
  7. Kathleen, born 1880, died 1902.
- VI. Cynthia Louise, born September 26, 1821; died 1903; married James Bynum of Richland County, S. C.
1. Lucy, married John Barron.  
John Gray.  
Preston.  
Samuel.
  2. Elma, married Dave Black; several children.
  3. Florida, married Mr. Betts; two sons.
  4. Sophie, did not marry.
- VII. William Augustus, born February 8, 1824; died 1910; married Julia Clark.
1. Annie, died unmarried.
  2. Pauline, died unmarried.
  3. Annie, married in Gainesville, Ga.
  4. William, never married.
- VIII. Maurice Augustus, born 1826, died 1889; married Anne Walker of Union, S. C.



1. Nannie, married Lindner of Union, S. C.; no children.
  2. Effie, married January 29, 1885, William Henry Sartor of Union.  
Frances Moore, born September 3, 1898.  
Katherine Glenn, born April 14, 1902.
  3. James Thomas, born 1866, married Mattie Erwin.  
Helen Moore, born 1899, died 1901.  
Annie Moss, born 1903.
  4. Felix Walker, born 1868; married January 21, 1904, May Smith.  
Charles Louis, born November 11, 1904; died 1906.  
Frances Lynn, born January 12, 1906.  
Felix Walker, born November 4, 1907.
  5. Maurice Augustus, born 1870; married December 31, 1899, Charlotte Allston of Union, S. C.  
Benamin Allston, born December 5, 1900.  
Murice Augustus, born July 18, 1902.  
Charles Albert Pettigrew, born January 26, 1905.  
Ellen Duval, born January 23, 1914.
  6. Belle, born 1872, unmarried.
- IX. John Springs, born 1828, died 1830.
- X. Andrew, born 1830, died 1833.
- XI. Alfred, born May 22, 1832; died October, 1832.
- XII. Albertus Adair, Dr., born February 16, 1834; died 1900; married Carrie Clark of Winnesboro, S. C.; lived in Camden, S. C.
1. Caleb Clark, lawyer, of Camden, S. C.; married Bet Anerum, now living New York City.
  2. Albertus Adair, Dr., of New York City.
- XIII. Eli Peyton, Capt., born May 14, 1837; died 1913; married (1) October, 1858, Lizzie A. Neely, born 1837; died 1874.
1. Thomas Peyton, born 1859; married October 12, 1881, Adelaide Simiana Erwin, born May 29, 1858; daughter of Joseph J. Erwin and Elvira Jane Holt. (See below.)
  2. Be Neely, born 1861; married (1) October 4, 1882, Willie MeCorkle.  
Paul Neely, born 1883, married Carrie Beard.
    - (1) Alice W.
    - (2) Caroline.
    - (3) Pauline.
 Married (2) Huldah McNeil.
  3. Walter Bedford, born 1863; married 1884 Annie Lee Adickes. (See above.)  
Walter Bedford, born 1886.  
Marie, married Joseph Hart.  
Joseph Hart.



4. Richard Springs, born 1865, died 1867.
5. Paul, born 1872; died 1873.  
Married (2) 1875 Annie Wylie, of Chester, S. C.
6. Juliet Gill, born 1876, died 1876.
7. Alexander Wylie, Dr., born 1878; married October 3, 1906, Esther Maria Lewis.
8. Baxter Springs, Dr., born 1879; married Caro Brevard of Charlotte, N. C.  
Annie Wylie.  
Robert Brevard.  
Baxter Springs.

The fourth child of Doreas Erwin and Alexander Moore was William L., who was born in 1788, died 1860, and married 1819 Harriet Baxter Springs. Their children are as follows:

- I. Jane Cynthia, born May 20, 1820; died January 1, 1892; married January 5, 1842, Col. Joel Woodard Rawlinson of Richmond, Va.
  1. William Moore, died in infancy.
  2. Walter J., married (1) June 7, 1876, Addie Caldwell Hutchison.  
Joel Woodward; married December 16, 1903, Leonora Sloane of Atlanta, Ga.  
Thomas Caldwell; married October 19, 1910, Cammie Rhodes of Greensboro, N. C.  
Cammie Rhodes.  
Mary.  
Addie Hutchison; married January 10, 1906, Dr. James Richmond Stokes of Hampton County, S. C.  
Harriet Baxter Rawlinson.  
Married (2) February 19, 1890, Minnie Barnes of Camden, S. C.  
Walter Barnes.
  3. William, Dr., married Virginia West of Illinois.  
Walter Rawlinson, died in early manhood.  
Beulah, married September 4, 1910, Dr. F. Roscoe Huckin of Chicago, Ill.
  4. Harriet Baxter, unmarried.
  5. Mary Morgan; married December 22, 1870, John Myers of Charlotte, N. C.  
William Raeford, died in infancy.  
Jennie Moore, died in infancy.  
Sophia Converse, married 1902 George Stephens.  
George.  
Sophia Myers.  
Eloise, died aged eleven.  
Rawlinson.  
Walter, died in infancy.



Richard Austin; married January 29, 1913, Marguerite Springs.  
John Springs, died in infancy.  
Woodard.

Mary Morgan; married November 14, 1912, Harold Cothran  
Dwelle.

John Myers.

Harriet Baxter, died in early childhood.

II. William Shakespeare, born January 25, 1829; lived at York, S.  
C. Captain of Confederate Army; married Margaret Lewis of  
York County.

1. Walter, died young.

2. Jennie, married (1) Dr. Burkmeier Patrick of Charleston,  
S. C.

Burkmeier.

William Moore.

Married (2) William Orr of Rock Hill, S. C.

III. Baxter Harriet, born October 9, 1832; married (1) Katie Biles  
of Salisbury, N. C.; children died in infancy.

Married (2) May 27, 1869, Katherine Winsmith of Glenn Springs,  
S. C.

IV. Frederick E., born January 12, 1835; Lieutenant in Confeder-  
ate Army. Killed in battle December 20, 1861.

V. Doeras Erwin.

Alfred, the fifth child of Doeras Erwin and Alexander Moore,  
married Jane McIlheny, and had children as follows:

I. Alexander, died unmarried.

II. William A., born 1822, died August 10, 1878; married 1855  
Nancy C. Ross, daughter of Judge J. M. Ross of York and grand-  
niece of Sallie Ross, wife of William A. Erwin. He served as lieu-  
tenant throughout the Civil War and was a lawyer of prominence.

1. Ernest, born December 5, 1856; Circuit Judge Lancaster, S. C.;  
married Mary Belle Hall, daughter of Rev. W. T. Hall, profes-  
sor of Systematic Theology at Presbyterian Theological Semi-  
nary, Columbia, S. C.

Seven living children, all unmarried.

2. Paul, married Nannie Foster; Clerk of Circuit Court, Lancas-  
ter County.

Paul.

Foster.

Blanche.

Margaret.

Henry.

3. Olive Hill, married J. C. Lindsay of Rock Hill; survives her  
husband.

4. Susan E., died unmarried.





5. Alfred George, died unmarried.
  6. Lillie, married Frank O. London; no children.
  7. Pauline, married R. L. Crawford; two children.
  8. William A.
- III. Edward, Lieutenant in Confederate Army; killed in battle; married Emily Kirk.
1. Morton Kirk, Savannah, Ga.
  2. Edward Kirk, Rev., Bluffton, S. C.
- IV. Maurice A., lawyer, Shelby, N. C.; has family.
- V. Alfred, married daughter of Judge J. M. Ross of York, S. C.
1. John Ross
  2. Bessie, married Bratton Massey; several children.
  3. Jane, unmarried.
- VI. Susan, married her cousin, James Lawrence, son of James Moore and Sophia Springs; no children.
- VII. Dorcas Antoinette, married Frank Rawlinson of Rock Hill; died without issue, aged seventy.
- VIII. Sarah Jane, died unmarried, aged seventy.

Next in order comes the family of William Willoughby Erwin, son of Arthur and grandson of Nathaniel Erwin. We have already related what is generally known of the other descendants of Arthur Erwin, so that William Willoughby and his line only remain.

William Willoughby Erwin was born March 22, 1764; died July 25, 1837. He was Clerk of the Superior Court of Burke County for more than forty years. After resigning the clerkship he was Cashier of a branch of the State Bank of North Carolina. He was a successful merchant and farmer. On May 21st, 1788, he married Matilda Sharpe of Rowan County. She was the daughter of Hon. William Sharpe and his wife, Catherine Reese, who was a daughter of David Reese, one of the signers of the Mecklenberg Declaration of Independence. Matilda Sharpe was born March 4th, 1769, and died July 29th, 1846.

There were born to William Willoughby Erwin and Matilda Sharpe sixteen children, all of whom reached maturity with the exception of one daughter, who died at the age of one year. These children were as follows:

- I. Adolphus Lorenzo, born February 14, 1789; died November 24, 1855; married November 27, 1817, Mary Gertrude Simianer, born February 18, 1798; died April 30, 1875. (See children.)
- II. William Alberto, born April 7, 1790; died May 29, 1847; unmarried.
- III. Arthur Leander, born May 10, 1791; died November 10, 1845; married September 5, 1816, Eliza B. Marable.
- IV. Marquis de LaFayette, born January 25, 1793; died July 22, 1824; unmarried.



- V. Harriet Eloise, born May 3, 1795; died August 4, 1858; married June 27, 1815, Col. Isaac Thomas Avery, born September 22, 1875; died December 31, 1864. (See children.)
- VI. Mary Elvira, born November 3, 1796; died November 18, 1863; unmarried.
- VII. Sydney Stanhope, born December 31, 1798; died June, 1849; married April 10, 1827, Caroline Carson.
- VIII. Catherine Reese, born May 3, 1800; died January 7, 1866; married April 8, 1828, Dr. Alfred M. Gaither, born April, 1793; died April 24, 1829.
1. Julia, died unmarried.
- IX. Margaret Caroline, born December 2, 1801; died July 23, 1831; married February 22, 1821, James Moffitt McDowell. (See children.)
- X. Elam Alphonso, born March 13, 1803; died November 8, 1830; unmarried.
- XI. Elizabeth Sharpe, born October 17, 1804; died May 30, 1859; married July 13, 1830, Burgess Sidney Gaither, born March 16, 1807; died February 22, 1891. (See children.)
- XII. Edward Jones, born March 24, 1806; died July 8, 1871; married December 6, 1837, Elizabeth Ann Phifer, born December 3, 1814; died June 9, 1890; granddaughter of Martin Phifer, Jr. (See children.)
- XIII. Alexander Hamilton, born May 11, 1808; died October 4, 1877; twin of Cecilia; unmarried.
- XIV. Cecelia Matilda, born May 11, 1808; died May 3, 1894; twin of Alexander Hamilton; unmarried.
- XV. Justina Louisa, born April 11, 1810; died June 13, 1811.
- XVI. Delia Haywood, born April 2, 1812; married October 10, 1839, Dr. J. F. E. Hardy.
1. William, killed at Battle of Manassas; unmarried.
  2. Erwin, married.

(P. 10.) Of the sixteen children of William Willoughby Erwin enumerated above, the following nine left descendants: Adolphus Lorenzo, Arthur Leander, Harriet Eloise, Sydney Stanhope, Catherine Reese, Margaret Caroline, Elizabeth Sharpe, Edward Jones and Delia Haywood. We have given some account above of the children of Catherine Reese and Delia Haywood and will now take up in order the other seven.

Adolphus Lorenzo, the eldest child of William Willoughby Erwin and Matilda Sharpe, was born February 14, 1789, and died November 24, 1855. He married on November 27, 1817, Mary Gertrude Sim-



ianer. She was born February 18, 1798, and died April 30, 1875. Their children were as follows:

- I. John Simianer, Dr., born August 23, 1819; unmarried.
- II. William Walstein, born January 10, 1820; died in childhood.
- III. Sidney Bulow, born October 4, 1821; died 1905; married 1853 Ella Kehler, born September 12, 1832.
  1. Mary Adolphus, unmarried.
  2. John Bulow, unmarried.
  3. Anne Talbot, unmarried.
  4. William Alfred, married.
- IV. Marcus Lorenzo, born August 15, 1823; died in childhood.
- V. Margaret Matilda, born April 13, 1825; died 1914, unmarried.
- VI. Mary Anne, born August 11, 1827; unmarried.
- VII. Alfred Martin, born August 11, 1829; unmarried; attorney.
- VIII. Harriet Esther, born August 30, 1831; died April 22, 1892; married July 7, 1857, James Blackburn Rankin, died October 29, 1903.
  1. Adolphus Erwin, married Agnes Wilkes.  
John Wilkes, married Bettie Brandt.  
Harriet Esther, married Charles Vaughn Ferguson.  
Jean.  
Charles Vaughn.  
Adolphus Erwin.  
Ralph Smedburg.  
Jean.
  2. Thomas Simianer, died June 19, 1897.
  3. Mary Blackburn, died June 22, 1882.
  4. Anne Harriet.
  5. Margaret Geddings.
  6. James Blackburn, died September 29, 1879.
- IX. Maria Louisa, born August 9, 1834; died May 20, 1893; married Major James W. Wilson; died July 2, 1910.
  1. Mary Willis, born April 29, 1862; died 1916; married T. H. Bomar.  
Louise, born September 11, 1891; died November 6, 1914; married Lynch.
  2. Alexander, born September 8, 1863; married Ethel Dillard.  
Sarah.  
Alexander, dead.  
James, dead.  
Robert Willis, dead.
  3. Alice Matilda, born March 4, 1865; married Herbert Battle.



- Nell, married John M. Booker.  
Wilson.
4. Adolphus Erwin, born November 2, 1866; married Hallie Landis.  
Landis.  
Mary.  
James.  
Hallie.  
Matilda.  
Two others.
5. Louise Erwin, born March 2, 1868; married Oct. 26, 1892, Dr. R. L. Gibbon.  
James Wilson, born August 26, 1893.  
Corinne Myrtle, born July 9, 1897.  
Mary Rogers, born January 11, 1900.  
Louise Wilson, born March 3, 1904.  
Alice Battle, born March 6, 1906.
6. James William, born November 18, 1869; married Ivy Hayes.
7. Cora Avery, born June 14, 1871; married J. L. Massey.  
Bulow Wilson.  
Cora.  
Katherine Kirkpatrick.  
James Wilson.  
Louise Gibbon.
8. Harriet Gertrude, born February 20, 1874; died June 15, 1874.
9. Anne Bulow, born March 16, 1876; married October 12, 1906, Joel Jenkins Hutchison.  
(1) Louise Erwin, born August 9, 1907.  
(2) Joel Jenkins, born March 9, 1909.
10. Alfred Simianer, born July 18, 1877; died July 19, 1877.
- X. Edward Hamilton, born 1837.
- XI. Catherine Amelia, born 1839.  
Arthur Leander, the third son of William Willoughby Erwin, married Eliza B. Marable. Their descendants are as follows:  
Marcus, married Margaret Erwin McDowell, daughter of his aunt, Margaret Caroline. (See her children.)  
Cordelia married West, of New Orleans.  
George married Alice Robertson of New Orleans.  
Lucile, married.  
Arthur, killed in Confederate Army.  
Lizzie, married Tennant, of Asheville.  
George, married.  
Cordelia, married James E. McDowell, son of Dr. John Calhoun McDowell.  
Annie, unmarried.





The fifth child and eldest daughter of William Willoughby Erwin and Matilda Sharpe was Harriet Eloise. She was born May 3, 1795, and died August 4, 1858. She married June 27, 1815, Col. Isaac Thomas Avery, who was born September 22, 1875, and died December 31, 1864. A complete sketch of his life appears in Van Noppen's Biographical History of North Carolina. There were born to this couple the same number of children as those of William Willoughby and Matilda Erwin, namely, sixteen, which were as follows:

- I. Theodore, born May 25, 1816; died six hours after birth.
- II. William Waightstill, born May 25, 1816; died July 3, 1864; married May 27, 1846, Corinna M. Morehead, born November 14, 1825; died May 1, 1897.
  1. Annie H., born Nov. 6, 1848; died June, 1917; married Capt. Joseph Scales; born 1843; died 1916.
  2. Corinna Moorehead, born Oct. 27, 1850; married October 20, 1875, George Phifer Erwin, son of Edward James Erwin. (See below.)
  2. Corinna Morehead, married October 20, 1875, George Phifer Erwin, son of Edward James Erwin. (See below.)
  3. Adelaide Matilda, born February 6, 1855; died April 29, 1884; married Hon. John J. Hemphill.
  4. John Morehead, born Nov. 23, 1860.
  5. William Waightstill, born Sept. 3, 1863.
- III. Theodore Horatio, born September 11, 1817; died October 3, 1832.
- IV. Clark Moulton, born October 3, 1819; died June 19, 1864; married Elizabeth Tighman Walton.
  1. Martha, married George Phifer, born February 10, 1841; married June 8, 1870.  
 John Eulenwider, married Mary Newbold of Columbus, Ohio.  
 Moulton Avery, married Mary Hardy of Spartanburg, S. C.  
 Sarah Carson.  
 Mary Hardy.  
 George Erwin.  
 Moulton Avery.  
 Elizabeth Walton.  
 Thomas Carson.  
 Rebekah.  
 George Erwin, died in 21st year.  
 Edward William, Dr., married Sudie Presnell of Morganton, N. C.  
 Edward William.  
 Robert Presnell.  
 Isaac Avery, married Mary Allen of Hendersonville, N. C.  
 Isaac Avery.



Martha Giddings.

Walton Lenoir, married Carrie Gist Graham of Rocky Mount, N. C.

Walton Lenoir.

Graham, died in infancy.

Maude, married Fletcher Locke Brown, Dr.

Fletcher Locke.

Robert Fulenwider, married Marie McClain of Spartanburg, S. C.

Mary Wilfong, died 1910; married Donald Witherspoon.

Lucine Leroy.

Lenoir, died in infancy.

Waightstill Winthrop, married Sallie Brown of Chattanooga, Tenn.

2. Eloise, married Rev. James H. Colton.

Elizabeth.

Moulton Avery.

James H., married in California.

Henry, married in Tennessee.

Willoughby.

Susan.

Clara.

Roger, married.

3. Isaac Thomas, born 1856; married (1) Mrs. Lillian Walton Burr.

(1) Walton.

(2) Isaac, died in infancy.

(3) Lillian.

(4) Edward Stanley.

(5) Elizabeth, died in infancy.

Married (2) Margaret DuBose, daughter of Rev. McNelly DuBose.

(6) Rosalie.

(7) McNelly DuBose.

(8) Isaac.

(9) Laura Pairo.

4. Laura, married John A. Gilmer of Newton, N. C.; no children.

V. Thomas Lenoir, born March 16, 1821; died September 23, 1852, unmarried, died in California.

VI. Leah Adelaide, born December 20, 1822; died January 20, 1897, unmarried.

VII. Matilda Louisa, born October 4, 1824; died July 3, 1825.

VIII. Daughter, born May 8, 1826; died July 18, 1826.

IX. Marens, born October 4, 1827; died February 22, 1828.

X. Isaac Erwin, born December 20, 1828; died July 3, 1863; killed at Gettysburg.



- XI. Mary Ann Martha, born May 20, 1831; died January 22, 1890; married June 26, 1855, Joseph Franklin Chambers, born October 19, 1812.
1. Harriet Erwin, born February 22, 1856; died January 20, 1889, married June 10, 1884, Fred Oertel.  
Mary Adelaide, born April 2, 1885; died in childhood.  
Jean.  
Hattie, married.
  2. Isaac Avery, born February 2, 1859; died June 4, 1859.
  3. Frank Avery, born August 5, 1860; died August 16, 1862.
  4. Justina Corinna, born June 17, 1862; married June 19, 1894, William Dickson (divorced).
  5. Lizzie Adelaide, born September 18, 1864; died September 29, 1866.
  6. Laura Eloise, born July 7, 1866; died September 22, 1866.
  7. Catherine Lenoir, born November 29, 1867; died 1914; married Dr. C. E. Ross.  
Catherine, died 1916.  
Martha, married Marshall Boyce.  
Charles.  
Robert.
  8. William Pinekney, born January 30, 1871; married.  
Gladys, and others.
  9. Waightstill Moulton, born April 8, 1874; married July 12, 1899, Annie Irene Byars.
- XII. Harriet Justina, born September 2, 1833; died January 13, 1902; married August 11, 1853, Pinekney Brown Chambers, born January 28, 1821; died February 18, 1905.
1. Joseph Lenoir, born July 15, 1854; married (1) Emma McDowell.  
Rebecca Brevard, born October 4, 1882; married Thomas H. Wright, born March 23, 1879.  
Thomas H., born March 9, 1909.  
Lenoir Chambers, born February 24, 1911.  
Rebekah Brevard, born 1917.  
Robert Brevard.  
Married (2) June 29, 1887, Grace Singleton Dewey, born Oct. 31, 1862.  
Elisabeth Lacy, born June 2, 1889; married April 2, 1913, Lawrence S. Holt, Jr., born November 19, 1883. (See below.)  
Joseph Lenoir, born December 26, 1891.  
Anne Dewey, born May 19, 1894.  
Drury Lacy, born August 6, 1902; died September 15, 1903.
  2. Daughter, born November 16, 1855; lived two hours.
  3. Son, born July 12, 1856; lived one hour.



4. Daughter, born May 12, 1857; lived five hours.
5. Margaret Brown, born June 29, 1858; married November 17, 1885, Richard A. Evans.  
Richard Chambers.  
Henry Lenoir, married Nellie May Alexander.  
Emily.  
Lenelle.  
Avery Washington.  
George Lillington.  
Margaret Justina.
6. Mary Erwin, born November 18, 1860; died May 15, 1885, unmarried.
7. Pinkney Avery, born December 21, 1862; died July 30, 1904, unmarried.
8. Henry Waightstill, born January 23, 1865; died March 23, 1895, unmarried.
9. Harriet Eloise, born January 11, 1867; died February 18, 1877.
10. Edward Marshall, born December 18, 1872; died February 20, 1877.
11. Willoughby Erwin, born January 23, 1876.

XIII. Alphonso Calhoun. (See sketch Van Noppen's Biographical History of North Carolina). Born September 11, 1835; died June 13, 1913; married (1) February 27, 1861, Susan Washington Morrison.

1. Mary.
2. Hattie, married Gilmer Brenizer.
3. Morrison R., died 1890.  
Sudie, married Mr. Neff.  
Children.
4. Susan Washington, married Tom S. McBee.  
Elizabeth Hunt, married June 19, 1915, Capus Miller Waynick Alphonso.  
Silas.
5. Isaac Erwin, born December 1, 1871; died April 2, 1904. (See sketch Van Noppen's Biographical History of North Carolina).
6. Alphonso Calhoun, married Mary Johnston of Birmingham, Ala.  
Johnston.
7. Alfred L.  
Married (2) February 1, 1889, Sallie Love Thomas.
  1. Lenoir Thomas.
  2. Gladys, married 1917, Charles W. Tillet, Jr.
  3. Edith.

XIV. Laura Mira, born November 15, 1837; died August 22, 1912, unmarried.





XV. Edward Dolbear, born September 26, 1839; died December 31, 1848.

XVI. Willoughby Francis, born May 7, 1843; died November 24, 1876; married (1) Mattie Jones.

1. Infant.

Married (2) 1875, Laura Atkinson.

1. Moulton, married Emma Sharpe.

Moulton.

Alfonso.

Settle.

Sydney Stanhope, the seventh child of William Willoughby Erwin and Matilda Sharpe, married Caroline Carson. Their children were as follows:

1. Sallie, married Dr. Glenn.

Archie, married.

William, died unmarried.

Carrie, died unmarried.

Daisy, married Charles, of New Orleans.

Three daughters.

2. Emily, married Major Hamilton Chalmers.

Sallie, married.

Two sons.

3. Mary, married Washington Hardy, son of her uncle, Dr. J. F. E. Hardy.

Emma, married Crawford.

Geddings, married Tennant, of Spartanburg, S. C.

Lady Jane, unmarried.

Daisy, married.

The ninth child of William Willoughby Erwin and Matilda Sharpe was Margaret Caroline. She was born November 2, 1801, and died July 23, 1831. She married February 22, 1821, James Moffett McDowell, and had the following children:

1. Joseph Alberto, born December 22, 1821; died March 10, 1875; married Julia Patton.

1. Margaret, married James Walton.

Anne, married John Mangum.

Hugh.

James, married Alice Collett.

Two children.

Lila, married Leith Gordon.

James.

Theodore, married Lily Wynne McDowell.

Helen.

Waightstill.

Margaret.



Robert.

Julia, died in infancy.

Hugh, died in childhood.

Madge, married Gervais Gordon.

Five children.

McDowell, unmarried.

Harriet, married (1) Joe Landis.

Margaret.

Dorothy.

Annie.

Married (2) Mr. Vidor.

Married (3) Mr. Madden.

Margaret, died in infancy.

Helen, died unmarried.

Two others died in childhood.

2. Joseph, married Loula Murphy.

Three children.

3. Lillie, married Col. Clayton.

Several children.

4. Julian, married Mr. Gamewell.

Joe.

Mary Lillie.

5. William, married.

Three children.

6. Kate, married Dr. Butt.

Jelsie, married.

One girl.

Cecil.

II. William Wallace, born February, 1824; died June, 1893; married Sarah Smith.

1. Gaston, married.

2. James, married.

3. John, married Miss Smith.

4. Hamilton, married Ella Cain.

4. Hamilton, married.

5. Arthur.

6. William.

7. Robert.

8. Annie, unmarried.

9. Mary, unmarried.

III. John Calloun, born July 7, 1825; died August 2, 1846; married Sarah Ann Erwin, daughter of James Erwin and Margaret Phifer. (See below.)

IV. Katherine Ann, born November, 1826; died June, 1898; married Montreville Patton, of Asheville.



- V. Margaret Erwin, born 1828; died 1859; married Marcus Erwin, son of her uncle, Arthur Leander Erwin.
1. Hamilton, married (1) Elizabeth Adams.
    - Marcus.
    - Mamie, married Edmond Brady.
    - Mary.
    - Elizabeth.
    - Margaret.
    - Lawrence, married Atwood Hunt.
    - William.
    - Hamilton, died in childhood.
    - Samuel, died in childhood.
    - Ellie Woodrow, married William Diggle.
    - One boy.
    - Margaret Gordon.
    - Infant.
    - Married (2) Margaret Sudderth.
    - Robert.
    - William.
    - Hamilton.
    - Harriet.
    - Cecelia.
  2. Arthur, died young.
  3. William, died young.

The eleventh child of William Willoughby Erwin and Matilda Sharpe was Elizabeth Sharpe, born October 17, 1804; died May 30, 1859; married July 13, 1830, Burgess Sidney Gaither, born March 16, 1807; died February 22, 1891. Their children were as follows:

- I. William, married Mary Melntyre.
- II. Delia Emma, born 1839; married Dr. R. C. Pearson.
  1. Samuel, married (1) Nannie Anderson.
    - (1) Nannie, married Ed Alexander.
    - (a) Jean.
    - (2) Erwin.
  - Married (2) Esther Ervin.
  2. Gaither, married Miss Holmes of Salisbury.
    - Four children.
  3. William, died November 25, 1915, unmarried.
  4. Elizabeth, married Atwood Hunt.
    - Atwood, married Lawrence Erwin, son of Hamilton Erwin and Elizabeth Adams.
  5. Robert C., married.
  6. Cameron, died unmarried.
- III. Alfred Haywood, married Miss Corrie Hoey.

The twelfth child of William Willoughby Erwin and Matilda



Sharpe was Edward Jones. He was born March 24, 1806; died July 8, 1871; married December 6, 1837, Elizabeth Ann Phifer, born December 3, 1814; died June 9, 1890. Granddaughter of Martin Phifer, Jr. Their children were as follows:

- I. George Phifer, born August 27, 1840; died November 11, 1911; married October 20, 1875, Cora Morehead Avery, daughter of William Waightstill Avery and Corinna M. Morehead. (See above).
  1. Annie Phifer, born August 12, 1876; married Feb. 3, 1903, Fred Laxton, born August, 1875.  
Phifer, born December 29, 1904; died, 1905.  
Joseph, born 1906.  
Corinne, born August 1, 1908.  
Fred, born Nov. 27, 1911.  
Erwin, born July 20, 1912.
  2. Corinne, born Aug. 26, 1879; married Derr Boger.
    - (1) Derr, born December 29, 1900.
    - (3) Corinna, born April 27, 1904.
    - (2) Phifer Erwin, born July 19, 1902.
    - (4) Gertrude, born March 22, 1906.
    - (5) William, born Oct. 9, 1910.
  3. Addie Avery, born July 9, 1884; married Jan. 6, 1917, William Elliott White.
  4. Edward, born Oct. 10, 1886; married Aug. 6, 1914, Mary Brown.  
Phifer, born June 11, 1915.
  5. Eloise, born August 1, 1888; married August 11, 1914, Louis Brown McKoy.
- II. Mary Jones, born November 19, 1845; married November 19, 1874, James Mitchell Rogers, born August 21, 1844.
  1. James Mitchell, born August 27, 1875; died April 14, 1876.
  2. Anne Erwin, born September 5, 1876; died August 16, 1877.
  3. Thomas Morris, born November 11, 1878; died May 10, 1880.
  4. Edward Erwin, born August 17, 1880; died April 14, 1882.
  5. Francis Mitchell, born March 22, 1883; married October 5, 1910, Annie Seales.
- III. Sarah Matilda White, born June 5, 1856; married May 3, 1882, Dr. George Moran, born September 30, 1839; died June 23, 1905.
  1. Annie, born September 17, 1884.
  2. Mary, born July 22, 1887.
  3. Erwin, born Feb. 15, 1890.

We now come to the family of Alexander, the fourth child and third son of Nathaniel and Leah Julian Erwin. We have given above a list of his children and will next trace the line of his second child, Mary, familiarly known as "Pretty Polly." She was born December 5, 1773, and married Rev. John McKemie Wilson, D.D., who was





born in 1769 and died in 1831. He was a man of great force of character and strength of intellect. His preaching and teaching left a great and lasting impression on the western part of North Carolina, and the present strength of the Presbyterian church in some localities may be traced to his influence. For a complete account of his life and labors, the reader is referred to Foote's Sketches of North Carolina. The descendants of this couple were numerous and prominent. They are as follows:

- I. John McKemie, Jr., Rev., married Delphine Fox.
  1. Mary Ann, married Dr. Robert N. C. Tate, son of Dr. Samuel Tate. (See below.)
  2. Addie, married Saunders.  
Annie.
- II. Joseph Harvey, born September, 1810; died September, 1884; married September 25, 1834, (1) Julia Adelaide Patton.
  1. Rosa, died in infancy.
  2. James Patton, born April 3, 1837; died April 4, 1902; married November 20, 1877, Mrs. Julia Wales Erwin McMillan.
    - (1) John McKemie, born November 7, 1878; died October 19, 1902.
    - (2) Joseph Harvey, born June 24, 1881; married February 14, 1906.  
Mimmie A. Asbury.  
Julia Adelaide, born April 4, 1907.  
Amelia, born July 5, 1908.  
Caroline Asbury, born August 9, 1910.  
Joseph Harvey, born December 20, 1913.
  - (3) James Rossignol, born December 30, 1882; married January 16, 1909, Eva Hoyt Burns.  
Julia Wales, born October 19, 1909.  
James Patton, born March 26, 1913.
  - (4) Alexander Erwin, born September 20, 1884; married September, 1909, Maude Evelyn Smith.  
Alexander Erwin, born August 23, 1910.
  - (5) Frank Wales, born May 10, 1886; married September, 1910, Penelope Millner Sparkes.  
clope Millner Sparkes.  
Alexander Millner, born August 8, 1911.
3. Joseph Harvey, born 1838, died 1906; married Mrs. E. Caldwell Lineberger.  
Joseph Harvey III, died aged 18.  
Frank L., married and has children.
4. Benjamin Franklin, born 1811, died May, 1879, unmarried.
5. Anna Patton, born July 28, 1834; died August 2, 1906; married January 15, 1868, James William Moore, born March 13, 1837; died December 21, 1902.



Harvey Wilson, born November 11, 1868; died January 9, 1869.  
John Moore, born March 13, 1870; married April 19, 1906, Margaret Wallace Robertson.

Katherine Robertson, born March 2, 1907.

Julia Adelaide, born July 14, 1872; married November 14, 1900, William Mason Alexander.

Anna Wilson, born June 22, 1903.

Eliza Walton, born June 23, 1874; died September 8, 1876.

Mary Wilson, born March 17, 1877; married April 15, 1902, Joseph Fargo.

James Wilson, born February 27, 1879; married February, 1912, Margaret Lewis.

Frank Wilson, born February 5, 1880.

Harvey Wilson, born May 1, 1884; married Lucy Gratton Robertson.

Lucy Gratton, born October 19, 1910.

Harvey Wilson, born 1914.

II. Joseph Harvey, married (2) December 9, 1846, Mary Louise Phi-fer, born December 3, 1814, twin of Elizabeth Ann Phiifer.

1. George Edward, born April 19, 1849; married November 11, 1874, Bessie Witherspoon, born June 15, 1853.

Mary Louise.

Hamilton Witherspoon.

Harvey White, died in infancy.

Annie Witherspoon.

George Edward, Jr., born February 8, 1890; married October 27, 1915, Lida Rivers Caldwell.

Pilma Saunders, born 1917.

Sarah White, born February 25, 1892; married John Tate.

Betty.

2. Mary Ellis, born June 15, 1854; married December 7, 1876, Charles Earl Johnson, born August 13, 1851.

Mary Wilson, born November 22, 1877; married December 6, 1905, Frank M. Kimbark.

Charles Earl, born August 14, 1878; died August 9, 1880.

Francis Lenox, born October 27, 1880; died December 14, 1881.

Charles Earl, born September 22, 1883.

Josephine Harvey, born October 23, 1882; died June 8, 1884.

Fanny Hines, born December 25, 1887; married Meares Harris.

Meares Harris.

III. Sarah Robinson, born April 28, 1799; died October 22, 1864; married William Elliott White, born January 12, 1803; died February 11, 1865.

1. Joseph Harvey, born December 24, 1824; died May 12, 1864; married October 16, 1850, Sarah Young.

No children.



2. Mary Martha, born October 31, 1827; died June 1, 1879; married April 10, 1849, William Fulenwider Phifer, died December 27, 1882; born February 13, 1809.  
 William White, born February 15, 1850; died July 22, 1914; married April 30, 1907, Mrs. Montrose Davidson Kenney  
 No children.
- Robert Smith, born May 9, 1852; died September 12, 1910; married March 18, 1874, Isabelle Hunt McGehee.  
 Wilhelmina Glen, born February 19, 1875; married Joseph Giles.  
 Thomas McGehee, born May 19, 1878; married Jamie Childs.  
 Two girls.
- Robert, Jr., born August 4, 1883; married.  
 Mimi, born December 8, 1886; married Prof. Sheib.  
 Belle, born December 8, 1886; died September 25, 1887.  
 Dieudonne Locke, born March 27, 1884; married Thomas Lipscombe.
- Adelaide White, born May 21, 1854; died August 15, 1855.  
 George Martin, born February 18, 1856.
- Mary Wilson, born November 21, 1857; married June 20, 1882, Martin Clifton Quinn.  
 Infant son, born March, 1883.  
 Marjorie, born May 20, 1884; died November 12, 1885.  
 Janet, born June 21, 1886.  
 William Phifer, born April 20, 1888.  
 Clifton, born August 6, 1890.
- Cordelia White, born August 26, 1859.
- Josephine Harvey, born June 29, 1861; married October 13, 1880, William Gilmore Durant, born December, 1856; died February 5, 1884.  
 Mary Martha, born August 4, 1881; died March 27, 1885.  
 Willie Gilmore, born September 10, 1883; married September 12, 1905, James Alden Houston.  
 Josephine Phifer, born March 1, 1908.  
 George Phifer, born Nov. 22, 1909.  
 James Alden, born January 6, 1912.
- Edward White, born May 8, 1864; married April 27, 1893, Annie Elizabeth Adams.
3. Margaret Adelaide, born Aug. 10, 1829; died June 9, 1893. married (1) Abram C. Steel, born February 22, 1855; died June 3, 1863.  
 Sarah White, born March 12, 1856; married May 16, 1876, David Parks Hutchison, born March 6, 1853.  
 Adele White, born February 22, 1877; died March 21, 1907; married June 21, 1905, Charles F. Dalton, born November 27, 1871.  
 Parks Hutchison, born June 4, 1906.



Annie Parks, born October 13, 1878; married 1917, William E. Parker.

Selene, born February 19, 1880; married January, 1915, Charles F. Dalton.

Susie Nye, born August 24, 1891.

Margaret Adelaide, married (2) October 15, 1873, Col. Thos. H. Brem; died July 25, 1876.

No children.

4. Sarah Cordelia, born July 15, 1831; died September, 1864; married April 30, 1861, Col. Lewis Slaughter Williams, born December 25, 1825; died June 24, 1915.

Slaughter Williams, born December 25, 1825; died June 24, 1915.

Sarah Adelaide, born July 1, 1862; married September 9, 1900,

Joseph P. Caldwell, born June 16, 1853; died November 22, 1911.

Adelaide Pearson Caldwell, born January 4, 1902.

5. John McKemie, born April 15, 1833; died May 13, 1877; married October 28, 1875, Adeline Elizabeth Allison, born March 26, 1852.

No children.

6. William Edward, born March 15, 1835; died November 9, 1861; married October 16, 1860, Sallie Caldwell.

Edith, born June 24, 1862; died March 14, 1864.

7. Samuel Elliott, born February 22, 1837; died March 4, 1911; married November 21, 1866, Esther Phifer Allison, born November 27, 1843; died April 8, 1903.

Annie Washington, born March 20, 1868; died October 18, 1873.

William Elliott, born February 20, 1871; died January 25, 1875.

Grace Allison, born November 14, 1873; died April 30, 1907; married December 28, 1892, Leroy Springs.

Elliott White, born July 31, 1896.

8. James Wilson, born December 25, 1840; died July 12, 1887; Adelaide, born August, 1877; died August, 1877.

8. James Wilson, born December 25, 1840; died July 12, 1887; married April 26, 1871, Emma Virginia Holt, born March 28, 1847, died Feb. 9, 1904.

Joseph Harvey, born October 19, 1875; married November 19, 1902, Grace Pomeroy, born December 3, 1876.

James Wilson, born May 29, 1914.

William Elliott, born October 19, 1877; married January 6, 1917, Addie Avery Erwin.

Edwin Holt, born June 26, 1880; died March 27, 1908.

Madeline, born September 10, 1886; married November 1, 1911, Philip Rahm Carlton.

Emma White, born August 3, 1912.

Jane Singleton, born July, 1914.





9. David Hutchison, born December 27, 1843; died April, 1905, unmarried.
- IV. Alexander Erwin, Rev., born December 11, 1803; died October 13, 1841; married November 11, 1834, Mary Jane Smithey, born November 13, 1813; died September 18, 1836.
1. Martha Smithey, born January 15, 1836; died February 1, 1906; married September 19, 1856, Bolling Anthony Stovall, born August 19, 1827; died August 28, 1887.
- (1) Pleasant Alexander, born July 10, 1857; married Jan. 7, 1885, Mary Ganahl, born August 1, 1908; died March 29, 1911.  
 Sarah Adams Buckley, born November 24, 1885; married October 29, 1907, Burton Cunningham Mason.  
 Pleasant, born March 4, 1895.  
 Joseph Ganahl, born January 25, 1901.
- (2) Jeannie Wilson, born December 16, 1858; married December 15, 1880, Albert Toombs DuBose.  
 Robert Toombs, born November 14, 1881; died November 16, 1881.  
 Julian Toombs, born October 17, 1882; died December 20, 1883.  
 Mattie Wilson, born February 7, 1885.  
 Dudley Melver, born October 9, 1886; died May 8, 1890.  
 Bolling Stovall, born January 19, 1889; married November 6, 1915, Minnie Thomas.  
 Jeannie Smithey, born May 11, 1891; married August 6, 1912, Marion Hendrix Allen.  
 Marion Hendrix, born November 4, 1913.
- (3) Erwin Wilson, born October 6, 1860; died May 16, 1861.
- (4) Lizzie Dearing, born March 19, 1862; married June 5, 1883, Robert William Lamkin.  
 Edgeworth, born July 4, 1884; married Sarah Hunter Gerdine, June 7, 1911.
- (5) Nellie, born March 9, 1864; married April 11, 1886, Billups Phinizy.  
 Ann Barrett, born February 26, 1887; married November 10, 1910, Hammond Johnson.  
 Billups Phinizy, born August 28, 1911.  
 Nell Bolling, born January 29, 1915.  
 Bolling Stovall, born March 18, 1888; married February 7, 1912, Hughes Spalding.  
 Jack Johnson, born February 7, 1913.  
 Martha Susan, born May 3, 1890; married September 1, 1915, Le Roy Percy.  
 Nellie Stovall, born September 3, 1894.  
 Louise Calhoun, born October 18, 1906.
- (6) Bolling Anthony, born September 29, 1868; died July 29, 1892.



- (7) Verner Moore, born January 19, 1874; died June 12, 1874.  
 (8) Harvey, born August 28, 1878; married December 22, 1909,  
 Sarah Fannin Foster.

Julia Floyd, born August 22, 1910.

IV. Alexander Erwin, married (2) 1839, Mary Hardeastle.

V. Harriet Ann, born August 3, 1818; died April 7, 1850; married  
 December 8, 1835, Richard C. Carson.

1. Martha, born March 29, 1837; died August 9, 1838.

2. Paul, born July 11, 1838; died September 1, 1840.

3. Mary Alice, born March 13, 1841; died April 24, 1843.

4. Ella Rose, born March 1, 1843; died March 6, 1875; married  
 September 22, 1868, Byron Lemly.

Byron Carson, born July 30, 1869; died January 9, 1901.

Richard Carson, born April 30, 1871; died April 8, 1871.

Emmie Steele, born August 18, 1872; married June 26, 1902,  
 Alfred William Brown.

Byron Lemly, born March 5, 1904; died August 5, 1904.

Richard Barringer, born August 19, 1873; died November 23,  
 1893.

5. Adelaide Wilson, born May 20, 1845; died December 2, 1850.

6. Sarah White, born May 25, 1847; died October 31, 1850.

7. James Wilson, born February 27, 1850; died August 8, 1850.

VI. Mary Erwin, born 1813, died December 27, 1855; married Janu-  
 ary 16, 1834, James Smith Chambers.

1. John, born November 5, 1834; died July 13, 1863, unmarried.

2. Margaret Octavia, born August 13, 1836; married Dr. Henry  
 Ernest Heinitz.

Ernestine, married Samuel Barksdale Jones.

Ernestine, married Frank Pernell.

Ernestine.

Sarah.

Frank.

Lottie Lee, married Guy LeBrie.

Octavia.

Samuel.

Theodora.

3. Harriet Eugenia, born March 16, 1835; married Frederick  
 Fanning.

Frederick Deveau, born April 28, 1861; married February, 1902,  
 Annie Rawls.

Frederick Deveau II, born November, 1902.

Elizabeth Fullerton Fanning, born January 15, 1863; married  
 February 20, 1894, Dr. Hamilton Moore Weedon.

Fanning Weedon, born October 16, 1896; married May 8, 1915,  
 Emmie Sams Webster.

Theodora Wagner, born October 23, 1864; married (1) April 7,  
 1886, Edwin Adolphus Heart, died June 21, 1892.



Married (2) November 24, 1897, William Montague Jones.  
Henrietta Marian, born March 22, 1868; married June 22, 1892,  
Edwin C. Murray.

Eugenia Fanning, died aged 2.

Four other children, died young.

4. Mary Adelaide, born October 13, 1839; died December 12, 1861;  
married Arthur Fogártie.

Mary Adelaide, born December 12, 1861; married Dr. George W.  
Heinitch.

Octavia, married Mr. Kenney.

Emily, married Stanford Halliday.

Adelaide, married Mr. Gregory.

George.

5. James Harvey, born May 1, 1841; died July 22, 1859.
6. Sarah White, born May 7, 1843; died November 7, 1904; un-  
married.
7. William White, born March 25, 1853; died April, 1914; mar-  
ried.

Charles D. Chambers, born 1893.

#### VII. James Erwin, married (1) Elizabeth Kerr.

1. Mary Kerr, born 1828, married James Collier.

Harriet Adeline, died 1883; married Thomas Bothwell.

Kate, died at age of 8.

Kate Caroline, married Walter Brem.

2. Harriet Adeline, married Henry Paul Rossignol.

Kate, died unmarried.

Henry Paul, married.

Paul E.

Emily, unmarried.

Andrew Kerr, died, no children.

Samuel Kerr, married.

One daughter.

Caroline, married.

Two children.

Louis, married.

Daughter.

Louise, married.

Two children.

Harriet Adelaide, married.

Three children.

Estelle, unmarried.

Clio.

Elizabeth, married; no children.

Five children died in infancy.

3. Kate Caroline, born October, 1833; died December, 1881; mar-  
ried October 27, 1864, George Thomas Barnes, born August 14,  
1833; died October, 1901.



Ella Carson, born July 15, 1867; married October 19, 1892, William Hale Barrett.

George Barnes Barrett, born July 1, 1894.

John Andrew, born December 31, 1868; married 1902 Charlotte Rebecca Jones.

John Andrew, born January 22, 1904.

Robert Goodwin, born September 1, 1914.

Adeline Rossignol, born August 8, 1874.

VII. James Erwin, married (2) Mrs. Elizabeth ———.

1. Octavia, born October, 1848; married March 5, 1885, George Barnes.

2. James Erwin, married (1) Florence Aldred.

Married (2) Frances Reynolds.

Two children; both dead.

VIII. Margaret Wilson, married John W. Means.

1. Sarah, married Andrew W. Flinn, born 1815

Mary E., born 1844, died 1880; married Wm. H. McCormack, born 1843.

Mary W., born 1865; married C. C. Faust.

Walter, born 1889.

Hazel, born 1894.

Lee, born 1896.

Andrew, born 1899.

Richard, born 1901.

Ruth, born 1904.

Mary, born 1906.

Harvey L., born 1871, died 1907; married Nellie Sullivan, born 1874.

Helen C., born 1896.

Harold, born 1899.

Harvey L., born 1901.

Helen Octavia, born 1876; married Rev. Harris Elliott Kirk, born 1872.

Harris Elliott, born 1898.

Mary Louise, born 1901.

Helen Lucretia, born 1903.

Florence Olivia, born 1877; married Dr. G. D. Waller, born 1870.

George Reid, born 1902.

Florence McCormack, born 1906.

Andrew Flinn, born 1878; married (1) Irene ———.

Helen, born 1897.

Walter, born 1898; died young.

Married (2) Nellie ———.

Werdun.

Earle.

Harvey.





Annie Reid, born 1879, died 1901.

Rev. J. William, born 1847; married Jane Smythe, born 1848.

Margaret S., born 1876; married Prof. George Howe.

Jean S., born 1877.

Sarah Wilson, born 1879; married McDavid Horton.

One or two children.

Nellie C., born 1884; married Louis W. Gilland.

Sue, married.

Smythe.

Rev. Harvey Wilson, born 1850; married Mary Louise Adger, born 1848.

No children.

Henrietta Octavia, born 1852; married Albert Hurt.

Anna Moss, born 1877; married Emmett O. Turner.

Emmett O.

Son, died in infancy.

Marietta, born 1879; married Grey J. Huffman.

Dorothy, born 1899.

Grey J., died in infancy.

Louise, died in infancy.

Albert B., died young.

Betty, married

Emma, born 1854; died in childhood.

IX. Isaac, married —— Wallace.

1. James, died of consumption.

James Erwin, the eldest son and third child of Alexander and Sarah Robinson, Erwin, was born February 22, 1775, and died September 8, 1848. He married January 7, 1808, Margaret Phifer, who was born December 7, 1786, and died March 10, 1870. She was the daughter of Martin Phifer, Jr., of Revolutionary fame, and Elizabeth Locke. They had seven children, as follows:

1. William Crawford, born August 1, 1809; died 1876; married (1) Matilda Walton.

1. Clara, married Thomas McLuttre.

Matilda, married James Hines.

Thomas, married Annie Laurie Ramsey.

James.

Marion.

Ida Erwin, married Adrian Daniel.

Nathan, married.

Clara.

2. Anna Elizabeth, died May, 1909; married Robert L. McConaughy, died December, 1892.

(1) William Erwin, married Shelton Putman.

Joe, married Esther Carey.

Joe.

Son.



William Erwin, married Nannie Buie.

Son.

Madge, died February 19, 1914; married Alexander Avery  
William Erwin.

Louise.

Nannie.

Laura.

Joe.

Robert L.

Gladys.

(2) Minnie.

(3) Laura.

(4) Ella.

(5) Kate.

(6) Etta Gray, married Floyd Hanks.

Floyd.

Locke Erwin.

(7) Robert L., born October 14, 1872; married July 7, 1910,  
Lizzie Perkins, born June 27, 1874.

Perkins, born June 27, 1874.

3. Laura, married Capt. Martin Jones. No children.

4. Emma Henriette, born May 24, 1894; died February 17, 1900;  
married Sept. 21, 1870, Judge John Gray Bynum, born February  
15, 1842; died August 7, 1902.

5. Ella Matilda, married George Green.

Henrietta, married William Carter.

Laura.

Erwin Green, married Fitzhugh H. Wallace.

William.

Ella Erwin, married Ernest Nadell.

Edward.

John, married Gertrude Penicks.

George.

Married (2) Mrs. Loretta Gaston; no children.

Married (3) Catherine Happoldt.

6. Sara Margaret, married Edward Reid.

William Erwin, died young.

Regina, born April 28, 1894.

7. Evelyn, married Herbert Walton; no children.

11. Joseph J., born January 27, 1811; died November 20, 1879; mar-  
ried May 9, 1847, Elvira Jane Holt, born November 26, 1824; died  
August 24, 1903. (See sketch in Van Noppen's Biographical His-  
tory of North Carolina, Vol. VII.)

1. Mary Louise, born May 23, 1848; unmarried.

2. Lizzie Matilda, born March 21, 1850; unmarried.

3. Margaret Locke, born March 7, 1852; died April 20, 1918;  
married April 2, 1872, Lawrence S. Holt, born May 17, 1851.



- (1) Erwin Allen, born November 11, 1873; married June 16, 1903, Mary Warren Davis, born February 24, 1866.
- (2) Eugene, born August 31, 1875; married October 25, 1905 Edna Barnes, born June 28, 1880.  
Edna, born July 26, 1909; died June 24, 1910.  
Marion Ball, born September 19, 1910; died October 10, 1910  
Margaret Ball, born September 19, 1910; died October 6, 1911.  
Anne Erwin, born September 30, 1914.
- (3) Emily Farish, born May 14, 1877; died September 13, 1882
- (4) Margaret Erwin, born November 15, 1879; married October 27, 1908, Howard Haines Lowry, born October 31, 1878.  
Margaret Holt, born December 18, 1910.
- (5) Florence Elvira, born April 8, 1881; married April 26 1905, Walter Brooks, born September 18, 1870.  
Margaret Erwin, born April 14, 1913.
- (6) Lawrence S., Jr., born November 19, 1883; married (1) December 5, 1905, Elizabeth Spencer Bill, born March 20, 1883; died March 4, 1909.  
Infant son, born February 28, 1909.  
Married (2) April 2, 1913, Elisabeth Lacy Chambers, born June 2, 1889.  
Infant son, born May 20, 1914.  
Lawrence S. III, born June 19, 1916; died August 10, 1916.
- (7) Bertha Harper, born September 12, 1888; married April 20, 1909, Rufus Wheelwright Clark, Jr., born December, 1875.  
Rufus Wheelwright III, born May 23, 1911.  
Lawrence Holt, born February 12, 1916.
4. Corinna Morehead, born March 24, 1854; married April 16, 1879, John Quinton Gant, born July 18, 1847.
  - (1) Joseph Erwin, born Feb. 6, 1880; married June 15, 1910, Mamie Banner.  
Joseph Erwin, Jr., born February 3, 1912.  
Elizabeth Gilmer, born February 11, 1916.  
Graham, born September 30, 1917.
  - (2) Kenneth, born October, 1881; married June 17, 1914, Sue Hodge Dishman, born September, 1890.  
Corinna Erwin, born December 15, 1915.
  - (3) Jessamine, born August 28, 1883.
  - (4) John Quinton, born August, 1885.
  - (5) Roger, born November 20, 1887.
  - (6) Corinna Harper, born August 27, 1889.
  - (7) Edwin Holt, born April 11, 1891.
  - (8) Russell, born July 13, 1893.
  - (9) Cecil, born May 17, 1895.
  - (10) Erwin Allen, born July 8, 1898.



5. William Allen, born July 15, 1856; married October 23, 1889, Sadie Lyell Smedes.
  - (1) Bessie Smedes, born July 11, 1891; married October 23, 1915, Hamilton Chamberlain Jones.  
Hamilton Chamberlin, Jr.
  - (2) Margaret Loeke, born April 22, 1893; married November 18, 1916, Jack Glenn.
  - (3) William Allen, Jr., born April, 1896; married March 10, 1917, Haffye Louise Barton.
  - (4) Sarah Lyell, born January, 1898; married April 16, 1918, Hargrove Bellamy.
6. Adelaide Simiana, born April 29, 1858; married October 12, 1881, Thomas Peyton Moore, born 1859.
  - (1) Addie Erwin, born August 29, 1883; married October 4, 1906, J. B. Bowen, born 1875.  
J. B., Jr., born March 14, 1908.
  - (2) Bessie Neeley, born November 14, 1885; married October 12, 1905, Wilson Tate.  
Elizabeth.  
Claude.
  - (3) Maurice, born 1887, died 1887.
  - (4) Margaret Loeke, born November, 1889; married November 15, 1913, Tod Robin Brem.
  - (5) Thomas Peyton, Jr., born February 24, 1894.
  - (6) Joseph, born 1896.
  - (7) Corinna, born August, 1899.
7. James Locke, born April 3, 1860; married October 5, 1892, Ida May Taylor.
  - (1) James Loeke, Jr., born February 3, 1894; died July, 1907.
  - (2) Joseph, born July, 1895; died February, 1897.
8. Edward Holt, born December 11, 1861; died October 12, 1883.
9. Jesse Harper, born March 3, 1864; married November 7, 1895, Eleanor Drane Haynes.
  - (1) Mary Haynes, born October 27, 1896.
  - (2) Eleanor, born February 6, 1898.
  - (3) Josephine, born May, 1899.
  - (4) Jesse Harper, born 1900.
  - (5) Eugene Haynes, born 1904.
10. Claudia Josephine, born October 6, 1865; married October 14, 1896, Edward Knox Powe, born January 19, 1864.
  - (1) Edward Knox, Jr., born October 28, 1898.
  - (2) Claudia Erwin, born August 23, 1908.
11. Joseph Ernest, born December 24, 1867; married June 30, 1908, Susan Clark, born July, 1875.
  1. Susan Graham, born April, 1909.
  2. Joseph Ernest, born August 10, 1911.
  3. Walter Clark.





111. Martin Phifer, born March 13, 1813; died September 25, 1872; married (1) Jane Huie of Salisbury, N. C.
1. Joseph, born April 12, 1839; died in Civil War.
  2. James Rowan, born December 9, 1841; died in Civil War.
  3. William Turner, born March 12, 1843; living at Columbia, Tenn.
  4. Scott, born March 30, 1845.
  5. Blenau, born March 5, 1847.
- Married (2) May 6, 1852, Louisa Blackman.
6. Elizabeth, died 1865.
  7. Margaret, married Gabriel K. Houser.  
Annie Lou, married Jodie Bell Martin.  
Margaret May.  
Jodie Bell.  
William.  
Elizabeth Brown, married Anson Blake Yeager.  
Charles Erwin.  
Erwin.  
Frances Burton.
8. Rufus King, born May 18, 1858; married Mary Ellen Singleton.  
Annie May, married William Lee Ely.  
Martin Cyril.  
Floyd Singleton.  
Margaret Elizabeth, married Edwin Thomas Jones.  
Ellen Erwin.  
Joseph Rufus, married Katie Margaret Peters.  
Hazel Clair, married John Karner.  
Verna Rowena.  
Frank Craig.  
Martin Phifer.
9. Annie, married William Seneca Sutton.  
Herbert Hill.  
Lillian Fancena.
- IV. Elizabeth Phifer, born October 28, 1815; married 1836, Hon. Burton Craige, born March 13, 1811; died December 30, 1875.
1. James Alexander, major in Confederate Army, born December 19, 1841; died June, 1914; married Mary Williamson; moved to Maury County, Tenn., in 1887.  
James Alexander.  
John Williamson.  
Kerr.  
Annie.  
Mary.
  2. Kerr, Captain in Confederate Army, born March 14, 1843; died September 2, 1901; married November 12, 1873, Josephine Lawrence Branch, died May, 1885.  
Nannie, died October 8, 1898.  
Burton, married November 8, 1911, Jane Boyden.



Francis Burton, died 1918.

Jane Henderson.

Branch, married Elsie Kohlburg.

Branch.

Josephine, married 1907, Dr. William Clarence Kluttz.

Josephine Craige.

Jane Marlin.

Elizabeth Erwin, married 1909, John E. Ramsey.

Kerr Craige.

Kerr.

William, died in infancy.

3. Margaret Erwin, died in infancy.

4. Francis Burton, born March, 1846; died May, 1913; married 1877, Frances Williams; moved to Maury County, Tenn., 1866.

James Burton.

Archibald Williams, married Nora Hill.

Three children.

Mary Dale, married Horace A. Armstrong.

Elizabeth Young, married Madison McFerrin.

Frances Craige.

Frank.

Frances Williams, married Pride Tomlinson.

5. Mary Elizabeth, married Alfred B. Young.

Elizabeth Craige.

Frances Burton, died September, 1904.

Annie Craige, died May 5, 1885.

Mary Erwin.

6. William, died in infancy.

7. Annie Erwin, born March 27, 1852; married October 5, 1880,

John P. Allison, born August 22, 1848.

V. Alexander, born March 12, 1818; unmarried.

VI. George Washington Phifer, born April 6, 1822; married Laura Margaret Henson, daughter of Freeland Henson; went to Bedford County, Tenn.

1. Laura Theresa, married William Rankin.

Erwin and several other children.

2. Alexander, married.

3. William, married.

One child.

4. Martin Phifer, married.

Two children.

5. Margaret, married Thornton.

6. George.

7. Mary Lee.

8. Robert E. L.

VII. Sarah Ann, born January 29, 1829; died April 27, 1903; mar-



ried Dr. John Calhoun McDowell, born July 7, 1825; died August 2, 1876.

1. James Erwin, born April 29, 1854; married 1896, Cordelia West.

2. Margaret Erwin, born February 17, 1856; unmarried.

3. William, born April 16, 1905; married November 26, 1884, Elizabeth Milne, died June 25, 1894.

(1) William, born September 12, 1886; married Edna Goode.

(2) John, born October 9, 1888; died August 18, 1911; unmarried.

(3) Annie, born February 22, 1891; married October 23, 1912, Dr. Edward M. Gayle.

Margaret Elizabeth, born September 7, 1913.

(4) Ely.

(5) Elizabeth Milne, married Alexander Abernathy.

4. John Calhoun, married September 6, 1893, Ettie Gibson.

Twin, died in infancy.

Twin, died in infancy.

Sarah Margaret, died aged one year.

John, born July 15, 1903.

Frank, born August 20, 1906.

5. Elizabeth Craige, born January 2, 1862.

6. Frank, born May 30, 1865; married September, 1894, Ella Jones Joseph, born October 1, 1895.

Eloise, born July 17, 1898.

Mary Moffett, born April 14, 1901.

Mildred, born 1906.

7. Kate, born March 31, 1868; married February 21, 1894, Hugh Theodore Newland.

Hugh Theodore, born May 26, 1895; died May 26, 1896.

Erwin McDowell, born October 2, 1895; died April, 1899.

Margaret McDowell, born January 15, 1898.

Children of Margaret Erwin and Hugh Tate:

Dr. Samuel Tate, married (1) Mrs. Elizabeth Tate Gilliland; (2) Martha Jones, daughter of Hamilton Jones.

1. Samuel Wistar, attorney, unmarried.

11. Robert N. C., Dr., married Mary Lizzie Wilson, daughter of Rev. John McK. Wilson, Jr.

1. Addie, married Dr. Barbour of Gonzales, Texas.

Tate.

Thomas.

Wistar.

2. Wistar, Dr., unmarried.

3. Mary Wilson, married.

4. Samuel.



## III. Julia E., married Dr. James F. Cain.

1. James F., died unmarried.
  2. Mary Ruffin, married R. Gilchrist Tresvant, of Tampa, Fla.  
Mary.  
Julia.  
R. Gilchrist, Jr.  
D. H., married Cicely St. Clair.  
Cicely.  
Elizabeth.  
Peter J.  
James Cain.
3. Elizabeth Tate, married Charles Hinton.  
David, died young.  
James Cain, died young.  
Bessie.
4. William Sterling married Secunda Valina of Herquita, S. A.
5. Julia Tate, married Judge James S. Manning of Raleigh, N. C.  
John Hall.  
James S.  
Frederick C.  
Julia Cain.  
Annie Louise.  
Sterling Cain.
6. Susan Marshall, married J. M. Green.  
J. M., Jr.  
Bessie Cain.  
Julia Tate.
7. Annie, married Robert Rufus Bridgers of Wilmington, N. C.  
Annie Preston.  
Emily Norfleet.  
Robert Rufus, Jr.  
Elizabeth.
8. Samuel Robert, married.  
Minnie.  
Frederick.  
Robert.  
William.

## IV. William Lucius, attorney, married Robina Willis; no children.

## V. John Marshall, married Mary Love.

Hugh, married Daisy ——.

## VI Hugh Alexander, killed at Gettysburg.

Dr. William C., married (1) Mrs. Laura Theresa Wilson Polk; all children by first wife. (2) Mrs. Adeline Massey.

## I Joseph Wilson, married Mattie Dickson.

1. Southall.
2. Mallory.





- II. Dr. Hugh, married Fannie Wood.  
Wood, Dr.  
Mary, married Robert Moore.  
Four children.
- III. Robert Alexander, Dr., married Mattie Jones.  
Eight children.
- IV. James Knox, married Temperance Jones.  
Bessie, married Edward Boyd.  
Edward Knox.  
Knox.
- V. Katie, died 1918; married William E. Lowe.  
Edward Knox, born January 19, 1864; married October 14, 1896,  
Claudia Josephine Erwin.  
Edward Knox, born October 28, 1898.  
Claudia Erwin, born August 23, 1908.  
Laura, married Samuel J. Ervin.  
Laura, married Dr. J. K. Hahl.  
Katherine.  
Edward.  
Samuel J.  
Joseph.  
Hugh.  
Eunice.  
John.  
Jean.  
Bessie, died October 17, 1895; married Dr. James Robert Anderson.  
Robert B., married Suzie Brown.  
Bessie Burton.  
Katie.  
Lila.  
William P.  
William Tate, born May 8, 1869; died September, 1906.  
Ellerbee, born October 12, 1873; married Lila Markham.  
(1) Ellerbee.  
(2) Katherine Tate.  
Mary, born August 14, 1876; married April 24, 1901, John Marshall Starrett.  
(1) Louise.  
(2) Randell McK.  
(3) John Marshall.
- VI. Alexander, died.
- VII. Margaret Emma, unmarried.
- VIII. Laura Theresa, married Alphonso Young.  
Emmie, married John Jones of Corinth Miss.  
Eight children.



Tate.

Herbert.

Alphonso.

Mary, married Burgess Sidney Gaither, Jr.

IX. Columbus, married Eliza Corpening.

Maggie, married Posey Beek.

Lula.

Claude.

Zepphie.

Bertha.

Vance.

Junie, married McKendry Kineaid.

Several children.

The record of the descendants of Nathaniel Erwin given above is no doubt incomplete, and perhaps contains some few slight inaccuracies. Great care has, however, been taken to have only authentic material incorporated in this record and to check and correct whenever an opportunity to do so presented itself. Grateful acknowledgment is made of the very valuable assistance rendered by Mrs. E. K. Powe, Miss Cordelia Phifer, Mrs. T. P. Moore and a number of others. Since this is the first attempt that has ever been made to present the outline of this family in full, the result needs many apologies. It is earnestly requested that any reader discovering omissions, errors or discrepancies, or who can furnish any further information, will write out fully their data and mail promptly to Lawrence S. Holt, Jr., Burlington, N. C.



## CHAPTER IV

### HISTORIC HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA—PLEASANT GARDENS AND QUAKER MEADOWS IN BURKE COUNTY.

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The historic interest of homes centers in the families who found, occupy and adorn them, and connect them with the stirring legends and important events in the annals of a country. Amongst the earliest settlers in the valley of the upper Catawba, in the old county of Burke, were Joseph McDowell the elder, a grandson of Ephraim, the founder of the family in Virginia, Kentucky and our own State, and his cousin, known as "Hunting John," who was near the same age. They migrated somewhere about the year 1760, and during the French-Indian war, from the old home of Ephraim McDowell, in Rockbridge County, Va., and because the country west of the Catawba was rendered unsafe by roving bands of Cherokee and Catawba braves, went with their families through Rowan and Mecklenburg counties to some point in South Carolina, near the northern boundary line. Their sturdy Scotch-Irish friends had already drifted from Pennsylvania, where they, with thousands of Germans, were first dumped by the English land agents upon American soil, to upper South Carolina, and had commemorated their first American home by naming the three northern counties of that State York, Chester and Lancaster. Ephraim McDowell was born in the north of Ireland. When only sixteen years old he distinguished himself as a soldier in the siege of Londonderry. He emigrated to America at the age of 62 and, after a short sojourn in Pennsylvania, moved with his sons to the old McDowell home in Rockbridge County, Va. He was descended from Someril, Lord of the Isles, through his son, Dougald, who founded the clan of MacDougald. Ephraim married Margaret Irvine, also of Scotch descent. His son, Captain John McDowell, fell in repelling a Shawnee incursion, and was the first white man killed by the Indians in the valley of Virginia. His daughter, Mary, married George Greenlee and was the mother of Grizzell, or Grace Greenlee. She first married Captain Bowman, who fell at Ramscur's Mill, and, after the war, her cousin, General Charles McDowell, of Burke, who had inherited Quaker Meadows



in 1775, at the death of his father, Joseph McDowell, the elder, the first settler on that place.

"Hunting John" McDowell, so-called because of his venturing into the wilderness so far from the white settlement in pursuit of game, probably first took possession of his beautiful home, Pleasant Gardens, in the Catawba Valley in what is now McDowell County, about the time when his cousin, Joseph, settled at Quaker Meadows. I have not been able to ascertain the maiden name of the wife of "Hunting John," nor of the lady who married Joseph McDowell, the elder; but there is abundant evidence that both had improved the advantages of being raised near Lexington, the Scotch-Irish educational center of the Valley of Virginia, and made their homes attractive to the most refined and cultured people of their day. They were doubtless religious, for we find that the first Presbyterian minister who ever made his home in old Burke, reported to the Synod in 1770, as the pastor at two points, Quaker Meadows and Pleasant Gardens.

According to tradition the Quaker Meadows farm was so-called long before the McDowells or any other whites established homes in Burke County, and derived its name from the fact that the Indians, after clearing part of the broad and fertile bottoms, had suffered the wild grasses to spring up and form a large meadow, near which a Quaker had camped before the French-Indian war and traded for furs. On the 19th of November, 1752, Bishop Spangenburg recorded in his diary (Vol. V. Colonial Record, page 6) that he was in camp near Quaker Meadows, and that he was "in the forest fifty miles from all settlements." The Bishop described the lowlands of Johns River as the richest he had seen anywhere in Carolina. But, after surveying the large area, he abandoned the idea of taking title for it from Lord Granville, because the Indian War began in 1753, the next year, and lasted nominally seven years, though it was unsafe to venture west of the Catawba until after 1763, and few incurred the risk of doing so before 1770.

"Hunting John" McDowell first entered "Swan Pond," about three miles above Quaker Meadows, but sold that place without occupying it, to Colonel Waightstill Avery, and established his home where his son Joseph and grandson, James, afterwards lived, and where, still later, Adolphus Erwin lived for years before his death. His home is three miles north of Marion on the road leading to Bakersville and Burnsville. The name of Pleasant Gardens was afterwards applied not only to this home, but to the place where Col. John Carson lived high up the Catawba Valley, at the mouth of Buck Creek.

The McDowells and Carsons of that day and later reared thoroughbred horses and made race paths in the broad lowlands of every large farm. They were superb horsemen, crack shots and





trained hunters. John McDowell of Pleasant Gardens was a Nimrod when he lived in Virginia, and we learn from tradition that he acted as guide for his cousins over his hunting grounds, at the risk of their lives. They with their kinsmen, Greenlee and Bowman, traveled over and inspected the Valley of the Catawba from Morganton to Old Fort, and selected the large domain allotted to each of them. They built and occupied strings of cabins, because the few plank and board used by them were sawed by hand, and the nails driven into them were shaped in a blacksmith shop. I have seen many old buildings, such as the old houses at Fort Defiance, the Lenoir home, and Swan Pond, where every plank was fastened by a wrought nail with a large round head, sometimes half an inch in diameter. From these homes the lordly old proprietors could, in half an hour, go to the water or the woods and provide fish, deer or turkeys to meet the whim of the ladies of the house. They combined the pleasure of sport with the profit of providing for their tables. The old Quaker Meadow home is two miles from Morganton, but the eastern boundary of the farm is the Catawba, only a mile from the Courthouse. From the northwestern portion of the town, since the land along the river has been cleared, this magnificent and lordly estate is plainly visible, and the valley and the river presents a charming view for a landscape painter.

From his house on a hill on the eastern bank of the river, Peter Brank and his son-in-law, Captain David Vance, the grandfather of Z. B. Vance, could see the home of the McDowells. The place in the early days was surrounded by the newly-found homes of the Greenlees, Erwins and Captain Bowman, whose only daughter by his marriage with Grace Greenlee, was the grandmother of Mrs. Harriet Espy Vance, first wife to Governor Vance. She was married to Governor Vance at Quaker Meadows—in full view of his grandfather's first home in Burke.

"Hunting John" must have died during the early part of the War for Independence, probably near the time his cousin, Joseph, died in 1775.

#### THE COUNCIL OAK.

On the 29th of August, 1780, Colonel Ferguson moved into Troy (now Rutherford County) and camped, first at Gilberttown, three miles north of Rutherfordton, with the purpose of capturing Charles McDowell and destroying his command, and ultimately crossing into Washington and Sullivan counties (now Tennessee) and dealing with Shelby and Sevier of the Watauga settlement. Ferguson left Gilberttown with a detachment in search of Charles McDowell, but McDowell laid in ambush at Bedford Hill, on Crane Creek, and fired upon his forces while crossing the creek at Cowan's Ford. Major Dunlap was wounded and Ferguson was forced to retire to Gilberttown.



After this affair, Charles McDowell retreated across the mountains to warn Shelby and Sevier of the threatened desolation of their country, and to invite their co-operation in an attack on Ferguson. It was agreed that the transmontane men should be gathered as expeditiously as possible, while McDowell should send messengers to Colonels Cleveland and Hernando, of Wiles County, and Major Joseph Winston, of Surrey. The energies of Shelby, of Sullivan and Sevier, of Washington County, N. C., then embracing the present State of Tennessee, were quickened by the message which Ferguson had released a prisoner to convey, to the effect that he would soon cross the mountains, hang the leaders and lay that country waste with fire and sword.

The clans were summoned to meet at Quaker Meadoms on the 30th of September, 1780. Meantime Charles McDowell returned to watch Ferguson, protect cattle by assailing foraging parties, and give information to Shelby and Sevier of Ferguson's movements.

Rev. Samuel Doak invoked the blessings of God upon the Watauga men, as they left for King's Mountain to meet Ferguson, whose blasphemous boast had been that God Almighty could not drive him from his position. Those trustful old Scotchmen afterwards believed in their hearts that the hand of God was in the movement which cost him his life and destroyed his force.

#### THE McDOWELLS AT KING MOUNTAIN.

Charles McDowell had organized the clan into a compact, formidable force. The proposed scene of conflict was in his district, and, under military rules then in force, he was entitled to command. When, however, it became apparent that jealousy might impair the efficiency of the little army, he cheerfully agreed to go to Mecklenburg or Rowan and invite General Davidson to take charge. After he had left on this mission it was deemed by the council of war best to attack Ferguson before his forces could be strengthened by Cornwallis, and the result indicated the wisdom of this conclusion.

Governor Shelby published an account in 1823, in which, after lauding General Charles McDowell as a patriot and a brave and able officer, he said that after it was decided by the council to send to headquarters for a general officer to take command, Charles McDowell requested, as he could not command, to be allowed to take the message, and added that "He accordingly started immediately, leaving his men under his brother, Major Joseph McDowell." (Wheeler's History, Part 2, page 59.) It was Shelby who next day made the generous move to place Campbell in command to obviate the danger of delay. Within the next twenty years some of the lineal descendants of Joseph McDowell, of Pleasant Gardens, have insisted that the command of the Burke men at King's Mountain devolved on their ancestor, not on his cousin Joseph, of Quaker



Meadows. The writer would be rejoiced to be convinced that this contention is well founded, but is constrained to conclude that it is not. Shelby had come over with Sevier, at the instance of Charles McDowell, under whose command he had previously fought, with all three of the McDowells, at Musgrove's Mill, and other places. He must have known whether the brother or the cousin of Colonel Charles McDowell was next in rank to him, and he said it was the brother.

"Poor's Sketches of Congressmen" state that Joseph McDowell who was born at Winchester, Va., in 1756, and died in 1801, was elected a member of the third and also of the fifth Congress, and commanded a portion of the right wing of the army that stormed King's Mountain. In a subsequent sketch of Joseph J. McDowell, he says he was born in Burke County, N. C., Nov. 13, 1800, was a son of Joseph McDowell, member from North Carolina, and was himself a member from 1843 to 1847. The widow of Joseph McDowell, of Quaker Meadows, left North Carolina with her little children and went to Kentucky soon after her husband's death. His home was on the banks of the Johns River, near where Bishop Spangenburg must have encamped when he declared that the land was the most fertile he had seen in Carolina. These sketches have always been prepared after consultation with the member as to his previous history, and we must conclude that both father and son bore testimony to the truth of history—the father that he was in command, the son that such was the family history derived from his mother. Dr. Hervey McDowell, of Cythiana, Ky., who presided over the first Scotch-Irish Convention, at Nashville, Tenn., and who died at the ripe age of four score, a year or two since, had devoted much of his life to the study of family history, and had conversed with members of the family who knew Joseph of Quaker Meadows, and Joseph of Pleasant Gardens, and were familiar with their history.

Speaking of the agreement of Colonel Charles McDowell to go to headquarters, Dr. Hervey McDowell says:

"He thereupon turned over the command of his regiment to his brother, Joseph, of Quaker Meadows, who was thus promoted from the position of Major, which he had held in his regiment, to that of acting Colonel, and in the regular order of promotion Captain Joe, of Pleasant Gardens (the cousin and brother-in-law of the other Joe) became Major Joe, he having been senior captain of the regiment."

With the rank, one of Colonel and the other of Major, these cousins of the same name led the brave sharpshooters who fought so heroically at Cow-Pens and in the many fights of less consequence. Sarah McDowell, a daughter of Captain John, who was killed by the Shawnees, married Colonel George Moffitt, a wealthy and distinguished officer in the war for independence. His accomplished



daughter, Margaret, married Joseph McDowell, of Quaker Meadows, and her youngest sister became the wife of Joseph of Pleasant Gardens. The cousins served Burke County acceptably in the House of Commons and Senate of the State Legislature and in the Convention at Hillsboro, as they had both won distinction while fighting side by side on a number of battlefields. The writer has inclined to the opinion that both served in Congress, Joseph McDowell, Jr., of Pleasant Gardens, from 1793 to 1795, when he died, and Joseph, Sr., of Quaker Meadows, from 1797 to 1799. But this is still a debated question.

### THE TWO JOSEPHS.

Joseph McDowell, of Quaker Meadows, was a handsome man, wonderfully magnetic, universally popular, and of more than ordinary ability. He was a born leader of men, and was represented by the old men of succeeding generations to have retained to his death the unbounded confidence and affection of the old soldiers. Margaret Moffitt was a woman of extraordinary beauty, as was her sister, Mary.

After the battle of King's Mountain, in October, Joseph McDowell, of Quaker Meadows, remained in the field with 190 mounted riflemen, including the younger Joseph, as one of his officers, until he joined Morgan on December 29, and participated in the battle of Cow Pens.

Joseph, of Pleasant Gardens, was a brilliant man, of more solid ability than his cousin, of the same name. The late Silas McDowell, who died in Macon County, but lived during his early life first in Burke and then in Buncombe, in discussing in an unpublished letter, of which I have a copy, the prominent men who lived west of Lincoln County, "reaches the conclusion that prior to the day of D. L. Swain, Samuel P. Carson and Dr. Robert B. Vance, no man in that section had, according to tradition, towered far above his fellows intellectually, except Joseph McDowell, of Pleasant Gardens, whose "light went out when he was in his noonday prime, and in the last decade of the eighteenth century." He was born February 26, 1758 and died 1795. His widow married Colonel John Carson, whose first wife was the daughter of "Hunting John." Samuel P. Carson, the oldest son by the second marriage of Mary Moffitt McDowell, was a member of the Senate of North Carolina in 1822, and was born Jan. 22, 1798 (See Wheeler's Reminiscences, page 89). Joseph, of Quaker Meadows, was born in 1756, was two years older, and therefore must have been Joseph, Sr. Wheeler records the name of Joseph McDowell, Sr., as having served successively from 1787 to 1792, inclusively, as a member of the House of Commons from Burke County, but not after a later date (See list of Burke Legislators, Wheeler's History, Part 22, page 62). Joseph McDowell, according to the same authority, was a State Senator, succeeding General





Charles from 1791 to 1795, inclusively, and during that time did not serve in Congress, though he unquestionably served later. These and other facts have led the writer to believe Joseph Jr., served one term in Congress from 1793 to 1795, when he died, and that afterwards, and up to the time of his death, the elder cousin was a member. Joseph McDowell, Jr., was not in public life after 1792, unless he served one term in Congress before his death. It is not probable that he lived from 1792 to 1795 without holding an official position.

THE McDOWELL WOMEN—MRS. GRACE GREENLEE McDOWELL, MRS. MARGARET MOFFITT McDOWELL, AND MRS. MARY MOFFITT McDOWELL.

Mrs. Margaret Moffitt McDowell, says Dr. Hervey McDowell, was a beautiful and charming woman. After the death of her husband she returned to the valley of Virginia and went thence to Kentucky. Amongst her descendants was a son, Joseph J., already mentioned, a member of Congress, and many other people prominent in public and social life, both of Kentucky and Ohio.

Mrs. Mary Moffitt McDowell was the mother of Mrs. Anne McDowell, who married her cousin, Captain Charles McDowell, a son of General Charles, and was the mistress at the Quaker Meadow home, where she kept a house always open for her friends, until her death, in 1859. Her oldest daughter, Mary, first married Gen. John Gray Bynum, in 1838, and subsequently became the second wife of Chief Justice Pearson, in 1859. The late Judge John Grey Bynum, was the only son. Another daughter, Eliza, was the wife of Nicholas W. Woodfin, one of the ablest lawyers of his day, and another, Margaret, married W. F. McKesson, and was the mother of the first Mrs. F. H. Busby, and of C. F. McKesson. Another daughter married John Woodfin, a prominent lawyer, who fell at the head of his battalion, resisting Kirk's invasion at Warm Springs. The only son who survived Mrs. Annie McDowell was Colonel James C. S. McDowell. He married Miss Julia, daughter of Governor Charles Manly. His first service was, when as second lieutenant of Company G, of the Bethel regiment, he participated in the first battle of the war. Later he became Colonel of the 54th North Carolina regiment, and fell gallantly leading it in a charge on Marye's Heights in 1863. James McDowell, oldest son of Mary Moffitt, married Margaret Erwin, and was the father of Dr. Joseph McDowell, of Buncombe, and Dr. John C. McDowell, of Burke, both of whom were members of the Secession Convention of 1861, and of Col. William, who was Captain in the Bethel regiment, and afterwards Major of the 16th North Carolina. Another son, John McDowell, was the father of Colonel John, of Rutherford County.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Mary McDowell married



Colonel John Carson, and made her home at his mansion, near the mouth of Buck Creek, on the Catawba. The name of Pleasant Gardens followed her, and was applied to her new as well as her old home. Her oldest son by the second marriage, Colonel Samuel P. Carson, after serving in the Legislature of the State, served four terms in Congress. He was at first a favorite of Old Hickory, and was selected as the readiest debater in the House to defend the administration on the floor of that body. He afterwards became the friend of John C. Calhoun, and his defense of nullification estranged Jackson and led to Carson's retirement from Congress. The last service of Carson to the State was, as one of the members from Burke, of the Constitutional Convention of 1835. His father had been one of Burke's members of the Convention of 1789, when the Constitution of the United States had been ratified by the State.

In the writer's boyhood, older men spoke of Sam Carson as the most eloquent speaker and the most fascinating gentleman they had known.

In the early part of the year 1835, Samuel Carson went, with the view of finding a home, to the Republic of Texas, then struggling with Mexico for independence. It was during his absence that he was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1835. He emigrated to Texas in 1836, and soon after his arrival was chosen a member of the Convention of 1836, which framed a Constitution, and upon the election of General Samuel Houston to the Presidency of the young republic, was made Secretary of State. The efforts of Carson to secure recognition of the Lone Star State were potent in beginning the agitation which culminated, in 1845, in recognition and annexation.

#### THE CARSON-VANCE DUEL.

Stung by defeat in 1825, Dr. Robert B. Vance determined to break him down in 1827. He believed, it is supposed, on account of Carson's great amiability, that Carson was a coward, though a more fatal mistake was never made, and, acting upon that belief, charged in a public discussion at Morganton that Colonel John Carson, the father of his opponent, and who has already been mentioned as a member of the Convention which adopted the Constitution of the United States, at Fayetteville, was a Tory, and took protection when Ferguson invaded Burke. Colonel Carson arose and denounced Vance as a liar. Vance tauntingly said to him: "You are too old. You have a gallant son whose duty it is to fight your battles." I am reliably informed that Vance did not believe that Samuel Carson would resent this insult, and he knew that if he should not he could never be elected again after the election which was to take place in a few days.

To show how widely mistaken Dr. Vance was in his estimate of Carson, the writer has heard from his father that on the night after



this discussion Samuel P. Carson, his six brothers and his father, met at the old family home, at the mouth of Buck Creek, and though the old Colonel insisted upon sending a challenge, his sons overruled him, and agreed that after the approaching election Samuel should challenge Vance, and should Samuel fall, each of the brothers, beginning with the oldest, Joseph McDowell Carson of Rutherford, should challenge him in succession. The Colonel was appeased by an agreement that should Vance kill all of his boys, he should then have the opportunity to avenge the insult. All of the brothers were cool and courageous, and were crack shots. Soon after the election Carson crossed the Tennessee line to avoid a violation of the law of his state, and sent by Col. Alney Burgin of Old Fort an invitation to Vance to come over to Tennessee and discuss the grievance complained of. Carson, with the distinguished Warren Davis of South Carolina as a second, and accompanied by David Crockett as a friend, met and mortally wounded Vance at Saluda. Just before taking his place, Carson, who was kind as he was courageous, said to Warren Davis: "I can hit him anywhere I choose; I prefer to inflict a wound that will not prove fatal." Davis said: "Vance will try to kill you, and, if he receives only a flesh wound, will demand another shot, which will mean another chance to kill you. I will not act for you unless you promise to do your best to kill him." Carson promised, and Vance fell mortally wounded. Carson's heart was tender, and he died lamenting that the demands of an imperious custom had forced him to wreck his own peace of mind, in order to save the honor of his family and remove the reproach upon his name.

The oldest son of Colonel Carson, Joseph McDowell Carson, was a prominent lawyer, and represented Rutherford County in the Convention of 1835, and frequently in the Legislature. He was the grandfather of Captain Joseph Mills, of Burke, and of Mrs. Frank Coxe, of Asheville, as well as of Ralph P. Carson, a prominent lawyer of South Carolina.

One of the daughters of "Hunting John"—Anne—married a Whitson, and her descendants for a century have been honored citizens of McDowell and Buncombe counties. One of them married the only daughter of Samuel P. Carson. Joseph McDowell Burgin, of Old Fort, a son of General Alney Burgin, who bore the message to Vance, is another of his worthy descendants, and the accomplished daughter of Captain Burgin is the wife of the golden-tongued orator of the West, Hon. Loeke Craig.

Colonel William Carson, second son of Mrs. Mary Moffitt Carson, and J. Logan Carson, third son of her marriage with Colonel John Carson, both lived and died on one of the farms known as Pleasant Gardens. William married twice, and amongst his descendants are many prominent men and estimable and accomplished



ladies. William Carson Ervin, of Morganton, is a grandson of William Carson, and J. L. Carson was the grandfather of Mrs. W. McD. Burgin and Mrs. P. J. Sinclair, of Marion. C. Manly McDowell is the Sheriff of Burke County, and her most popular citizen. He is a son of Colonel James C. S. McDowell, of the Fifty-fourth North Carolina, who fell at Marye's Heights, and the grandson of Captain Charles and of Annie, daughter of Joseph of Pleasant Gardens and Mary Moffitt. William Walton, a grandson of Colonel James, and a graduate of the University, won a commission as lieutenant in the Philippines by his gallantry and good conduct, and, thanks to his university training, stood the examination for the regular army.

#### THE PRESENT CONDITION OF THESE OLD HOMES.

The sacredness of the home is dear to all of us, because of its associations with loved ones who have entered into our lives. So, we listen to the historical legends which connect homes with people who have won a place in history.

The Quaker Meadows of the Revolutionary era was known historically as the place where patriots rallied and where chiefs, under the old Council Oak, laid the foundation stone of our independence. Later it was known to visitors as the home where Grace Greenlee McDowell dispensed a lavish hospitality to her friends and to the old comrades of her husband. She was known as the cultured woman, who (with an infant in her arms, the grandmother of Mrs. Harriet Espy Vance), rode to Ramseur's Mills to nurse her wounded husband, and afterwards went into a cave to aid in the secret manufacture of powder. To her family she was the lovely Christian mother who whispered into the infant's ears the story of the Cross, and taught her children, growing into manhood and womanhood, how, though remote from towns, to be cultured ladies and gentlemen.

It seems sad to those who have inherited the old English idea of establishing and maintaining family ancestral homes that descend from sire to son for ages, that these old dwellings have passed into the hands of good people outside of the families who founded them. Though their connection with family names has ceased, it is a patriotic duty of all who love their country and appreciate the blessings of liberty to perpetuate the history of these old homes as the scenes of great events. I have tried to show that many good and true and some great people trace their origin to the founders of these homes that in the last century were nurseries of the courage and fortitude that carried King's Mountain.





MRS. C. A. CILEY, MRS. MARGARET BUSBEE SHIPP, MISS MARGARET McDOWELL, AND MRS. LEE S. OVERMAN.

It is not inappropriate to mention a few of the McDowell women who are well known in North Carolina by other names. The names of Mrs. Ciley, Mrs. Margaret Busbee Shipp, Miss Margaret McDowell of Morganton, and Mrs. Lee S. Overman are living representatives of the Pleasant Garden and Quaker Meadow stock, who show that the families are not degenerated on learning or culture. Mrs. Ciley is the great-granddaughter of Charles McDowell and Grace Greenlee. Mrs. Shipp was a descendant, one degree further removed, of Charles McDowell and Grace Greenlee, and also of Joseph McDowell of Pleasant Gardens. Miss Margaret McDowell is a great-granddaughter of Joseph McDowell of Pleasant Gardens. Mrs. Lee S. Overman is the great-great-granddaughter of Charles McDowell and Grace Greenlee. She is the wife of Senator Overland and the daughter of the late distinguished Chief Justice Merrimon and niece of Judge James H. Merrimon, the two ablest and most distinguished descendants of General Charles McDowell. All these ladies contribute interesting articles for the press. Mrs. Shipp is the widow of Lieutenant W. A. Shipp, who fell at Santiago. North Carolina is proud of him as a son, and the nation of his career as a soldier.

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#### THE McDOWELS OF BURKE COUNTY

Divided Over Who Commanded at King's Mountain.

A SKETCH BY JUDGE M. L. McCORKLE

(Read Before the Mecklenburg Historical Society.)

"Alenda lux ubi orta libertas." This is sacred ground. It was consecrated by the heroes and patriots of the 20th of May, 1775, when they declared their independence and afterwards sealed it with their blood. It was the boldest and most daring act, the most patriotic and wisest forethought of any age. It was the harbinger of the great Declaration of the 4th of July, 1776, of Independence, which brought freedom to millions of souls then living and to many generations unborn. It set in motion revolution that caused a war with the most powerful nation on earth, and lasted eight years, and finally terminated in the acknowledgement of the independence of this country. For the first four years the war raged more fiercely north of Mason and Dixon's Line. During that time the British Army had virtually overrun all the territory. They then moved to the South like a great avalanche. The battles of Bunker Hill, Valley Forge and Brandywine had been fought. Charleston, after a noble resistance, had been besieged and fell. The battles of Eutaw Springs, Camden and Augusta had been fought and lost to the cause of independence. Nearly the whole of the States of South Carolina



and Georgia had been overrun and in the possession of the enemy. Cornwallis was master of the situation. The times looked gloomy for the Whig cause. Loyalists were becoming bold and outspoken for the King, and ready to arm and fight for the Crown. The Indians were putting on their war-paint. This state of things brought a large number of patriots to the front. None were more brave and daring than the McDowells of Western North Carolina.

John McDowell of Pleasant Garden came to this country from the State of Virginia, and settled in that place about the year 1743. His ancestors were originally from the highlands of Scotland (as his name indicates), and from there went to the northern part of Ireland, and hence were called Scotch-Irish. He and Henry Weidner crossed the Catawba river together at Sherill's Ford. Only one white fatmily (Adam Sherrill's) had preceded them. From that point they went west and discovered the south fork of the Catawba river at the junction of the two forks—Henry's and Jacob's forks—which makes the South Fork river. There they found a splendid body of land. They went still further west and saw a magnificent body of land on the Catawba river, which they called Pleasant Garden. They both desired this fertile spot. They were both athletes. They agreed to wrestle for the choice, McDowell won the prize and entered the Pleasant Garden and Weidner the South Fork country. They obtained large grants in 1750, and many of their descendants occupy these lands today.

Sometime afterwards his cousin, John McDowell of Quaker Meadows, followed and settled on that desirable tract of land on the Catawba river not far from where the beautiful town of Morganton now stands, and some of his descendants own it until this day. The two John McDowells were cousins. Pleasant Garden John married Anna Edmiston, by whom he had three children: Joseph, Rachael and Anna. Anna married a Whitson; Rachael married a Carson; Joseph married Mary Moffett, by whom he had five children (two died young); John, the eldest, represented Rutherford County several years in the Legislature of North Carolina, and James, of Yancey County, represented that county several years. Anna, the only daughter, married Charles McDowell of Quaker Meadows.

John McDowell, of Quaker Meadows, married Margaret O'Neil. They were married in Ulster, Ireland. They determined to encounter all the perils in search of what better fortune might await them on this side of the broad ocean. They first settled in Pennsylvania. Thence they soon moved to Winchester, Va. There their sons, Charles and Joe, were born—the former in 1743; the latter in 1755. They removed to North Carolina and settled at Quaker Meadows.

Their sons soon grew to manhood. Charles, afterwards General Charles, early embarked in the War of the Revolution. He





FRANK McDOWELL  
of Morgantown, N. C.

He is somewhere with the Allies fighting for humanity.  
April 23, 1918.



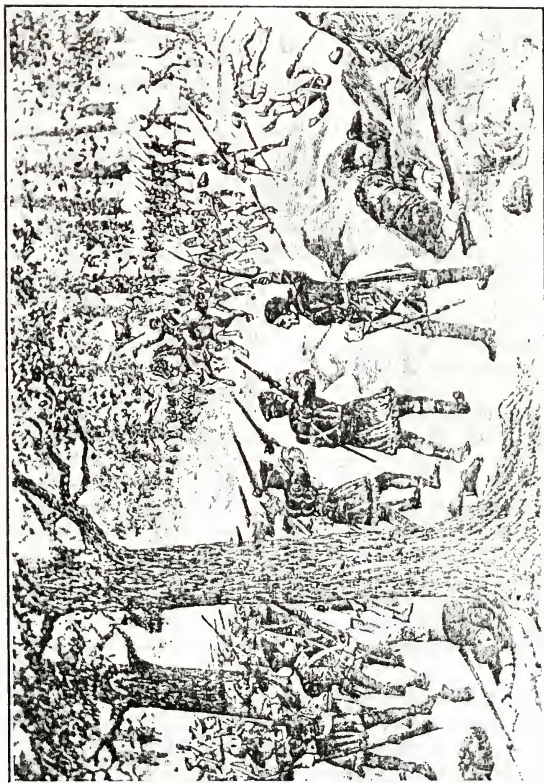
was soon placed in command of Burke and Rutherford Counties, a large military district at that time. Stoutly he had held the mountain passes against the Indians, and had made several successful expeditions against the Cherokees; one called the Rutherford campaign, another the Stono expedition. He was engaged in a number of skirmishes with the Tories. He had a small force under him to resist Col. Ferguson. With this force he went across the mountains to obtain assistance, and was in consultation with Colonels Shelby and Sevier. It was decided that each should make an effort to raise all the men he could, and that they should meet on the Watauga. Colonel Shelby informed Colonel William Campbell, of Washington County, Virginia, of their purpose and asked them to join them. They met on the Watauga and were joined by Colonels Cleveland, Campbell, Sevier and others. They immediately crossed the mountains near the head of the Catawba river. They ascertained that they were nearly all of the same rank, and had no general officer to command them. It was decided to send Colonel Charles McDowell to Hillsboro, to see General Cates and procure a general officer to command the troops. In the meantime, they elected Colonel Campbell, the red-headed Argyle, as commander-in-chief of all the forces present.

It is said that Colonel Campbell was placed in command through courtesy, on account of his being from a sister State and also on account of his having the largest number of men under him. Colonel Charles McDowell turned his regiment over to the command of Major Joe McDowell, of Pleasant Garden, until he should return from his mission; but the great battle was fought before he returned. This was the last of Colonel Charles McDowell's military career. He lived many years after the war at his paternal home, Quaker Meadows, and served his country and district many times in the Senate of North Carolina, from 1783 to 1788. He died at Quaker Meadows greatly beloved and respected by all who knew him. The following tablet was placed over his grave: "To the memory of General Charles McDowell, A Whig officer in the Revolutionary War, who died, as he had lived, a patriot, the 31st of March, 1815, aged about 70 years."

Colonel Joseph McDowell, his brother, of Quaker Meadows, married Margaret Moffett. He was with his brother Charles in the Rutherford campaign, the Stono expedition, and commanded a company of horse in the great victory gained by Col. Frank Locke and his comrades at the battle of Ramseur's Mill. In the biographical sketch of Col. Joseph McDowell of Quaker Meadows, which he gives of himself in the Political Register and Congressional Directory for 1776 to 1878, as revised by Ben Perly Poor. This is a record in which there can be no mistake: "Joseph McDowell, father of Joseph McDowell, was born in Winchester, Va., and his father soon after







Battle of King's Mountain



wards moved to Burke County, North Carolina; was active in the Revolutionary movement, commanding a portion of the right wing under his brother Joseph (brother-in-law) at the battle of King's Mountain, Oct. 7, 1780; was a member of the Convention of 1788 to consider the adoption of the Federal Constitution, which he opposed; was elected to the Third Congress, serving from Dec. 2, 1793, to \_\_\_\_\_, 1795; was again elected to the Fifth Congress, serving from May 5, 1795, to March 5, 1799. He had for his colleagues in Congress such men as Nathaniel Macon, of Warren County, and Matthew Locke, of Rowan County, and other distinguished men from North Carolina. At that time she had nine Congressional members, as many as she has today.

Colonel Joseph McDowell took an active part in the debates in Congress, as the records of Congress will show. He was the recognized leader of the Republican party in the western counties, and was eminent for his sagacious leadership in civil matters, as he had been dauntless and successful in war. He was no inconsiderable antagonist in debate; throughout his life he was the idol of the Western people. He was one of the commissioners appointed to choose a site for the capital of the State of North Carolina. He had not only a State reputation, but a national fame. He lived on John's river, on the plantation now owned by Mrs. John McDowell, which was sold to Albert Corpening for three thousand dollars, all of which was paid in silver. He sold his farm preparatory to removing to Virginia, and thence to Kentucky. He died before he accomplished his purpose, at the early age of 45 years, and was buried at Quaker Meadows with military honors. After his death his family scattered. His father-in-law, Moffett, moved them back to Virginia, and thence to Kentucky, and some went to Ohio. His son Joseph J. was a distinguished member of Congress from Hillsboro district, Ohio. The grave of Colonel Joseph McDowell, this distinguished statesman and hero of many battles, has not a stone to mark where he lies, and not many generations hence the plowshare may turn up his dust and bones, to be bleached by the driving rains.

Major Joseph McDowell, his cousin and brother-in-law, was the son of "Hunting John" McDowell, of Pleasant Garden. He was born at Pleasant Garden Feb. 25, 1758. He married Mary Moffett (who married Colonel Joseph McDowell, of Quaker Meadows). Joe, of Pleasant Garden, was a mere boy at the commencement of the Revolutionary War. Young as he was, he immediately went into active service in the Patriotic Army. He soon was promoted to the rank of major, in which his cousin Charles was colonel. He was engaged with it in every fight where his cousin commanded. When his cousin Charles retired from the command of the Burke and Rutherford Regiment he was placed in command. At the bat-



tle of King's Mountain he commanded the regiment, and Colonel Joe, of Quaker Meadows, commanded the right wing of a "portion" of the regiment "under him." Hence, there is a dispute, which had the chief command in that gallant struggle. They were equally brave, equally patriotic, and equally able. One is known as Major Joe of Pleasant Garden, the other as Colonel Joe of Quaker Meadows. Both were at the Cowpens, where Colonel Tarleton succumbed to the sturdy blows of Col. Morgan. Major Joe possessed the fighting qualities which distinguished the family in all its branches. In the Rutherford campaign he killed an Indian in a hand-to-hand fight. He served from the beginning of the war to the close. He was not only a distinguished fighter, but an able statesman and civilian. He was a lawyer by profession. Several of his law books are now in my possession, in which he signed his own name. His autograph is "J. McDowell, P. G."

The signatures of the two Josephs are very different. The one signs his name "J. McDowell of Pleasant Garden," the other "Jos. McDowell of Quaker Meadows." They were known as Major Joseph McDowell of Pleasant Garden and Colonel Joseph of Quaker Meadows. Two of these law books of J. McDowell, in which is written his autograph, are "Hale's Pleas of the Crown," another "Vade Mecum." He was not only eminent as a soldier, but stood high as a statesman. He served in the North Carolina Legislature from 1785 to 1792. McDowell County was named in honor of him. He was a member of the North Carolina Convention of 1788, for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the Constitution of the United States in which he made a statesmanlike speech, opposing its adoption on the ground that it did not guarantee rights of the States, trial by jury and the great writ of "habeas corpus." He was regarded as possessing the brightest intellect of any of the name. The late Honorable James McDowell of Rutherford County, and Honorable John McDowell of Yancey County were his sons, and both served their respective counties several terms in the Legislature of North Carolina. His only daughter, who lived to be grown, married Captain Charles McDowell of Quaker Meadows, and who was the mother of Eliza, who married Hon. N. W. Woodfin; Mary L., who married Hon. John Gray Bynum and afterwards Chief Justice Richmond Pearson; Myra, who married Colonel John Woodfin, and Margaret, who married the Hon. William P. McKesson of Burke County.

After the death of Major Joe McDowell of Pleasant Garden, his widow, Mary, married Captain John Carson, who afterwards became a member of Congress. By him she had a number of children; the most conspicuous of whom was the Hon. Sam P. Carson, a native and resident of Burke County, and equally distinguished for his mind, energy and character; his warm, enthusiastic temper



and patriotic sentiments. He was elected to the State Senate from Burke County in 1822 and in 1824, and in 1825 he was elected to Congress over Dr. Robert P. Vance, and remained in that body until 1833. He moved to Arkansas and died in Red River County.

No man has more distinguished descendants, according to their number, than Major Joseph McDowell of Pleasant Garden. He was a man of great personal dignity, but modest to a fault. He met Colonel Ferguson at Gilbert Town and drove him back and prevented him from crossing the mountains. The next engagement he had with that bold and daring leader was on King's Mountain. On this favored spot he and "the heroes of King's Mountain" gained one of the most decisive battles ever fought. Ferguson had retreated before the "mountain men" for several days. He at last found "a favored spot" on the spur of King's Mountain. It is a high ridge or spur, with deep ravines on each side. The ascent on every side is steep and hard to climb. About 3 o'clock on the 7th of October, 1780, after being in the saddle for thirty hours, and being drenched in rain, these daring patriots approached the mountain where Ferguson considered himself impregnable. A short time before they arrived upon the fatal field, each commander went along his lines and exhorted his men to fight like heroes—conquer or die. That if any man was afraid he should now turn back. Every man stood his ground; Colonel Campbell was on the extreme right when they made the attack; Colonel Shelby next; then Sevier, then Winston, then Hambricht, then Williams, and on the extreme left, Major Chronicle. These lines completely surrounded the mountains. Sevier's and McDowell's regiments, in order to reach the enemy, had to cross a deep ravine and climb the mountain at its steepest point, and when they came in range they could do great execution, while the enemy would shoot over them. It is said by Draper that none of McDowell's men were killed or wounded. This is a mistake. Young John Wilfong, who after the battle grew up to be a great man in wealth, popularity and good deeds, and who is the ancestor of many distinguished dead descendants and many living, and has been honored with the name of "Wilfong Lake," Guilford Battleground, was severely wounded in the right arm, and carried that honorable scar to his grave. Daniel Whitener told the late George Summy, who related the same story to Hon. S. T. Wilfong, that "he took as deliberate aim at Col. Ferguson during the battle as ever he did at a buck, and when he fired his gun Ferguson fell," with eight mortal wounds, from which he died. That gun was presented by his noble descendant, P. W. Whitener, to the Guilford Battleground Company, and it is now among the Revolutionary relics on the great battlefield.

The battle lasted about fifty-four minutes. During the fight the mountain was surrounded by a cordon of fire, and was one con-





tinuous sulphurous blaze. The roaring of the guns, the rattling of the musketry, the charging of the bayonets, the swaying to and fro of the lines, like ripe fields of grain agitated by the storm; the shouts of the victors, the groans of the wounded and the dying, presented a picture awfully grand and terrific. Lieut.-Col. DePeyster raised the white flag; Ferguson cut it down, and with an oath shouted, "Charge, my brave men; let not a rebel live!" and with his silver whistle called his men around him, spurred his white charger on, and then fell, pierced with eight mortal wounds, and immediately died. "Brave, but rash" might have been written on his tomb. After the battle they divided Ferguson's belongings among some of the field officers. To Colonel Cleveland they gave Ferguson's white charger, because he lost his in battle; to Colonel Campbell they gave his correspondence; to Colonel Sevier, his sword and sash; to Colonel Shelby, his large silver whistle; to Major Joe McDowell, they gave his china set, and he gave them to his daughter Ann, who married Captain Charles McDowell of Quaker Meadows, and she gave them to her four daughters—they are in the hands of their descendants to this day. Both of the Joe McDowells of Pleasant Garden and Quaker Meadows, in the great battle above spoken of, commanded the Burke and Rutherford regiments, one on the right wing—the other on the left.

Note.—If Major Joe McDowell of Pleasant Garden was only a captain, why did they not give the china to Colonel Joe of Quaker Meadows? Mrs. Chief Justice Pearson told John McDowell Michael, that her grandfather, Major Joe of Pleasant Garden, was the commander of the Burke and Rutherford regiments in that battle. Mrs. Dr. George W. Michael says her father, the late Hon. John McDowell, a son of Pleasant Garden Joe, told her frequently that his father commanded the Burke and Rutherford regiments in that battle. Miss Sallie McDowell, another daughter of Hon. John McDowell, says the same thing. Miss Maggie McDowell, a granddaughter of the late Hon. James McDowell and daughter of Dr. John McDowell, says that her father told her that his grandfather Joe of Pleasant Garden was the commander of the Burke and Rutherford regiments in that battle. Dr. George W. Michael, whose first wife was Mary Moffett Carson, and his second wife, Martha Moffett McDowell, said their families all said that Major Joe of Pleasant Garden was the commander of the Burke and Rutherford regiments in that battle. Major Ben Burgin, who was about 95 years of age at the time, told Dr. Michael about forty years ago that he knew Major Joe of Pleasant Garden, was the commander of the Burke and Rutherford regiments at King's Mountain. Historian Draper is mistaken when he says that Colonel Joe of Quaker Meadows was the chief commander of the Burke and Rutherford regiments at King's Mountain, because after the battle he rode

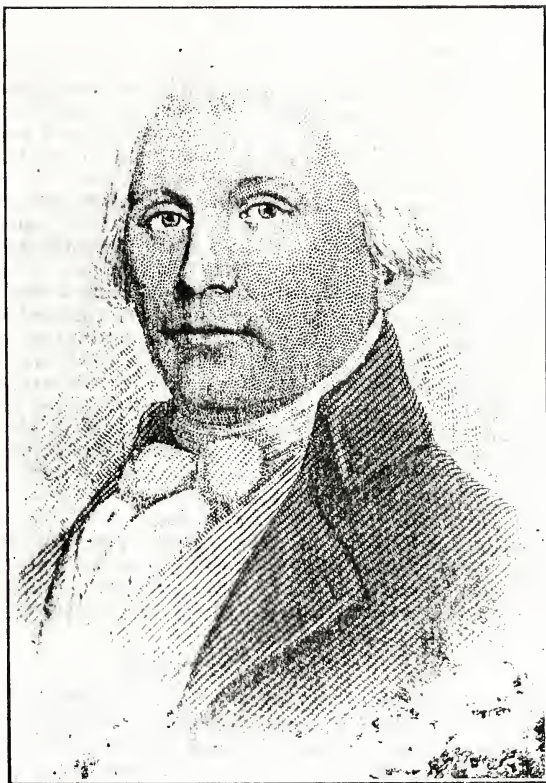


along the lines at Quaker Meadows and told the soldiers to use the rails on the place, for they belonged to him; whereas, in truth, the plantation belonged to Colonel Charles by right of primogeniture, which was not abolished in North Carolina until 1784.

But why should there be any contest over this question, "Which of these men commanded the Burke and Rutherford regiments at King's Mountain?" Their ancestors were of the same Scotch-Irish blood. Their fathers were cousins. They were nearly related themselves. Their wives were sisters. Their descendants have nearly the same blood coursing through their veins, and each ought to be interested in the fame of the other. But it is right that the truth of history should be known. If Major Joe of Pleasant Garden was the chief commander, posterity should know it. The result of this great victory turned the tide of the Revolution in favor of the Independence of the Colonies. It fired the patriots with new zeal. It gave new hope to all America. It made the blood of every Whig beat quicker and prouder. In a short time after the decisive battle of the Cowpens was fought, in which Colonel Morgan and his heroes gained a great victory. Thus, within the radius of less than forty miles, the battle of Ramsour's Mill, King's Mountain and Cowpens were fought and won principally by troops from Western North Carolina, and yet she nor this section of the country has scarcely any credit for the same. Many of her heroes who fought these great battles lie in neglected graves. Major Joe McDowell of Pleasant Garden, died in 1795, and was buried at that place in the family cemetery, and there is scarcely a mark to tell where he lies. Colonel Joe McDowell of Quaker Meadows died about 1800 at his home on John's river, and was buried with military honors at Quaker Meadows, and there is not a stone or a mark to tell where the distinguished hero and statesman lies. In a short time the places where these great men were buried will be known no more forever. Their names, the heroes of many battles, deserve to be carved high on the granite shaft erected to the memories of the heroes of King's Mountain, on that great battlefield, and handed down to generations unborn. The Scotch-Irish of America (said to be the highest developed type of the human race) ought to see to it that the names of these two heroes and statesmen and their noble deeds should not be forgotten. A pencil mark is more reliable than all the memories of mankind, but the mark of the chisel in granite or marble is more lasting than all the pencil marks and all the memories of the world. It will last as long as the eternal hills and until the earth shall melt with fervent heat. Then let the memories of these two great men live as long as time shall last; and then soaring fresh from its ashes, soar above the crackling globe and live forever.

But why should we be surprised to find these two brave heroes





GENERAL JOE McDOWELL

Fought at King's Mountain



lying in neglected graves? It is so over all North Carolina. There is not a statue erected to one of her citizens in or out of the State. All of the old thirteen original States have placed statues in the rotunda of the Capitol at Washington except the State of North Carolina. In her extreme modesty and want of self-respect, she allows outsiders to call her "Rip Van Winkle," and permits the cognomen to be applied to her. She allows them to call her a strip of land between two States, when she furnished at Ramsour's Mill all the Whig troops and a large majority at King's Mountain and Cowpens, in which three splendid victories were gained; when she did the most bold and daring fighting around and in the town of Charlotte; when Cornwallis with all his army stormed and took the town, in which Lieut. George Locke and a number of other patriots were killed, and when she did her duty in every emergency in that great struggle. Had it not been for the patriotic and indomitable perseverance of Judge David Schenk, the North Carolina troops who fought so gallantly at Guilford Courthouse would lie in disgrace and not a mark to tell where the great battle was fought. North Carolina furnished more troops in the late Civil War, and more of her soldiers were killed and wounded in battle, according to numbers engaged, than any other of the Southern States. Yet in history she receives no credit for it. She has produced more great men, according to population, than any State in America. At one time when Thomas H. Benton, Silas Wright, Hugh L. White and William R. King were in Congress, half of the Senators of the United States were native North Carolinians. It is charged against her that her sons are never fully developed until they are transported and become citizens of other States. How long shall this state of things last? How long before North Carolina shall appreciate her living and honor her dead? Whenever her young shall be taught to revere their memories and respect her living heroes and statesmen, then we may expect the dead and the living to be properly honored.

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#### JOSEPH McDOWELL.

From Official Congressional Record—By Hon. Finis J. Garrett, M. C.

"Joseph McDowell (father of Joseph J. McDowell) was born in Winchester, Va., in 1756; moved to Burke County, North Carolina; active in the Revolutionary War; member of the House of Commons of North Carolina, 1782-1788; opposed to the adoption of the Federal Constitution in the State Convention; elected a representative from North Carolina to the third and fifth congresses; died in Burke County, North Carolina."

"Joseph J. McDowell (son of Joseph McDowell) was born in Burke County, North Carolina, November 13, 1800; moved to Hillsboro, Ohio; elected a representative from Ohio to the 28th and 29th congresses as Democrat; died in Hillsboro, Ohio, Jan. 17, 1877."





The Joseph McDowell whose biography is first set out above is the only McDowell who ever served in Congress from North Carolina.

In a book, "King's Mountain and its Heroes," by Draper, which I found in the Congressional Library, there are numerous references to Col. Chas. McDowell, "Hunting" John McDowell, Gen. Joseph McDowell, and Capt. Joseph McDowell.

As best I can gather from this book, there were two brothers born in Ireland, Joseph and "Hunting" John. Joseph was born in 1715, reared as weaver, married Margaret O'Neil, and early migrated to Pennsylvania. He soon went to Winchester, Va., and there two sons were born to him, Charles and Joseph, the latter in 1756.

"Hunting" John had moved to Catawba Valley, "settling that beautiful tract, Pleasant Garden," some time prior to 1758, and not long after his brother Joseph went to that section and settled at the "Quaker Meadows," where his family was reared.

Charles became a Colonel in the Revolutionary service, and in February, 1776, Joseph McDowell, Jr. (brother to Charles) entered his brother's regiment, some accounts say as a Major, and it is this Joseph McDowell whom the author of this book puts down as the Joseph McDowell of King's Mountain fame, but it is also true that another Joseph McDowell was in the battle. This Joseph was the son of "Hunting" John. He was at King's Mountain as a Captain.

This book says that in Burke County these two cousins were known or distinguished from one another by the appellations of their homes. Joseph, the son of Joseph, Sr., was known as "Quaker Meadow Joe," and Joseph, the son of "Hunting" John, was known as "Pleasant Garden Joe." I think both of them were in the North Carolina Legislature at the same time, and Joseph, son of Joseph, used the word, "Jr.," to distinguish himself from his cousin.

This same Joe was the member of Congress whose biography is first given on page 1 of my letter. He served in Congress in 1793-95 and in 1797-99—that is the third and fifth Congresses. In 1797 he was a commissioner for running boundary line between Tennessee. He died Aug. 11, 1801, of apoplexy, in the 45th year of his age, and was buried at the Quaker Meadows, where some rude stones and a large tree at the head of his grave mark the place of his repose. He married Mary, daughter of Col. George Moffett, of Virginia, leaving two sons and six daughters.

He was the recognized leader of the Republican party in the western counties, and was eminent for his sagacious leadership in civil matters, as he had been dauntless and successful in the late war. He was no inconsiderable antagonist in debate, and throughout his life he was the idol of the western people of North Carolina.

His cousin, Joseph, the son of "Hunting" John, was born Feb.



25, 1758. He served on Rutherford's campaign, killing an Indian; on scouts against the Indians in Burke County, and commanded a company at King's Mountain. He was a member of the North Carolina Convention in 1788, making several speeches. He married Mary Moffett, dying in April, 1795, leaving several children. He was a lawyer by profession, and is regarded as having the brightest intellect of any of that connection.

The book states further that this Capt. "Pleasant Garden Joseph," at King's Mountain, secured some of Ferguson's service—six of his china dinner plates, and a small coffee cup and saucer, several of which are yet among his descendants, and in the foot note refers to letters the author had from Mrs. R. M. Pearson and Miss N. N. McDowell, granddaughters, and Miss Anna M. Woodfin, a great-granddaughter of Captain McDowell.

In a footnote the author says it was certainly Joseph McDowell, of Quaker Meadow, who led the Burke County troops at King's Mountain, and that the confusion has all come about because he had the same name as his cousin, Capt. or Pleasant Garden Joseph. They resided in the same county, married sisters, it seems, were in the same Legislature at the same time, and were both at King's Mountain. Quaker Meadow Joseph as the leader of the troops of Burke County, and Pleasant Garden Joe as a Captain of a company. The author says that this accounts for the confusion which the descendants of each have had about the matter.

#### DESCENDANTS OF JOE McDOWELL OF QUAKER MEADOWS.

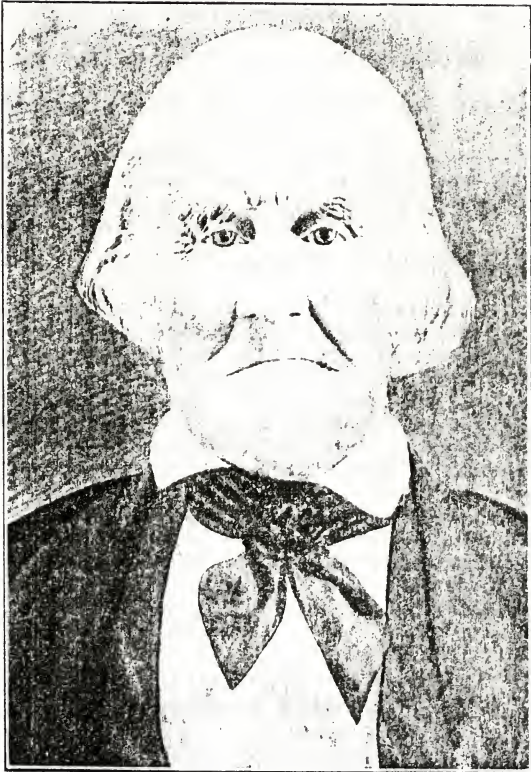
Andrew McMicken, Jr., born at Doylestown, Pa., of Scotch father and French mother, April 23, 1823, and died at Buffalo, Wyo., October 20, 1893, married at Hillsboro, Ohio, 1872, to Rachel Ann Trimble McDowell (daughter of Gen. Joseph J. McDowell and Sallie Ann McCue (a noted beauty) Gen. Joseph McDowell was born at Quaker Meadows, N. C., and died at Hillsboro, Ohio, Jan. 17, 1877. Sallie McCue McDowell was born near Staunton, Va., and died at Hillsboro, Ohio, Nov. 30, 1885).

Rachel Ann Trimble McDowell was born at Hillsborough, Ohio, April 26, 1826, and died at Westwood, Ohio, April 4, 1900.

#### CHILDREN OF ANDREW McMICKEN AND RACHEL McDOWELL:

1. Lalla McMicken, born at Cincinnati, Ohio, still living; married (1) Sam T. Lewis, of Washington, D. C., married (2) Gen. Benjamin Piatt Runkle, Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 10, 1894.
2. Charles McMicken, born September 1850; died June 8, 1851.
3. Andrew McMicken, Jr., born November 13, 1852 (attorney at law, Rankin, Mo.) married Helen Cannon, Rawlins, Wyo., March 2, 1888.
4. Joseph McDowell McMicken (physician); born Feb. 9, 1854;





JUDGE SAMUEL McDOWELL



- married Agnes Craig July 11, 1883; died at Portland, Oregon, Sept. 13, 1903.
5. Anna McMicken, born at Troy, Ill., Jan. 11, 1856; died at Keokuk, Iowa, Feb. 26, 1867.
  6. Mary McMicken, born at Troy, Ill., married W. W. Strowbridge April 5, 1882. Issue: Andrew Hine.
  7. Lucy bell McMicken, born at Keokuk, Iowa, Sept. 8, 1860; married C. W. Hine Sept. 19, 1889.
  8. Revell McMicken, born at Keokuk, Iowa, Feb. 24, 1866.

#### DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH McDOWELL OF PLEASANT GARDENS.

BYRON G. McDOWELL, descendant of Joseph McDowell, of Pleasant Gardens, N. C., was born at Franklin, N. C., June 22, 1834, was married at Bluff City, Tenn., Jan. 27, 1863, to Margaret Rhea, born at Beech Hill, Tenn., Dec. 30, 1840.

#### CHILDREN OF BYRON McDOWELL AND MARGARET RHEA.

1. James Rhea McDowell, born at Bluff City, Tenn., Nov. 27, 1863; married at Clinton, Tenn., Ettie Young, June 26, 1900.
2. Ellen Irene McDowell, born at Bluff City, Tenn., Sept. 8, 1886.
3. Elizabeth Juliet McDowell, born at Bluff City, Tenn., Aug. 12, 1868; married J. B. Lyon, at Bristol, Tenn., Oct. 12, 1893. Issue: McDowell Lyon, born at Bristol, Tenn., Sept. 16, 1895.
4. Evelyn McDowell, born at Bluff City, Tenn., Dec. 13, 1870; married W. S. Stewart, at Bristol, Tenn., June 27, 1900. Issue: Ellen Stewart, born Jan. 3, 1905.
5. Albert Sidney McDowell, born at Bluff City, Tenn., Sept. 12, 1875; married at Lebanon, Tenn., Inez Curtis, Jan. 11, 1900.
6. Margaret Rhea McDowell, born at Bluff City, Tenn., June 18, 1880; married W. D. Furgerson, at Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 26, 1900. Issue: 1. Margaret Furgerson, born Sept. 16, 1902. 2. Robert Furgerson, born Sept. 14, 1904.

#### PLEASANT GARDEN'S BRANCH.

By Margaret E. McDowell.

"Hunting John" McDowell, of Pleasant Gardens, N. C., was one of the pioneers of Western North Carolina; came first from Pennsylvania to Virginia, and from the Valley of Virginia to Pleasant Gardens in 1743. He entered large tracts of land in 1850. He was too old for active service and was not in the Revolution of 1775, and he refused protection from the British, and preferred to drive his cattle off to the cove.

His county was then Rowan, and he attended court at Salisbury, one hundred miles away. Afterwards his county was Burke,





and later on it was McDowell, in honor of his illustrious son, Joseph.

"Hunting John" was of Scotch-Irish descent, and is said to have been related to Ephriam McDowell, of Virginia, probably a nephew. John McDowell married Annie Edmistin, of Virginia, and by her he had three children, Joseph, Rachel and Annie. The latter married a Whitson, and their descendants are to be found in Buncombe County, N. C., and in California. Rachel married Col. John Carson, and after her death he married Joseph McDowell's widow, Mary Moffett.

Joseph McDowell, of Pleasant Gardens, the only son of "Hunting John" McDowell, was married to Mary Moffett (a daughter of Col. George Moffett and Sarah McDowell) in Augusta County, Va., Staunton being the postoffice. The writer has a letter written by Colonel George Moffett, to his daughter, Mary, and it was written from Augusta County, Va., July 2, 1807, and posted at Staunton.

When a boy of eighteen, Joseph, of Pleasant Gardens, was in Rutherford's campaign against the Indians, in 1776, and killed an Indian with his own sword. Two or three years ago his sword was found in a garret at Pleasant Gardens, and sent to the museum at Raleigh. He was a man of delicate constitution, and in addition to being a fervent patriot, had considerable taste for military affairs. He was a man of great "dignity and modesty of character, and was regarded as possessing the brightest intellect of his day," in Western Carolina.

I have in my possession a manuscript from Silas McDowell, of Macon County, N. C., who endeavored to correct all errors, and give the people historical facts. He was born in 1795, and was a man of remarkable memory and gathered facts. He says of Joseph McDowell:

"If there was any man in this part of the State that distinguished himself in mind, as ranking far above his fellows, except Joseph McDowell, of Pleasant Gardens, Burke County, N. C., tradition has not transmitted the fact; though there were scores of strong-minded, honorable and patriotic men in this division of the State, who figured in the Revolutionary War. McDowell's light went out when he was in his noonday prime, and in the last decade of the 18th century, and from that time until 1820 there has arisen no bright and particular star. 'Joseph of P. G.' was born 25th February, 1758, and died April, 1795, at the age of 38 years. Young as he was he soon went into the Patriotic Army, and was soon promoted to Major, under his cousin Charles, who was Colonel, afterwards General. Joseph met Col. Fergerson at Gilbert Town, and drove him back and prevented his crossing the mountain." I have it from my father, Dr. John McDowell, who had been told by his father, the Hon. James McDowell, and his Aunt Annie, the son and daughter of Joseph, of Pleasant Gardens, and Mary Moffett:



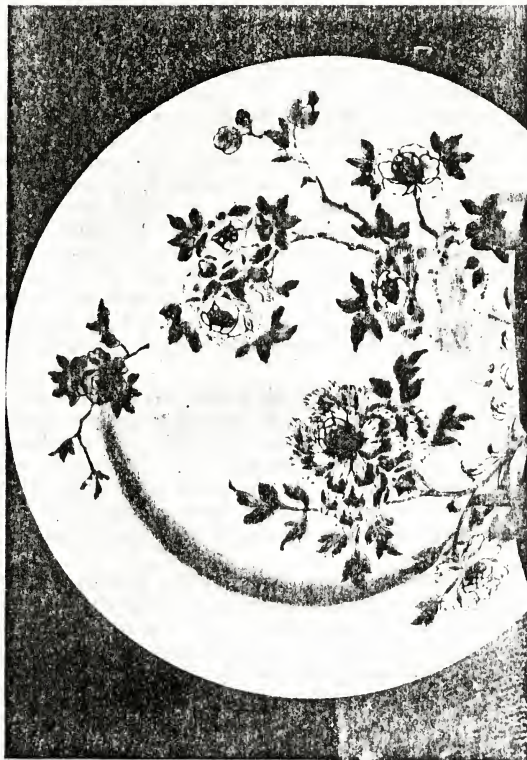
that while Joseph was stationed at Gilbert Town, that his mother, Annie Edminstin, molded bullets and carried them tied under her skirts, to her son. She went from Pleasant Gardens to Gilbert Town on horseback, a considerable distance, through a rough country, and on the way she was encountered by rough Tories, who took her horse by the bridle and tried to prevent her from going further; but with the courage of the women of that day, she managed to get out of the ruffians' way and made a safe trip.

Joseph was engaged in the battle of Cow Pens and Ransaur Mills, and was the McDowell who commanded his own and General Charles McDowell's troops at King's Mountain. Robbing "Joseph, of P. G." of the command of the regiment at that battle, had been the mistake on the part of some historian, and because of the dispute, in saying that Joseph of Quaker Meadows was the superior officer, and commanded his brother Charles' troops—the name McDowell does not appear on the King's Mountain monument. The two Josephs were cousins and married sisters, Mary and Margaret Moffett, and both fought in the same battles, and both were brave and honorable in all things, but having the same name, and both being soldiers, then statesmen, a great deal of confusion has arisen.

"Joseph, of Pleasant Gardens." was undoubtedly the commander at King's Mountain; all of my family from my grandfather, James, Joseph's son, and Annie, his daughter, down to my father and mother, have said so, and I think the china which is in the possession of the writer is proof conclusive. The china was given to Annie McDowell by her mother, Mary Moffett McDowell, telling her the set of china was given to her father, Joseph, from Ferguson's belongings, after the Battle of King's Mountain.

Annie married her cousin, Capt. Charles McDowell, of Quaker Meadows, Burke County, N. C., and she gave the china to her daughters. Both the Woodfin ladies, Annie and Capt. Charles' daughters, have pieces of this china, and Miss Annie Woodfin still has pieces; a cup and a saucer; and when she showed it to me a year ago she said: "My mother told me this was given to my great-grandfather, 'Joseph of Pleasant Gardens,' after the Battle of King's Mountain." Mrs. Bynum, another daughter of Annie and Capt. Charles, the granddaughter of "Joseph, of Pleasant Gardens," gave a plate from the same set of China, to her son, Judge Grey Bynum, of Morganton, making the same statement to the writer that the Woodfin sisters had made. I believe that plate is the only thing I ever coveted. Judge Bynum and his wife died without children, and there was no one to inherit the china. The Judge gave the same to his much beloved brother-in-law, Mr. George Green, of Wilson, N. C., who married my cousin. I wrote to Mr. Green if he would give me the china, and allow it to remain in the family, and not pass out of the name. Being big-hearted and honorable, he brought the china plate to me, saying he had rather





## FERGUSON'S PLATE

His tableware was divided after his death at the Battle of Kings Mountain. Handed down by Joseph McDowell of Pleasant Garden to his descendants, owned now by his great grand daughter Margaret Erwin McDowell of Morgantown, N. C.



give it to me than to the Museum at Raleigh—so I have the china and send you a photo of same. (See photo.) Getting it was an answer to prayer.

Joseph was a lawyer and his law books are in the family; and from them I send his autograph. "J. McDowell, P. G." If Joseph, of P. G., was the rightful commander of General Charles' troops, posterity should know it, says Judge Lecke McCorkle; and to that just man I am indebted for a great deal of data, that corresponds with all my family has said. Again, he says, "No man had more distinguished ancestors and descendants than Joseph, of P. G., according to their number. Joseph was Major before the battle of King's Mountain, and Colonel after that. He served in the North Carolina Legislature, from 1785 to 1792. He was a member of the North Carolina Convention in 1788, for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the Constitution of the U. S., in which he made a statesmanlike speech, opposing its adoption on the ground that it did not guarantee the rights of the States, trial by jury, and the great writ of habeas corpus—so that the Honorable Lecke McCorkle, who made a big effort to do justice to both Joseph, of Pleasant Gardens, and Joseph, of Quaker Meadows."

Joseph died in April, 1795, and was buried at Round Hill, the family burying ground at Pleasant Gardens; and his grave is unmarked.

John, James and Annie were the children of Joseph and Mary Moffett, two others having died young. Hon. John McDowell, of Rutherford, was a most estimable man, several times served his country honorably in the Legislature, as did his brother, of Yaney County; and while James was in the Legislature the new county taken off of Burke, was named through compliment to him, for his father, Joseph, of Pleasant Gardens, and was called McDowell County.

John married a Miss Lewis, and his descendants are scattered over North Carolina, and to his daughter, Miss Sarah McDowell, and to her nephew, John Michael, and to Dr. Michael and Major Ben Burgin, who was 95 years old fifty years ago when he gave my father, Dr. Michael, and others, a great deal of information concerning Joseph of P. G., I am indebted for much that I've written.

James McDowell married Margaret "Erwin of Belvidere," Burke County, N. C., and lived until after her death at Pleasant Gardens, and from there he removed to Yaney County, leaving three sons and two daughters mostly to the care of his wife's relatives at Belvidere—the oldest being ten and the youngest one year old. James McDowell, like many of that name, was celebrated for his hospitality, and the sister-in-law who brought up his infant, and did a great deal for all of the children, has often said to the writer (she was my great aunt, Miss Cecelia Irwin). "Brother





James McDowell was the kindest and best brother-in-law I ever knew."

James McDowell, it seems, never refused to go security for his friends and kin; and through the latter he lost his Pleasant Gardens home—same being sold for security debts, and then he moved to Yancy County, where he died in 1854. James McDowell and Margaret Irwin had three sons and two daughters, besides two children who died when a few months old. The brothers were Joseph Alburton, William Wallace and John Calhoun McDowell. Owing to these three men being left when very young without a mother and their father being in a measure broken up, and having to leave his home and go to Yancy County, which was almost out of civilization, these three brothers were thrown considerably on their own resources—though they had the kindest of fathers. However, they were fairly educated. Joseph, the eldest, read medicine with Dr. Hardy, of Asheville, and from there went to the Medical College at Charleston, from which he graduated and settled at Hot Springs, N. C., and afterwards at Asheville, N. C. He was considered an excellent physician and was a man I have heard others say, of the finest personal appearance, was called "A Chesterfield" in manner. He married Julia Patton, of Asheville (daughter of John C. Patton) and their children are living in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Mrs. James Walton, his daughter, lives in Morgantown, N. C.

William Wallace McDowell married Sarah Smith, of Asheville, who was a daughter of James Smith, who was the first white child born west of the Blue Ridge, and lived and died there, as did his brother, Dr. or Colonel, Joseph, of whom I have just made mention. These two brothers were officers during the Civil War. Joseph was Colonel and William, Major. William was Captain of the First Volunteer Company that left Asheville in 1861. The flag with which the captain was presented was made from an old U. S. flag (reconstructed) by the ladies of Asheville. This flag was adopted as the regimental flag by the first regiment, commanded by Gen. D. H. Hill, and was dedicated at Big Bethel Church battle, June 1, 1861.

W. W. McDowell's courage at that battle was highly spoken of by D. H. Hill, and others, the first battle between the North and the South. Captain W. W. McDowell, of the Buncombe Rifles of 1861, became Major in the 60th North Carolina Regiment, his brother, Joseph, being Colonel of the regiment. They were both at Murfreesboro, Tenn. Colonel Joseph was born Dec. 22, 1821, and died March 10th, 1875, at Asheville. Major William Wallace McDowell was the "grandest old man I ever knew." This was said or rather written of him by a friend, and a Northerner, who had lived in the Major's home for years. Surely he ought to have



known the "Maj," as every one called him. The writer knew him thirty years, or even longer, and can say he was the best man she had ever known. After the death of my father and his brother, Dr. John C. McDowell, I was a great deal in his family, and agree with the writer, who said of him, "He was as brave as a lion and as gentle as a lamb." I never heard him speak harshly to anyone; always gentle and loving in his family. 'Twas hard for him to say "No," but when it was said no one would dream of his saying "Yes." He was truly a Christian, was an elder in the Presbyterian Church—a real Scotch Presbyterian in many things—had inherited that bravery and religion of the Clan. He was of Scotch-Irish descent. W. W. McDowell's children are living in North Carolina and Seattle, Wash. Two daughters, Annie and Mary, are at the old home in Asheville.

Dr. John Calhoun, the third son of John McDowell and brother to Colonel Joseph McDowell and Major William McDowell, was born July 7th, 1825; died August 3rd, 1876. He married Sarah "Erwin, of Bellevue," daughter of James Erwin, and settled first in Morganton, where he began the practice of medicine. He read medicine in Morgantown with Dr. McRee, and from there he went to the Medical College at Charlestown, S. C. He was said to be a very handsome man, and a man with a great big heart, and a quick intellect. He did not care for offices or honors, and never allowed his name to go before the public but once, then he was elected to the Convention of 1861, from Burke; and at the same time his brother, Joseph, was elected from Buncombe. He was a Democrat, as was his brothers, and during every campaign worked for his party as few men did only when working for self. The McDowell's were Democrats while nearly all their kin were Whigs.

Colonel Walton, one of Burke's historians, said: "Dr. John C. McDowell died without an enemy." W. W. Avery, another writer, said: "He did not care for office, he only cared to shine in social life, and was a prince of entertainers," and "always thinking and planning for the advancement of his family." "He was an indulgent husband and father." It was said by others, and I know it to be a fact, that he was the kindest of neighbors and his slaves loved him with a peculiar devotion. His sons say, "He was the biggest man they ever knew." He died greatly beloved, at the old home of Col. Joseph McDowell, of Quaker Meadows, and was buried at Morganton. Joseph sold said home to Albert Corpening and from Albert it descended to his son David, and David sold same to Dr. McDowell and wife, Sarah Erwin, and the part of the old plantation on which Joseph, of Quaker Meadows lived, and the home of Dr. John Calhoun McDowell, belongs to the writer.

Dr. John C. McDowell was not in the army during the Civil War, but was in active home service, fighting the Tories and pro-



teeting home. Loved his church, was a Presbyterian. His descendants live in North Carolina. Most of them are at Morganton, Burke County, North Carolina, the County of the McDowells.

### KING'S MOUNTAIN BATTLE.

Colonel Shelby says of Charles McDowell, in his pamphlet of 1823: "I made the proposition (to put Colonel Campbell in command) to silence the expectation of Col. Charles McDowell to command us, he being the commanding officer of the district, we were then in and had commanded the armies of militia assembled in that quarter all the summer before against the same enemy. He was a brave and patriotic man, but we considered him too far advanced in life and too inactive for the command of such an enterprise as we were engaged in. I was sure he would not serve under a younger officer from his own State, and hoped that his feelings would be in some degree saved by the appointment of Colonel Campbell, of Virginia."

In his narrative in the American Review, December, 1848, Shelby made no reference to McDowell's age, but simply states that "he was too slow an officer" for the enterprise.

Though Colonel Shelby speaks of McDowell's age as being objectionable for such service, Draper in his "King's Mountain Battle," page 1888, says:

"It really deserves little if any consideration, for the reason Colonel Charles McDowell was only thirty-seven years of age," While there has been some difference of opinion as to Colonel McDowell's birthday, his tombstone gives the date of his death at March 31st, 1815, and says he was about seventy years of age. If that be true, he was born in 1745. But whichever date is correct the reason first given that Col. McDowell was too far advanced in life was too frivolous for consideration. Cleveland, who was given command, was older than Colonel McDowell. General Evan Shelby, the Colonel's father, who the year before had commanded an expedition against the Chickamauga Indians, was twenty-three years older than Col. Charles McDowell. General Washington was eleven years older, Sumpter four, Stark fifteen and Marion ten.

Draper, in "King's Mountain and Its Heroes," page 189, says:

"The real objection to Colonel McDowell was not so much his age, as his lack of tact and efficiency for such a command, which required rapid movement to catch the fine generalship to defeat Furgerson, who was known to be one of the bravest fighters and hardest officials to defeat in the King's army." Draper says further: "Colonel Charles McDowell, who had the good of his country at heart more than any title to command, submitted gracefully to what was done, but observed that as he could not be permitted to command he would, if agreeable, convey to headquarters the re-



quest for a general officer. This was warmly approved, as it was justly declared that he was well acquainted with the situation of the country." The manner in which this was presented gratified Col. McDowell, who at once set off on his mission, leaving his men under the command of his brother, Major Joseph McDowell, of Quaker Meadows."

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### WHO COMMANDED AT KING'S MOUNTAIN?

By Frank McDowell.

The facts as to who commanded at King's Mountain, as near as I can get them are as follows: From history and from tradition, having heard it discussed by my father, my uncles, my grand-uncle, Hamilton Erwin, an Aunt Matilda Secelia Erwin, who lived to be eighty-one (81) year old, also from my mother, who was Sarah Erwin, and noted for her excellent memory for dates, births and deaths, I gained many of the facts. They all asserted that the reason Gen. Charles McDowell was not in command at King's Mountain was because he was on a "spree" at the time. Others not related to General Charles, have expressed themselves that he had grown a little lukewarm for the cause. Col. Carson, son-in-law of "Hunting John" McDowell was pro-British, and offered to go to South Carolina and ask protection in order to save "Pleasant Gardens" from being raided, but Old John McDowell said, "No! he would drive his cattle into North Cove, and the British be d—d." Hunting John was 63 years old at the time.

My mother was a close neighbor to "Quaker Meadows" as "Erwin's Delight" (known today as Bellevue) was only two miles away. She was the schoolmate and great friend of Margaret McDowell, the daughter of Captain Charles and Annie McDowell, who was of the "Pleasant Gardens" branch. I have heard her say that "Uncle Charlie, when intoxicated, would tell his wife that it was his father who commanded at King's Mountain," and she would answer that it was her father—Joseph, of Pleasant Gardens.

At any rate the china taken from Colonel Ferguson's tent comes through Annie McDowell, of "Pleasant Gardens," to the "Quaker Meadow" branch of McDowells. Judge Gray Bynum, who married Hennie Erwin (my first cousin) gave it back to my sister, Margaret Erwin McDowell, who now has it. We are descended from the "Pleasant Gardens" branch.

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### THE KING'S MOUNTAIN CONTROVERSY.

By Samuel Moffett McDowell.

In regard to family history, have always heard that the honors of King's Mountain (as far as the McDowells were concerned) belonged to Joseph of Quaker Meadows. Charles not being present





at the battle on account of infirmities, was detailed to carry dispatches to headquarters, or some other point in the military district. There has always been a question of doubt as to which was chosen leader for that particular battle (Pleasant Garden Joe or Quaker Meadows Joe). Now as Charles (Quaker Meadows) being in command, though not present at the time, his brother officers wanted a younger and more active leader, it is natural to suppose one or more officers from the other States lined up, suggested that they elect Joseph, the younger brother of their chief, both being familiar with every road from Virginia, by way of Charlotte and Rutherford, N. C., south to the seaboard.

Judge Avery with his sturdy ability as a lawyer, his power of unravelling knotty problems, made him truly fit to analyze such problems and get at the right, he viewed it from all possible points if he found himself wrong that ended it, but through his methods, if his reasoning convinced him that he was right, beyond a doubt he would revise and recollate in order to present it in proper form, then nothing ever moved him, for he was convinced through others and his own sifted facts that he was right. Now Dr. Hervey and Louisa McDowell, with the help of Mr. Marshall Green, have done more to settle the matter in its true and proper light than any others I have ever read after. All honor and thanks to them for their laborious and unselfish work, for they truly searched for the right. The only time I ever saw Cousin Hervey was, when he visited Morganton. I did not make any claims as to which was which at King's Mountain, I only said I never discussed the matter as to the right Joseph, but I would satisfy myself with the fact that if there was any honors coming I would gladly divide, for I had a double portion, it coming from both grandparents. He said: "Sam, to all intents and purposes you are right, you have lost nothing from that view of it, but it has long been a vexed question, but your cousin Louisa and myself have viewed from every point all matters connected with that particular question, time and again our conclusions have come out the same, Quaker Meadows Joseph McDowell must be the man." That was about twenty-five years ago, probably longer. Judge Avery often said "It must be Joseph McDowell, of Quaker Meadows."

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### KING'S MOUNTAIN CONTROVERSY.

By Charles F. McKesson.

On this historical day, May 10, the voice of patriotism weighs with love as we think of the heroic dead who followed the ill-fated destinies of the Southern Cross, those voices unite in praise of those who marched up King's Mountain through a cordon of British soldiers, and not only proclaimed the downfall of despotism



in these occidental forests, but won from the hand of a sullen king the priceless jewel of Liberty.

Foremost among the heroes of King's Mountain were Gen. Charles McDowell and his younger brothers, and second in command—Joseph McDowell, of Quaker Meadows. My mother, Margaret McDowell, was a granddaughter of Gen. Charles McDowell, and all the contemporary history of their times as well as the family records of the immediate descendants of Gen. Charles McDowell prove beyond all cavil or dispute that Joseph McDowell of Quaker Meadows, and not Joseph McDowell of Pleasant Gardens, was the Joseph McDowell of King's Mountain. I am now in my 67th year, and I never heard this truth of history denied until I was about 45 years of age. The claim now made is on par by that advanced by those who claimed that Bacon wrote the plays of the world's greatest genius—William Shakespeare.

#### STATEMENT OF H. H. McDOWELL, OF MISSOURI.

My father used to say that the McDowells were a clannish set, and I think they are, that he was correct. I have taken from our old Bible record as far as I have it the family record, but it only embraces my grandfather, Joseph McDowell, and family, and my father, Hugh Hervey McDowell's family. In regard to the engraving of my grandfather, I will say I have one of him taken a short time before his death in Philadelphia, when he was a member of Congress. A photo from this was sent to Lyman Draper, and from it he had an engraving made, and put it in his book "King's Mountain and Its Heroes."

My grandfather had a turn for public service, and was said to be a good speaker. My Uncle Joe, who lived and died in Hillsboro, Ohio, was a lawyer, and represented his district in Congress, when Clay, Webster and Calhoun were in their prime. James McDowell was also a member of Congress from Virginia, at the same time. He was a Princeton graduate. Of the North Carolina branch of our family my father said, that Uncle Charles was the oldest male member, his brothers were John and Hugh. John only had, as I remember, two sons, whom he educated as well as circumstances permitted. They were fond of reading, and were in the habit frequently of reading at night after retiring, by candle light, placed near the bed. One night the house was burned and both were burned, and nothing left but their bones, and the father buried them on the old site and erected a new building over their remains, and finished his life a sad man, never recovering from the blow. Hugh died young. His Uncle Charlie was quite infirm when the battle was fought at King's Mountain, and his father (my grandfather Joe) had to take his place. He told me his Uncle Charles was engaged in the Indian wars at the period when those wars were on, and was a Colonel.



The North Carolina family were more numerous than I can tell, but a Mr. Samuel Carson married a sister of my grandfather McKinnie, and Chrisman two other sisters named Elizabeth and Hannah. The Chrisman branch and some of the McKinnie branch moved to Kentucky, and most of them lived and died in Jessum County, Kentucky. In regard to the time my Uncle Joe died I have no date. The Trimbles descended from Governor Trimble of Ohio, who married a sister of Uncle Joe.

My mother's family (Mills) came from Pennsylvania late in 1700. Henry Mills founded a paper furnace mill and flouring mill in Augusta County, Virginia, and were related to the Grattons, Gambles and Gilmers, of Virginia. Nancy Gamble, my mother's cousin, married William Wirt and Preacher Gratton, who completed Gratton Institute was his first cousin. The Mills family were unlike the McDowell family, in that they were never fond of family history. My maternal grandfather, Samuel Mills, owned the Mills Iron Works on Mossy Creek, and died there. Just before Mr. Clay made his great tariff speech on a trip to Washington by state coach through Virginia, spent the night at the home of my grandfather Mills, to talk to him about the iron interest, my father being present at the time, who told me Mr. Clay told him he gained more useful information from Capt. Mills, as he called him, than from any iron master he had ever met, and that Captain Mills ought to be in the U. S. Senate, so you see I am proud of my Mills ancestry, though they had no expressed pride of this kind.

#### CARSON McDOWELL.

#### JOHN CARSON AND RACHEL McDOWELL.

By Mrs. M. M. Brunson, Florence, S. C.

John Carson married Rachel, daughter of "Hunting John" McDowell, and his wife, Annie Edmondston, of Pleasant Gardens. John Carson was the son of James Carson and his wife, Rebecca Hazard, of Ireland. He was born March 24th, 1752, and came to America about 1773, and settled in Burke County, N. C. Catherine Wilson, a sister, had come over to America with her husband, Thomas Wilson, and their seven sons, about 1769, and settled in Burke County. It is said of John Carson that he had been educated for the ministry, but decided differently for himself.

The Carsons and Wilsons were related in Ireland and came from Fermanagh County and Ulster County.

About 1797 the Wilsons moved to Tennessee, but John Carson remained in Burke County and became a distinguished Indian fighter—was known as Capt. John Carson, later as Colonel. He possessed naturally a powerful intellect, great decision of character, and much capacity for business; was quick, resolute and im-



pulsive. He was consequently a man of prominent character and of much influence in his county, and for many years its leading magistrate. His home was on Buck Creek, Burke County. He accumulated a large estate and raised a large family. He represented Burke County in the Legislature in 1805-1806. He had presented to him a silver-headed stick by President Andrew Jackson, the stick being cut from the Hermitage plantation. The head of the stick is now in the possession of Miss Catherine Carson of Hendersonville, N. C., a great-great-granddaughter of Colonel Carson. It is told of Colonel Carson that when he first came over to this country he had a severe illness, and was shown a great deal of kindness by an old couple who were Quakers, and who kept a mill. Afterward, while on a visit to this old couple, he was told how a certain "bully" had been worrying them, abusing them, even to cursing them. Young Carson spent the night in the mill, and the next morning when the said "bully" appeared and began his usual railings against the old couple, he was properly and thoroughly thrashed by the young Irishman. During the Revolution, when the British were overrunning the Carolinas, Colonel Charles McDowell called the leading men of the upper Catawba Valley together and suggested, simply to meet the present emergency, that they should repair to Gilbert Town, take British protection, and thereby save the Whig stock, so necessary for the support of the country, from being appropriated by the enemy; that no man would thereby become a Tory at heart, but would merely exercise a wise stroke of public policy; that the end would justify the means, and thereby render the country a good service. "Hunting John" McDowell refused to be a party in such an arrangement. Certain men were then selected to take protection and among them were Capt. John Carson, Benjamin Davidson and William Davidson. While they accomplished their object, they were severely misjudged, and though it seemed ungracious on their part, they deemed it necessary, urged and suggested as it was by Col. Charles McDowell. Ferguson, at times suspected that Carson and his friends were deceiving him, and saving more cattle than really belonged to them, and so sent out a party from camp to lay in a supply of beef. Carson accompanied them and they found a large herd of cattle. Carson was close-mouthed about their owner until more than one hundred of them had been killed, and then quietly observed that he expected they belonged to Joseph Brown, Johnston and others, who had joined Ferguson, and were then in his camp. So they turned out to be, and the affair had quite a dispiriting effect upon the Loyalists of the County.

Statements of the fact of these men taking protection of the British for the purpose of aiding the Whigs were made in 1797, by Col. Joseph McDowell and Col. David Vanece, and were





preserved by Hon. Robert Henry, all participants in King's Mountain battle. (See Draper's King's Mountain and its Heroes, page 150.)

In after years Samuel Price Carson, son of Colonel Carson, fought a duel with Robert B. Vance, of North Carolina, on account of this incident. Vance insulted Colonel Carson, then an old gentleman, calling him a Tory. This unfortunate affair terminated in the death of Vance.

Colonel Carson was twice married, first to Rachel McDowell, as has already been stated, and they had the following children:

1. Joseph McDowell, who was married to his cousin, Rebecca Wilson, daughter of James Wilson and Ruth Davidson.
2. Charles, who married his cousin, Margaret Wilson.
3. Rebecca, married Thomas McEntyre.
4. Sarah, married ———— Smith.
5. James, died.
6. John, died.
7. Jason, died.

After the death of his wife Colonel Carson married Mary Moffet, a widow of his brother-in-law, Joseph McDowell, M. D., who had been a General in the Revolutionary War. By the marriage were the following children:

1. Samuel Price, who married his cousin, Catherine Wilson.
2. William, who married first Almyra Wilson, and after her death he married Catherine Wilson, widow of his brother, Samuel Price.
3. George, never married.
4. Matilda, married Jason Wilson.

Colonel Carson died March 5, 1841, in his 89th year.

#### CARSON AND WILSON.

##### JOSEPH McDOWELL CARSON AND REBECCA WILSON.

Joseph McDowell Carson, eldest son of Col. John Carson and his wife, Rachel McDowell, was born at Pleasant Gardens, Burke County, N. C.

He was distinguished for his integrity and brilliant intellect. He practiced law many years with imminent success. He much preferred the steady life of a jurist to the fitful course of a politician. Yet he represented his county in the Legislature in the Commons in 1812, 1814, 1813, 1815; and in the Senate in 1832, 1836, 1838, and was a member of the State Convention of 1835 to amend the Constitution. He was a member of the committee to memorialize the Legislature in 1842, regarding the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. He was chairman of the last meeting of the stockholders of the Louisville, Cincinnati and Charleston



Railroad, which was held in Asheville, N. C., September 16, 1839. In 1809 he was married to his cousin, Rebecca Wilson, daughter of James Wilson, of Tennessee. James Wilson was a son of Thomas Wilson and Catherine Carson, who came to America from Ireland about 1769, and he married Ruth Davidson, daughter of Samuel Davidson, who was killed by Indians.

Joseph McDowell Carson and Rebecca Wilson, when they were married, rode on horseback from her father's home in Tennessee, to Pleasant Gardens, N. C. She brought her maid with her, while he had his body servant, who had gone with his young master to get his young mistress. Joseph McD. Carson settled on a large plantation on Green River, and called his place Green River plantation, and there raised a family of six sons and four daughters.

1. Tench Coxe, born 1810, and married to Martha Adeline McBee, daughter of Vardry McBee and Jane Alexander, October 6, 1835.
2. Rachel, married Dr. Otis Mills.
3. Jason Hazard, married Jane Moore.
4. Margaret, married; no issue.
5. Charles Essex, died young out West; not married.
6. Catherine, married Dr. Thomas Duffy.
7. James Wilson, died single.
8. Joseph McD., was a physician, died single.
9. John M., died of fever during the war. Was a member of the Butler Guards, Second Regiment, S. C. V.
10. Matilda, married Dr. Robert Thruston.

Mr. Carson accumulated a large fortune; besides his plantation and one hundred negroes, he owned a gold mine near Morgantown, N. C. He always kept open house, and entertained many judges, lawyers and ministers of his State in his day. His wife was an unusually fine woman, and looked well to the "ways of her household," was a good and dutiful wife; and a mother not only to her children, but to several of her younger brothers and sisters, who went to live with her, upon the death of her parents. Joseph McD. Carson's widowed sister, Rebecca Carson McEntyre, also made her home with him, as did several of his orphaned grandchildren. Mrs. Carson died June, 1840. Mr. Carson died Dec. 19, 1860, and both are buried in the family graveyard on Green River plantation. Since their death the graveyard has been deeded to the Diocese of North Carolina, and through the efforts of their daughter, Matilda Carson Thruston, a chapel has been built and called St. Joseph's, in memory of her father and of her only child, who was also called Joseph.



## CARSON AND McBEE.

## TENCH C. CARSON AND MARTHA ADELINE McBEE.

Tench C. Carson, eldest son of Joseph McD. Carson and Rebecca Wilson, was born on his father's plantation on Green River, North Carolina, 1810, and was named for a friend of his father's, Tenche Coxe, of Philadelphia. He graduated from the University of Virginia, studied law and was admitted to the bar, but preferred the life of a planter. He owned and lived on Tyger River plantation, nineteen miles from Greenville, S. C. The plantation lay partly in Greenville County, but mostly in Spartanburg County. Mr. Carson owned the Tyger gold mines, which were profitably worked. He represented Spartanburg County in the Legislature, and for years was one of the leading magistrates of his district. Mr. Carson was kind and generous and a friend to all in need. It is said of him that if one but shook hands with him it made one his friend. In 1835 he was married to Martha Adeline, daughter of Vardry McBee and Jane Alexander. Mrs. Carson was the granddaughter of Capt. Vardry McBee of South Carolina, on one side, and of Col. Elias Alexander, of North Carolina, on the other, both of whom served in the Revolutionary War, and were at the battle of King's Mountain. Mrs. Carson not only possessed rare personal beauty, but also many Christian virtues, so it can be truly said of her; "many shall rise up and call her blessed." After living on Tyger for several years and being urged by his father-in-law, Mr. Vardry McBee, Mr. Carson moved to Greenville, to assist Mr. McBee in fulfilling a large contract which he had undertaken, which was, to build a part of the Columbia and Greenville R. R., then in progress. The contract fulfilled Mr. Carson decided to sell his property and move to California, but was prevented from doing so by the efforts of his wife's family, Mrs. McBee grieved so at the idea of parting with her daughter. Mr. Carson then bought and lived on a large plantation on South Saluda, lying near Table Rock and Caesar's Head. There he lived the remainder of his life, enjoying his friends and his books. He owned a good library, but the Bible and Shakespeare were always the nearest at hand. He died April, 1861. His eldest son, Joseph, had been called to his bedside, from Columbia, S. C., where South Carolina was assembling her troops for the conflict of the war between the States. Mr. Carson was an Odd Fellow and a Mason, and was buried by the latter in Christ's Church graveyard, Greenville, S. C.

The children of Tench C. Carson and Martha A. McBee were:

1. Joseph McDowell, born May 1837; died November, 1915; and married his cousin, Margaret Mills.
2. Vardry McBee, born 1840, died.
3. Jane Malinda, born Aug. 6, 1842, and married Joseph Woods Brunson, on Feb. 11, 1865.



4. Charles Alexander, born October, 1844, and married Elise Butler, June, 1869.

Mrs. Carson survived her husband several years, she dying September, 1870, and was buried beside him. Like many other Southern women, she did her part during the war. Once a party of Yankee soldiers came to her home and also a large party of deserters came, and her fearlessness alone kept them from raiding the plantation.

#### CARSON AND MILLS.

#### JOSEPH McDOWELL CARSON AND MARGARET CARSON MILLS.

Joseph McDowell Carson, eldest son of Tench C. Carson and Martha A. McBee, was born in Greenville, S. C., May 9, 1837. In 1862, November 6th, he was married to his cousin, Margaret Carson Mills, daughter of Dr. Otis Mills and Rachel Carson. Margaret Carson Mills was born in Burke County, N. C., December 8, 1841, and was the great granddaughter of Col. John Carson and his first wife, Rachel McDowell.

Joseph McDowell Carson served in the war between the States, and was a gallant soldier. He was a member of the famous Butler Guards, Second Regiment, S. C. V., and was twice taken prisoner, the first time at Gettysburg, where he was badly wounded. A piece of shrapnel struck him in the face, and he fell with his head down an incline, and would soon have strangled. Captain Pulliam saw him fall and called to his brother, Charles Carson, "Go to your brother." Charles ran to him and raised him up. When he regained consciousness he insisted on Charles leaving him, or he, too, would be captured. He was taken to the field hospital, then to the prison at Chester, Pa. Later he was exchanged and rejoined his company. He was again captured at Cedar Creek, and sent to Point Lookout, where he remained until the close of the war, when he was paroled and returned home to take up life again. He never fully recovered from his wound and treatment in prison. He died November 2, 1915. His wife preceded him only two years, she dying August 16, 1913. They were both buried in Christ Church graveyard, Greenville, S. C.

They had the following children.

Otis Mills, born 1864; died 1912; married Martha Campbell, of Georgia.

Tench C., born 1867; married Harriet Ewell, of Texas.

Joseph McD., born 1869; died 1872.

Catherine Rebeeca, born 1872.

Matilda, born 1875.

Franklin, born 1878, and was drowned in the Galveston flood in 1900.





## BRUNSON AND CARSON.

## JOSEPH WOODS BRUNSON AND JANE MALINDA CARSON.

Joseph Woods Brunson and Jane Malinda, only daughter of Tench C. and Martha A. Carson, were married February 11, 1865, at Christ Church, Greenville, S. C. Jane M. Carson was born in Greenville, August 6, 1842, and graduated from the Greenville Female College in 1860.

Joseph W. Brunson is the son of Peter A. Brunson and Susannah P. Woods, and was born in Darlington District, August 3, 1839. He comes of a good Revolutionary stock, two of his great grandfathers and one great-great grandfather belonged to Marion's Brigade. Mr. Brunson was a student at Furman University when South Carolina called for volunteers. He returned to his home in Darlington and enlisted, surviving through the war in the Pee Dee Light Artillery, First Regiment, S. C. V. After the war Mr. Brunson farmed near Greenville, and carried on his profession as surveyor. He took an active part in the affairs of '76, and was a member of the Red Shirts. It would not be out of place to mention just here that Joseph W. Brunson, Jr., a lad of nine years, wore his red shirt and rode by the side of his father in the Red Shirt parade, and proudly cheered for Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Brunson moved to Florence in 1893, where they now live, both being remarkable in many ways. Not long since they celebrated the 50th anniversary of their married life. Mrs. Brunson is an active worker in all church and U. D. C. work. Mr. Brunson at the age of 77 still carries on his profession as surveyor.

The children of J. W. Brunson and Jane M. Brunson are:

Joseph Woods, born March, 1867; married to Rosa Elmore Taylor.

Martha McBee, born October 1868.

Jane Carson, born August, 1870; died 1872.

Susannah Woods, born June, 1872.

Malinda McBee, born October, 1874; married Rev. Robt. W. Barnvell.

Peter Alexander, born June, 1877; married Adaline Keith.

Charles Carson, born 1878; died 1878.

Marie Bacot, born 1881; married Philip Alston Willeox.

John Carson, born 1885.

## CARSON AND BUTLER.

CHARLES ALEXANDER CARSON AND ELISE WRAGG  
LOWNDES BUTLER.

Charles Alexander Carson, youngest son of Tench C. Carson and Martha A. McBee, was born in Greenville, S. C., October 26, 1844. He was too young for the beginning of the war, but volunteered in the winter of 1862-1863, at the age of 18 years, and joined



the Butler Guards, and proved a gallant and efficient soldier until the end of the war.

In 1870, on June 8th, he was married to Elise Wragg Lowndes Butler, daughter of Dr. Wm. Butler and Jane Perry, and niece of Com. Oliver Hazard Perry, hero of the battle of Lake Erie. Miss Butler was born at Eagle's Crag, Greenville, S. C., July 28, 1842, and was the youngest of seventeen children. She had seven brothers in the Confederate army, among them Gen. M. C. Butler. Mr. and Mrs. Carson are still residents of Greenville, S. C., where their influence for good is felt by all around them.

They had the following children:

Jane George Butler, born 1871; died 1873.

Martha Adeline, born 1872; died 1873.

William Butler, born 1874.

Charles Alexander Butler, born 1876; died 1913.

Elise Butler, born 1878; married to S. H. Bowen, of Rhode Island.

Nathaniel Calbraith, born 1880; died 1908.

Thomas Pierce, born 1883.

(Contributed by Martha McBee Brunson, Florence S. C., March 1916.)

#### JOSEPH ERWIN AND DESCENDANTS.

Grandfather, Joseph Erwin;  
born in Rowan County, N. C., 1760;  
died in Mississippi, 1846;  
married in Rowan County N. C., to  
Miss Catharine Cowan in 1782.

Children of Grandfather.

Thomas B. Erwin,

Joseph Erwin,

James P. Erwin,

John J. Erwin,

Eli Erwin,

Cowan Erwin,

William Erwin,

Frank Erwin,

Abel Alexander Erwin,

Michael Lincoln Erwin,

Naney Erwin,

Mary Erwin,

Catharine Erwin.

Margaret Erwin.

Name of Father.

Abel Alexander Erwin;

born in Rowan County, N. C., Oct. 5, 1815;

died at West Point, Ga., December 5th, 1898;



married at La Grange, Ga., on September 13, 1850;  
to Eliza Frances Ashford; born in South Carolina, Aug. 3, 1827;  
died at West Point, Ga., on Aug. 7, 1897.

Children of above.

Georgia Belle, born at La Grange, Ga., Sept. 14, 1853.

Charles Henry, born at West Point, Ga., March 1, 1855; died  
Nov. 29, 1881:

Thomas Cowan; born at West Point, Ga., April 29, 1858.

Harriet Ashford, born at West Point, Ga., Aug. 5th, 1861.

Sarah Lee, born at West Point, Ga., Sept. 14, 1863.

Mary Elizabeth, born at La Grange, Ga., Dec. 7, 1866.

Abel A., Jr., born at West Point Ga., 1870; died Nov. 6, 1876.

Married.

Georgia Belle Erwin to E. J. Collins, at West Point, Ga., Jan.  
21, 1872.

Thomas Cowan Erwin to Elsie Schuyler Campbell, at Millburn,  
N. J., Oct. 12, 1898.

Harriet Ashford Erwin to William J. Campbell, at West Point,  
Ga., on Dec. 6, 1882.

Sarah Lee Erwin to Philip Trammell Shutze, at Atlanta, Ga.,  
Oct. 16, 1884.

Mary Elizabeth Erwin to Hubert N. Merck, at West Point,  
Ga., Oct. 27, 1887.

Children of above.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Collins:

Erwin, born at West Point, Ga., Jan. 17, 1873; died Feb. 23, 1902.

Charlie Belle, born at West Point, Ga., June 10, 1881; married  
W. C. Lanier, Esq.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cowan Erwin:

Catharine Campbell, born at Marietta, Ga., Nov. 6, 1899.

Thomas Cowan, Jr., born at Marietta, Ga., Sept. 9, 1901.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Campbell:

Willie Belle, born at West Point, Ga., Feb. 12, 1884.

Charles Erwin, born at Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 12, 1889.

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Shutze:

Mary Frances, born at West Point, Ga., June 29, 1887.

Hattie Erwin, born at West Point, Ga., April 12, 1889; died  
Feb. 29, 1890.

Phillip Trammell, Jr., born at Columbus, Ga., Aug. 18, 1890.

Thomas Erwin, born at Columbus, Ga., June 8, 1896.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert N. Merck:

Hubert N., Jr., born at Gainesville, Ga., July 30, 1888.

Abel Erwin, born at Gainesville Ga., Aug. 28, 1891.

Wm. Campbell, born at Gainesville, Ga., July 30, 1895.

Philip Shutze, born at Gainesville, Ga., Aug. 23, 1901.



## THOMAS COWAN ERWIN.

Was born in Chambers County, Alabama, near West Point, Georgia, April 29, 1858.

He came to Atlanta in 1881, and began his business career in the banking house of W. M. and R. J. Lowry (now the Lowry National Bank), with which institution he was connected for eleven years. In 1892 he was elected cashier of the Southern Banking and Trust Company, and in 1896, together with Messrs. Frank Hawkins and Joseph A. McCord, he suggested and assisted in organizing the Third National Bank of Atlanta, with which bank he is still connected, as cashier. On account of its marvelous growth and success since organization, this institution is known as the "blue ribbon" bank of Georgia. During the panic of 1893, he was elected treasurer of the Atlanta Clearing House Association, which office he still holds.

While Mr. Erwin has never been identified with politics in any way, he has often been honored with positions of trust and responsibility. During the Cotton States and International Exposition, of 1896, he was one of the commissioners appointed to visit the City of Mexico for the purpose of extending to President Diaz an invitation to visit Atlanta on the opening of the great show. In 1902 he was appointed by the Atlanta Clearing House Association, chairman of a committee of representative bankers to visit Washington for the purpose of urging the claims of Atlanta before the Ways and Means Committee of Congress, as the most available Southern city for the location of a Sub-Treasury. On the election of Governor Joseph M. Terrell, he was honored with the commission of Lieutenant Colonel of State Troops, and attached to the Governor's staff.

Mr. Erwin has always been prominent in social and club life of Atlanta, and one of the city's most public-spirited citizens. He was married to Miss Elsie Schuyler Campbell, of New Jersey, in 1898, who, as her Christian name would suggest, is a descendant of General Phillip Schuyler, of Revolutionary fame.

## THOMAS COWAN ERWIN,

Atlanta, Ga.

Birth date of Joseph Erwin (grandfather) and brothers and sisters of same:

Joseph Erwin, born February 4, 1769.

Isabella Erwin, born 1749.

Hezekiah Erwin, born February 20, 1751.

Gaza Erwin, born 1750.

Agnes Erwin, born March 11, 1760.

Margaret Erwin, born October, 1762.

Mary Erwin, born August 14, 1764.







T. C. ERWIN  
Atlanta, Ga.



Joseph Erwin, born in Rowan County, N. C., Feb. 14, 1769; died in Mississippi, 1846; married in Rowan County, N. C., to Miss Nancy Cowan.

Birth date of Abel Alexander Erwin (father) and other children of Jos. Erwin and Nancy Cowan Erwin:

Thomas B. Erwin, born September 16, 1792.

Joseph Erwin, born February 3, 1794.

James P. Erwin, born March 7, 1796.

Agnes W. Erwin, born January 25, 1798.

Eli Y., born November 4, 1799.

John J. Erwin, born September 11, 1801.

Squire Cowan, Erwin, born February 8, 1803.

Katherine L. Erwin, born April 17, 1805.

Mary B. Erwin, born January 3, 1807.

William Erwin, born January 25, 1809.

Hezekiah Franklin Erwin, born February 11, 1811.

Margaret Clementine Erwin, born August 8, 1813.

Abel A. Erwin, born October 5, 1815.

Michael Lincoln Erwin, born May 21, 1819.

### JOHN LAWSON IRWIN.

(By Jack Kendall.)

John Lawson Irwin, born Washington County, 1792, died at Vicksburg, Miss., Sept. 19, 1841. First married to Martha Mitchell, daughter of William Mitchell and Philomela Smith (Jedediah, Jedediah, Elnathan, all of Granville, Mass., and Natchez, Miss.) Second marriage to Lucy Watkins Vick, of Vicksburg (Newett Vick). Descendants by both marriages: Issue of first marriage:

1. John Lawson Irwin, died, unmarried.

2. Mary Philomela Irwin.

3. Elizabeth Irwin, married Judge Henry Cook, of Vicksburg, and had issue:

1. David Irwin.

Jane Smith Irwin.

2. Mary Philomela Irwin, born Carroll County, Miss., 1817; married William Gray Kendall, at Carroll County, Miss., 1837, and had:

1. John Irwin Kendall, born Grenada, Miss., 1841; died at Mazatlan, Mexico, 1898.

2. Benjamin Kendall, died in infancy.

3. William Gray Kendall, born 1845; died 1885; unmarried.

4. Anola P. Kendall, died 1899; unmarried.

5. Kate Emma Kendall, died 1897; unmarried.

6. Mamie Lusk Kendall, died 1902; unmarried.

7. Robert Kendall, died 1877; unmarried.

8. Signe Kendall, died 1877; unmarried.



John Irwin Kendall, born Grenada, Miss., January, 1841; died in Mazatlan, Mexico, October, 1898; second lieutenant Company B, Fourth Louisiana Infantry, 1862-1865; married 1872 at Ocean Springs to Mary E. Smith (daughter of Captain J. C. Smith and Catherine Meagher of New Orleans) born New Orleans 1842; died New Orleans 1880. Issue:

1. John Smith Kendall, born Ocean Springs, Miss., April 9, 1874; married Isoline Rodd, in New Orleans, in 1903. Had issue:
2. Josephine Irwin Kendall, born New Orleans, 1876; unmarried in 1916.
3. Miriam Gray Kendall, born New Orleans, La., 1878; married J. T. Barringer, in New Orleans in 1906 and had issue. Father:

John Smith Kendall, born in Ocean Springs, April 9, 1874. Literary editor of New Orleans Picayune, 1901-1912; Professor Tulane University, 1912. Married Isoline Rodd, daughter of John E. Rodd and Florence Smith, in New Orleans, July 1, 1903. Issue:

Elizabeth Rodd Kendall, born in New Orleans, July 23, 1900.  
Lane Carter Kendall, born in New Orleans, May 11, 1912.

CHILDREN OF MIRIAM GRAY KENDALL AND J. F. BARRINGER.

J. Kendall Baringer, born New Orleans, 1903.  
Katherine Baringer, born New Orleans.  
Frederick Baringer, born in New Orleans.  
Miriam Baringer, born in New Orleans.

CHILDREN OF JUDGE HENRY COOK AND ELIZABETH IRWIN:

Mattie, died.  
Henry, died 1878.  
Fannie, married Mr. T. H. Allen Vick.  
Jennie, married Rev. Robt. Sibley.  
Lawson Irwin.  
Bessie, married Miller.  
Lucy Watkins, died 1878.

#### JOHN LAWSON IRWIN.

JOHN LAWSON IRWIN, nephew of Governor Jared Irwin, was born in Georgia in 1792. He served in the War of 1812, with the rank of lieutenant, and was granted a land warrant (No. 89, 189) for services in the company commanded by Captain Dowd. He was engaged to be married to his cousin, daughter of Governor Jared Irwin, but having conscientious scruples against marrying so close a relative, the match was broken off. He settled in Carroll County, Mississippi, about the year 1820, was one of the founders of the town of Carrollton, and acquired extensive properties in



that vicinity. In 1826 he was elected to the Mississippi State Legislature, to represent Jefferson County, and the following year became a member of the State Senate, from both Copiah and Jefferson Counties. He was re-elected to the Senate from both counties in 1829. In 1831 he was elected to the House of Representatives from Jefferson County. Carroll County elected him to the House in 1836, and he was chosen speaker of the House for the session of that year. He was re-elected from Carroll County in 1837. He died of yellow fever at Vicksburg, Miss., Sept. 19, 1841. Mr. Irwin was twice married. His first wife was Martha Elizabeth Mitchell, who died May 19, 1831, after having borne six children—John Lawson Irwin, Jr., Mary Philomela Irwin, W. H. Irwin, David Irwin, Jane Smith Irwin and Elizabeth Irwin. His second wife was Lucy, daughter of Newett Vick, and granddaughter of Rev. Henry Vick, after whom Vicksburg was named. By his second wife Mr. Irwin left a daughter, Lucy, who married Dr. Harvey Shannon, now of Ocean Springs, Miss.

Of Mr. Irwin's children by his first marriage, John Lawson Irwin, Jr., after serving gallantly in the Confederate army, died at Vicksburg, in 1867. Elizabeth married Judge Henry Cook, of Vicksburg, and had five children—Fannie, who married T. H. Allein, of Vicksburg; Bessie, who married John F. Miller; Lawson and Mattie, and Janie, who married Rev. Robt. Selby, of Hattiesburg.

Children of Mary Philomela Irwin and William Gray Kendall:

1. John Irwin Kendall, born Grenada, Miss., 1841; died at Mazatlan, Mexico, 1898 (see sketch "John Irwin Kendall").
2. Benjamin Kendall, died in infancy.
3. William Gray Kendall, born 1845; died 1885; unmarried.
4. Anola P. Kendall, born 1847; died 1899; unmarried.
5. Kate Emma Kendall, born 1854; died 1897; unmarried.
6. Mamie Lusk Kendall, born 1851; died 1902; unmarried.
7. Robert Kendall, born 1855; died 1877; unmarried.
8. Sigue Kendall, born 1857; died 1877; unmarried.

3. Elizabeth Irwin, daughter of John Lawson Irwin and Martha E. Mitchell, married Judge Henry Cook, of Vicksburg. Issue:

1. Mattie (died).
2. Henry (died 1878).
3. Fannie, married T. H. Allein, of Vicksburg.
4. Janie, married Rev. Robert Selby, of Hattiesburg, Miss.
5. Lawson Irwin.
6. Bessie, married John F. Miller.
7. Lucy Watkins (died 1878).





## Children of John Lawson Irwin and Lucy Vick:

1. Sarah Virginia Irwin, born in Carroll County, Miss., 1833; died 1833.
2. Alice Amanda Irwin, born in Carroll County, Miss., 1836, died 1858.
3. Lucy Vick Irwin, born in Carroll County, Miss., 1838; living 1916.
4. Jack Lawson Irwin, born in Carroll County, Miss., 1840; died 1867.
5. Newett Vick Irwin, born in Carroll County, Miss., 1861; died 1862.

Lucy Vick Irwin, daughter of John Lawson Irwin and Lucy Watkins Vick, married Dr. Harvey Shannon, at Vicksburg, Miss., June 4, 1868. He was born near Nashville, Tenn., 1831, and died at Nashville May 14, 1906.

Children of Lucy Vick Irwin and Dr. Shannon:  
(Names not given.)

## Grandchildren of Lucy Vick Irwin and Dr. Shannon:

1. Charles Henry Warwick, born at Nashville, Tenn., 1894.
2. Annie Harmon Warwick, born at Nashville, Tenn., 1896.
3. Harvey Shannon Warwick, born at Ocean Springs, Miss., 1898.
4. Lucy Irwin Warwick, born at Nashville, Tenn., 1900.
5. Alice Warwick, born at Nashville, Tenn., 1902.
6. Julia Elizabeth Warwick, born at Nashville, Tenn., 1904.
7. William Hibbitt Warwick, born at Nashville, Tenn., 1906.
8. Mary Shelby Warwick, born at Nashville, Tenn., 1913.
9. Mattie Shannon, born at New Orleans, La., 1895.
10. Cleopatra Shannon, born at New Orleans, La., 1898.
11. Irwin Shannon, born at New Orleans, La., 1902.
12. Witt Shannon, born at New Orleans, La., 1904.

WILLIAM GRAY KENDALL, son of James Kendall, and Connie Gray, was born at Corn Creek, Ky., Jan. 12, 1812. He studied law at Transylvania University and was graduated in 1834. He began to practice in Carroll County, Miss. He assisted in laying out the town, and the first session of the first court held there convened in his home. Elected colonel of militia and was elected to the Mississippi State Legislature from Yallobusha County in 1840. He served as chairman of the judiciary committee, but resigned on account of business toward the end of the session. At this time he made his home in Grenada, Miss. In 1843 he was nominated for Congress on the Bond-paying ticket, but was defeated by less than 1,000 votes, and so severely damaged in political fortunes that he



determined to leave the State. He settled in New Orleans and was licensed to practice law in that city in 1844. He invented an improved method of making brick and went extensively into the manufacture of that material, having large establishments near Ocean Springs, Miss. He was a delegate to the State Nominating Convention and an unsuccessful candidate for the State Legislature in 1852. He supported Franklin Pierce and took a prominent part in the presidential campaign in Louisiana. In 1854 he was appointed postmaster of New Orleans, but resigned in 1855. He went to Tchautepée and tried coffee-planting for some time, also undertaking to construct and operate a stage line across the Isthmus for the use of travelers going to and from California. In 1857 he returned to the United States and went to reside in Ocean Springs, Miss. Though exempt from military service on account of age, he enlisted in the Confederate Navy when the Civil War began, and was a gunner on the ship Van Dorn at the battle of Island No. 10. He was subsequently transferred to the quartermaster's department, and while serving in that capacity was captured by a Federal warship. He was imprisoned for months in the hold of this vessel and released, only after thrilling experiences, at Galveston, Texas. After the war he practiced law on the Mississippi Coast, making his home at Ocean Springs. He was elected to the State Legislature from Jackson County in 1865, and re-elected in 1866 and 1867. He died in April, 1872, at Ocean Springs, where he was buried. He had the following children: John Irwin Kendall, born 1841, died 1898; Benjamin Kendall, died in infancy; William Gray Kendall, born 1845, died 1885; Anola P. Kendall, born 1847, died 1899; Kate E. Kendall, born 1849, died 1897; Mamie L. Kendall, born 1851, died 1902; Robert Kendall, born 1855, died 1877; Sigur Kendall, born 1858, died 1877. None of these married except John Irwin Kendall.

#### IRWIN GENEALOGY.

John Irwin Kendall, born at Grenada, Miss., Jan. 10, 1841; died at Magattan, Mexico, Oct. 13, 1898; married at New Orleans, La., April 30, 1872 to Mary Elizabeth Smith, born at New Orleans, La., Oct. 3, 1842; died at New Orleans, Nov. 9, 1880.

Children of above:

1. John Smith Kendall, born at Ocean Springs, Miss., April 9, 1874; married Isoline Rodd, at New Orleans, July 1, 1903.
2. Josephine Irwin Kendall, born New Orleans, 1876; died unmarried in 191—.
3. Mirriam Gray Kendall, born New Orleans, 1878; married J. T. Barringer in New Orleans in 1906. Issue: I. J. Kendall Barringer, born New Orleans, 1901.





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2. Katherine, born Nov. 20, 1903. 3. Frederick, born Sept. 15, 1905. 5 Miriam.  
4. Harriet Faurie Kendall, born March 15, 1880; died in infancy.

Grandchildren:

- John Kendall Baringer, born at New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1901, living.  
Katherine Luck Baringer, born at New Orleans, Nov. 20, 1903, living.  
Frederick P. Baringer, born at New Orleans, Sept. 15, 1905, living.

Great grandfather:

John Lawson Irwin, born in Georgia, 1792; died at Vicksburg, Miss., Sept. 19, 1841; (1) married to Martha Elizabeth Mitchell; died May 19, 1831 (2) to Lucy Vick, daughter of Wesley Vick, of Vicksburg, Miss.

Grandfather:

William Gray Kendall, born at Corn Creek, Ky., Jan. 17, 1812; died at Ocean Springs, Miss., April 20, 1872; married at Carrollton, Miss., 1835, to Mary Philomela Irwin, born at Carrollton, Miss., Jan. 15, 1817, Ocean Springs; died at Ocean Springs, Miss., Jan. 7, 1878; both buried at Ocean Springs, Miss.

Children of Grandfather:

- John Irvine Kendall, born Jan. 10, 1841; died Oct. 13, 1898.  
Benjamin Kendall, born 1843; died 1847.  
William Gray Kendall, Jr., born 1845; died 1885.  
Arnold Philomela Kendall, born 1847; died 1899.  
Kate Emma Kendall, born 1854; died 1897.  
Mamie Lusk Kendall, born 1851; died Feb. 13, 1902.  
Robert Kendall, born 1855; died 1877.  
Sigur Kendall, born 1857; died 1877.

W. J. Kendall, Sr., served in the Confederate Navy commissary department. Official positions held by grandfather: Member Mississippi State Legislature, 1840, 1865, 1866, 1867; postmaster at New Orleans, 1854; gunner, gunboat Van Dorn, at Island No. 10.

Descendants of Wm. G. Kendall and Mary P. Irwin.

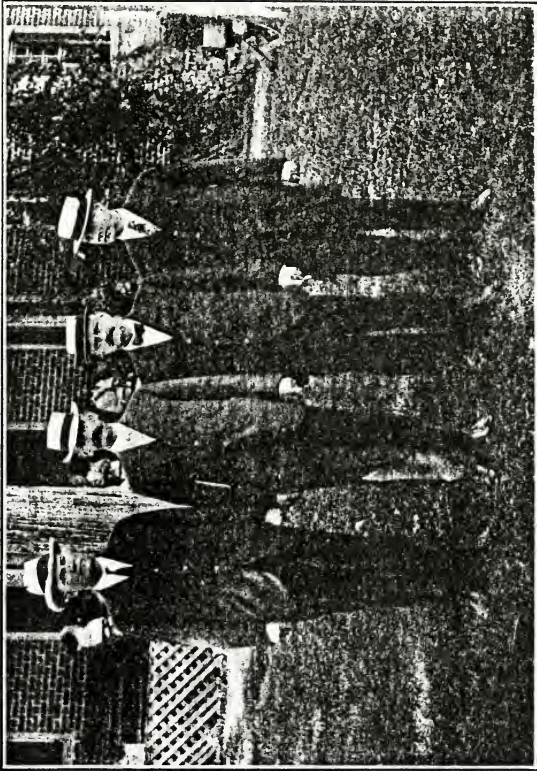
Connie Gray and James Kendall. Their issue: Wm. Gray Kendall, 1812-1872, other children.

John Lawson Irwin, married Martha E. Mitchell, died 1831. Issue: Mary Philomela Irwin, 1817-1878, other children.

Wm. Gray Kendall, 1812-1872, married Mary Philomela Irwin, 1817-1878. Their issue: Benjamin, died 1847; Wm. Gray, died 1885; Avola P., died 1899; Kate E., died 1897; Mamie L., died 1902; Robert, died 1877; Sigur, died 1877; John Irwin, 1841-1898; married Mary E. Smith. Their issue: John Smith Kendall, married Isoline Rodd, born 1874; Josephine Irwin Kendall, born 1876; Mary







THE FOUR ERWIN BROTHERS —(See Chapter III.)  
Left to right—William Allen, James Lock, Jessie Harper and Joseph Ernest.  
The four Erwin Brothers are all fine business men of high integrity,  
and none stand higher socially or morally in the State.



Gray Kendall, born 1878, married John Frederick Barringer. Their children: John Kendall Barringer, born 1901; Katherine Lusk Barringer, born 1903; Frederick T. Barringer, born 1905.

#### JOHN IRWIN KENDALL.

John Irwin Kendall, eldest son of William Gray Kendall and Mary Philomela (Irwin) Kendall, was born at Grenada, Miss., Jan. 10, 1841. He was educated in private schools. In 1857 he accompanied his father to Tehautepee, and for some months was employed as paymaster on the stage line then operating across the Isthmus. In 1858, returning to New Orleans, he obtained employment in the New Orleans postoffice. At the beginning of the Civil War he enlisted in the Jeff Davis Cadets and was elected second lieutenant. The command, however, failed to volunteer for active service, and Mr. Kendall then enlisted in the Delta Rifles as private. This company formed part of the Fourth Louisiana Infantry, commanded by Col. H. M. Allen. After remaining in garrison at Brashear City, La., for a year, the regiment was sent to Tennessee, where it took part in the Battle of Shiloh. Promoted corporal for bravery on the field, Mr. Kendall participated with his regiment in the "first" siege of Vicksburg, and then in the Battle of Baton Rouge. For bravery displayed at this battle he was promoted second lieutenant junior of Company B. He took part in the siege of Port Hudson; was captured, and confined in the postoffice at New Orleans. Making his escape from this prison in a peculiarly daring manner, he succeeded in rejoining his regiment in Georgia, in time to be present at the Battle of New Hope Church. He took part, in succession, in the sanguinary struggles at Lookout Mountain, Lost Mountain, Peachtree Creek, the Siege of Atlanta, Jonesborough, Ezra Courthouse, Franklin and the Siege of Nashville. Besides these great battles, he participated in innumerable smaller engagements. In the campaign in Georgia he acted for much of the time as adjutant general of Quarles' Brigade, and of Canty's Division. In May, 1864, he was promoted second lieutenant of his company. He was wounded in the shoulder and captured at the Battle of Nashville, and was confined, with other Confederate officers, at Johnson's Island, in Lake Erie. He was released June 16, 1865. On returning from the war, he went to reside with his father's family in Ocean Springs, Miss. He read law and was admitted to the Mississippi Bar in 1867. He was nominated by Jackson County for the State Legislature in 1868, but "counted out" by the military authorities. In 1871 he became station-agent for the New Orleans, Mobile & Chattanooga Railroad at Ocean Springs. In 1875 he removed to New Orleans. In 1881 he went to Mexico to represent a sewing machine company, but soon became connected with the Mexican Central Railroad, with which corporation he was identified in many different capacities for several years. He was also at various times



employed by the Mexican National Railroad. Returning to the United States in 1886, he became connected with the Texas & Pacific, and then went to Chicago as general agent for the Mexican National. In 1892 he was appointed agent in Mazatlan, Mexico, for the Santa Fe Railroad. In 1896 he became resident agent in Mazatlan for an oil company. He died very suddenly at Mazatlan on Oct. 13, 1898.

Mr. Kendall married, April 30, 1872, Miss Mary Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Capt. John C. Smith and Catherine Meagher, of New Orleans.

#### CHILDREN OF JOHN IRWIN KENDALL AND MARY ELIZABETH SMITH:

1. John Smith Kendall, only son of John Irwin Kendall and Mary E. Smith, was born at Ocean Springs, Miss., April 9, 1874. The family moved to New Orleans in 1875 and has resided there ever since. He obtained his education at private schools and at the academic department of Tulane University. In company with his father, he traveled much in the United States and Mexico, visiting the latter country in 1885 and again in 1892, each time remaining more than a year there. In 1891 he joined the staff of the Daily Picayune, as reporter. He was appointed literary editor in 1896; war correspondent in 1898; editor Semi-Weekly Picayune, 1899; editor Sunday Picayune, 1901. He was appointed notary public in 1898, but resigned in 1889. He has written several important series of articles for the Picayune, notably about Central America, in 1897; Porto Rico, in 1900, and Nicaragua, in 1905. His other publications include "Picayune's Guide-book to New Orleans" (1897; new edition, 1900); "Souvenir History of the Second Louisiana Infantry" (1898); "Lover's Perjuries," a play produced at Toronto, Canada, 1898; "The Frog Circus" (1904). He contributed the article on "New Orleans" to Appleton's Encyclopedia, editions of 1902 and 1904, and has published descriptive articles and poems in "Judge," "Collier's Weekly," "The Youth's Companion," "The Wide World Magazine," "The Strand," etc.

John Smith Kendall married Isoline Rodd at New Orleans, July 1, 1903. She was the daughter of John E. Rodd and Florence Smith. Issue:

1. Elizabeth Rodd Kendall, born in New Orleans, July 23, 1900.
2. Lane Carter Kendall, born in New Orleans, May 11, 1912.

#### GOVERNOR JARED IRWIN, OF GEORGIA.

Letter of Governor Jared Irwin to his Daughter.

Sandersville, Ga., Feb. 11, 1892.

Mrs. Mary Sallie Irwin Wood,  
Savannah, Ga.

My Dear Daughter:

Your letter of yesterday's date acknowledging the paper sent



you, containing funeral sermon of your grandmother, Mrs. Colonel Thomas Jefferson Warthen, by Rev. F. L. Adams, of the Christian Church of this place, and your request for as much of the history and connections of the Irwin family, as I could possibly give, and nothing affords me greater pleasure than to do so, and will here attempt to give you as full a statement of their origin and connections with other families, with their distinguished valor in the Revolutionary and Indian wars, of the early settlements of the Colonies and United States.

I am one of the younger ones of the third generation of them to this country. I will do the best I can, so that you and some of the younger ones may get some idea of this and other families of the first settlers of this country.

One Hugh Irwin, my great-grandfather, whom I will start on, but am not sure his name was Hugh, but this is what I catch, came from Ireland and settled in Mecklenburg County, N. C., and lived there some time, likely until several children were born, three boys and one girl, Margaret, John, William and Jared.

When Jared was six or seven years old, his father moved to Burke County, Georgia. He was there in time of the British having possession alternately, of that section of the country, and then the settlers, to the great distress of the latter.

We find later on, these three brothers, John, William and Jared Irwin, moved from Burke County and settled in Washington County, Ga., not far apart, and located a large body of some of the best lands in the County, and all prospered as farmers and raised large families.

They were among the early settlers, some eight or ten miles south of this place, Sandersville, Ga. Then this whole country was a vast wilderness, inhabited by Indians and wild beasts.

I will take up your great grandfather's family first, my grandfather. I cannot remember which one of the three brothers was the oldest. My grandfather's name was John Irwin. He married a Miss Rebecca Sessions, a daughter of Joseph Sessions, 1st, and sister to Capt. Benjamin Sessions and Joseph Sessions, 2nd. They raised four children.

Alexander Irwin, William Irwin, Sallie Irwin and Margaret Irwin.

Alexander Irwin, your grandfather, married Margaret Moore Lawson, a daughter of Andrew Thompson Lawson, who lived where his father Roger Lawson, 1st, lived and died and was buried near the Oconee River, eighteen or twenty miles west of Sandersville.

My parents had ten children born unto them. The first, Thompson, died about one year old. John Lawson Irwin next, who was a brother and a father to me. He never married, and at the beginning of the late war with the States, he and his two brothers,





Thomas Jackson and Reason Whitehead Irwin, raised and equipped a company of one hundred and twenty-five men of infantry, and reported their readiness for duty to the authorities, upon which he was ordered to West Virginia. They went and during the cold, bleak winter of 1861, he was taken sick, carried to White Sulphur Springs, Va., and there died. His remains were brought home by his brother, R. W. Irwin, first lieutenant of his company, and buried in the old family burial grounds at Union Hill, this county. He held many honorable positions in this county and State. He was elected tax receiver and collector before he was twenty-one years old, and there had to be a special act passed for him to take the office and perform the duties; was Major and Colonel of the militia of this county for years, and served it many times in the Legislature, but just before the war he moved to Henry County, Ala.

William Alexander Irwin was next, who lived and died at Irwin's Cross Roads, in Washington County. He, too, was a man of note, who represented his county in the Legislature many times, and was aide de camp to Governor Brown at one time, which ranked him as Colonel. He died soon after the war and left seven children, three boys, William J., Reason W. and Thomas, and four girls, Lou A., Ella, Mary M., and Lizzie Lee. Reason died soon after his father. His wife was Miss Elizabeth Daniel, who has recently died. These six children still live around and on parts of the old homestead, Lou is now Mrs. James Palmer; Ella, Mrs. Joseph Jackson; Mary, Mrs. Albany Smith, and Lizzie, Mrs. Sessions.

Sister Rebecca was next, who lived to be grown and married Silas Daniel, brother of Brother William's wife, but did not live long.

Brother Thomas Jackson comes next. He lived and died a farmer at his home in Henry County, Ala. He was a man of good education and judgment, he was married to Miss Clara T. Warthen in the winter of 1856, daughter of Richard Warthen, Esq., of Warthen, Ga. They had two girls, Annie Lou and Evelyn. Annie Lou married a Mr. Farmer and soon died. Evelyn married Mr. G. G. Lark, and now lives at Fort Gaines, Ga.

Sister Margaret was next. She lived to be 14 years old and died.

Your father, Jared Irwin, would like to have someone else write about him, but he will give you a few sketches of his life, so as to make the connecting link.

He is still living, was born Oct. 4, 1834; in 1859-60 represented his county in the Legislature; on Nov. 21, 1859, married Miss Lou Warthen, daughter of the late Col. Thomas Jefferson Warthen, who was killed at Malvern Hill in the battles around Richmond, Va. He helped to raise and equip the Irwin Volunteers, of which he was first lieutenant. This, with two other companies from Washington County, helped to make up the Fighting Twenty-eighth Georgia



Volunteers, of Warthen's regiment. Since the war he perceived the necessity of building a railroad from Tennville to Sandersville, and with the aid and co-operation of others, it was accomplished in 1876; and is now and has been superintendent of it since it was build. Has since died.

He and Lou, his wife, had five children: Jefferson Alexander, Andrew Jackson, Mary Sallie, John Thomas and Lawson W., the youngest died soon after his mother, in 1873.

Jefferson A., married Claudia A. Taylor, daughter of W. A. Taylor, of this county, and they have one child, a daughter. Andrew J., married Annie L. Stevens, of Hancock County, and they have two daughters, John T. is not married.

In 1881 Jarred S. married again, Mrs. Eleanor Berry, daughter of Edwin Birdsong, of Hancock County. No children by this marriage.

Next was Andrew Berry Irwin, who married Hannah Warthen, another daughter of Richard Warthan, Esq., and settled in Fort Gaines, Ga., as a lawyer, and practiced law until he was elected captain of one of the companies, his brother John carried to Virginia in 1861. After its term of one year was up, for which time they went into service, they reorganized and made two captains. He was elected captain of one of the companies and went to it; at the battle around Richmond, Va., he was taken sick with fever and died in Richmond. I brought his remains home and buried him at Union Hill, where all the family are buried, except brother Thomas Jackson and Uncle William. They are buried in Henry County, Alabama. He and Hannah had one child, a boy, John R. Irwin, who married a Miss Findlay, of Macon, Ga., and now lives in Fort Gaines, Ga., and by profession is a lawyer.

Reason Whitehead Irwin, the youngest, who lived to be grown, of whom you know, lives now at Shorterville, Henry County, Ala. He, too, married one of Richard Warthen's daughters, Nannie Warthen, which made three Irwins who married sisters, and I, the fourth, married a double cousin of them. Your uncle, Reason W., has two children, Jennie and George D. He is a farmer and a man who stands well in his community, belongs to the Baptist Church and is a Christian gentleman. The last one of the children was named Louiza Avaline, and died when about a year old.

(These are descendants from John Irvine, you see, one of the brothers who were the first settlers of this county. My father was a farmer and possessed a large body of land and other property at the time of his death in 1840.)

William Irwin, 2nd, my father's brother, married a Miss Margaret Gamble, a cousin of his in Jefferson County, and moved to Henry County, Alabama, where he settled upon the high hills, six miles west of the Chattahoochee river, now Shorterville, and



opposite to Fort Gaines, Ga. There he amassed a large fortune, consisting of bottom lands on the west side of the river, negroes and other property. At the time of his settlement, it was considered the frontier of the country. Indians were there and possessed the country just beyond the Chattahoochee River. They did not have any children. He was called General Irwin, and was in command of some of the forces along the river, where the Indians were in great revolt at times, and commanded at the battle (I can't say what it was called then, but it was where Eufaula now is, and went by the name of Irvington for some time).

He was drowned in the Chattahoochee River in 1850, on a trip in a boat from Columbus, Ga., down the river to Fort Gaines. It caught fire in the night and burned to the water's edge, and he, a good swimmer, jumped off to swim ashore, but never reached it. His body was found afterwards and buried at his home.

He gave his brother Alexander's children one-third of his property and the balance to his wife. The two daughters, Aunt Sathie, who married a Mr. Miller, and lived in Alabama, the last I knew of them; the other, Aunt Margaret, married a Mr. Blount and lived in Wilkinson County. They had several children and all died, except one, who lives in Wrightville, Ga., and is named Neal Blount.

I have said your great grandmother was Miss Rebecca Sessions, and sister of Benjamin Sessions, who married your grandmother Irwin's sister, Mary Berry Lawson, which made him uncle and grand-uncle to me. My mother, Margaret Moore Lawson, Aunt Mary Berry Lawson, and Aunt Elizabeth Hannah Lawson, who married a William Eakin, Cousin Lizzie Moreau's mother, constituted Grandfather Andrew Thompson Lawson's children by his first wife, who was a Miss Moore. His second wife was a Miss Eakin, and sister to William Eakin, who had married his daughter, and Uncles Alexander and Roger Lawson, 2nd, were their children. This Roger is our cousin Hugh Lawson's father, who lives here. This Lawson family runs back to the Lawsons of the first settlers in Burke County. Hugh Lawson of that county was appointed as one of the committee to select a site, I think it was in 1801, for a location of a public school, and the present University of Athens, Ga., is that place, and the State has had a school there ever since. He was a son of Great-grandfather Roger Lawson, and his name was carved on a tablet of marble, with the names of the committee that located and superintended the building and is fixed inside of the wall of the building.

Roger Lawson, 1st., who married a Miss Hannah Thompson, had five sons born unto him: William, Hugh, Roger, Jr., John and Thompson, the last my grandfather. (See Rev. William Bacon Stevens' History of Georgia.)

Roger, 1st, came from Ireland and settled finally in Burke



County, there lived and died in Washington County, and was buried in the Oconee River. Andrew Thompson Lawson, my grandfather, had a nephew, Hugh, son of Hugh, 1st. of whom he was guardian, and raised to majority.

After becoming grown, he moved to Houston County, where he married a Miss Penelope Planks, raising a large and honorable family, and he himself, becoming distinguished in the State of Georgia. He was noted particularly for his integrity, uprightness and Christian bearing, was familiar with the affairs of State, and was president of the Georgia Senate for fifteen years.

Two of his daughters married Browns, of Macon. Mrs. Bryant Brown, of Macon, is one, and Mrs. Buford Davis, of that city is her daughter. Hugh, 1st, mentioned above, married Miss Sarah Whitaker, sister of Benjamin Whitaker, of Jefferson County, for a long time Speaker of the House of Representatives.

A Mr. Allgood married Grandfather Lawson's sister, who are the father and mother of Andrew Thompson Allgood, of Trion Factory (the father of Deotie Allgood). The old lady, my mother's aunt, was more like her than anyone I ever saw. The Gambles, Bothwells, Whiteheads and Governor Moore's family of Alabama, and the Perrys are all connections, but it is quite out of my power to make the connection now. One David E. Bothwell, however, was a Presbyterian minister, who was sent for from Ireland, after the Royalists (British troops) were withdrawn from Georgia, who carried the most of the preachers with them, and this settlement of Irwins, Gambles, Lawsons and others in Burke wanted a preacher, and this David B. Rothwell came, preached and married among these families. Many years after preaching he made a visit to Gov. Jared Irwin, at Union Hill, took sick and died and was buried there near the Governor.

Of William Irwin, 1st, one of the three brothers, I am not well informed of his life and descendants. Cannot say who his wife was and do not know how many children he had, but if I recollect right, I can mention five of them; he had Alexander, 2nd, Hugh and three daughters. Alexander married a Biss Brantley, Harris Brantley's daughter, of this county (See White's Statistics of Georgia) and died young. He had one son, William Irwin, 4th, and he died in early manhood. Two of William, 1st's daughters married John Smith. The first one soon died, then he married the other and she had two children and died. He lived in Wilkinson County. The third daughter, Lydia, married Mr. John Orr, grandfather of these young Orrs, and our cousins, that you know in this county. Whitaker Orr, who now lives in Randolph County, and is more than seventy years old, and who has been married six times, is his son. Hugh, Frank, Alexander, Freeman and Francis Orr, also his sons, and Mr. William Goff's wife was his daughter.





I will now give you something of Governor Jared Irwin's (one of the three brothers) life. I never learned who he married. I will cite you first to "Sherwood's Gazetteer of the State of Georgia," second edition, page 35, which gives some account of him. Hon. Jared Irwin was born in Mecklenburg County, N. C., about two years after his parents arrived from Ireland. He was a Brigadier General of the militia for a long time, represented Washington County in the Legislature, was President of the Senate for several years and Governor from 1796 to 1798, and again from 1806 to 1809. He was in the convention for revising our Constitution, 1789, and was president of the body, which revised it in 1798. He was a Congregationalist, and lived like a Christian. He died on March 1, 1818, leaving a large number of descendants. Irwin County, in this State, was named in his honor, as was also Irvington, in Wilkinson County (See White's Statistics of Georgia, 1848, in which he says he was of Irish descent). His parents emigrated to Mecklenburg, N. C., and came to Georgia when he was seven years old. He served his country faithfully in many capacities during the latter part of the Revolutionary War, and on the frontiers against the Indians. He was elected Governor the second time, and in 1796 he had the honor of signing the act rescinding the Yazoo Law, and had the infamous land law, that was an imposition on the people, burned on the public square in Louisville, Ga., then the capital of the State. At the close of the War for Independence he was a member of the first Legislature that convened under our present form of government. He was a very pure man and an excellent neighbor, whom all around looked upon as guide. Hospitality was his chief virtue. In every station he accepted he exhibited his devotion to the public good. He was buried at Union Hill, his home, and in 1856 there was an appropriation by the Georgia Legislature to raise a monument over his remains. It was when Howell Cobb was Governor, and by some misunderstanding some way the appropriation went over without any action to build it; but when I was a member of the Legislature in 1860, I had an act passed with a committee, consisting of Col. R. Warthen, Capt. S. A. H. Jones and Col. J. W. Rudisill, to locate a site for the same and compelling the Governor to erect it in Sandersville, Ga., which was done, and it now stands on the south side of the public square.

He had only four children, that I know of, Jared, Jr. 2nd, John, Isabel and Jane.

Jared and John were graduated in the first class of the school at Athens, Ga. The Rev. William Bacon Stevens, author of the "History of Georgia" has it, Jared and Thomas, but I think he is mistaken, for I never heard of him having a son by the name of Thomas. Capt. John Irwin was his name. "Lighthorse John," he was called, on account of his gallantry. He commanded a company



of cavalry in the Creek war, under the heroic Gen. John Floyd, and distinguished himself at the battle of Autosses and in other engagements. He was said to be the most polite gentleman of his day. With his men always ready, he kept the Indians at bay, on the west side of the Oconee River, as that was the line between the settlers and Indians then. He never married and died comparatively a young man.

Jared Irwin, Jr., 2nd, married a Miss Williams, a grand aunt of our solicitor O. H. Rogers, of this county. After the country between the Oconee and Chattahoochee Rivers was surrendered to the settlers, he moved to Stewart County and was killed in the massacre at the battle of Roanoke. Judge Wimberly told me a year or two ago (he lives in Lumpkin, Stewart County) that he was a boy and saw the company when it went out to meet the Indians, and it was not long before his horse came running home without his rider, and it was soon known that he was killed.

He left some children, a Mr. Kirksey, of Lumpkin, Stewart County, married one of the daughters, and took care of the old lady the balance of her life; he is ordinary of that county now, and getting to be quite old. One of the children was named Jared Irwin, 3rd. The last I knew of him, he lived in the southeast corner of Alabama. The Governor's two daughters, Isabella and Jane, and the two boys, were all that I can remember of ever hearing mentioned that constitutes his family.

Isabelle married William Whitaker and had several children. One boy was named for his grandfather, Jared Irwin Whitaker. Two other boys, William and John, and a daughter, Isabella Whitaker, after her mother. William and John, the last I knew of them, lived in Henry County, Ga., and Isabella lived with one or the other. Jared lived and died in Atlanta, was editor of the "Atlanta Intelligencer" a long time, and was spoken of in high terms as a candidate for Governor. I hear he has one son, who lives in Atlanta now, "Cousin" Jane, as she was called, the Governor's youngest child, lived and died an old maid, said "she would not marry for fear the Irwin name would run out." She was spirited, a good talker and affable in her manners, patriotic, whole-souled and is a noble woman. She brought a claim, through our then great members of Congress, Alexander H. Stevens and Robert Toombs, in the United States Congress, for ten thousand dollars for property spent by her father in the defense of this section of the country, in time of the Revolutionary and Indian Wars, and recovered the same. She died in Atlanta in 1856 at her nephew's, Jared Irwin Whitaker, and her remains were brought to the old family burial ground at Union Hill, and I had them placed by the side of her father.

The three brothers, John, William and Jared, built a fort near Union Hill, which covered those springs that now supply the con-



gregation of the Ohoopic Church. It was called the Irwin Fort, and was of great protection to the settlers. Afterwards, the Governor donated six acres of land there, taking in some of those springs, to all denominations that would build a church and preach there, and it seems that the Baptists predominated, and they are in possession of the six acres, with a very nice church on the same. My grandmother Irwin was baptized there, before I could recollect. You will find more about the Governor in Rev. William Bacon Stevens' History of the State of Georgia, written in 1841, second volume, as well as others, that will interest you. See on page 390 where he was a candidate, also on page 401 to 403, where he was ordered as commander of a portion of the forces to disperse General Clark's settlement on the west side of the Oconee River, now Wilkinson County. This book gives you all the details of this and other transactions, of his and others and is to supply the deficiency of the history of Georgia since 1779. My father and Uncle William went as privates under command of Capt. Benjamin Sessions, their uncle, to the Indian war, in Florida, in 1815. They were not gone long, and did not have to do much fighting. They were young then and grandfather and mother were much pleased when they all returned alive.

I said something about these three brothers, first settlers in Washington County, having a sister. She married a man by the name of Darby, who had a son that lived on the west side of Buffalo Creek. He raised a large family, two sons and four daughters, Oliver, Jared, Ann, Sarah, Jane and Rowena. Oliver was killed on the Central Railroad when young, was fireman and employe on a train which ran into a washout and killed him. Jared became engineer on the Central Railroad of Georgia until 1873; married, raised a family, continued an engineer. He died in Greenville, Ga. Ann married Benjamin Wood, raised a large family of children, who are among some of Washington County's best citizens. Jared Oliver Wood, our present engineer of Sandersville & Tennille Railroad Company, is one of their children. Sarah married a Mr. William Wood, and they, too, had a large family. Mr. Charles A. Durlaos' present wife is one of them. They are both living now and doing well. Rowena married a Mr. Elkins, they had one child, a girl, whom William J. Irwin married. Jane married Freeman Orr, they raised a large family of boys, and some of them live in the lower part of this county. I will now try to give you a little more in detail of the Sessions, to whom we are very closely connected. They are quite a noted family, as well as the Irwins, Lawsons, Whitakers and others that I have already spoken of.

There was one Joseph Sessions, 1st, that moved to this county, I suppose from Ireland also, and settled a little west of south from the place, six or seven miles distant, and two or three miles from



the settlement of the Irwins. I do not know whether he came direct from Ireland, or whether he settled further east first, and then came to this country. I think he came direct. He lived and died there, had four children that I remember, two sons and two daughters; Benjamin, Joseph, Jr., 2nd, Rebecca (my grandmother) and Basha. Benjamin Sessions, as I have said, married my mother's sister, Miss Mary Berry Lawson. He was thirty years old and she was fifteen, when they were married, raised a large family of four boys and six girls, Joseph, Jr.; Charles L., Benjamin F., Andrew Thompson, Mary, Susan, Elizabeth and Margaret M. This Joseph W. 3rd, is the one that lives now very near the old homestead, where his father and grandfather died. He has a large family, five or six boys and four girls, J. C. Harmon, at Temille, married the oldest girl, and one of his sons married Lizzie Lee Irwin. Charles L. married a Miss Tarbutton, of this county, moved to Alabama at the beginning of the war, joined the army, and was killed at the battle of Chickamauga. Benjamin F. went to the war with the Irwin Volunteers, was taken sick and died at Manassas. Andrew Thompson was killed in the last battle that was fought in the war, at Bentonville, he was young and a brave man.

Cousin Mary (I say cousin, for it is so natural for me to say it as they were so close kin until they felt about as close as brothers and sisters, they are double cousins to me) married a Fluker and raised several children. Milton and Benjamin were killed in the late war. Susan married H. T. Roberson and soon died. Jennie married Augustus T. Tarbutton and they both died, leaving two children. Dr. David E. died in Irwinton, a year or two ago. Joseph Fluker, the youngest one, lives here now. Cousin Susan married William Glenn, and died within a year. Cousin Elizabeth married George Boatwright, who lives in the settlement of their grandfather Sessions. Capt. J. D. Franklin's wife is one of the girls. Margaret married William Wall, of this county, then moved to Terrell County and lives in Dawson, Ga. Aunt Basha married a Mr. Dillard, who had two children, Almarine Dillard was the name of the son. I do not know the name of the daughter, but she married a Dr. Cheatham and all lived and died in Terrell County, Ga.

I have learned since writing about Governor Jared Irwin that his wife was a Miss Stewart, related to General Stewart, for whom Stewart County was named.

With these scattered recollections, and what I would pick up here and there, I will have to give up further on this matter, but with a fond recollection of my ancestry as an honest, straight-forward and conservative people, I am proud, and hope the descendants will maintain the same traits of character for generations to come.





## GOVERNOR JARED IRWIN, OF GEORGIA.

By William S. Whitaker.

I know nothing of the father, brothers and sisters of my great-grandfather, Jared Irwin.

John, the son of Gov. Jared Irwin, died without ever marrying, and while a young man in the Revolutionary War. Elizabeth, and her sister, Jane, were the only heirs of Jared Irwin. Jane died without ever marrying.

Elizabeth married my grandfather, Simon Whitaker, and when they had seven children they moved from Baldwin to Fayette County. Their children were: John Irwin W.; Isabella Irwin W.; Simon T. W. (who was my father); Jared Irwin W.; Mary W.; Willis R. W., and William W., of these Mrs. Mary Mobley, nee Whitaker, at Palmetto, Ga., is the only one living besides Willis R. and Dr. William Whitaker. You will notice these name strongly suggest the family names you mention.

Grandfather had a second set of children by another wife, as grandmother died after they moved to Fayette. Of this Dr. A. S. Whitaker, at Best, N. C., is the only one living.

P. S.—A monument was erected to Governor Jared Irwin's memory by the Georgia Legislature. He was a Brigadier General in the Revolutionary War.

## IRWIN FAMILY OF GEORGIA.

By Reason Whitehead Irwin.

William Irwin, Jr., born in Washington County, Georgia, near Irwin's Crossroads, year 1795 (brother to Alex. Irwin); received a common school education in his neighborhood; married Miss Margaret Lawson, the year 1820; moved to Henry County, Alabama, the year 1830; was a general in the State Militia, commanding officer at the Battle of Roanoke; also with the Indians. The City of Eufaula, Ala., was once named for him; represented his county several sessions in the House of the Legislature; amassed a large fortune in negroes and lands; gave a large part of his estate to the children of his brother Alexander; raised no children; was drowned in the Chattahoochie River, and buried at his home in Henry County, Alabama, one mile and a quarter north of Shorterville, with a beautiful monument standing on his last resting place. His wife, Margaret Lawson Irwin, died and is buried in Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia; died the year 1870, leaving three or four hundred bales of cotton, which was sold after the war between the States and netted her a vast sum of gold coin.

Grandparents of Alex. Irwin's children: John Lawson Irwin, migrated from Mecklenburg, N. C., to Washington County, Georgia (date unknown); one of the first settlers of Washington County,



Georgia; sat on the first grand jury of Washington County, the year 1824; married Rebecca Sessions the 24th day of December, 1790; the father of twelve children, two boys, William and Alexander, and two daughters. With three brothers, William, Sr., Jared, Sr., and Alexander, Sr., were most excellent citizens of the State of Georgia, and departed this life on the 1st day of January, 1822.

His wife, Rebecca, died 8th day of June, 1839; both buried in family burial ground, near Ohoopie Baptist Church, in Washington County, Georgia.

Alexander Irwin, Sr., was the foreman of the first grand jury of Washington County, Georgia; married a Miss Sessions; was the father of two children, one by Jared, Jr., who was one of the first graduates of the University of Georgia, at Athens, Ga.; was killed in the battle with the Indians at Roanoke, Ala., in 1836; survived by four sons: Alex. went to Texas, never having been heard from since; Thomas was killed in a horse race near Columbia, Henry County, Alabama; Jared died in Albany, Ga.; James Bennet Irwin died in Columbia, Henry County, Ala.; Alex., Sr., and wife both buried in Washington County, Georgia; Jared Irwin, their son, buried in Lumpkin, Stuart County, Georgia.

William Irwin, Sr., was a member of the first grand jury organized in Washington County, Georgia; was major of Georgia Militia in his district or township; Married Miss Nancy Whitaker, of Jefferson County, Georgia, whose brother, Benjamin Whitaker, was Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Georgia Legislature. They were the parents of eight children—two boys and six daughters. First boy, named Hugh, married Mary Brantley first time, and Miss Elizabeth Daniell the last time; moved to Houston County, Georgia, and died and was buried in that county, after representing his county in the Georgia Legislature. Thomas Alexander Irwin married Miss Nancy Brantley, they having one son, William, who obtained his majority and died unmarried, and is buried in Washington County, Georgia; Thomas Alexander died and is buried in Houston County by the side of his brother, Hugh Irwin.

Jared Irwin, Sr. (brother to the other three—William, Sr., Alexander, Sr., and John Lawson, Sr.), was a farmer and merchant; married a Miss Stewart, sister to Gen. Daniel Stewart, who was born in Liberty County, in 1761, and died in 1829; lived near Ohoopie Church. He was instrumental in building a fort around the spring and upon the ground where the church now stands, as a protection to the white people against the depredations and murder from the hostile Indians who ranged through that section of the State. After the removal of the Indians he gave the plot of ground for a Baptist Church—was first called Brier Patch, then changed to Ohoopie. He was twice elected Governor of the State of Georgia when it was considered to be an honorable position for the people to so choose



one of their number to be chief of state and a defender of their liberties and sacred honor; was the father of one son, John, who was one of the first young men to graduate at the University of Georgia, at Athens, Ga. Have no information as to whatever became of him after his graduation. One daughter married a Mr. Whitaker, who was the father of one boy, who published a newspaper after the war between the States in the city of Atlanta, Ga., and called it the "Atlanta Intelligencer." Not able to locate any of his descendants. One daughter married a Mr. Dorkey. One daughter, Jane Irwin, never married. He died in Atlanta, Ga., the year 1863; buried in the family grounds near Ohoopie Baptist Church, in Washington County, Georgia; had erected to his memory a fine monument and placed it in the public square in the town of Sandersville, the capital of Washington County, Georgia, was named for him; also a town, Irvintown, in Wilkerson County, Georgia; and Irvinville and also a county named for him, Irvinton. At last, after all other things of his life had been accomplished, he, too, fell asleep, and was buried in the old family burial grounds near Ohoopie Baptist Church, in Washington County, Georgia.

Now this is about the best history I can get up as to the four brothers—William, Jared, John Lawson and Alexander Irwin—who migrated from Mecklenburg, N. C., to Washington County, Georgia, previous to the Revolutionary War.

### JARED IRWIN, OF DUBLIN, IRELAND.

By Grace Irwin Yates.

First Generation: Jared and Jane Irwin.

According to Williams' History of Ohio, and to Miss Sarah Irwin, daughter of Jared and Eleanor Taylor Irwin, born Jan. 12, 1809; died October, 1897. I learned that the first of our family came from Dublin, Ireland.

Jared and Jane Irwin (she was born in Dublin, Ireland, 1757) came to America, burying their first child at sea, were in Bedford County, Virginia, 1779. They had three children, Samuel, Jared, Jr., and Jane. We know nothing of Samuel, but have always been told that he was the ancestor of the Pennsylvania Irwins, and in all looks very much alike.

They were in Ross County, Ohio, as early as 1798, as their son, Jared, Jr., married there that year.

Second Generation:

1st—Samuel.

2nd—Jared, Jr., married June 4, 1797, Eleanor, daughter of William and Lucy Finlay Taylor. (William Taylor was the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Ashton Taylor, of Monmouth County, New Jersey, a soldier in the Revolutionary War.



3rd.—Jane married Joseph Taylor, brother of Eleanor, and son of William and Lucy Imlay Taylor.

Jared, Jr. (son of Jared and Jane Irwin) married Eleanor Taylor, daughter of Wm. and Lucy Imlay Taylor.

Third Generation:

1st—Samuel, born Jan. 29, 1799; died 1875; married Catherine Morton, born 1802; died 1876.

2nd—Lucy, born May 22, 1800; died 1878; married Isaac Finch.

3rd—Jared, born Dec. 22, 1801; died young.

4th—William Taylor, born Aug. 19th, 1803; died Nov. 22, 1880; married first, Sarah, daughter of Phillip and Nancy Boyd Robins. Second, Delilah Pepple, Jan. 4, 1844.

5th—Joseph, born May 15, 1805; married Mary Wilson.

6th—Jane, born Jan. 20, 1807; married a Mr. McMullen; no issue.

7th—Sarah, Jan. 12, 1809; died October, 1897.

8th—Mary, born Sept. 18, 1810; married John Robins.

9th—Nancy, born May 16, 1812; married Gordon Pogue.

10th—Eleanor, born Oct. 19, 1814.

Fourth Generation:

Jane, daughter of Jared and Jane Irwin, married Joseph Taylor, son of William and Lucy Imlay Taylor and brother of Eleanor, who married Jared, Jr.

FAMILY OF SAMUEL, SON OF JARED, AND ELEANOR TAYLOR IRVIN.

Born 1799; died 1875.

Second Generation.

Samuel, son of Jared and Eleanor Taylor Irvin, born 1799; died 1875; married Catherine Morton, born 1802-1876.

Fifth Generation.

1. John Gage Irwin, married Mary Dean; Ella Annette, married Edgar Roe; Samuel married Nannie Read; Rolla, Kate, Margaret and Gertrude.

2. Jared Dicky married Emily Downs. Issue: Alice, who married Wm. Brown; Mary, Hattie and Fred Huntington; Mabel married Wm. Henry; Ida, Kate, Harvey, Edith.

3. James M., married Josie Hancock; no issue.

4. Emmeline E., married, first, Henry Hogshead, and second, S. S. Burke. Issue: Maggie Hogshead, Sadie married Methurston, Everston.

Sixth Generation.

Annette, daughter of John Gage and Mary Dean, married Edgar Roe. Issue: Raymond, Glenn, Dean, Leland, Carvell and Florence.





Hattie, daughter of Jared Dieky and Emily Downs, married Fred Huntington. Issue: Earl and Ruth.

Sadie, daughter of Emmeline Irwin and S. S. Burke, married Thurston Everston. Issue: Harvey.

Earl, son of Emmeline and S. S. Burke, married Stella Moore, and had Oral.

Emily of Lucy, second child of Jared and Eleanor Taylor Irwin, and wife of Isaac Finch.

#### Third Generation:

Lucy, born May 22, 1800; died 1878; married Isaac Finch. Children:

James H. Finch married Sarah J. Dean, and had ten children.

James, born Jan. 1, 1822.

Sarah, born Feb. 3, 1827.

Ellen, born July 5, 1820; died 1851; married Isaac Wilson.

Joseph married Amanda Collier.

Sarah, born Feb. 17, 1824; died July 8, 1850.

Isaac, married first, Hannah Bernit; second, Catherine Obiat.

Children of James H. and Sarah J. Dean Finch:

#### Third Generation:

1. Martha R., born April 9th, 1847; married George Smith, had twelve children.

2. Isaac, born Oct. 17, 1848; married Elizabeth Watson, three children.

3rd. Hannah and Lucy.

4. John D., married Fanny Lamb, twelve children.

5. James H. Jr., married Orena Rickel, nine children.

6. Abram F., married Emma A. Mead, four children.

7. Sarah E., married James Wilkins, two children.

8. Jemie B., married Frank Willis, one child.

Family of Lucy Irwin and Isaac Finch.

#### Fifth Generation:

1. Martha, daughter of James H. and Sarah J. Dean Finch, born April 9, 1847, married George Smith, and had 12 children.

#### Sixth Generation:

Lonic, born Oct. 7, 1871; married Charles Stuart. Issue: Madge, born June 15, 1897.

#### Seventh Generation:

Bertha, born July 23, 1873; married George W. Morrow and had Harold, Oct. 15, 1894.

Florence, born Nov. 15, 1874; died July 17, 1896.

Inez, born Feb. 20, 1876; married Ora A. Stuart and had Mason, Dec. 26, 1896.

Guy, Oct. 8, 1877; died Sept. 27, 1896.



Edith, born Feb. 3, 1879.  
 Otho, born March 23, 1881.  
 Alma, born Aug. 22, 1882.  
 Archie, born Dec. 3, 1884.  
 Mildred, born Sept. 7, 1886.  
 Hazel, born Sept. 26, 1888.  
 Lester F., born April 3, 1891.

Fifth Generation:

Isaac, son of James H., and Sarah Dean Finch; born Oct. 17, 1848; married Elizabeth Watson.

Sixth Generation.

Ida, April 5, 1873; married William Plummer Feb. 15, 1891.  
 Gertrude, born Dec. 5, 1892, and Viola, born July 20, 1896.  
 George, born July 4, 1875; married Cora Matthews June 15, 1896, and had Roy, Sept. 6, 1896.  
 Mildred, born Oct. 30, 1883.  
 John D., son of James H., and Sarah Dean Finch, married Fanny Lamb, and had 12 children.

Sixth Generation:

Charles H., born Dec. 5, 1875.  
 Laura, born Jan. 24, 1877.  
 Owen H., born Feb. 9, 1878.  
 Vena C., born Nov. 17, 1879.  
 Delmer, born June 15, 1881.  
 Harry D., born Jan. 7, 1883.  
 Alva, born Aug. 7, 1884; died Sept. 24, 1895.  
 Avrilla, born July 12, 1886.  
 Roy, born Jan. 14, 1888.  
 William I., born Aug. 28, 1889.  
 Rosa, born April 23, 1891.  
 A son, born April 14, 1892.

Fifth Generation:

James H., son of James H. and Sarah Dean, married Orena Rickel and had nine children:

Sixth Generation:

Nellie C., born Sept. 17, 1876.  
 Avrilla, born Dec. 4, 1878.  
 James E., born March 7, 1880; died Sept. 17, 1895.  
 Nettie, born April 19, 1884.  
 Eva, born Feb. 17, 1887.  
 Kittie, born Jan. 12, 1891.  
 Grace, born April 11, 1893.  
 Fred G., born May 21, 1895.

Fifth Generation:

Abram F., son of James H. Finch and Sarah Dean, married Emma S. Mead. Four children.



## Sixth Generation:

Minnie B., born Feb. 10, 1878; died Nov. 21, 1890.

Harry G., born Nov. 2, 1880.

Frank J., born August 27, 1882.

## Fifth Generation:

Sarah, daughter of James H. and Sarah Dean Finch, married James Wilkins, and had two children:

## Sixth Generation.

Merlin, born Jan. 14, 1884.

James R., born Dec. 25, 1886.

## Fifth Generation:

Jennie B., daughter of James H. and Sarah Dean Finch, married Frank Willis and had:

Sarah Louise, born March 2, 1897.

Family of William Taylor Irwin, fourth child of Jared Irvine, Jr. and his wife, Eleanor Taylor.

## Third Generation:

William Taylor Irwin, born in Bainbridge, Ross County, Aug. 19th, 1805; died in Greenfield, Ohio, Nov. 22, 1880; married first, Sarah, daughter of Phillip and Nancy Boyd Robins, March 11, 1829. Sarah Robins was born Aug. 12, 1809, and died June 14, 1841.

Jared Caruthers, born April 29, 1832; married Mary A. Buhner.

James L. Irwin, born Aug. 3, 1833; married Anna M. Read.

Joseph Irwin, born June 23, 1836.

Sarah Irwin, born June 14, 1841.

(Second wife). He then married Delilah Pepple, July 4, 1844.

She was born Nov. 28, 1811.

Mary Crouse Irwin, born June 19, 1844; married David Levor.

Elizabeth Victoria Irwin, born April 28, 1861; married Dr. McKee.

William Gaddis Irwin, born March 22, 1845.

## Fourth Generation:

Jared Caruthers Irwin, born April 29, 1832, son of William Taylor and Sarah Robins Irwin; married Mary A. Buhner.

## Fifth Generation:

Harvey, William, Samuel, Henry, Edward and Daniel.

## Fourth Generation:

Sarah, born June 14, 1841, daughter of William Taylor and Sarah Robins Irwin; married Amos Evans and had one son.

## Fifth Generation:

Emerson Evans.

## Fourth Generation:

James Taylor, son of William Taylor and Sarah, daughter of William and Nancy Boyd Robins, and granddaughter of



Lieut. John Robins and Sarah Daily, his wife (Lieut. John Robins was commissioned Feb. 1, 1781 Lieutenant in a Pennsylvania regiment of cavalry, commanded by Colonel Stephen Marlow. He served to the end of the war, acquiring the right of half pay, and was one of the officers who received land warrants).

James Taylor Irwin, born in Bainbridge, Ross County, Ohio, Aug. 3, 1833. Died at Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 20, 1905; married at Cincinnati, Ohio, June 6, 1860, to Anna, daughter of Captain Edwin E. Reed, and his wife, Jane, daughter of James and Sarah Reed Gibson. Anna Reed was born in Philadelphia, July 7, 1837, and died in Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 30, 1885. Her father, Capt. Edwin C. Reed, was born Jan. 11, 1814. The son of Daniel Reed (born March 19, 1791), and Rachel, daughter of John Mason and Mehitable Mitchell ~~Living~~. Capt. Reed died on Utilla Bay Island, Spanish Honduras, Central America, April 25, 1854. He married (1835 at Richmond, Va.), Jane Gibson, of Wisecasset, Maine, daughter of James Gibson, of Dumfriesline, Scotland, and Sarah, daughter of Capt. Andrew Reed and Hannah Davis, daughter of Capt. Charles Davis, of Newburyport, Mass. Jane died at Utilla Bay Island, Spanish Honduras, Dec. 8, 1848.

James Taylor Irwin and Anna Reed had seven children.

#### FAMILY OF JAMES TAYLOR AND ANNA REED IRWIN.

##### Fifth Generation:

William Taylor Irwin, born May 23, 1861; married Mary Louise Orr, born April 19, 1865; daughter of George Burnet Orr and Anna Ogden Spencer; married Oct. 19, 1886.

##### Sixth Generation:

Anna Louise Irwin, born Dec. 11, 1887; married Oct. 27, 1914, Francis George Baldwin, born Feb. 3, 1884, son of General Wm. H. Baldwin and Isabella Butterfield.

##### Sixth Generation:

Janet Churchill Irwin, born Dec. 10, 1896, and died at Milford, Ohio, Sept 4, 1912.

##### Sixth Generation:

George Orr Irwin.

James Taylor Irwin.

##### Fifth Generation:

Grace, daughter of James Taylor and Anna Reed Irwin, born May 2, 1863, Cincinnati, Ohio; married at Cincinnati, Ohio, May 25, 1886, Walter F. Yates, of Memphis, Tenn. They had James Irwin Yates, born June 7, 1887; married Violet





Cannon, and had Grace Irwin Yates and James Irwin Yates.

Walter Wynne Yates, born May 12, 1889; married Lelia Cannon.

Meredith ~~Notrit~~ Yates, born Nov. 19, 1891.

Edith, daughter of James Irwin and Anna Reed, born Sept. 19, 1864. *died at ...*

Fifth Generation:

Edwin Underwood Irwin, born Jan. 10, 1866; married Dec. 18, 1904, at Covington, Ky., Virginia Ball Helm, daughter of Frank and Lucy Leathers Helm.

Fifth Generation:

Edith Lelia Irwin, daughter of James Taylor and Anna Reed Irwin, born March 19, 1869, Cincinnati; married at Cincinnati, Oct. 1, 1890, Lowell Fletcher Holart, born May 9, 1867, Cincinnati, Ohio, son of William Newell Holart, and his wife, Elizabeth Babbitt. Lowell Fletcher Holart died at Milford, Ohio, Feb. 19, 1913, had Lowell Fletcher Holart, born at Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 12, 1891.

Fifth Generation:

Frank Gibson Irwin, son of James Taylor Irwin and Anna Reed; born in Cincinnati Ohio, Oct. 4, 1870, and died in Cincinnati Jan. 15, 1905.

Fifth Generation:

James Taylor Irwin, Jr., son of James and Anna Reed Irwin; born in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 12, 1877; enlisted in the Spanish-American War. Sergeant in Company M, Second Mississippi Regiment, now in the Philippines.

James Irwin Yates, born June 7, 1887; son of Grace Irwin and Walter F. Yates, Memphis, Tenn.; married Nov. 26, 1906, Violet Taylor Cannon, born Nov. 15, 1888, Red Banks, Miss.

Issue:

Grace Irwin Yates.

James Irwin, Jr., born Sept. 24, 1909 (commonly called Billie).

#### FAMILY OF WILLIAM TAYLOR IRWIN AND HIS SECOND WIFE, DELILAH PEPPLER.

Mary Crose, born June 19, 1844; married David Lefever, Greenfield, Ohio; two children.

Walter, a physician in the South.

Edna, died aged 14 years.

William Gaddis, died young.

Elizabeth Victoria, born Aug. 28, 1851; married Dr. McKee, and had one daughter, Eva.

Third Generation:



Mary Irwin, born Sept. 18, 1810; daughter of Jared and Eleanor Taylor Irwin; married Mary Wilson and had Robert Wilson, killed in Civil War.

Mary, died young.

Third Generation:

Jane, daughter of Jared and Eleanor Taylor Irwin; born Jan. 20, 1807; married Mr. McMillen; no issue.

Mary Irwin, born Sept. 18, 1810; daughter of Jared and Eleanor Taylor; married John Robins, son of Philip.

Fourth Generation:

Daniel.

Jared.

Amanda, married Mr. Hoffman.

Mary, married Mr. Gray; one son.

Third Generation:

Nancy, born May 16, 1812; daughter of Jared and Eleanor Taylor Irwin; married Gordon Pogue and had Joseph, who married Marian Buckley. Issue:

Grace.

Ethel.

Lela.

John, son of Nancy and Gordon Pogue.

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### THOMAS AVENT OF VIRGINIA.

And Connections.

Colonel Thomas Avent was born in 1671, and died October 31, 1757, aged 86 years. In the early days of the Colonies under England's dominion, he was in the Colonial wars. He was a fine business man, and accumulated large landed interests according to the Virginia and North Carolina records. After his death, in the division of his property, the records show that he owned 44 slaves before the Revolutionary War. He was Justice of the Peace of Surrey County, Va., 1728 to 1741. Thomas Avent's wife, Margaret Elizabeth, was said to be the daughter of Claiborne Gooch, son of William Gooch and Ursula Claiborne. She was the granddaughter of William Claiborne the Colonial Secretary of Virginia and Governor of Maryland. Colonel Avent in his will left special legacy to Ursula Avent, his granddaughter named after her grandmother. No people in Virginia stand higher than the descendants of William Claiborne. The Avents were not only wealthy, but leaders socially and politically, and in the wars against the savage Indians, none were braver or more patriotic in defense of the colonies.

John Avent, said to be the brother of Thomas, was commissioned under King George 2nd, in 1754, a justice of the peace in Surrey County, Virginia, signed by Governor Dinwiddie. This commission,



now on record in Virginia, has the original seal of England on an impress of which white was attached to pink tape.

Tradition has it that Thomas Avent, Sr., came to America from France in the Huguenot migration, and it is an established historic fact that there lived in the early days of Rome a man whose name was Aventinus. He was King of Alba Longa, died and was buried on the seven hills of Rome. That hill is called to this day "Aventine." When Caesar came westward some of the descendants of Aventinus were among Caesar's soldiers. After the conquest of Gaul these soldiers located there until the days of the Huguenot migration. According to tradition handed down from ancestry, John Avent was the father of William Avent, who was born Aug. 8, 1775, and lived in Chatham County, North Carolina. He was the father of fourteen children, among whom was Henry Avent, born Feb. 27, 1829. He was the father of eight children among whom was James Wesley Avent, born in 1856.

Thomas Avent had a daughter, Sarah, who married William Fox, and under this Fox line Mrs. Carlotta James, of Petersburg, Va., becomes a lineal descendant of Lord de la Marr.

The following letter, written by Colonel Thomas Avent to Governor Gooch, in 1728, is preserved in the Virginia State Archives:

"Sir—

"The 27th of September John Carter brought negro Cofe to my house, as he says by your orders; for me to examine concerning what the Saponys have told him about the white people, which I have done, and he tells me that great George told him that John Suano and a fellow called Ben Harrison, was gone to the Cotowbers to fetch one hundred of them to come and see why their Indians were put in prison, and if Capt. Tom was hanged they would carry their wives and children over Roanoke River and then they would drive the white people and negroes as far as James River, and he says Tony Maek tould him that if Pyah was hanged that he and the Cotowbers would come and take revenge of the English, and he says that Sapony Tom tould him if his son Harry Erwin was hanged he would kill you and three or four more gentlemen and then goe of, and says 'Dick' tould him that we had no bussness to come to the Fort armed, to concern ourselves about their killing one another, but we were like a sow that had lost her pigs. would rally for a little time and then have don, but when they began a war with the English they never would have don—this from yr humble ser't: to command:

Thomas Avent.

#### LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THOMAS AVENT.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. September 21st, 1756. I

THOMAS AVENT, of the parish of Albemarle in the County of Sussex, being in good health and of disposing mind and memory (thanks be to God for the same) calling to mind the uncertain time



of certain death do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, first I bequeath my soul to the God that gave it, hoping and trusting in the advocacy and mediatorship of my beloved Lord and Savior Christ for remission of all my sins; and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried according to the directions of my executors hereinafter named, and as for such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give and dispose thereof as follows, to-wit:

Imprimus—I give and bequeath to my son, William Avent, and to his heirs and assigns forever, the plantation whereon I now dwell, together with all the land I have on the North side of the Otterdam Swamp, below the first great branch above the meadow commonly called the cart wheel branch, and binding upon the said to the head thereof and from thence by a line of marked trees a straight cross back to the great swamp and down the same as it meanders to the extent of the land, and also my land and plantation whereon Thomas Johnson lately dwelt situated in the County of Northampton and Province of North Carolina, together with all my other lands situated in the County and Province aforesaid, all which I give to my said son William Avent and to his heirs and assigns forever.

Item—I give and devise to my son, Peter Avent, and to his heirs and assigns forever, all my lands on both sides of the Otterdam Swamp, not devised to my son William Avent, or hereinafter divided for sale, and also one hundred pound current money of Virginia, to him and to his heirs and assigns forever, in full of all that I intend him out of my estate.

Item—I give and devise to Thomas Avent, son of John Avent, deceased, and to his heirs and assigns forever, the land and plantation that I purchased of John Golightley, lying in Sussex and Southampton County, and one hundred and seventy-five acres adjoining, patented in my own name and an entry adjoining that is unsurveyed.

Item—I give and bequeath to my five granddaughters, daughters of Thomas Avent, dec'd., on their attaining the age of twenty-one years, respectively, the sum of thirty pounds, Virginia currency, each in full of all that I intend them out of my estate.

Item—I give and devise to my daughter, Mary Vincent, one hundred ninety acres of land adjoining Joseph Prince and Robert Symm, in Sussex County, and to her heirs and assigns forever.

Item—I give and devise unto my daughter, Sarah Fox, and to heirs and assigns forever, six hundred and twenty-five acres of land whereon William Fox, her husband, now lives, together with all the appurtenances there unto belonging.

Item—I give and devise my tracts of land on Dickery's Creek in Lunenburg County, and that part of my land lying on the East side of the great swamp in Sussex County, to be sold at the direc-





tion of my executor and that they convey the same to the purchaser and the money arising therefrom I give to be equally divided amongst William Avent, Mary Vincent, Sarah Fox, and the children of John Avent, dec'd., share and share alike, the children of the said John to have but one share for all of them.

Item—I give and bequeath unto Ateliah Cosiah Norris and to her heirs and assigns forever, one negro girl named Sue, and also ten Pounds Virginia currency, and also my riding horse named Glaces, and likewise the second best bed and furniture and one trunk and likewise the privilege of living in my mansion house six months after my decease, and to be maintained with diet out of my estate all of which I devise to her and her heirs forever.

Item—I give and bequeath my stills and all my slaves, goods, chattels to be equally divided amongst William Avent, Mary Vincent, Sarah Fox, and the children of John Avent dec'd., share and share alike, the children of the said John to have but one share for all of them.

Lastly—I do hereby constitute and appoint my son, William Avent, and my son-in-law, Thomas Vinson, joint executors of this my last will and testament, and do give them ten pounds apiece out of my estate as compensation for their trouble and care in executing this, my last will and testament.

I desire that my estate may not be appraised, and that my executors may not be compelled to give security—and do hereby utterly revoke and disannul all former and other wills by me made and declareth this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year above written.

THOMAS AVENT, S. S.

Signed, sealed, published, declared and propounded by the said Thomas Avent, to be his last will and testament in the presence of us, Nathaniel Wyche,

his  
William Dobey,

mark

his  
Mary Dobey,

mark

his  
John Barlow,

mark

(He also owned land in Surry and Brunswick Counties.)

At a Court held for Sussex County, the 18th day of November, 1757. The aforewritten last will and testament of Thomas Avent dec'd., was presented in Court by William Avent and Thomas Vincent, the executors therein named, who made oath thereto accord-



ing to law and the same was proved by the oaths of William Dobey Mary Dobey and John Barlow, thereof, the witnesses thereto and by the court ordered to be recorded and on motion of the executors certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste:

A. CLAIBORNE, Clk.

A Copy—Teste:

R. D. NORRIS, Clerk.

#### AVENT LINE.

By Mrs. J. O. James.

Colonel Thomas Avent, born 1671, died Oct. 31, 1757, aged eighty-six years, in Sussex County, Va. He married Elizabeth Gooch. Thomas Avent's daughter, Sarah, married William (1st) Fox, of Brunswick County, Va. Issue:

William (2nd) Fox, John and Thomas Avent's daughters. Lucy, married William Robinson; Betty, married Lanier; Mary Claiborne, married Johnson.

William (2nd) Fox, Greenville County, Va., married Martha Rives, daughter of Robert Rives. Issue:

Robert, married Sallie Walton, died in North Carolina, 1811.

William (3rd) died in North Carolina, 1832.

Uriah Irwin.

Rebecca, married Thorwell Peebles.

Winifred, married Capt. James Robinson, of the Revolutionary War, 1776.

Anne West, married Jerimiah Vaughan (2nd) Dr. James V. Mallory.

William (2nd) Fox was a sergeant in the Revolutionary War.

Will recorded in Greenville County, Va., 1798.

William (1st) Fox, recorded in Brunswick, 1764.

Captain James Robinson and Winifred Fox were married in Brunswick County, Feb. 27, 1781. Issue:

James Fox Robinson, died in Madison County, Ga.

Robert Rives Robinson.

Susanna Robinson.

Patsy Robinson.

Rebecca Robinson.

Anne West Robinson.

Darius Robinson, married Elizabeth Powell, nee Morris, Jabez Morris and Elizabeth Lundy. Issue:

Joseph Robinson, died in Madison County, Ga.

Elizabeth, married James Gee.

Martha, married Ignatius Alsop.

Mary, married Henry Hamuatt.



James Jabez Robinson, married Ada Wilkinson. Issue:  
 James H. Robinson.  
 Charles L. Robinson.  
 Carlotta Robinson married James O. James.  
 Tecumseh E. Robinson.  
 Carlotta Robinson and James O. James. Issue:  
 Ada Kirkland James.  
 Alvin Orlando James.

#### B. W. AVENT.

By Minnie Avent Watkins.

B. W. Avent, of Halifax County, North Carolina, was a son of William Avent, who was born near Moore's Ferry, on Roanoke River, North Carolina. He settled in Nash County, North Carolina, when he was about twelve years old. He had two sisters, one married a Mr. Cotton and moved to Wake County, North Carolina. William Avent was a son of Ben Avent, of Sussex County, Virginia. Sallie Avent, wife of William Avent, was a daughter of Frank Ward, who moved from Isle of Wight County, Va., to Nash County North Carolina, where Sallie, his daughter, was born.

James Avent was a son of John Avent, of Greenville County, Virginia, who was a son of Ben Avent, of Sussex County, Virginia.

William Avent, the grandfather of Minnie Avent Watkins, of Mint City, Miss., has one brother, Thomas Avent, who died with smallpox during the Revolutionary War. His family lived in Georgia. He had one son, Elmer Avent, who was raised by William Avent. He went to Georgia and brought Elmer to Nash County, North Carolina, where he lived. After he was grown he married Joe Ward's daughter. She died childless. Elmer married the second time to Miss Brady, of Nash County, North Carolina, and later moved to Smith County, Tennessee. William Avent married Sallie Ward when he was twenty-seven years old, and his wife was about fifteen years old.

#### JOHN ANDREW AVENT.

John Andrew Avent was born Feb. 4, 1824, in Halifax County, North Carolina. He died at Wooldridge, Tenn., Feb. 4th, 1885.

Helen E. McClain was born at Milledgeville, Ga., March 3, 1828; died at Wooldridge, Tenn., Aug. 10, 1887.

#### JOHN AVENT.

John Avent and Mary, his wife, daughter Elizabeth, born April 13, baptized April 14, 1739. Godfather, Thos. Avent. Godmother, Mary Avent. This must have been John, who died 1754. Justice of Sussex County, Va., 1752-53-54, dismissed by George II, signed by Gov. Robert Dinwiddie, Colonial Governor of Virginia, 1754.



John Avent and Mary's son, Peter, born Feb. 4, 1749; baptized May 20, 1750.

John Avent and Mary's son, Thomas, born Jan. 12; baptized March, 1743.

Thomas Avent and Rebecca's son, John, born March 19; baptized June 26, 1768. Moss McKinney and Avaris Wilkinson, godfathers.

John Avent and Mary's son, William, born April 15; baptized October 30, 1748.

Peter Avent and Amy's daughter, Elizabeth, born Sept. 12, 1752; baptized April 8, 1753. Godfather, John Avent; Godmother, Mary Avent.

John Avent and N. Cary, his wife's son, John, born March 16, 1745.

Thomas Avent and Rebekah's daughter, Angelina, born June 7; baptized July 27, 1766.

Thomas Avent and Rebekah's daughter, Elizabeth; born Dec. 30, 1769; baptized Feb. 18, 1770.

Thomas Avent and Rebekah's daughter, Mary, born March 21; baptized May 8, 1774.

Thomas Avent and Rebekah's son, William, born April 5, 1772.

#### Letters From Mrs. Carlotta James to the Compiler.

"I have tried to find an Avent coat of arms. The nearest thing I found was the name Avenant, which many think came from Aventinus. I have a copy of my Robinson coat of arms. It is the same as John Robinson's, Bishop of London, and who rebuilt Fulham Palace, London.

I secured much Avent data when in Halifax, North Carolina, last fall. There is a village called Avention, in Nash County, North Carolina, named for the Avent family.

Col. Thomas Avent, who came in 1698, so shown from order books in Brunswick County, Va., and who settled first in Surrey County, Virginia, was the first one in Virginia. He had four sons and two daughters. John Avent died in Sussex, Va., in 1754. Thomas Avent died in Northampton County, North Carolina, in 1751, leaving several children, names not given. His wife's name was Ursula.

Peter Avent's will recorded Northampton County, North Carolina.

Book 1. Page 215.

To sons Wm. Avent.

To sons Isham Avent.

To sons Joseph Avent.

To sons Thomas Avent.

Daughter Sarah Avent.

Daughter Eliza Barker.







BEN HART YANDELL  
Independence, Cal.



Daughter Lucy Truelove.  
 Daughter Mourning Avent.  
 Daughter Rebecca Avent.  
 Wife, Mary Avent.

Will proved September Court, 1779, Jesse Atherton, Clerk of Court.

William Avent's will, Northampton County, North Carolina. Will Book 1, page 56.

To son, John Avent, land back of my plantation and back of the plantation Thomas Avent formerly lived on.

To son, Thomas Avent, the other part of the land Thomas Avent lived on, and all that part of the Island in Roanoke River except the Island willed to me by my brother, Thomas Avent.

To son William Avent.

To son Joseph Avent.

To son John Avent.

To son Thos. Avent.

To daughter Gilly Avent.

To daughter Sarah Ragland.

To daughter Rebecca Avent.

A legacy given to his sister-in-law, Ursula, by my father, Thos. Avent. To my brother, Peter Avent, 30 pounds. To son-in-law William Ragland. Will proved April 22, 1760.

Colonel Avent died in Sussex County, Virginia, 1757, Oct. 31. Two sons died before he did (Thomas and John).

Benjamin Avent, of Sussex County, Virginia, had three sons, viz:

(1) Thomas, (2) William (3) John; and two daughters.

(1) Thomas died sometime during the Revolutionary War, had one son, Abner, who was brought up by his uncle.

(2) Major William, born 1775, married Sallie Ward. Had fourteen children, among whom were Benjamin Ward Avent, Polly Avent, Henry Evans Avent.

(3) John, married ———, had one son, James.

(4) One daughter married ——— Cotton, of Wake County, North Carolina.

Abner Avent, son of Thomas Avent, married (1) ——— Ward, daughter of Joe Ward, who died without issue; and he married (2) ——— Brady, of Nash County, North Carolina, and removed to Tennessee.

James Avent, son of John Avent, born in Virginia, 1780, married Polly Avent, daughter of Major William Avent, moved to Tennessee about 1800, and died in 1866.

Benjamin Ward Avent, son of Major William Avent, born 1796; married Mary Eley, and had the following children: (1) Benjamin





THOMAS AVENT



Ward Avent (2) John Avent (3) William Avent (4) Thomas Eley Avent (5) Joseph Avent (6) Charles Avent (7) Mary Avent (8) Winnifred Avent (9) Elizabeth Avent (10) Delia Avent.

Thomas Eley Avent, son of Benjamin Ward Avent, married Eliza Fisher, by whom he had eight children, viz: (1) Elizabeth Buford Avent (2) Mary Allen Avent (3) Robert Edward Avent (4) Giles Avent (5) Fisher Avent (6) Minnie Armistead Avent (7) Eldridge Townes Avent (8) Powell Avent.

Elizabeth Buford Avent, daughter of Thomas Eley Avent, married Edward D. Loony, and their children are as follows: (1) Thomas Avent Loony (2) Elizabeth Fisher Loony, married Frank Pleasants, Jr. (3) Edward Loony (4) Sarah Loony (5) Mary Loony.

Mary Allen Avent, daughter of Thomas Eley Avent, married William H. Reid, and has the following daughters: (1) Elise Reid (2) Roberta Madeline Reid (3) Edith Lyle Reid.

Robert Edward Avent, son of Thomas Eley Avent, married (1) Callie McLeod; and after her death (2) Ada Munson.

Fisher Avent, son of Thomas Eley Avent, married Eloise Brown, by whom he had a daughter, Carrie Pillow Avent.

Minnie Avent, daughter of Thomas Eley Avent, married (1) Clarence Townes, by whom she had one son, Clarence Armistead Townes; and (2) Albert Watkins, Jr., by whom she had a daughter, Elizabeth Fisher Watkins.

Eldridge Townes Avent, son of Thomas Eley Avent, married Tallie Peele.

Powell Avent, son of Thomas Eley Avent, married Janie Silk, by whom he had a daughter.

### THE AVENT LINE.

#### THOMAS ELEY AVENT.

By Minnie Avent Watkins.

Thomas Eley Avent, son of Benjamin Ward and Mary Eley Avent, was born in Halifax County, North Carolina, April 20, 1836. He died Jan. 7, 1918, at Rayville, La., where he was temporarily residing. With his family he moved to Mississippi when he was twelve years old. At the opening of the Civil War he entered the Confederate Army, with the 15th Mississippi under General Walthall, and made a daring soldier, having been a solo scout for two years. In January, 1865, he was married to Miss Eliza Fisher, daughter of Judge E. S. Fisher, of the Mississippi Supreme bench. In 1866 he moved near Minter City, Miss., where he lived the remainder of his life, except two years in Louisiana, just before he died. He amassed a considerable fortune. Was ever liberal to church, charity and individuals. His own wants were few, but he was always interested in the welfare of others, and many a man owes his success to as-







W. L. STEEL



sistance from Mr. Avent at the crucial time. No man exerted a greater influence for good than he did. He was buried in Grenada beside his wife, who died in 1886.

Eight children survive him.

Avent Line by J. W. Bass.

James Avent, I think, was born in Virginia, about 1780, and moved to Tennessee, near Murfreesboro, about 1800, or before he was a large land and slave owner, his slaves increased so fast and he could not buy land near him, so he moved to Hardeman County in 1850, and died there Oct. 2, 1866, at 86 years of age; he raised seven children.

1. Dr. B. W. Avent, who died in Memphis in 1878, of yellow fever.
2. Mrs. E. T. Beasley, who died a few years ago at Holly Grove, Ark.
3. James M. Avent, a lawyer at Murfreesboro, Tenn., died a few years ago.
4. Mary E., who married Gen. R. V. Richardson, died sometime ago at DeVall's Bluff, Ark.
5. Fannie, who married Dr. J. F. Johnston.
6. Washington D. Avent (father of James M. Avent, of Hickory Valley).
7. Nannie P. (Avent) Bass, died at Murfreesboro a few years ago, and was 84 years old, had four daughters and five sons. Three of her sons and one daughter live in Nashville, Tenn., one son in Texas, three daughters are dead.

J. W. Bass lives at Whiteville, Tenn., he married Miss Mattie Crockett, of Nashville, he has one daughter, Mrs. Rivers Norment, of Whiteville, and one son, R. P. Bass.

Note: J. W. Bass is a farmer and merchant, owns a splendid farm of more than two thousand acres, in a high state of cultivation. He is a money-making model farmer and merchant.—J. H. McDowell.

The Avent Line, by James Wesley Avent.

The first Avent that I know anything about was William Avent, born August 8, 1775, and so far as I know, lived in Chatham County, North Carolina. He was the father of fourteen children. Among these children was Henry Avent, born February 27, 1829. This was my own grandfather. He was the father of eight children, the second of whom was James Wesley Avent, born 1856, who was my own father. While I happen to have the names of all the children of William Avent and the dates of their births, and most of the dates of their deaths, I am unable to go back farther than 1775. William Avent, as I have said, lived in Chatham County, North Carolina. His son, Henry Avent, also





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lived there, and my father was born there. However, I have understood that William Avent's father was named John, I know nothing about him as to where he lived, where he was born, nor who his father was. The foregoing are the facts so far as I know them with regard to my immediate family. While I pronounce the name with the accent on the second syllable, which has been true of my own family, I am informed that many of them accent the first syllable and do not sound the "t" in the second syllable. I know it to be true that some of those living in Mississippi, have actually dropped the "t" in the spelling of the name. While there is nothing authentic back of 1775, the tradition has been that the Avents came to America from France in the Huguenot migration. Back of that I know nothing authentic. I have, however, constructed a bit of imaginary history which has no basis in knowledge, except the beginning. It is a fact that there lived in the early days of Rome a man whose name was "Aventinus." He was king of Alba Longa. He died and was buried on one of the seven hills of Rome. That hill is called to this day "Aventine Hill." I have had in my imagination this; that some of his descendants continued to live in Rome, until the days of Julius Caesar. When Caesar came westward in his campaign in Gaul, some of these descendants of Aventinus were among Caesar's soldiers. After Caesar's conquest of Gaul these soldiers located there until the days of the Huguenot migration. What do you think of that as a connection line between ancient and modern times?

My maternal grandfather "Wumble," was born near Petersburg. His father went to North Carolina in 1878. I have been living in Virginia two years, since the opening of the Normal School. I am one of the regular faculty.

Henry Fox's son William, married Sarah Avent, and I believe he went to North Carolina for a while, and then back to Virginia.

#### The Avent Line, by H. M. Avent.

In reply to your letter of March 2, will say that I have been trying to get up all the data possible on the Sandeford family. I have found that there are some Sandefords now living in Granville County, North Carolina.

I find that my grandfather, Thomas Ward Avent, had one son, and Fannie Avent, who married Nathan D. Sandeford, and Betsy Avent, who married Ben Ward; one Pricilla Avent, who married a Kimball; one Nancy Avent, who married Henry Pitts; he had one uncle, Thomas Avent, who married Miss Gardner; his father, James Avent, who married Dick Hazlewood; one Pricilla Avent, who married a Kimball; one Nancy Avent, who married Henry Pitts; he had one uncle, Thomas Avent, who married Miss Gardner; his father, James Avent, also married a Miss Gardner. I think he also had an uncle, Frank Avent, but I am not positive about this.







ANNA STEEL, ELIZABETH AND SARAH STEEL TAYLOR



Now, I will give you a concise history of my immediate family as possible. My grandfather, Thomas Ward Avent, was a son of James Avent; James Avent was born Nov. 8th, 1785; died Oct. 6, 1832. James Avent was the son of Major Williams Avent and Sallie Avent. My grandfather, Thomas Ward Avent, was born July 20, 1815, died Sept. 11, 1900. He married Mary E. Williams, of Warren County, Dec. 19, 1838. She died Dec. 10, 1867. They had six children, as follows:

James William Avent, born Sept. 16, 1839; he married Mary N. Taylor, and died March 10, 1901.

Charity D. Avent, born April 13, 1841; married Dr. Thomas N. Drake, July 16, 1857, and died March 13, 1898.

Martha D. Avent was born August 4, 1843; married Juury Jones, Sept. 1, 1859, and died Nov. 28, 1893.

Mary E. Avent was born December, 1843; married Rev. George M. Duke, May 10, 1868; died Oct. 28, 1822.

Thomas V. Avent, born Sept. 15, 1845; married Emily Spencer Hart, April 15, 1868, and died Jan. 4, 1911.

John B. Avent, born Feb. 4, 1847, and married Miss Martha Johnson. I haven't the date of his marriage at this time. He is still living, but in very feebl health.

My father, Thomas Vernon Avent, has six children living at the time of his death. There were several others who died in their infancy. The living ones are as follows:

Henry M. Avent, born August 25, 1874; married Miss Estelle Hunter Brown, Dec. 20, 1897. We have two children, Louise Spencer Avent, who was born Oct. 5, 1900, and Estelle Brown Avent, who was born April 29, 1901.

Ula Lee Avent, born May 2, 1877; married E. A. Williams, Jan. 11, 1899.

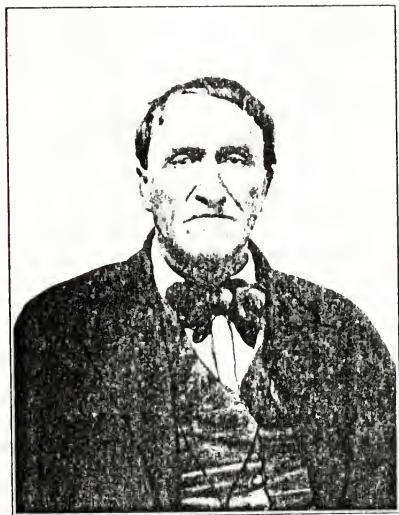
Frank Vernon Avent, born Oct. 16, 1879; married Miss Petronelle Pate, Jan. 17, 1900. He has three boys and one girl. Thomas Vernon Avent, William M. Avent, Frank V. Avent, Jr., and Emily Spencer Avent.

Mary E. Avent, born Dec. 7, 1881; married James P. Bulluck, May 23, 1905.

Rosa B. Avent, born Feb. 4, 1889; married Joseph M. Pearson, August 12, 1908.

My great-great-uncle, Frank Avent, has one daughter still living, who is 87 years old. I haven't seen her in quite a while, but I understand that she is still vigorous and very well posted on all the older members of our family. I think it possible that she could give me more information about your wife's family than anyone living. I am going to make an effort to see her in the next few days. All of the Avents lived up in my old neighborhood where your wife's mother was born. I have frequently heard my grandfather speak





SAMUEL McDOWELL



of his aunt, who married a Sandeford, also the one who married a Hazlewood, both of whom moved to Tennessee. I heard him frequently speak of Uncle Ben Ward, also Uncle Thomas Avent, Uncle Ben Avent and Uncle Frank Avent.

My old home place in Nash County has been in the Avent family continuously for several hundred years. We have the original grant from Lord Granville, but I don't remember just at this time the date. I can look up our old deeds, of course, and find it. The place has always been known as Aventon, and is considered one of the finest farms in Nash County.

#### ALEXANDER IRWIN, WASHINGTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.

ALEXANDER IRWIN, born Aug. 29, 1792; died at home. Washington County, Georgia, 1842; buried near Ohoopie Baptist Church. Was a successful farmer and loyal citizen; married to Margaret Moore Lawson, 8th of September, 1814.

Margaret Moore Lawson, born 1785, in Washington County, Georgia; died at Irwin's Crossroads, Washington County, Georgia, June 10, 1852; buried near Ohoopie Baptist Church.

Children of above:

John Lawson Irwin, born 1817. Represented Washington County, Georgia, in the Legislature several times as a staunch Democrat; full of Irish blood; was a colonel in the militia, a gallant captain in the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia; lost his life in defense of a sacred cause, as he viewed it, that was lodged deep down in his heart; was gentle, kind, lovable as a woman, yet never found time to choose a wife to his bosom; lived and died for his country, his mother and brothers. Died at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Oct. 1, 1861; was buried near Ohoopie Church, Washington County, Georgia.

Thompson; born 1823, died an infant.

William Alexander; born 1823; married Miss Elizabeth Daniel, daughter of a Mr. Joe Daniel, in the year 1848; was a successful farmer; reared his children at Irwin's Crossroads, Washington County, Georgia. Himself and wife died members of what is known as the Campbellite or Christian Church, and were buried near Ohoopie Baptist Church, in 1880; reared three sons:

Rebecca, born 1826; married Silas Daniel at Irwin's Crossroads in the year 1848; died 1849; buried near Ohoopie Church.

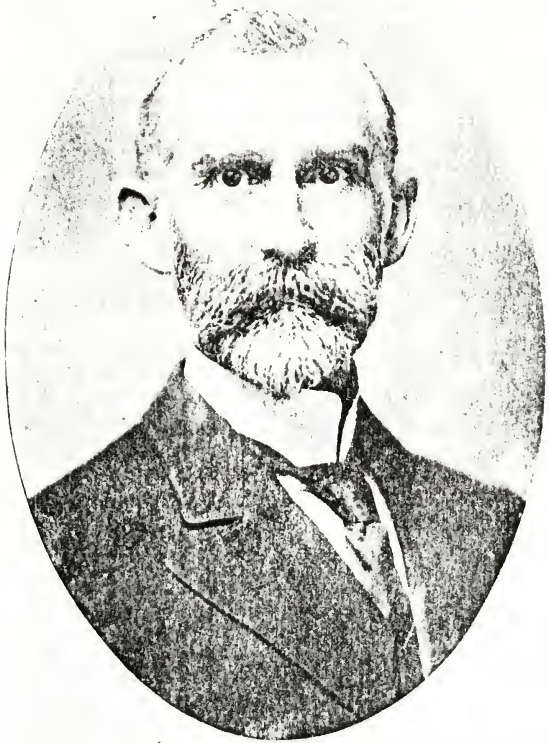
William Irwin 3rd, now living in Dublin, Ga.

Reason, who died just at age, and Thomas, who lived in Montgomery County, Georgia.

Thomas Jackson Irwin, born year 1829, at homestead near Irwin's Crossroads, Washington County, Georgia; was educated at Union Academy, Washington County, Georgia; moved to Henry County, Alabama, the year 1851; was a large and successful planter, raising cotton, corn, stock and grain, in the Chateawhsee River







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Valley; kind, generous-hearted; built a nice house for his negro slaves to worship in and adore their Maker and Protector; married Miss Clara Worthen at Worthen, Washington County, Georgia, the home of her cultured, refined parents, Colonel Richard Worthen and wife, Dec. 10, 1856. They had one boy, Alexander, who died in infancy; two daughters: Annie L. e married a Mr. Alex. J. Farmer, a prosperous merchant of Henry County, Alabama; the other daughter married a Mr. L. J. Lark of Albany, Ga., a promising young lawyer, who lived only a few years, died and is buried in the family lot in the town of Fort Gaines, Ga. Thomas J. died at his home in Alabama, four miles west of Fort Gaines, Ga., the 6th day of June, 1867, and was buried in the family lot in this town.

Jared Irwin, born near Irwin's Crossroads, 1834; was a noted practitioner; was a wealthy citizen and highly respected.

### McDOWELLS OF MISSISSIPPI.

#### Grandfather:

John McDowell, born in Kentucky, 1809; died at Brandon, Miss., 1865; married at Utoh, Ala., 1828, to Miss Sarah Temple McAlpin, Utoh, Ala., 1810; died at Jackson, Miss., May 3, 1892; buried at Brandon, Miss.

#### Children of Grandfather:

William McDowell, born at Utoh, Ala.; died 1863.

Elizabeth McDowell, born at Utoh, Ala.; died 1908.

John McDowell, born at Utoh, Ala.; died 1864.

James McDowell, born at Utoh, Ala.; died 1863.

Solomon McDowell, born at Utoh, Ala., May 24, 1841; died 1905.

Blanton McDowell, born at Utoh, Ala.; died 1867.

Robert McDowell, born at Utoh, Ala.

Sarah McDowell.

Position held by grandfather, County Judge.

#### Father and Mother:

Solomon McDowell, born at Utoh, Ala., June 22, 1841; died at New Orleans May 2, 1905; married at Fannin, Miss., Dec. 17, 1863, to Miss Matilda McLaurin, born at Williamsburg, Miss., March 10, 1840; died at Fannin, Miss., Oct. 3, 1906.

#### Children of above:

William McDowell, born at Utoh, Ala., Sept. 15, 1864; living.

Daniel McDowell, born at Fannin, Miss., May 19, 1865; living.

Nannie McDowell, born at Fannin, Miss., May 11, 1867; died Oct. 10, 1889.

Blanton McDowell, born at Fannin, Miss., Sept. 15, 1869; living.

Oizella McDowell, born at Fannin, Miss., Aug. 2, 1871; living.

Corneal and Charlie (twins), born at Fannin, Miss., Dec. 29, 1873; living.





MRS. MARGARET McDOWELL,  
Weaverville, N. C.  
Secretary of Clan.



Sarah T. McDowell, born at Fanin, Miss., Aug. 31, 1875; died June 10, 1909.

Married:

William McDowell, born at Delhi, La., Jan. 10, 1894.  
 Dan McDowell, born at Fannin, Miss., April 31, 1889.  
 Blanton McDowell, born at Memphis, Tenn., June 11, 1904.  
 Oizella McDowell, born at Jackson, Miss., Oct. 23, 1907.  
 Corneal McDowell, born at Jackson, Miss., June 21, 1905.  
 Miss Charlie McDowell, born at Bynun, Miss., Dec. 25, 1907.  
 Sarah T. McDowell, born at Jackson, Miss., Jan. 27, 1909.

Grandchildren:

Blanche McDowell, born at Fannin, Miss., June 25, 1890; living.  
 Alice Lee McDowell, born at Fannin, Miss., June 14, 1892;  
 living.

Ida Tutton McDowell, born at Jackson, Miss., Jan. 19, 1901.

Dan McDowell's Children:

Will Gray McDowell, born at Jackson, Miss., Oct. 10, 1894.  
 Eugene Borman McDowell, born at Jackson, Miss., Sept. 3, 1896.  
 Annie Ross McDowell, born at Refuge, Miss., Feb. 22, 1891;  
 died Sept. 13, 1901.

Alice Tell McDowell, born at Refuge, Miss., Dec. 2, 1901; died March 10, 1902.

Will McDowell's Children:

Matilda A. McDowell, born at Lamont, Miss., Aug. 21, 1905.

DANIEL McDOWELL  
 (Son of Blant McDowell).

## W. L. STEEL.

Steel Line.

WILLIAM L. STEEL, born in Jessamine County, Aug. 8, 1843; married in Jessamine County, Kentucky, Nov. 5, 1867, to Anna Eliza Barkley, born in Jessamine County, Kentucky, Oct. 6, 1843.

Children of above:

Elizabeth McDowell, born at Nicholasville, Ky., Oct. 4, 1868;  
 died March 16, 1905.

Sarah McDowell, born at Nicholasville, Ky., Dec. 20, 1874.

Married:

Elizabeth McDowell, born at Nicholasville, Ky., Oct. 4, 1868;  
 Sarah married Horace Bruce Taylor, Nicholasville, Ky., Jan. 25,  
 1899.

Grandchildren:

Anna Steel Taylor, born at Nicholasville, Ky., June 15, 1901.  
 Elizabeth Taylor, born at Nicholasville, Ky., Dec. 22, 1903.

Great-grandfather:

Col. James McDowell, born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, in





1760; married in Virginia, in 1779, to Mary Paxton Lyle; buried in Fayette County.

Nationality of ancestry, Scotch-Irish.

Official positions held, Major and Colonel in War 1776.

Grandfather:

Samuel McDowell, son of James McDowell; born in Fayette County, Kentucky, 1785; died in Jessamine County, 1857; married in Jessamine County, Kentucky, to Polly Chrisman, born in Jessamine County, Kentucky, 1796; died at Nicholasville, Ky., 1873; buried at Nicholasville, Ky.

Children of Grandfather:

William Steel, married Sarah McDowell, granddaughter of James McDowell, Jan. 15, 1840; born in Jessamine County, Kentucky, 1814; died Aug. 16, 1845.

Their children:

Sarah McDowell, born in Kentucky, 1822; died Nov. 28, 1862.

Samuel McDowell Steel, born in Jessamine County, Dec. 16, 1840; died March, 1907.

William Lewis Steele, born in Jessamine County., Aug. 8, 1843; died March, 1907.

John Steele, born in Jessamine County, Dec. 8, 1845.

Sarah McDowell, married John Garrison in 1848.

Their children:

Mary (now Mrs. W. B. Lewis, Long Beach, Cal.); died 1883.

Belle (now Mrs. Andrew Lewis, Long Beach, Cal.)

J. B. Garrison, born at Long Beach, Cal.

Joe Garrison, born at Long Beach, Cal.

Caleb Garrison, born at Long Beach, Cal.

Eliza, married J. D. Hughes, Nicholasville.

Ada, married William Lewis, Long Beach, Cal.

#### REV. JESSE W. SILER, D.D.

On Sunday, Dec. 29, 1912, as Rev. Jesse W. Siler was preparing to preach he was seized with a violent hemorrhage of the lungs. This was followed by others Monday, and at 7 o'clock p.m. the heroic warfare of a good soldier had ended. He had entered through the gates of death from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant.

Jesse W. Siler was born in Franklin, N. C., Feb. 9, 1863. After a distinguished course, in which he won several medals and was valedictorian of his class, he graduated from Davidson College in 1885. He had prepared himself especially for mission work in China, but being denied this privilege on account of ill-health, he invested his life for the Master in North Carolina and Texas. The last great work in Texas was inspiring, and led his people to erect the magnificent church building at San Angelo, Texas. The strain was too



much for his feeble body, but his brave spirit would not allow him to give up service for his King. Removing to Silver City, N. M., he continued preaching and witnessing for Jesus till God said, "It is enough," and being willing and ready to obey his Lord, whether going or staying, he passed on to his reward above.

In 1888 he married Miss Margaret McDowell, a graduate of the old Moravian School in Salem, N. C., who, with two sons and one daughter, still survives. Dr. Siler's fidelity to God was impressed upon his brethren at all times, especially by his presence in the church courts, even when he had to lean upon his pillow. His wise counsel, his clear vision and his warm heart gave him a high place in the esteem of all who knew him, but particularly his fellow-presbyters. His messages glowed with love for him whom he served. His character grew sweeter and more God-like as his body grew weaker. Shall not the memory of such a heroic life be a benediction and an inspiration to loved ones left in service yet a little while?

And now, while he rests from his labors, his work goes on in the lives he touched and the hearts he cheered to nobler deeds, to sweeter songs, to richer experience, and to deeper trust in God.

C. B. H.

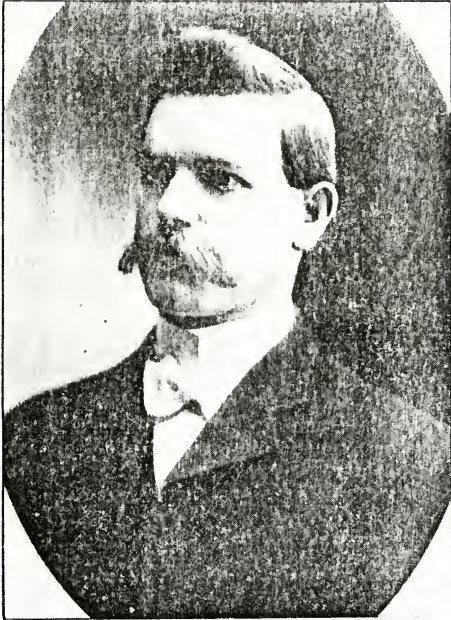
#### SAMUEL IRVIN AND JANE BREWSTER AND THEIR DESCENDANTS.

Samuel Irvin, born in Virginia, Feb. —, 1761; fought in the Battle of Cowpens under General Green. His wife, Jane Brewster, born in Virginia, April 11, 1761, died and was buried at Bloomington, Ind. Her parents were James Brewster and Eleanor Williamson. Samuel was a brave Revolutionary soldier and a citizen of commanding influence among his fellows. He died at Corydon, Ind., Aug. 3, 1837, in his 76th year.

Children of Samuel Irvin and Jane Brewster:

1. Mary, born Jan. 8, 1790.
2. Williamson.
3. Bryson, born March 9, 1794.
4. Sarah B., born Jan. 3, 1796; married William Frost.
5. Samuel W.
6. Jane.
7. James.
8. Elizabeth, born Oct. 25, 1804; married William Alexander.
1. Mary married Joseph Doak.
2. Williamson Irvin, born Nov. 17, 1792, in Madison County, Kentucky; married Nov. 10, 1860, to Mary Davis, who was born in Garrard County, Kentucky, Oct. 8, 1798; died April 23, 1875. Williamson Irvin served in the War of 1812, and





FRANKLIN WOODBURN IRVIN, Th. M. Ph. D.  
Oak Hill, Ohio



died May 13, 1837, in Anderson County, Kentucky. Both he and his wife are buried at Providence, Ky.

Issue: 1. Elizabeth; 2. Samuel Davis; 3. Margaret; 4. Mary Jane; 5. Martha; 6. Williamson; 7. James; 8. Nellie; 9. Miriam F.

Samuel Davis Irvin married Sallie ———, and their children were: John, Mollie and Sallie. Mollie married William and Sallie married Rhodes—all moved to California. Williamson Irvin married Martha Bodine, and had three children: Isaac B., Annie E. and Fletcher—all living in Chaplin, Ky.

James Irvin, son of Williamson Irvin and Mary Davis; born at Jarrard County, Kentucky, March 31, 1830; died at Chaperson County, Kentucky, June 24, 1892; married at Chaplin, Ky., Aug. 27, 1856, to Margaret H. Hobbs; born at Chaplin, Ky., Aug. 24, 1837; still living.

Children of Above:

Williamson Marion Irvin, born at Chaplin, Ky., June 30, 1857; still living.

Davis Hobbs Irvin, born at Salvisa, Ky., June 13, 1860; still living.

James Brewster Irvin, born at Alleghany, Pa., March 16, 1869; still living.

Franklin Woodburn Irvin, born at Alleghany, Pa., Dec. 25, 1873; still living.

Marriages:

1. Annie E. Irvin, at Chaplin, Ky., Feb. 22, 1883.
2. Clara Reinhart, at Louisville, Ky., ———, 1883.
3. Lizzie Bodine, at Bloomfield, Ky., ———, 1891.

Samuel W. Irvin, son of Samuel Irvin and Jane Brewster; born April 16, 1798, in Kentucky; died at Corydon, Ind., Sept. 5, 1843; married Jane Doak, who was born Nov. 18, 1800, in Kentucky, and died at Auburn, Mo., March 23, 1864. Issue: James D., born Sept. 2, 1823, at Bloomington, Ind.; married Matilda Thompson at Corydon, Ind., Dec. 18, 1844; both living in that place in 1903. Mary Jane, born July 25, 1826, at Charlestown, Ind. Elizabeth E., born Sept. 24, 1829, at Mauchport, Ind.; married to R. R. Logan at Corydon, Ind., Feb. 16, 1847 (see Irvin-Logan line). Martha A, born Sept. 25, 1831.

Jane Irvin, daughter of Samuel Irvin and Jane Brewster; born May 29, 1800; married. Issue: William Brewster Seward, born March 20, 1833.

#### FRANKLIN WOODBURN IRVIN.

Rev. Franklin Woodburn Irvin, the youngest son of James and Margaret Hobbs Irvin, was born Dec. 25, 1873, at 48 Rebecca Street, Alleghany City, Pa. He was named after the Rev. B. F. Woodburn, D.D., pastor of the Sandusky Street Church, who baptized his fa-





ther a short time before the birth of Franklin. At the early age of three months Franklin removed with his parents to Louisville, Ky., where he spent his childhood and early boyhood days. On the 16th of March, 1884, he removed to a farm in Muhlenburg County, Kentucky. It was while living here that he experienced what he considers one of the greatest privileges of his life, namely, attending school at an old log schoolhouse with puncheon floors and split logs for benches. After a little more than a year he returned to Louisville, where he completed his education. At the age of 18 he returned with his parents to the farm in Jefferson County, Kentucky, nine miles south of Louisville. Here he remained until the death of his father, which occurred June 24, 1892. On the 11th day of February, 1893, Franklin, then 19 years of age, returned to the city and began life for himself. Unlike most boys of his age, he had decided some years before what he would follow as his vocation in life; and he settled upon medicine. Even while upon the farm, unbeknown to his parents, he would slip out with one of his father's medical books under his coat (his father having formerly practiced medicine), and read it in secret, being careful to hide it under the hay upon the approach of any one. From former conversations with his parents, he understood that their sentiment. Upon returning to the city, he spent his evenings in the study of medicine. He experienced a call to the ministry. In October, 1895, having been licensed to preach by the Franklin Street Baptist Church, of Louisville, June 24, 1895, he entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, graduating with distinction upon the completion of that course. He holds three degrees conferred upon him by that institution, viz., Th. G., Th. B., Th. M. He preached his first sermon on June 23, 1900, at New Liberty Baptist Church, in Indiana. Upon being called to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Leadville, Colo., he was ordained by the Clifton Baptist Church of Louisville, in December, 1900. Rev. Edgar I. Mullins, D.D., LL.D., preached the ordination sermon and Rev. T. T. Eaton, D.D., LL.D., led in the ordaining prayer. His pastorate in Leadville won for him the distinctive title of being the "most eminent Baptist preacher in the world"—the altitude, 10,225 feet, making it literally true; for it is to be remembered that this is the highest Baptist church in the world. He served this church seven months, however; the extreme altitude brought on a throat trouble which compelled him to resign and seek work in the lower altitudes. On Oct. 30, 1901, he was called to the Portland Avenue Baptist Church of Louisville, but declined that call to accept the care of the First Baptist Church of Washington C. H., Ohio, one of the leading churches in Southern Ohio, which church he still serves.

Franklin is one of the most aggressive young pastors, and bids fair to make his mark as a pulpit orator. A singular thing about



his career is to be found in the fact that both his father and grandfather on his mother's side were physicians; and the man for whom he was named and his great-grandfather on his mother's side were both ministers of the gospel.

In a letter to a friend is found this tribute to his mother: "Apart from the grace of God, I am what I am because of her. Every gray hair of her head is sacred to me, for they are eloquent with the story of sacrifice, and it was all for me. As a mother she did all that she could, and she did it well."

#### ROBERT ERWIN'S WILL.

A Copy From Will Book No. 1, Page 1338.

In the name of God Amen the fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine.

I Robert Erwin in the State of Virginia and County of Rockbridge. Being in perfect mind and memory. Thanks be to God therefore and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I recommend and give my soul to the hands of God who gave it and as for my body I recommend to Earth, to be buried in a Christianlike and decent manner at the Discretion of my Extrs. Nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. Item, it is my will and I order that all of my just debts and funeral charges be paid. Item, I give unto Ann my Beloved wife the negro wench named Phillis and all of the dresser Furnitor and one of Erskine's large volums which she pleases and the large Bible, and all her apperil for her back and her Bed and what I have in hand of hard money and her saddle and bridle and the third part of the remainder of my moveable estate (Negroes Excepted) and I order that my son Robert Give his mother a good maintenance for herself and her Negro wench and her horse during her natural life or if he does not pay her seven punds per annum, and he is to give to her, her maintenance on the plantation and in her own home where she now lives and the Negro wench named Phillis is to be my son's Robert Erwin after his mother's decease. Item, I give unto my beloved son, Robert Erwin the plantation I now live on containing five hundred and five aeres. I likewise give him the piece of land I bought of Patrick McConnell all of which land I give to him and his heirs and assigns forever; if he has any heirs begotten of his body. But if he has no issue I allow the said land to be sold after his death to the highest bidder and the price thereof to be equally divided to all my sons and daughters. I likewise give my son Robert Erwin the negro man name Joe, and the Negro



wench name Rachel also the wench Ells and all the remainder of my moveable estate (except ten pounds that I give to my daughter Hannah Logan). Item, I give to my beloved son Benjamin Erwin the negro wench name Dinah. Item, I order that all my wearing apparel be equally divided among my three sons, Edward Erwin, Jonas Erwin and Joseph Erwin. I likewise constitute and appoint Anne, my beloved wife and my beloved son Robert Erwin as my only and sole executors of this my last will and Testament in witness and do hereby annul all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made and ratify this and no other to be my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my seal the day and year above mentioned. Signed, Sealed and declared by the said Robert Erwin as his last will and Testament in the presence of us subscribers. N. B. That before signing and sealing of those present I order that the third part of my moveable estate that my wife has mentioned to her above is to be given to my son Robert Erwin along with the rest of my moveable estate for my wife does not want it.

(Seal)•

ROBERT ERWIN.

Witness present: John Hamilton, Morris Gwyn.

At a Court held for Rockbridge County, Sept. 1, 1789. The within writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Robert Erwin, deed, was presented in Court by Ann Erwin, Ext. Robert Erwin, Ext. who made oath according to law. Certificate is granted them for obtaining Probate thereof in due form they having together with approved security as acknowledged bond according to law. Attest

A. REID, Clerk.

A Copy—Teste: A. T. SHELDON, Clerk.

#### IRVIN-LOGAN LINE.

Robert Irvin, born in Ireland; came to Rockbridge County, Virginia, 1740; died at Rockbridge County, Virginia, 1789; married at Rockbridge in 1825, buried at New Monmouth Church, Rockbridge County, Virginia.

Nationality of ancestry, Irish.

Hannah Irwin, born at Rockbridge County, Virginia; died at Rockbridge County, Virginia, 1826; married in Rockbridge County, Virginia, 1765, to James Logan, born in Ireland in 1732, died at Rockbridge, in 1825, buried at New Monmouth Church, Rockbridge County, Virginia.

Children of James Logan and Hannah Irvine:

Ann, born in Virginia in 1766.

John, born in Virginia in 1767.

Robert, born in Virginia in 1769.

Alexander, born in Virginia in 1771.

Margaret, born in Virginia in 1772.



Elizabeth, born in Virginia in 1775.

James, born in Virginia in 1777.

Mary, born in Virginia in 1779.

Joseph, born in Virginia in 1781.

Irvin, born in Virginia in 1783.

William, born in Virginia in 1785.

Benjamin, born in Virginia in 1789.

James Logan was a Revolutionary soldier; served three years as private in Capt. Jonathan Langdon's Company, 12th Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col. James Wood. Revolutionary record, Washington, D. C., from official records of the treasury departments of Virginia, Book 11, page 256, where it appears that on the 21st day of April, 1784, he was paid by the hands of Captain McKee the sum of 40 pounds, "agreeable to the act of assembly passed the November session, 1781," for his adjustment of pay for his military service, provided by said act.

### IRWIN GENEALOGY.

By D. W. Irwin.

Dr. William B. Irwin, born March, 1820; died at Hillsboro, Ala., Jan. 20, 1863, to Hattie B. Nelson, born at Limestone County, Alabama, May 8, 1838.

#### Children of Above:

Willie Irwin, born at Hillsboro, Ala., Aug. 1, 1864.

Dee W. Irwin, born at Hillsboro, Ala., Aug. 18, 1866.

Tandy W. Irwin, born at Hillsboro, Ala., Jan. 8, 1868.

Greek P. Irvin, born at Hillsboro, Ala., April 17, 1870.

Bob W. Irwin, born at Hillsboro, Ala., Oct. 1, 1872.

David L. Irwin, born at Hillsboro, Ala., March, 1873-1874.

Sam W. Irwin, born at Hillsboro, Ala., May 15, 1875.

Jessie D. Irwin, born at Hillsboro, Ala., Oct. 11, 1877.

Hattie J. Irwin, born at Hillsboro, Ala., Nov. 29, 1879.

#### Marriages:

Willie Irwin to Frank Preuit, at Hillsboro, Ala., April, 1880.

D. W. Irwin to Mattie William, at Hillsboro, Ala., Nov. 25, 1890.

T. W. Irwin to Hattie Townsend, at Hillsboro, Ala., Dec. 9, 1889.

#### Grandchildren:

Blenit Preuit, born at Hillsboro, Ala.

Harry Preuit.

Anna Preuit.

Agnes Irwin, born at Russellville, Ala., Aug. 29, 1891.

Willie Irwin, born at Hillsboro, Ala., March 20, 1893.

Broek Irwin, born at Hillsboro, Ala., Feb. 1, 1896.

Dee W. Irwin, Jr., born at Hillsboro, Ala., April 8, 1898.





## ELEANOR IRVIN LOGAN GENEALOGY.

Robert Reynolds Logan, born in Shelby County, Kentucky, on the 20th of July, 1814; died in Lincoln County, Missouri, on the 22d of October, 1884; married, in Corydon, Ind., Feb. 16, 1847, to Elizabeth Eleanor Irvin; born at Mauckport, Harrison County, Indiana, Sept. 24, 1829, died in Lincoln County, Missouri, Nov. 20, 1895.

## Children of Above:

Samuel Alexander, born in Shelby County, Kentucky, Dec. 9, 1847; died September, 1848.

Sarah Margaret (or Maggie); born in Lincoln County, Mo., June 21, 1849.

Mary Louisa, born in Lincoln County, Mo., Jan. 2, 1851.

Amantha Eleanor, born in Lincoln County, Mo., Jan. 17, 1853.

Robert Irvin, born in Lincoln County, Mo., Oct. 10, 1855.

James Hervey, born in Lincoln County, Mo., Oct. 12, 1857.

Matilda Olivia, born in Lincoln County, Mo., Sept. 21, 1861.

Catherine Doak, born in Lincoln County, Mo., July 14, 1863; died Oct. 26, 1899.

William Bryson, born in Lincoln County, Mo., Jan. 13, 1866.

Preston Breckenridge, born in Lincoln County, Mo., June 2, 1807.

## Marriages:

Sarah Margaret married Henry M. Morriss at Corydon, Ind., Dec. 10, 1884.

Mary Louisa married William Hopkins, Lincoln County, Mo., Jan. 23, 1879.

Amantha Eleanor married J. J. Bulleit at Corydon, Ind., Nov. 15, 1910.

Robert Irvin married Katie Thompson, Lincoln County, Mo., June, 1893.

James Hervey married Jenie Wallace, Lincoln County, Mo., October, 1893.

Matilda O. married Newton Dodson, Lincoln County, Mo., Nov. 28, 1889.

William Bryson married Rhoda Hammoek Oct. 15, 1890.

Preston Breckenridge married Jane McFall at Allegheny, Pa., May 31, 1900.

## JOSEPH ERWIN AND DESCENDANTS.

By J. H. Erwin.

Joseph Erwin married Elizabeth Cowan, of Salisbury, N. C. She had two brothers living at Salisbury at that time, both prominent in business. Thomas L. Cowan, the elder, being merchant and banker, became quite wealthy, lived to an old age, and died leaving a large estate for division among three children, one son and



two daughters. James Cowan, the younger brother of Thomas L., moved to West Tennessee, and settled four miles from Paris, Henry County. He was also quite wealthy for those days. I visited him in 1838-1840, when I was quite a boy.

Referring to my cousin, Thomas C. Erwin, of Atlanta, permit me to say he has made a splendid record and has a very bright future. He was in business here with me in 1881, at the close of that year he went with the Lowery Banking Co., of Atlanta, as bookkeeper, where he remained three or four years, until the organization of the Third National Bank of Atlanta, when he was called and accepted the position of assistant cashier which position he has since filled with high credit to himself and perfect satisfaction to its stockholders, officers and patrons, and on the first of January last was elected to the position of a full-fledged cashier. He is the son of Uncle Abel A. Erwin. His mother was named Elizabeth Seford, who was raised near LaGrange, Ga., one of the best families of the State. So that I can truthfully say, that Cousin Thomas C. is a worthy son of a noble parentage.

I received last week from a cousin in Starkville, Miss., the birth dates of Grandfather Joseph Erwin, and his brothers and sisters, also the birth dates of his own children, 14 in number. The name of my father on the list is S. Cowan Erwin. My cousin, Thomas C., is named for his uncle, Thomas B., and my father, S. Cowan, making his full name Thomas Cowan Erwin.

Birth dates of Joseph Erwin and his brothers and sisters.

Joseph Erwin, born Feb. 4, 1769.

Isabella Erwin, born 1749.

Hezekiah Erwin, born 1751.

Yala Erwin, born 1750.

Agnes Erwin, born March 11, 1760.

Margaret Erwin, born October, 1762.

Mary Erwin, born Aug. 14, 1764.

Birth dates of the children of Joseph Erwin and his wife, Nancy Erwin:

Thomas B. Erwin, born Sept. 16, 1792.

Joseph Erwin, born Feb. 3, 1794.

James P. Erwin, born March 7, 1796.

Agnes W. Erwin, born Jan. 25, 1798.

Eli J. Erwin, born Nov. 4, 1799.

John J. Erwin, born Sept. 11, 1801.

S. Cowan Erwin, born Feb. 8, 1803.

Katherine L. Erwin, born April 17, 1805.

Mary B. Erwin, born Jan. 3, 1807.

William Erwin, born Jan. 25, 1809.

Hezekiah Franklin Erwin, born Feb. 11, 1811.



Margaret Clementine Erwin, born August 8, 1813.

Abel A. Erwin, born Oct. 10, 1815.

Michael Lincoln Erwin, born May 21, 1819.

### BELLEVUE BRANCH OF ERWINS.

By Margaret Erwin McDowell.

James Graham, Senator, to Jos. J. Erwin, in 1834, in speaking of J. J. Erwin's grandfather, Alexander, said:

"The name of Alexander Erwin is one identified with the noble deeds of the Revolution, and one I have often heard my father many a long winter night when talking over the scenes of the birthday of liberty, always make honorable mention of Alexander Erwin."

From this some of the great grandchildren think Alexander Erwin was in the war, but I believe my mother, as she remembered him, etc., etc., as I wrote you, and I can find no record to that effect. But I find that he was in the General Assembly and that he was clerk of the court, etc. He is an ancestor of whom I'm very proud, but I can't find anywhere that he was in the war of 1775, but seems to have been looking after the home affairs according to the dates and records and tradition. James Erwin, his son, married Margaret Locke Phifer. She lived and died with her daughter, Sarah Ann Erwin, and her husband, Dr. John C. McDowell, my father and mother. Grandmother was devoted to my father, preferred to live with her daughter and visit her son, Jos. J. Erwin, who lived at her old home, Bellevue.

Grandmother was herself an heiress, and my grandfather James, her husband, accumulated a vast estate, was one of the wealthy men of Burke, was a shrewd business man and of quick intellect and fine judgment. My mother, Sarah, his daughter, was his special pet, and he was very proud of his eldest daughter, Elizabeth, who married Hon. Burton Craig. She was a celebrated beauty and horse-woman. My mother was celebrated for her peculiar honesty, truth, justice, was pretty and the most graceful woman on horseback I ever saw, and rode when she was 72 years old; was her father's companion while the rest of his children stood in awe of him. I remember my grandmother well—she lived with us until we were grown and I was fourteen. She was the daughter of Martin Phifer of Cabarrus.

### THE ERWIN FAMILY OF AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

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There were many bearing the name Erwin, Erwine (rarely Irwin) living in Augusta County, Virginia, when its records first begin (1745). They were apparently there before this date, as shown by one record given below. The Augusta County records are prac-



tically all published down to a late date, and the following records have been assembled largely from this publication. An endeavor is made, where possible, to show connections. In the earliest years they seem to have all lived on or near Long Glade, a branch of North River. This fact, along with the similarity of Christian names, may indicate that they were all closely related, but this relationship is often not established. The important reason for publishing this account here is that sometime somebody may be able to supply the missing links.

The following is the earliest authentic record. In 1742 Andrew Erwine, Benjamin Erwine, John Erwine and Edward Erwine belonged to the muster rolls of Captain John Smith.

The following tradition has the semblance of truth, but I cannot vouch for its accuracy. Edward Erwin was born about 1680 in Ireland, moved to Virginia in 1724, and died 1768. His children were John, Robert, Andrew (died before 1768), Edward and Francis. John Erwin, born about 1700, married Jane Williams, in Ireland, and their children were Edward, Benjamin, Samuel, Francis, John, William, Frances, Jane, Margaret and Mary. Of these Samuel, born about 1740, married Mary Curry, in 1769, and their children were John, Samuel, Robert, William, Mary and Sarah. John, son of Samuel and Mary Curry Erwin, was born Dec. 12, 1769, and married 1. Rebecca Curry, 2 Rhoda Curry, widow of John Stokes. He moved to Kentucky, and later to Ohio, where he died April 1832.

Returning now to the published records of Augusta County, Virginia, we find the following:

John Erwin, constable, May 21, 1747.

Robert Erwin, supernumerary, Feb. 1747-8, being sickly and infirm.

Matthew Erwin, bought land 1749.

Francis Erwin, Francis Erwin, Sr., John Erwin, Samuel Erwin, Sr., and Samuel Erwin witnesses to a patent of John Brownlee. June 20, 1749.

James Irwin, witness to a deed Jan. 8, 1746, for sale of land situated on Long Glade.

Andrew Erwin, John Erwin, Edward Erwin (two of same name) Francis Erwin and Benjamin Erwin, May 28, 1751, ordered to assist in making road.

William and Robert Brown, on Nov. 27, 1751, sell land to Robert Campel, which lies at corner of John Anderson and John Erwin; joins Thomas Erwin's line. Andrew Erwin is one of the witnesses to this deed.

Edward Erwin, Sr., yeoman, and Frances, sell to Edward Erwin, Jr., yeoman, 206 acres, part of two patents to Edward Erwin, Sr., dated March, 1747, and April 5, 1748, on Long Glade, at corner of William Brown and John Anderson; joins John Erwin's line.





Witnesses are Robert Francis and Benjamin Erwin. The deed was delivered to Benjamin Erwin, May, 1754. Edward Erwin, Sr., and Francées, on Nov. 29, 1751, sell to Benjamin Erwin, yeoman, 70 acres, part of patent dated April 5, 1748, on Long Glade. Edward Erwin is a witness.

Same to same on same date land patented Sept. 20, 1748.

Edward Erwin, Sr., yeoman, on Jan. 27, 1757, sells land to Francis Erwin, yeoman, 184 acres, part of 350 acres patented to Edward Erwin, April 5, 1748, at corner of Edward Erwin, Jr., and of Benjamin Erwin; also 100 acres a part of 220 acres patented to Edward Erwin, March, 1747, at corner of William Brown and William Alexander. Witnesses are John, Andrew and Edward Erwin. This deed was sent to Francis Erwin, Sept. 28, 1774. If Edward Erwin, Sr., the grantor in the preceding deeds is identical, as seems probable, with the Edward of the above tradition, born about 1680, then the Erwins named as grantees and witnesses, namely, Edward, Robert, Francis, John and Andrew, were probably his sons, and we have a close agreement with the tradition. The only exception is that of Benjamin Erwin to whom Edward, Sr., sells land on same date that he sells to Edward, Jr., who is not provided for in the tradition. Perhaps he is a lost son, or else a grandson. There are several Erwins already mentioned who will not fit into this scheme, namely Samuel Erwin, Sr., and Jr., 1749, Matthew Erwin, 1749, Thomas Erwin, 1751, and James Irwin, 1746. Perhaps they are to be referred to one or more brothers of the original Edward, who may have attended him to America. Certain it is that they lived in the same vicinity. The reconstruction of the family of Edward Erwin, Sr., is aided by the will of John Erwin, date Feb. 15, 1761, and proved Nov. 19, 1762. In this will, he mentions a son, Edward, to whom he leaves part of the plantation adjoining William Correy; and sons and daughters (without naming them); wife, Jean; and he appoints brothers Edward and Francis as overseers; Andrew Erwin (relationship not stated, but probably brother), wife and son Edward as executors. The witnesses are James Oliver, William Curry and David Williams.

Andrew Erwin, farmer, makes will May 30, 1765, proved Oct. 15, 1765. He mentions wife, Ann; son, Francis, who is then unmarried. The witnesses are Andrew Scott, Samuel Corry, and Benjamin Erwin. Brothers Edward and Francis Erwin are to be overseers. As he mentions only one child, Francis, to whom he leaves his entire estate, there were probably no other children. Possibly Francis married later, and is identical with the Francis Erwin who died 1791, for whom see below.

We note next the will of Matthew Erwin, whose relationship to Edward, Sr., has not been established. His will is dated April 19, 1755, and proved Aug. 18, 1762. He mentions no sons. He left



land to wife Elizabeth, and mentions daughters Gennet Johnson, Jean Jamison, Agnes, Mary Francis, Ellinor Patterson, Elizabeth and Ann Anderson. John Francis is named as overseer. Witnesses are James Bell, Alex. Blair and Edward Warner. On Feb. 24, 1768, Elizabeth Erwin sold to Edward Braden 200 acres conveyed from George Breekinridge, to Matthew Erwin, on Feb. 15, 1748, and devised to Elizabeth by Matthew. Witnesses are James Bell and John Francis.

Edward Erwin, of Long Glade, makes will Jan. 13, 1772, proved March 18, 1772. He mentions sons Edward and Francis; daughter Frances Brown; son-in-law, Robert Law. Executors are sons Edward and Francis. Witnesses are Edward Erwin, Robert Curry, John Erwin. Probably this Edward is the one of the above tradition who is reputed to have been born about 1680, and died 1768. If the date of his birth is correct, he would be 92 years old at his death. In that case, Edward and Francis are his only living sons, John and Andrew (and perhaps also Robert, of whom we hear little) having predeceased him. In this connection, we note a suit in chancery, Edward Erwin vs. Benjamin Erwin, apparently filed April 1, 1771, and decided March, 1772 (possibly at probating of the above will). The plaintiff in this suit alleges that he was very aged and infirm, and that the defendant had induced him against his will to sign a deed. His age, to which he refers, may indicate that he was the original Edward. As regards Benjamin, the most probable conjecture is that he was the son of John, the son of Edward.

On May 12, 1770, Edward Erwin, Jr., patented land. Witnesses were Francis Erwin, Sr., and Jr., Edward Erwin and Samuel Erwin. On July 20, 1784, one Edward Erwin, Sr., grandson and heir at law of Edward Erwin, deceased, with wife, Elizabeth, sold to Francis Erwin land on Long Glade, patented May 12, 1770, by Edward Erwin, deceased. Now, here we have an Edward Erwin, Jr., in 1770, who in 1784 had a grandson, Edward Erwin, Sr. This seems to indicate that the Edward Erwin, Jr., of 1770, was an old man, but that he was called Jr., to distinguish him from a still older Edward, who was probably the original Edward, and the one who died in 1772.

Francis Erwin makes will Aug. 5, 1791, proved Oct. 18, 1791. He mentions wife, Jean; daughter, Susannah, sons John, William and Francis; daughter Frances, and elder sister Jean; daughters Susanna, Elizabeth Nickel, and Mary Erwin (wife of John Erwin). Sons John and William are named as executors. Witnesses are James Young, Robert Curry, Alex. Curry. It is uncertain who this Francis was. As far back as 1749 Francis Erwin, Sr., and Jr., are mentioned. John, who died 1762, and Andrew, 1766, had sons Francis. In 1767 one Francis Erwin, Jr., was surveyor.



During this time the Erwins have multiplied rapidly, and leave their native haunts. Without a larger basis than exists at present, it is unsafe to speculate on connections, so the following records are presented with no, or brief, comment.

John Erwin makes will March 14, 1805, proved March 28, 1814. Mentions wife Mary; children, Edward, Margaret Herrin, Mary Bell, Thomas, Jean, James. Executors are sons Edward and Thomas Erwin. Witnesses are William Erwin, Francis Erwin, Benjamin Curry.

Mary Erwin (evidently widow of above John) makes will May 5, 1815, proved July 24, 1815. Mentions sons Thomas, Edward, James and John (the last is not mentioned in his father's will); daughters Peggy Herrin, Polly Bell and Jenny Erwin; granddaughter Polly Stuart Erwin. Executors are Edward Erwin and William Erwin, Sr.

Samuel Erwin makes will Sept. 5, 1811. Mentions wife, Mary; son, Joseph; son, William (appointed executor); and ten daughters, viz: Jane, Margaret, Agnes, Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Ann, Rebecca, Sarah and Nickle (?). The Samuel of the above tradition reputed to have been born about 1740, likewise had wife, Mary, but the names of children are very different.

Edward Erwin makes will Jan. 23, 1813, proved Feb. 26, 1816. Mentions Benjamin Erwin (son); heirs of son Andrew; heirs of son, John; sons, James and William; daughters, Mary, Jane, Betsy; small children. Executors are wife and her brother, Christian Percy. Sarah Erwin, widow of the above, Edward, is shortly afterwards involved in a suit, the records of which bring out further facts, viz. that Edward Erwin was very old at time of death; that he had patented certain land in 1783, that his minor children were Hannah and John (apparently a second John, for in his will he mentions heirs of son John) and that he died Jan. 15, 1816.

Litigation in Augusta County brings out the fact that one Edward Erwin of Rockbridge County, Va., made will Aug. 12, 1796, proved Oct. 4, 1796, wherein he mentions wife, Rosana; daughter, Hanna, and son, John, who is to be executor. That there were other children not mentioned in the will is shown by litigation over the will in Augusta County in 1813. The other children were Jonas, Benjamin, Edward, Thomas, Ann and Isaac, the last four being minors in 1796.

Litigation in Augusta County, also brings out the fact that one Andrew Erwin died intestate in Rockingham County, Va., Nov. 13, 1807, and that he left widow Jane; brothers Edward and Samuel Erwin; and children, John, William, James, Nancy, Andrew and Mary, who married Daniel Fane. Litigation shows that "brother Edward" was executor of his father's estate, but it is not clear whether it means brother of these children, or of Andrew, who died



1807. It is probably the latter. John Erwine, son of the above Andrew, died leaving children, Susanna, William and Francis; and widow, Jane (daughter of Francis Erwin, mentioned above, whose daughter, Jane, married an Erwin). Susanna Erwin married Robert Curry.

In Augusta County, in 1793, John Erwin brings suit against Samuel Erwin, of Rockingham County, Va. John Erwin, in his deposition made August 15, 1793, refers to acts alleged to have been performed by the above Samuel and his brothers, Benjamin, Andrew, John and William Erwin, in the year 1776.

On Sept. 20, 1796, administration of estate of John Erwin, deceased, was granted to William and Francis Erwin. This was probably the John Erwin, son of Francis, who died in 1791.

In 1788 it is stated that John Irwine, son of Edward Irwine, is about to move to the frontiers of North Carolina.

On April 24, 1790, Joseph Erwin, of Johnston County, North Carolina, son and heir of Benjamin Erwin, deceased, sells to John Erwin, apparently of Augusta County, Virginia.

In 1800, Edward Erwin sues William Curry. Depositions are produced from William Erwin, David Williams and Joseph Curry of Kentucky. William Erwin, Sr., of Lincoln County, Ky., made deposition June 8, 1799, in which he refers to a matter taking place some years after the death of his uncle, John Erwin. Joseph Curry's deposition was made in Bourbon County, Ky., June 26, 1799, and gives his age as 51, and states that he came from Ireland to Augusta County in 1761; that the above Edward Erwin was his brother-in-law, and the defendant, William Curry, his brother,

Benjamin Erwin was licensed as Presbyterian minister in 1782.

John Erwin, constable, was ordered August 22, 1777, to arrest Alex. Miller, formerly a Presbyterian minister, on charges of disloyalty. John Erwin was required to summon as witnesses on this matter, Benjamin Erwin, Mary Erwin (wife of Benjamin?), Robert McFarland, and others. This same case had already been tried once in July 1776, at which time Robert McFarland was paid 4 pence per mile for going 50 miles as a witness. This may indicate that all the parties concerned lived at some distance from Staunton, the county seat of Augusta. In this connection, we note that one Benjamin Ervine (Erwin) settled in present Highland County, Va., formerly Augusta County. He married Mary ——, born about 1750, and they had Elizabeth, born 1776; Jane, John, born 1780; Robert, born 1783; Benjamin, Anne, Edward, born 1790; Mary, born 1793; William, born 1795; Frances, born 1797, married 1816 to William Ervine, nephew of Benjamin; Susan and Jackson.

On June 16, 1778, Thomas Frame was appointed constable, in the place of John Erwin.





John Erwin and Ann, his wife, sue Benjamin Erwin and others in 1793.

In Rockingham County, Va., on July 23, 1782, Benjamin Erwin is granted license to marry Sarah Bruster.

In 1780, John Erwin, William Erwin and Edward Erwin are residents of Kentucky.

John Erwin (Irwin) lived in Nelson County, Ky., as early as 1780, and persistent tradition among his descendants state that he was a native of Augusta County, Va., but the most diligent search has not yet established his connection with the Erwin line described above.

#### WILL OF WILLIAM IRVINE, OF VIRGINIA.

In the name of God Amen I William Irvine of Bedford County Va Being very sick and weak Tho Yet sound and perfect Understanding and Memory do Constitute this My Last Will and Testament and Devise it may be Received as Such. I Moust Humbly Beseceath my soul to God my Maker Beseceahing his Moust Gracious acceptance of it Through the All Sufficient Merits and Meditation of my Most Compassionate Redeemer Jesus Christ who Gave himself to be an a Tonement for my sins and is able to save to the Utmost All that Come unto God by him seeing he ever Liveth to make Interseion for them and who I Trust will not Reject me a Returning Penitent Simnar when I come to him for Mercy in this Hope and confidence I render up My soul with Comfort Humbly Beseceahing the most Blessed and Glorius Trinity one God Most Holy Most Merciful and Gracious To prepare me for the Time of my Dissolution and then to Take me to him Self into that peace and Rest and Incomparable Felicity Which he has prepared for all that Love and Fear his Holy name Amen Blessed be God. I give my body to the Earth from whence it was taken in full Assurance of its Resurrection from thence at the Last Day as far my Burial I Desire it may be decent without pomp or State at the Discretion of my Dear Wife who I Dont not will manage it with all Requisite prudence Whome I appoint my hole and soul Executor. as to my Worldly Estate I will positively Order that all my debts be paid and after that Item I give to my dear and Loving Wife a Third part of my estate Reil and percinal Dureing her Life and All my well Beloved children To be Coe Heirs Together Except there should be male child Born and if so be that it should be a mail child I Desire and Give unto it an equal part of my estate with the Rest of my children and To Inherit his mother's Third at Her decease I do Hereby Disone all other wills and Legacies What soever by me Heretofor made confirming this My Last Will & Testament as Witness my hand and seal this Twelfth day of November in the year of Our Lord God One Thousand and Seven Hundred and Sixty Six.



At a Court held for Bedford County Feby 25th 1767:

The withing proporting the Last Will & Testament of William Irvine, Gent. Deed. was Exhibited in Court by Elizabeth Irvine Executrix Therein mentioned and David Irvine, Robert Russell and Robert Hughes being sworn deposed & saith that they heard the Deceased before his sickness Declare he Entended to Dispose of his Estate as by the said Will is Directed & at the Time of his sickness (when in his perfect sences) Acknowledge the said Will. & further saith not. And the said wrighting is Established as his Last Will & Testament and al ordered to be Recorded & on the motion of the said Executrix who made oath according to Law she having first entered into and acknowledged Bond with Security for her due and faithfull performance of the said will, Certificate is Granted her for obtaining a probate thereof according to Law. Teste Ben Howard, C B C

A copy, Teste:

S M Bolling, C B C

A copy made for the original attested. . . .  
copy, by A. M. Sea, Jr

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JOHN ERWIN.

REBECCA CURRY.

By Edwin Paul Erwin.

State, Florida; County, Dade; Postoffice, Larkins.  
Great Grandfather:

John Erwin, born in Rockingham, County, Virginia, on Dec. 12, 1769, died April 7, 1832, Union County, Ohio; married in Virginia on Feb. 20, 1792, to Rebecca Curry, who died at Union County, Ohio, on Sept. 3, 1824; buried one mile southeast of Milford Center, Ohio. (John Erwin married second time Rhoda Corey, widow of John Stokes.) Nationality of ancestry, Scotch-Irish.

Grandfather:

Benjamin Erwin, born at Nicholas County, Kentucky, on Jan. 26, 1805; died at Twenty-Mile Stand, on April 15, 1862; married at Hamilton, Ohio, on Nov. 12, 1833, to Martha Finley Cook; born at Chillicothe, Ohio, Jan. 30, 1806; died at Indianola, Iowa, on Jan. 30, 1870, her 64th birthday; buried at Indianola, Iowa.

He was a physician.

Children of Grandfather:

Elizabeth Stewart Erwin, born at Hopkinsville, Ohio, July 2, 1835; died Feb. 24, 1897.

John Erwin, born at Hopkinsville, Ohio, March 3, 1837; died March 8, 1839.

William Erwin, born at Hopkinsville, Ohio, Dec. 11, 1838; died Feb. 26, 1902.



George Bigham Erwin, born at Hopkinsville, Ohio., Dec. 3, 1840; died Jan. 13, 1843.

Jane Sarah Erwin, born at Hopkinsville, Ohio., July 11, 1843; died Nov. 22, 1852.

Margaret Bigham Erwin, born at Twenty-Mile Stand, April 24, 1846. living.

Edwin Erwin came from the north of Ireland to Augusta County, Virginia, about 1724, with wife and five sons: John, Robert, Andrew, Edward and Francis. John married in Ireland Jane Williams, and died 1759. Had ten children, Edward, Benjamin, Samuel, Francis, John, Williams, Frances, Jane, Margaret and Mary. Samuel Erwin died 1811; married Mary Curry, in 1769; died in 1801, children were John, Samuel, Robert, Williams, Mary, Sarah.

Father and Mother:

Dr. William Erwin, born at Hopkinsville, Ohio, Dec. 11, 1838; died at Indianola, Iowa, Feb. 26, 1902; married at Indianola, Iowa, on April 2, 1874, to Anne Cooke, born at Hope, N. J., on Aug. 27, 1847; still living.

Children of above:

Richard Patton, born at Indianola, Iowa, March 28, 1875.

Dr. Edmund Paul, born at Indianola, Iowa, Jan. 19, 1879.

Ruth Edna, born at Indianola, Iowa, July 2, 1880.

Dr. Hubert Cooke, born at Indianola, Iowa, April 16, 1885.

All are living.

Richard Patton married Edith Gillespie, at Atlantic, Iowa, Jan. 7, 1909.

Edmund Paul married Minnie O. Bowersox, at Longmont, Colo., July 29, 1908.

Grandchildren:

Richard P. Jr., born at Boise, Idaho, Jan. 28, 1910, living.

Max Frederick (adopted son), born at Dollar County, Iowa, Aug. 2, 1913.

Edmund, born at Perry, Ia., June 27, 1914.

Paul Vliet Bowersox, born at Larkins, Fla., Nov. 23, 1915.

1. Edward Erwin, married Frances ————; emigrated from the north of Ireland with their five sons, to Augusta County, Virginia; seven miles from Staunton, in 1724. Afterwards they moved over into Rockingham County. He died about 1768. Children: John, Robert; Andrew, Edward, Francis.

2. Andrew Erwin, died 1765.

2. Robert Erwin.

2. Edward Erwin.

2. Francis Erwin married Jean ————. Children: William, John, Francis, Mary, Susannah, Frances, Jane, Elizabeth.

3. William Erwin married Susannah Curry.

3. John Erwin.



3. Francis Erwin.
3. Mary Erwin, married William Erwin.
3. Susannah Erwin, married George Balsley.
3. Frances Erwin, married James Allen.
3. Jane (Jean) Erwin, married John Erwin.
3. Elizabeth Erwin, married Andrew Nichols.
2. John Erwin married Jane Williams in Ireland, and came to Virginia with his father's family. He died in 1759, leaving his wife and ten children: Edward, Benjamin, Samuel, Francis, John, William, Frances, Jane, Margaret, Mary.
3. Samuel Erwin married in February or March, 1769, Mary Corry. They lived in Rockingham County, Va. He died Feb. 24, 1811. She died in 1801. Children: John, Samuel, Robert, Williams, Mary, Sarah.
4. Samuel Erwin was weak minded and a family charge.
4. Robert Erwin was an officer in the war of 1812. He was married.  
Williams Erwin was also an officer in the war of 1812. He died in 1814.
4. Mary Erwin (called Polly) married John Kilbourn. Residence, Chillicothe, Ohio. Children: Harriet, John, Polly, Samuel, Amelia.
5. Polly Kilbourn married ——— Taggart.
4. Sarah Erwin married at age of 14 Thomas Monee. Moved in 1810 from Virginia to Hopkinsville, Ohio. She died in 1876 or 1877. Children: Gilbert, Samuel, Milton, James, Ann, Jenira and others who died young.
5. Gilbert Monee married ———. Residence Wisconsin. Died Sept. 24, 1839.
5. Samuel Monee married ——— Mounts. Residence Nebraska City, Neb. Children six or eight.
5. Milton Monee, Justice of the Peace, Hopkinsville, Ohio, died in 1876 or 1877.
5. James Monee married Rebecca Ludlum. He received a large sum of money for a patent, went to Washington, D. C., and was never heard of afterward. Children, two, who lived near Mainville, O.
5. Ann Monee married, first Michael Johnson; residence Wilmington, Ohio. Children: G. M. L., Josephine, Sarah, Ann Eliza.
6. Gilbert Motier Lafayette Johnson, was a brigadier general, living in Washington, D. C. He married ——— and moved to Huntsville, Ala.
6. Josephine Johnson married David Adams, her step brother. Residence Cincinnati, Ohio.





6. Sarah Johnson, died aged about 17.
6. Ann Eliza Johnson married ——— Haynes, residence Muncie, Ind.
- (5) Ann Monee (Johnson) married, 2nd, Solomon Adams, a widower, with two sons, David and Christopher. Residence Cincinnati, Ohio. Child: Charles.
5. Jennra Monee, married Uriah Johnson. Residence Hopkinsville, Ohio. There were several children.
- 4 John Erwin, born Dec. 12, 1769, in Rockingham County, Virginia. Married, 1st, Rebecca Curry, Feb. 20, 1792. Moved to Ohio and settled in Union Township, Union County, in 1807. He was a school teacher, and was familiarly known as "Neighbor" Erwin, to distinguish him from a John Irwin, who was known as "Squire." He died April 4, 1832, and is buried in Mitchell Cemetery, one mile southeast of Milford Center, Ohio. Children: Nancy, John, Harriet, Amzi, Sophia, Benjamin, Mary, James.
- (4) John Erwin married, 2nd, in 1826, Rhoda Corey, daughter of Calvin Corey, and widow of John Stokes. (She had four children by her first husband.)
5. Nancy Erwin, born Jan. 18, 1795; died March 1, 1822.
5. John Erwin, born Sept. 28, 1797; died May 23, 1820. He studied medicine.
5. Harriet Erwin, born Aug. 17, 1798; died March 9, 1826.
5. Amzi Erwin, born Nov. 25, 1801; died May 11, 1879. Married Catherine Chess. She died June 20, 1879. Residence Mechanicsburg, and later Irwin, Ohio. Children: John, Thomas Chess, Benjamin, Andrew, Dorcas, Alice, Mary, also three who died in infancy, one of whom was Mary (1).
6. Mary (1) Erwin, born May 28, 1850; died Aug. 18, 1851.
6. John Erwin, born Feb. 22, 1845; died March 5, 1863, at Franklin, Tenn. He was a member of Co. A, 121st Reg't., O. V. I.
6. Thomas Chess Erwin, born July 26, 1846; died June 7, 1896. Married Mary Goodman, Feb. 17, 1881. Child: Thomas.
7. Thomas Erwin, born June 26, 1896.
6. Benjamin Erwin, born April 11, 1855. Married Olive E. West, Oct. 16, 1879. They live on the old farm at Irwin, Ohio, which has been in the family 110 years. Children: Grace, Lewis B.



7. Grace Erwin, born March 31, 1885; died Sept. 28, 1886.
7. Lewis Benjamin Erwin, born April 29, 1889.
6. Andrew Erwin, born Dec. 12, 1859. Married, 1st, Sidney E. Davis, Dec. 29, 1881. They moved to Kansas, then to Aspen, Colo., and finally Salt Lake City, Utah. Children: William C., Mary Ina, Fletcher Paul.
7. William Chess Erwin, married Martha Aveson, in 1905.
- (6) Andrew Erwin married, 2nd, Elvina Kerr, a widow, with four children.
6. Dorcas B. Erwin, born June, 1857; married Albert Benjamin Roots, Dec. 22, 1892. He died March 25, 1898. Child: Kirby Yale.
7. Kirby Yale Roots, born Feb. 3, 1894.
6. Alice Erwin, born June 13, 1852. Residence, Irwin, Ohio.
6. Mary Erwin, born Feb. 1, 1863. Residence, Irwin, O.
5. Sophia Erwin, born April 9, 1803, in Kentucky. Married Ruben Plummer, a Methodist minister, who was a native of Canada, near Quebec. She died Jan. 25, 1841, or 1842, near Shanon, Texas, where they had gone for her health. Child: John E.
6. John Erwin Plummer, born Jan. 26, 1833, at Hillsboro, Ohio. Died in 1904 at Huntsville, Ark. Married, 1st, Septima Gray, whose first husband was \_\_\_\_\_ Miller. She died Aug. 1. 1880. Child: Mary Gertrude.
7. Mary Gertrude Plummer, born Oct. 5, 1867; married, 1st, Samuel Henderson. Residence, Valley Springs, Ark. Children: John, Ernest.
- 7) Mary Gertrude Plummer (Henderson) married, 2nd, D. Portnell, April 11, 1900. Residence Shawnee, Okla. Child: Lucile.
8. Lucile Portnell, born 1901.
- (6) John Erwin Plummer, M. D., married, 2nd, Melissa Palestine Phillips, July 3, 1881. She died Aug. 29, 1912. Children: Erwin, James R.
7. Erwin Plummer (daughter) born Aug. 31, 1882. Residence Fayetteville, Ark.
7. James Robert Plummer, M. D., born May 12, 1883; married Pauline Smith. Residence, Rock Port, Miss.
5. Mary Erwin, born Jan. 28, 1807; died June 27, 1822.
5. James Erwin, born April 17, 1809; married Elizabeth



- Leah Brittin in 1851. She was a widow, whose first husband was Eli Ambler, and her third husband was James Yarham. Residence, Toledo, Iowa. He was a member of the 37th Iowa Infantry, Co. D. It was called the Graybeard Regiment, as the members were all 45 years of age or older. He died May 14, 1863, shortly after being mustered out of service. Children: Benjamin B., Harriet E., John F.
6. Benjamin Brittin Erwin, born April 13, 1853, in Ohio. Married Martha Brown. Residence Hoyt, Kansas. Ten children, as follows:
    7. Bruce Erwin, married Rose Cisco, Residence, Topeka, Kan. Two children.
    7. Isaac F. Erwin, married Mabel Eastman. Residence, Newport, Wash. One child.
    7. Sarah L. Erwin, married Letcher Mann. Children: Nellie, John and four others.
    7. Carl Erwin, married Jennie McDougall. Residence, Newport, Wash. Two children.
    7. Ivan Erwin, married Florence Cutter. Residence, Mayetta, Kan. Child: Edwin.
    7. Eva Erwin, school teacher. Residence, Hoyt, Kan.
    7. Ray Erwin. Residence, Hoyt, Kan.
    7. Fay Erwin, Residence, Hoyt, Kan.
    7. Claude Erwin. Residence, Hoyt, Kan.
    7. Ruth Erwin. Residence, Hoyt, Kan.
  6. Harriet Evaline Erwin, born Aug. 18, 1854; married Adelbert Rice. Residence, Eureka, Kan. Children: Mabel, Nellie, Clyde, Ralph.
    7. Mabel Rice, married Stanley Bate. One child.
    7. Clyde Rice, married ———. One child.
    7. Nellie Rice, married Chas. Bate. Three children.
  6. John Franklin Erwin, born Aug. 29, 1859, married Alice Emma Sweatt, April 20, 1887, at Toledo, Iowa. Residence Brookings, S. D. Children: Ada B., Ruth E.
    7. Ada Beatrice Erwin, born Aug. 26, 1888. Teacher, Brookings, S. D.
    7. Ruth Edith Erwin, born Feb. 17, 1890; married Irwin J. Bibby, Aug. 11, 1914. Residence, State College, Penn.
  5. Benjamin Erwin, M. D., born Jan. 26, 1805, in Nicholas County, Ky., married Martha Finley Cook, Nov. 12, 1833. Residence, Hopkinsville and Twenty-Mile-Stand, Ohio. He died April 15, 1862. Buried at Hopkinsville. His wife died Jan. 30, 1870, on her



- 64th birthday, and was buried at Indianola, Iowa. Children: Elizabeth S., John, William, George B., Jane S., Margaret B.
6. Elizabeth Stewart Erwin, born July 2, 1835; married Rev. Dr. John Caldwell, Oct. 24, 1853. He died July 15, 1883. She died Feb. 24, 1897. Both are buried at Canton, Penn. Children: William H., Martha L., Edward E.
  7. William Henry Caldwell, born Jan. 21, 1857; died Oct. 27, 1873.
  7. Martha Leah Caldwell, born July 23, 1859. Residence Bloomsburg, Penn.
  7. Edward Erwin Caldwell, born Feb. 24, 1867; married Esther Geddis, June 30, 1909. He is a mail carrier, Bloomsburg, Penn.
  6. John Erwin, born March 13, 1837; died March 8, 1839.
  6. George Bigham Erwin, born Dec. 3, 1840; died Jan. 13, 1843.
  6. Jane Sarah Erwin, born July 11, 1843; died Nov. 22, 1852.
  6. Margaret Bigham Erwin, born April 24, 1846; married Joel Thomas Huffman, Oct. 12, 1867. He died Jan. 15, 1916. Residence, Indianola, Iowa. Children: Erwin, George B.
  7. Erwin Huffman, born Nov. 3, 1874; married Anna Stone Walker, May 29, 1909. Residence, Chicago, Ill.
  7. George Black Huffman, born Jan. 20, 1877. He is a jeweler, residence Indianola, Iowa.
  6. William Erwin, M. D., born Dec. 11, 1838; married Ann Cooke, April 2, 1874. He died Feb. 26, 1902. Residence, Indianola, Iowa. Children: Richard P., Edmund P., Ruth E., Hubert C.
  7. Richard Patton Erwin, born March 28, 1875; married Edith May Gillespie, Jan. 7, 1909. He is a music teacher. Residence, Boise, Idaho. Child: Richard P.
  8. Richard Patton Erwin, born Jan. 28, 1910.
  7. Edmund Paul Erwin, born Jan. 19, 1879; married Minnie Olive Bowersox, July 29, 1908. Both are osteopathic physicians. Residence Larkins, Florida. Children: Max F., Edmund, Paul V. B.
  8. Max Frederick Erwin, born Aug. 2, 1913.
  8. Edmund Erwin, born June 27, 1914; died same day.







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8. Paul Vliet Bowersox Erwin, born Nov. 23, 1915.
7. Ruth Edna Erwin, born July 2, 1880. Residence Indianola, Iowa.
7. Hubert Cooke Erwin, born April 16, 1885. He is also an osteopathic physician. Residence Indianola, Iowa.

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MRS. ALICE ERWIN HUDSON.

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“One bright memory shines like a star  
 In the sky of my spirit forever;  
 And over my pathway it flashes afar  
 A radiance that perishes never.”

Alice Erwin Hudson was born in her father's home, in Washington County, Texas, not far from the town of Independence, December 12th, 1868. Her father, Dr. Lyeurgus Erwin, with his wife, Sallie Hawkins Erwin, having come to Texas from their old home in Maury County, Tenn., like so many others, leaving their homes of comfort, culture and refinement, to cast their lot and share the pioneer hardships of early Texas days, thus laying the foundation in a new land, of that broad cultured citizenship that now is the proud boast of the Lone Star State.

Dr. and Mrs. Erwin moved to Bryan, the county site of Brazos County, while their daughter Alice was still a small child, and there she grew to gentle womanhood, her environment and education deepening and broadening that innate refinement and culture that was hers by right of inheritance.

On January 5th, 1886, she was united in marriage to Victor Britton Hudson, a brilliant young lawyer, who afterwards became County Attorney, District Attorney and County Judge. The romance of girlhood culminating at the altar was the beginning of a beautiful ideal married life; of a home that was the center of love, culture and hospitality unbounded. Two children were born into this home, and grew up in its nurture and beauty to lovely womanhood, and chivalrous manhood, the pride and joy of their parents' hearts. They are Hattye Lou, now Mrs. Wayne W. Evans, of Hugo, Oklahoma, and Charlie Britton Hudson, successful member of his father's, Judge Hudson's, long established law firm.

Mrs. Hudson was ever a devoted, untiring and unselfish wife and mother. Her home and home life was always first in her thoughts and care. Hers, however, was a nature, so energetic, so large, an intellect so keen and broad, that her interests could not be confined merely within the limits of the home that was her center, and from it her influence radiated in all directions. Her in-



terests expressed themselves in the work of the church, and although a Methodist, her money and time were given freely to all. The civic improvements of the town, the betterment and uplift of its people found in her a leader, enthusiastic and efficient. In addition to her church and benevolent organizations, she was a member of the D. A. R., the U. D. C., the Woman's Club and the Eastern Star.

She was keenly interested in the work of the U. D. C. and the D. A. R., and in the last years of her life the study of genealogy became one of her keenest pleasures, with it all, she never forgot the poor, the sick and the sorrowful. She filled so many places and filled them so well, so utterly without ostentation, that it was no wonder that she was so generally beloved, and that the sudden call of the Grim Reaper, came as a personal grief to an entire community. At noon, on Thursday, January 6th, 1916, her pure soul took its flight into the great Beyond—the day before had been her wedding anniversary; the Christmas season had been an unusually happy one, and she seemed so cheerful, so gay. Only her closest friends knew that through it all she was very unwell, but none suspected the end to be so near.

The funeral was held from the family residence the next afternoon, at 4 o'clock. It was one of the largest ever seen in Bryan. Rich and poor, "all sorts and conditions of men," came to do honor to the woman who was never too tired to prove a power of cheer for everyone, and never too busy to be kind. The floral offerings from loving friends from all over the State, and from the various organizations of which she was a member, formed indeed an exquisite tribute to her beloved memory. Interment was made at the City Cemetery, and the services were conducted by the pastor of the Methodist Church, of which she was a loyal member.

A very clear estimate of Mrs. Alice Erwin Hudson's character is expressed in the following memorial verse, which appeared in the local paper, written by her friend, the Rev. Randolph Ray, Rector of the Episcopal Church:

Star of the East, Love's messenger and thou  
The Heavenly guide of human hearts  
Beaming brightly on thy beauteous brow  
To vision of God's Own self imparts.

Loved ones, dear and loving friends,  
Through the tear that dim the eye  
See Thee, as thy sweet soul ascends  
In roseate Charity to Heaven's sky.



Thy fellows all, who walked the way  
 So narrow and so hard to keep,  
 Thou gavest a word, a sweet good day.  
 And on they went, but ceased to weep.

All, rich and poor, loved well thy smile;  
 The world is better for thy life.  
 Thy tongue that praised, but spoke no guile  
 And held to peace amidst the strife.

Progress ever, was thy glad song,  
 Progress, too, thy latest breath,  
 For all was clear with God along,  
 And life is thine, there is no death.

In Paradise, kind heart, find grace,  
 The light, the truth, thou didst yearn to see,  
 With gold and myrrh thou sought His face,  
 And thus hast found thine own Epiphany.

Another beautiful tribute is that from the D. A. R.'s:

"Whereas, To our infinite sorrow, the Grim Reaper, Death, has removed from our midst our beloved friend and co-worker, Mrs. Alice Erwin Hudson, whose life was a presence to be felt and known.

'In darkness and in light, from herb and stone,  
 Spreading itself where'er that power may move,  
 Which has withdrawn her being to its own;  
 Which wields the world with never wearied love,  
 Sustains it from beneath and kindles it above.'

"Therefore be it, Resolved, That we show our love and appreciation of her efficient service, zeal, her gentleness and beautiful nature by holding her as an example of noble womanhood; one whose soft voice, though hushed, lingers in our memory, as a delicate perfume of some rare flower lingers after the flower is dead, so will her influence continue. For a life as hers 'their works do follow them.'

"Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

'Out of the day and night  
 A joy has taken flight,  
 All things we love and cherish  
 Like ourselves must fade and perish.'

"We must look to Him who is the Healer, who bringeth light out of all darkness."







REV. CHARLES F. IRWIN  
Belle Center, Logan Co., Ohio.



## THE ARCHIBALD IRWIN FAMILY.

By Rev. Charles F. Irwin.

Archibald Irwin was the progenitor of a numerous family, scattered today throughout the United States, and intermarried into many other families. No definite date as to his father and earlier kin is at hand in exact form, though tradition is almost as strong as fact. His forefathers lived in the colonies before the Revolution, in Pennsylvania, and took part in the early colonial wars. One of them was present at Braddock's Defeat, and later served through the Revolution.

This family is of Irish extraction. And all clues point to an identity with the James Irwin branch from which sprang President Harrison.

Archibald Irwin was born Jan. 25, 1768, in New Jersey. In January 22, 1789, he married Elizabeth Fletcher, born on November 27, 1768, in the same State. He died in Pittsburg, Penn., Aug. 14, 1846; and his wife in Evan's City, Penn., Dec. 29, 1850.

He was an educated and broadly read man for his time, and was the first teacher in Butler County, Penn. Among his pupils were boys who later became national in reputation.

To this couple were born ten children, eight boys and two girls. They scattered when they reached mature years, and no effort being made to keep in touch with each other, were lost to one another's knowledge until within recent years, when a movement was started by Rev. Charles F. Irwin, a descendant, to gather them into a compact organization. This is rapidly taking shape. All but two or three of these branches have been fully traced, and are in touch with Rev. Mr. Irwin.

Their names and families follow:

1. William Irwin, born January 19, 1790. His family moved westward in the early decades of the nineteenth century, one daughter marrying a Graham. All other traces are lost.

2. Charles Irwin, born October 10, 1791. He married in 1857, Lida Glenn, and settled in Clintonville, Pa. To them were born ten children:

Eliza, who married David Moody, of Pittsburg, Pa.

William, who married Ann Graham, of Pittsburg.

John, twin to William, who married Sarah Cavitt, of Clinton, Pa.

Joseph, who married Sarah McCartney, of Clinton, Pa.

Matilda, who married Edward Hall, of Clinton, Pa.

Archibald, who died in infancy.

George W., who also died in infancy.

James, who married Nancy J. McComb, Beaver, Pa.

Mary, who was unmarried and lived with her brother William.

Isabel married to Samuel Hall, Clinton, Pa.



3. John F. Irwin, born August 26, 1793. He married Mary Buttz, Franklin County, Pa. He fought through the war of 1812, Mexican War, and Civil War. He received a government grant of land in Illinois, and moved there a few years before his death, which occurred on June 4, 1878, at Henry, Ill. Their children were:

Sarah Ann, who married Henry Kirk, Butler, Pa. They had a number of children.

Maria, who married ——— Graham, and died in Harwood, Mo.

Matilda, who married Eli Bracken.

Martha, who married Daniel Graham.

Robert S., who married Lydia A. Fosdick.

Charles B.

Ellen, who married Calvin Diehl, and lives in Wichita, Kan.

4. Matilda, born October 26, 1795. She married David Pride, Pittsburg. She is the ancestress of Mrs. Jerome Quay, late consul at Florence, Italy. Her home is Sewickley, Pa.

5. Pressley, born January 4, 1798. He married Susan Oiler, Bedford County, Pa. He had numerous children. Some were as follows:

Marcus, who went West years ago and settled in Colorado.

Lawrence, married to Lucinda Chambers, Pennsylvania.

Mary, married to ——— Platt.

Harriet, married to ——— Regus.

Charles F., living in Venango County, Pa.

Elizabeth, married to ——— Hepler.

Charlotte, married to William Mortimer.

6. George W., born April 15, 1800. Married Orzilla Hamah, Pittsburg, Pa. This man was a member of the crew of the first steamboat on western waters. An ancestor of President Roosevelt was in command of the vessel. The centennial of her launching will occur in Pittsburg in 1911. His family are scattered and are prominent in their several vicinities. One branch moved to Tennessee before the Civil War, and still reside in Nashville. His children were as follows:

Charles F., married to (1) Ann White, (2) Sarah Cole. Their children are living mostly in Ohio, in Steubenville and Newark.

Mary Ann, married to Henry Kirkpatrick, Pittsburg, Pa. Her family live mostly in Pittsburg.

Elizabeth, married to Alonzo Burleigh, Nashville, Tenn.

John A., married to Margaret F. Colvin, Pittsburg, Pa. He was a prominent business man of Butler County, Pa., at his death, and has left a number of children living in Evans City, Pa.

Orzilla, widow of Charles Shaver.

Sarah.



Robert.

Margaret F.

7. Crawford, born June 17, 1802. All traces of his line are lost.

8. Marcus F., born August 21, 1805. He married Nancy McNaughton, of Pittsburg, born in Ireland. He was prominently identified in the early part of the nineteenth century in the interests of his native city, Pittsburg. He was a contractor and served for years as market supervisor. His children were as follows:

Archibald, died in infancy.

James Ross, died in infancy.

Agnes, married to William Woods, Pittsburg, Pa.

Thomas, unmarried. Served throughout the Civil War in the Pennsylvania troops.

George W., married to Martha A. Morse, Pittsburg, Pa. His children are:

Ada J., died in young womanhood.

Arminda P., married to Edward Stotz, Pittsburg, architect.

Charles F., married to Emma Muncie, Presbyterian minister in Belle Centre, prominently identified with the national society of the clan, namely, "The Irvine Society of America."

Mary, unmarried; died in 1908.

9. Mary Ann, born November 8, 1807. Married Andrew Boggs, Evans City, Pa. Her children were as follows:

Robert I. Boggs, married (1) Mary Hamilton (2) Emma Schutt.

His children live mostly near Pittsburg. One descendant is Rev. Edward Gibson, Noblesville, Ind.

William, married (1) Sarah Critchlow (2) Harriet Critchlow.

His children live in and near Pittsburg.

Matilda, married to E. L. Gillespie. Her son, Harry B., lives in Detroit, Mich, and is connected with the Novell and Redfield families of that State, who came from Virginia.

James, married to Melissa Campbell.

10. Thomas J., born July 5, 1812. Married to Rachel A. Harrison, Baltimore, Md. His children were as follows.

Addison W., married to Elizabeth Barkley. She lives in Sioux City, Iowa, and her family are prominent in the affairs of that place.

Josephine, married Elliot Davis, Pittsburg.

Ellen, unmarried. A teacher in the schools of Pittsburgh for many years. Lives in Wilkinsburgh, Pa.

David, married to Mary Thompson. A business man of Northside, Pittsburg, Pa.

One remarkable fact about this connection is the variety of spelling of the name. Part of these ten children spell it with an "T"; part with an "E." One late connection has changed their





name from Irwin to Irvine, though there is no warrant for such change in the family history. One line changed from Irwin to Erwin, due to the taste of a wife married into the connection, who preferred this mode of spelling.

The family of Archibald Irwin has been identified with every war in America since 1730. Many families of his descendants sent every male of age into the service. The trades and the professions have every one of them found one of this line in them. They have been marked for their sobriety and integrity. The record is thus: Archibald Irwin, his son, Marcus F., his son, George W., his son Charles F., his son, Charles F., have never touched a drop of intoxicants as a beverage. This record stands unsurpassed in the history of our country.

From all traditions and some most definite, we are joined to the Irwins with whom President Harrison was allied. My father always said that his great aunt was Harrison's grandmother. If this can be established as a fact, and I am working on it, it will push us back to James Irwin, who was born in Ireland early in the eighteenth century.

The traditions in order that come to us are these. There was a clergyman in Ireland who had several boys and girls. The eldest boy decided he would come to America, and did so. His son or grandson became my grandfather. Here exact family history commences.

In the period of tradition, however, there is the story of an ancestor born by the wayside, while the family were fleeing from the Indians toward Fort Erie, Pa., where Erie, Pa., now stands. Also that one of these forefathers fought with the Virginia rangers at Braddock's Field, under Washington, at that disastrous time. That he also fought through the Revolution under Washington. I possess a powder horn which has come down through father and son for generations, with the tradition that it was carried through the Revolution. I have no papers or evidence to establish this, however. It is a mouth to mouth story. However my father's father received it from his father, and this old gentleman was born in 1768, so that it looks like the real thing.

George Irwin (6) was one of the crew of the first steamboat to ply on the Ohio and the Mississippi, namely the one officered by the ancestor of President Roosevelt. Some years before the Civil War he went to Nashville, Tenn., and set up in business. I think it was the lumber business. And was doing a good trade at the outbreak of the war. He being a Unionist aroused the passions of his neighbors, and he came north to Pittsburg. However, during the military battles around that city, Nashville, Tenn., he was of service to the government. He voluntarily offered his lumber to the government. For which, by the way, the government has never



made return. He went out to the battle line and fought through one of the battles in his civilian attire. He helped to guard the city water service for some time. Several of his children were born in Nashville, and some of their descendants are now living there.

### JARED IRWIN OF PENNSYLVANIA.

By Irwin Mahon.

In 1737 Robert Montgomery and Sarah, his wife (maiden name unknown), came to America from County Armagh, Ireland, and settled near the present site of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Their son, Hugh Montgomery, married twice. Name of first wife unknown. His second wife was Jane Abigail Keys, whose father was Robert Keys, of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

Hugh Montgomery and Abigail Keys, his wife, had a daughter, Nancy, who married Jared Irwin, who in 1813 was Sheriff of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. His father is believed to have been named Jared, as Nancy Montgomery's husband is frequently referred to as Jared Irwin, Jr.

They had a daughter named Ann Elizabeth Irwin, who married Lewis Caton, of Maryland, but whose later life was spent near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. The eldest son of Lewis Caton and Ann Elizabeth Irwin was named Irwin Lewis Montgomery Caton, and became a Presbyterian minister.

In 1888 he married Gertrude Poole, of Philadelphia, Pa., who, with his two daughters, survive him.

The eldest daughter, Gertrude Emma, married in 1911 John Edward Sampson, of Kentucky, and has two children—John Edwards, Jr., and Irwin Morris.

The second daughter of the Rev. Irwin Lewis Caton is also named Irwin Lewis, the name Irwin being borne in each succeeding generation—even through the female line.

In the obituary column of the "Gazette," published Thursday, Jan. 28, 1819, is the following note:

"We have the regret to record the death of the gallant Colonel Jared Irwin, an officer under the independent government of New Granada, in South America, and formerly a representative in the Congress of the United States, from Sunbury, in Pennsylvania.

"In the summer of 1817 he joined the small patriotic band under General McGregor, that had for the ultimate object the conquest of Florida, and took possession of Amelia; on its evacuation he persevered in his laudable motives, and passed over to the West Indies, where, after visiting some of the patriot posts, repaired with a large body of patriots to Santa Catalina, preparatory to descent on the coast of Granada. He was beloved by his companions in arms for perseverance, constancy and courage—cardinal virtues, and indispensable to the intrepid soldiers of revolution.





REV. IRWIN LEWIS MONTGOMERY CATTON





MRS. GERTRUDE POOLE CATON







MISS IRWIN LEWIS CATON



“He was highly respected for his intelligence and integrity, and in his death the friends of South American Emancipation have lost an ardent, zealous and faithful advocate.”

#### JARED IRWIN AND DESCENDANTS, OF PENNSYLVANIA.

By Anna V. Smith, Glen Moor, Pa.

The Irwin family are of Scotch origin, and perhaps the first of the family as far as can be traced was Jared—born about 1655—who was forced to leave his beloved highland home by reason of religious persecution. He being a rigid Covenanter. He found a home in the Emerald Isle, from thence his children, five in number, emigrated to America—settled in 1720 in Mount Holly, N. J., but subsequently removed with their families to Chester County, Pa.

George Irwin the first, the elder, died 1748—married Miss Jane Matlock, an Irish lady of good family (daughter of William and Mary Matlock, New Jersey) and both now sleep in the old Seecer graveyard near Brandywine manor.

Edward married Miss ——— Woodard, settled on the Brandywine, and reared the following children:

John James, who married his cousin Mary (George's daughter), William; Theophelous married Miss Barr, and lived and died, aged 85 years, in Brandywine, is buried at Brandywine Manor.

Elizabeth married Lieut. Joseph Darlington. Mary married Mr. James Lockhart, of Brandywine.

George 2nd (son of George 1st) settled in Honey Brook, Pa., on the banks of the Brandywine, two miles southeast of Waynesburg (now Honeybrook), and reared the following children:

William, who married his cousin, Grace Darlington, and is father of Grace Dunwoodies and Sarah Allen. He was buried at Brandywine Manor, aged 72 years; died 1794.

George 3rd married Rebekah Porter; died 1815, aged 88 years; is interred at the Seecer graveyard.

John married Isabella Porter; is interred at Brandywine Manor graveyard; aged 91 years; died 1824.

Archibald married his cousin Margaret, Edward's daughter; reared a family in Brandywine, and afterwards removed to Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, and died.

Alexander and Robert went South, perhaps to Carolina; all knowledge of them is now lost.

Jared, the seventh son—born 1736; married Miss Mary Laferty (or Laverty), and reared his children in the old homestead in Honeybrook, and died in West Nantmeal Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, at his son Israel's, and rests with the wife of his youth in the Seecer graveyard; died Sept. 25, 1815, aged 79 years.

Ezekial, born 1760; died 1843, in Lebanon County, Ohio.

Israel, born 1762; died 1827. Jared born 1764, died 1820, in





MRS. MARGARET HAMILTON ERWIN  
AND THOMAS CARLTON ERWIN  
Chattanooga, Tenn.





MRS. MARGARET H. ERWIN, JR.  
Chattanooga, Tenn.





Blair County, Pennsylvania; Leticia, born 1766, died 1834, in Canton, Ohio; Samuel, born 1771, died 1813; Mary Stuart, born 1773, died 1916; Keziah Coulter, born 1776, died 1863; Mary Irwin, born 1778, died 1855.

George Irwin (2nd), married——— was father of ——.

William Irwin died 1794, married.

George Irwin 3rd married Rebekah Porter.

John Irwin married Isabella Porter.

Jared, seventh son, married Mary Laferty.

Edward Irwin married Miss Woodward.

Daughter, Elizabeth Irwin, married Lieut. Joe Darlington.

Grace Irwin married James Dunwoodies.

Sarah Dunwoodies married Samuel Lewis.

Jemima Lewis married Davis Roberts Smith, parents of—

Sarah Lewis Smith,

Edgar A. Smith,

Walker H. Smith,

Anna V. Smith.

#### PATRICK ERWIN OF VIRGINIA AND DESCENDANTS.

James Erwin, son of Patrick Erwin of Virginia, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, came from Virginia and settled in East Tennessee in the early part of the Nineteenth Century. He was a farmer and a Christian gentleman. He married Rebecca McKinney and became the head of a large family. James Erwin died in Monroe County, November, 1853. Rebecca Erwin died August, 1882; buried at Ebenezer Churchyard, Monroe County, East Tennessee.

William F. Erwin, oldest son of James and Rebecca Erwin; born in Monroe County, East Tennessee; still living; married in Monroe County, November, 1852, to Mary Givens.

#### CHILDREN OF WILLIAM F. ERWIN AND MARY GIVENS:

1. Texas Erwin.
2. Thomas C. Erwin, born in Monroe Co., Feb. 22, 1885.
3. James A. Erwin, born in Monroe Co., 1857.
4. Robert Erwin, born in Monroe Co., 1860.
5. Callie Erwin, born in Monroe Co., 1863.
6. Miller Erwin, born in Monroe Co., 1867.
7. Ella Erwin, born in Monroe Co., 1868.
8. Buena Erwin, born in Monroe Co., 1870.
9. Edna Earl Erwin, born in Monroe Co., 1875.
10. Nina and Nena (twins), born in Monroe Co., 1872 (Nena died 1872).
11. Willie May Erwin, born in Monroe Co., 1878.

Thomas C. Erwin, son of William and Mary Erwin, born at Madisonville, Feb. 22, 1855; still living; married at Kingstor, Tenn.,



Nov. 24, 1879, to Margaret H. Wester, daughter of Dr. John W. Wester, born at Kingston, Tenn., May, 1861, living.

Thomas C. Erwin is a prominent merchant at Chattanooga, Tenn., and also in the mercantile business in New York and the West. His family are all splendid specimens of fine old Scotch-Irish ancestry. The Erwin homestead stands on a proud eminence, commanding a view unsurpassed in beauty, the most prominent and delightful on Lookout Mountain, overlooking the city of Chattanooga, Tenn., the surrounding country and many historic points and battlefields.

#### CHILDREN OF THOMAS C. ERWIN AND MARGARET H. WESTER.

1. Maude Wester Erwin, born at Kingston, Tenn., Aug. 24, 1880; married George Winkleman of Cincinnati, Ohio, at Lookout Mountain, Oct. 4, 1907.
2. Robbie May Erwin, born at Rockwood, Tenn., Sept. 9, 1882; married William Fletcher Howell at Lookout Mountain Nov. 20, 1907.
3. Margaret Hamilton Erwin, born at Rockwood, Tenn., Aug. 23, 1885. Said to be the most beautiful woman in Tennessee.
4. T. C. Erwin, Jr., born at Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 20, 1887.
5. Thomas Carlton Erwin, born at Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 6, 1889.
6. Josephine Wester Erwin, born at Lookout Mountain Nov. 14, 1893.

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#### MAUDE ERWIN WINKLEMAN.

Maude Erwin Winkleman, born at Kingston, Tenn.; eldest daughter of Thomas C. and Margaret Wester Erwin.

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#### MARGARET HAMILTON ERWIN.

Margaret Hamilton Erwin of Lookout Mountain, who won the honor of being called the most beautiful woman in the State of Tennessee, was born near Kingston, East Tennessee; the third daughter of Thomas C. and Margaret Wester Erwin.

Josephine Wester Erwin. Taken from a leading magazine is the following:

“The knights of old, in search of the fountain of youth, had they gone to historic Lookout Mountain, would have ended their wanderings there—confident that the region which produced such exquisite gems of womanly beauty must necessarily possess the fabled secret of man’s perennial youth. Nowhere in the whole galaxy of states can be found a longer roster of beauties than in the Volunteer State. Whether it is because the skies are bluer, the water purer and nature more lavish with all her richness than in other





MRS. MAUDE ERWIN WINKLEMAN AND SON  
Mt. Washington, Ohio

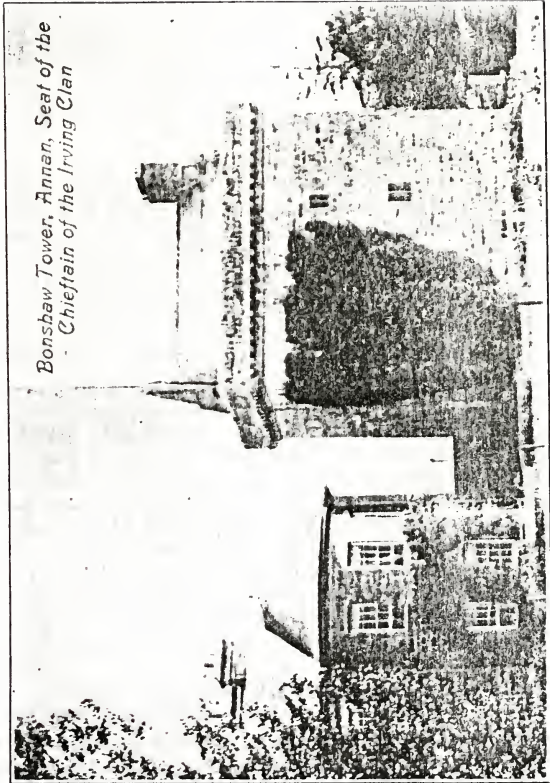




GENERAL B. J. D. IRWIN  
Chicago, Ill.







*Bonshaw Tower, Annan, Seat of the  
Chieftain of the Irving Clan*



states, or whether it is by virtue of long lines of upright, fearless and cultured ancestors, certain it is that the women of Tennessee are known the world over as highest types of female comeliness.

"Descended from Revolutionary heroes on both sides of their families, the family records contain many of the illustrious founders of the commonwealth. The Erwin home, a handsome spacious house, stands on a proud eminence commanding a view unsurpassed for beauty and grandeur. Here Mr. and Mrs. Erwin delight to dispense that cordial hospitality so typically Southern, and here it is the pleasure of the most beautiful woman in Tennessee to receive her friends in a happy, hospitable home."

—Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, Sept., 1907.

#### GENERAL B. J. D. IRWIN.

General B. J. D. Irwin, chieftain of the Irwin Society of America, died at his country home Cobourg, Ontario, Canada, on Dec. 15, 1917, and was buried at the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y. His oldest son is brigadier-general, and on the fighting line in France with Field Artillery. His oldest son is Capt. Bufford Leroy Irwin, Field Artillery, U. S. A.

#### IRVINE, ANCESTOR OF SCOTTISH KINGS.

In Club of Dec. 30th, Mr. Ben Irving mentions that the Irvings have dwelt from time immemorial in the region from the head of the Solway Firth to the Ayrshire coast. Up to about the year A. D. 1000 the Irvines had the lands of Dull, in Perthshire, and their chief seat was the Castle of Garth. One of them, Crinus, or as it is spelled in the British Museum, Crinin Ervine the Abthane of Dull, married Bethoc, or Beatrix, the only daughter of Malcolm 2nd, and he became the father of King Duncan, and all the kings of Scotland from Duncan to John Baliol were Irvines, except Macbeth.

A brother of Crinus Ervine was Thane of Strathearn, from whom was descended the first Earls of Strathearn. Other brothers of Crinus Ervine migrated south to the border about A. D. 1000 and built Castle Irvine.

The eldest of the family of Castle Irvine acquired the lands of Bonshaw and other lands by marriage.

At Bonshaw Towers lives the present chief of the clan, Col. John Irving. The Aberdeenshire Irvines are descended from Sir William Irvine of the House of Bonshaw. He was secretary and armor-bearer to King Robert the Bruce, who gave him the land of the Forest of Drum in Aberdeenshire.

#### WASHINGTON IRVING.

In answer to Mr. Gladstone Gray's statement in "Scottish Surnames," in Weekly Club, 25th Dec., 1915, that Washington Irving



was of English descent and Scots origin, I wish to point out that Irving's father was born in Shapinsay, Orkney Islands. He belonged to a cadet branch of the Irvines of Drum, Aberdeenshire, who trace their descent from William De Irwyn, or Irvine, secretary and armour-bearer to Robert Bruce, King of Scotland.

J. I. RENDALL, Manchester.

(Clipped from "The Weekly Scotsman," Saturday, Jan. 19, 1916.)

(MRS.) MITTIE IRVINE HAYNE.

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#### JOHN AND JANE ERWIN, OF IRELAND.

By William James Erwin.

John Erwin, born at Kilrea, Ireland, July 12, 1810; died at Troy, Tenn., Dec. 9, 1878; married at Kilrea, Ireland, at church, April 20, 1846, to Jane Irwin, born at Kileria, Ireland, Dec. 25, 1826, still living.

Children of above:

Mattie Erwin, born April 20, 1848, Ireland, still living;

Margaret Erwin, born at Kilrea, Jan. 15, 1853, now at Memphis, Tennessee;

Jennie Erwin, born at Troy, Tenn., Jan. 1, 1858;

William J. Erwin, born at Troy, Tenn., Sept. 28, 1860;

John Erwin, born at Troy, Tenn., April 21, 1862; died Aug. 19, 1873;

Samuel Erwin, born at Troy, Tenn., Oct. 10, 1865.

Marriages:

Mattie Erwin to J. S. Baker, Troy, Tenn., May 30, 1866;

Jennie Erwin to J. H. Smith, Troy, Tenn., November, 1890;



Margret Erwin to L. S. Lancaster, Troy, Tenn., Nov. 25, 1874;  
 W. J. Erwin to Ella Lancaster, Columbia, Tenn., Oct. 15, 1889;  
 S. G. Erwin to Lizzie Guy, at Troy, Tenn., April 27, 1892.

Grandchildren:

Sam Baker, born at Troy;  
 J. Press, born at Troy;  
 Dora, born at Troy;  
 Maggie Lee, born at Troy;  
 Omar Smith Erwin, born at Troy, Tenn.;  
 Paul Erwin, born near Troy;  
 Gertrude, born near Troy;  
 Vera, born near Troy;  
 Guy, born near Troy;  
 Mary, born near Troy;  
 Sadie, born near Troy.

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ROBERT IRVINE, SR.'S RECORD.

Robert Irvine was born Sept. 21, 1781, and married Eleanor Mitchell Dec. 19, 1811, who was born Jan. 25, 1781. Children: James Ross Irvine, born Sept. 18, 1812, and married Sarah I. Davidson, June 27, 1839, second marriage to Mary Johnson, May 17, 1842, third marriage to Jane Morrow Sept. 25, 1849.

James Davidson, only child of Sarah I. and James Ross Irvine, was born March 4, 1840, and died Feb. 3, 1841. Mary Ellen, daughter of James Ross and Mary Irvine, died July 22, 1844, aged five months. William Irvine, son of Robert Irvine and Eleanor Mitchell, was born Dec. 19, 1815, and died Jan. 13, 1836, aged 21 years and 25 days. Another son, Robert, born Sept. 18, 1819, and married Ellen M. Clendennin April 16, 1851. He died Feb. 21, 1881, in his 62d year. John Irvine, another son, born Oct. 14, 1822, and married Ellen N. Culberson June 10, 1852. Sarah I., wife of James Ross Irvine, died March 17, 1840, aged 18 years. Mary, wife of James Ross Irvine, died July 22, 1844, aged 19 years. Jane Morrow, wife of James Ross Irvine, died April 27, 1901, aged 72 years, 7 months and 21 days. Robert Irvine, Sr., died Aug. 22, 1864, in his 84th year. His wife, Eleanor Mitchell, died Aug. 29, 1854, aged 73 years, 6 months and 3 days. Dr. James Ross Irvine died July 1, 1879, aged 66 years.

William Chalmers, son of James Ross Irvine and Jane Morrow, born March 3, 1852. Ella, a daughter, born March 8, 1854. Robert, son of Robert and Ellen Irvine, born May 19, 1853. Samuel Clendennin, son of Robert and Ellen Irvine, born Feb. 10, 1855. Mary Alexander, a daughter, born Aug. 1, 1858. Eleanor Irvine married William Ahl Dec. 23, 1875. Children: Thomas I. Ahl, born Oct. 4, 1876; James Robert Ahl, born March 5, 1893.







JOHN LAWSON IRWIN

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Father of Mrs. L. I. Shanon of Nashville, Tenn.



## HISTORY OF THE NEW YORK STATE IRWINS.

By Samuel S. Irwin, Kineaid, Kansas.

Our branch of the Irwin family came to America from County Cavin, Ireland, about 1798, and landed in New York City. Two brothers, William and John, came at this time, William being married and John being single.

Family tradition tells me that this John Irwin went to Carolina within a year from the landing, while William settled at the village of Champlain, in Clinton County, New York State. The names given the male children of our family have been uniformly William, John, James, George and Isaiah. Of the Carolina Irwin we never heard, except one, who had every characteristic of our branch of the family in form and feature.

William Irwin of Champlain, N. Y., had two sons, James and Isaiah, the latter of whom is the grandsire of the writer. The family left Clinton County, N. Y., in 1836, and removed to Elkhart County, Indiana. James Irwin, father of the writer, removed to Kansas in 1870, where he remained until his death at Kineaid, in 1906, at the age of 87.

The following is the outline of the family, so far as we have been able to learn.

- (a ) William Irwin, born County Cavin, Ireland, 1770; came to New York 1798.
- (b ) John Irwin, born Ireland, 1775, County Cavin, Ireland; came to South Carolina 1798. (Nothing further known)
- (a1) James Irwin, born Champlain, N. Y., 1799; came West in 1836 and settled in Cass County, Michigan; had sons named John, George and James.
- (a2) Isaiah Irwin, born Champlain, N. Y., 1800; married Emily White.
- (2) James Irwin, born Champlain, N. Y., Nov. 8, 1819; married Deliza M. Lombard.
- Wintworth Irwin, born Champlain, N. Y.; married Sarah Marshall—Mich.
- William Irwin, born —; removed to Oregon in 1849; whereabouts now unknown.
- Pliny Irwin, married Susan Hull, Elkhart, Ind.; died 1906.
- Mary Irwin, married Richard Rush, Elkhart, Ind.
- Abigail Irwin, married Jack Hull, Elkhart, Ind.
- Millie Irwin, married Charles Hulbert.

Children of James Irwin (2):

Albert Isaiah, born Jan. 6, 1857; William R., born Feb. 12, 1859; James F., born, Sept. 8, 1862; George (died at 9 months of age); Samuel S. born Feb. 8, 1868; Emily D., born Dec. 17, 1870, married R. S. Shields; Albert is



located at Odem, Texas; William R., Samuel S. and Emily D. at Kincaid, Kan., at which place the writer is postmaster.

#### FIRST LADY OF THE LAND FOR ONE MONTH.

Mrs. William Henry Harrison, Jr., the daughter-in-law of the President.

Mrs. John Scott Harrison, nee Elizabeth Irwin.

One of the treasures in an Indianapolis drawing-room is a photograph of a portrait of Mrs. William Henry Harrison, Jr., who was the "Lady of the White House" during the brief period of the presence of William Henry Harrison as President of the United States.

Mrs. Harrison was one of a family of beautiful girls, and a half-sister of Mrs. F. S. Newcomer of Indianapolis, the mother of Mrs. Benjamin D. Walcott and Miss Newcomer, one of the old and well-known families. Mrs. Newcomer likes to tell the romantic story of Mrs. Harrison, Jr., from being a gay little maid of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, came to be the presiding genius of the presidential household in Washington. This "First Lady" was Jane Findlay Irwin, one of the family of several children. When she was only 8 years old her mother died, and not long after her father married again. Jane was a beautiful girl, with black hair and black eyes and a clear olive complexion. She was bright, gay and impetuous, full of youth and vivacity and had a faculty of getting all her rights.

Living in Cincinnati when that town was Losantiville, where General and Mrs. James Findlay, uncle and aunt of little Jane Irwin, every year the Findlays made the journey by carriage to the old home. One year when they made their visit, they saw how matters were with little Jane—who was a namesake of Aunt Jane—in the home of her father, and they decided to take her home with them and adopt her. Jane returned with them.

#### THE FINDLAYS AND THE HARRISONS.

The Findlays were a great people in Ohio and owned several counties of land where Findlay, Ohio, now stands. One of the remarkable facts about the Findlays was that three brothers were in Congress at the same time. In this family were Governor Findlay of Pennsylvania, General James Findlay and Colonel John Findlay. In her new home Jane received every advantage that wealth and position would provide, and it is thought that she attended the old Stubenville School. The Harrison family lived in North Bend, Ohio.

In the course of time the young people met and Jane Irwin married William Henry Harrison, Jr. Elizabeth Irwin, a sister, married John Scott Harrison, who was the father of General Benjamin Harrison, president of the United States from Indiana.

When William Henry Harrison went to Washington, his wife



was too great an invalid to accompany him, and it fell to the lot of Jane Irwin Harrison, the daughter-in-law, who was then a widow, to take the place of the president's wife as the mistress of the White House. A cousin, Eliza Ramsey, accompanied her. The Ramseys were descended from the old Van Lear family, who came to this country from Holland. They lived at the old homestead at Hagers-town, which is still in possession of the family. Mrs. Harrison, Jr., has two children, James Findlay Harrison and William Henry Harrison, the third. She married Lewis Whiteman of Cincinnati. She died in Cuba in May, 1847. The oil portrait of Mrs. William Henry Harrison, Jr., is in possession of Misses Louise and Jane Irwin Findlay of Cincinnati. It should have a place in the White House. The portraits of Miss Eliza Ramsey (the American Beauty) are owned by Mrs. C. S. Sargent, Indianapolis; Miss Elizabeth Torrence of Cincinnati, and by William F. Buekner.

John Scott Harrison, twice married. Issue, first wife: (1) Betsy, (2) Sarah. Betsy, widow of Dr. Eaton; Sarah is Mrs. Doyin. Second wife, Elizabeth Irwin, daughter of Archibald Irwin of Franklin, Pa. Issue: (1) Archibald Irwin, (2) Benjamin, etc.

#### THE McDOWELL CLAN OF AMERICA.

This medal was presented to the McDowell Clan of America by the Panama-Pacific International Exposition authorities at San Francisco, Saturday, July 24, 1915, during the clan's first annual national meeting. A similar medal was presented at the same time to the Irvine Society of America, both clans meeting in the same hall on the same day.

#### ORIGIN OF THE McDOWELLS.

By William McDowell.

The McDowells are of Pictish origin and natives of Scotland, and away back about 200 B. C. one of them, the first that I can find anything about, had a duel with one of the Kings Habakon. You will find another William McDowell—was governor-general of Scotland in 1293, and had charge of Sterling Castle. You are further aware that this name is as old as the Creation. They are not of Celtic origin, they are not Irish; but the best blood that ever landed upon the American continent. They were early settlers in America. A great many of the McDowells that are in America are from Ireland. They went over there the time of the Cromwell settlement, in Ulster. You will find a great settlement of the McDowells near Belfast, along the Legon River, about fourteen miles from Belfast. You can find out there where the McDowells came from that landed there; some in the County Derry, County Monaghan—all over the north of Ireland. You likewise will find out that in Renfrewshire,







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Scotland, there are a great many, and in Ayrshire, and in Dumfriesshire, and in Gallowshire; there would be very little difficulty of finding out all about the McDowells in America—the McDowells that came later from Scotland. Sometimes the name is spelled McDowall, but after the Scotch Revolution the settlers in Ireland spelled it McDowell. They are all of Presbyterian, Covenanter origin.

### A SCOTCH-IRISH NEIGHBORHOOD.

By F. B. McDowell.

Professor Agassiz says: "The crust of our earth is a great cemetery, where the rocks are tombstones on which the buried dead have written their own epitaphs." There is a large graveyard in this country, 10 miles from Charlotte, a Big Steele Creek Church peopled with many generations of dead. The space is enclosed by massive cemented stone walls, 400 by 800 feet; is well cared for, and is replete with patriotic reminiscences of peculiar interest. The inscriptions on the memorial stones are but the reflections photographed by the lights and shadows from life.

Who were these silent sleepers? Whence came they? What influence did they exert upon society, upon the state, upon the country at large? These are pertinent questions, which impel attention from the surroundings and the character of the place.

The early settlers were of Scotch-Irish origin. A majority immigrated to this point from Pennsylvania during the latter part of the Seventeenth Century, while a few came direct from Scotland and Ireland. In some instances this sturdy extraction was blended with the peaceful adherents of William Penn; and such is the stock that planted itself upon Steel Creek soil.

"Breed," says George Eliot, "is better than pasture." This is only an apt phrase that heredity is stronger than environment.

Twenty-odd tombstones in the older portion of the ground have sculptured upon their faces coats-of-arms of elaborate and ornate designs. It is not probable that work of such high order could have been secured here at that date. The execution bears a stamp of skilled stone-cutters and experienced artisans. As confirmatory of this theory, among other-intricate devices, a fac-simile Scotch thistle is delicately outlined upon one of the tombs. The stones were doubtless imported from Charleston and hauled from that point by wagon, as was the custom at that time. Books on heraldry state that crests were conferred by royalty in recognition of daring exploits on the field of battle, or for conspicuous services to the state, the supporters representing an especial mark of favor. The figures of the animals are emblematic of strength, courage and fleetness; and the swords, pillars, stars and other heraldic symbols stand out in grace-



ful and fitting relief. The mottoes are matchless in conception, and are peculiarly appropriate to those who adopted them.

Herewith is given a list of the escutcheons in the order as furnished by Dr. E. W. Roach, to whom the credit is due for copying them personally from the stones, and for spending much time in research:

CAMPBELL.—1795.

Arms—Gyron and Galley, quartered.

Supporters—Two Lions, rampart.

Crest—Coronet.

Motto—Ready, Aye, Ready.

NEELY.—1788.

Arms—Horse, displayed.

Supporters—Two Falcons.

Crest—Hand Grasping Book.

BIGHAM.—1784.

Arms—Thirteen Stripes, Bayonet and Pistol, quartered.

Crest—Crossed swords.

Motto—Signa Libertatis.

HART.—1775.

Arms—Three Mullets and Chevron.

Supporters—Two Stags.

Crest—Stag's Head.

Motto—Probitas Verus Honor.

NEEL.—1788.

Arms—Three Crescents.

Supporters—Two Unicorns.

Crest—Stag's Head.

Motto—Virtue et Labore.

MAXWELL.—1785.

Arms—Gyron.

Supporters—Two Swans.

Crest—Man's Head.

Motto—Sola Virtus Invicta.

McDOWELL.—1795.

Arms—Chevron and Three Mullets.

Supporters—Two Lions, guardant.

Crest—Stag's Head.

Motto—Vivit Post Funera Virtus.

ATKINS.—1785.

Arms—Scotch Lion, Armed Hand Grasping Ax.

Supporters—Two Horses.

Crest—Two Swallows.

Motto—Time, How Short.



## CAROTHERS—1785.

Arms—Galley, full sail.

Supporters—Two Falcons.

Motto—Follow Me.

## VAN C'E—1800.

Arms—Three Mullets and Chevron.

Supporters—Two Lions, displayed.

Crest—Stag's Head.

Motto—Sola Juvat Virtus.

## GILMORE—1784.

Arms—Stag.

Supporters—Two Falcons.

Motto—Ready, Aye, Ready.

## BARNETT—1785.

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Arms—Pheasant, Hand and Scythe, Crossed Arrows and Eagle, Mantling.

Crest—Coronet.

Motto—Vain World, Adieu!

## McLEARY—1791.

Arms—Three Rapiers.

Supporters—Two Lions, displayed.

Crest—Mailed Hand and Dagger.

Motto—Cardez, La Foy.

## WHITESIDE—1772.

Arms—Double-head Eagle, displayed. Mantling

## DAVIS—1780.

Arms—Chevron and Three Mullets.

Supporters—Two Stags.

Crest—Bunch of Broom.

Motto—Probitus, Verus, Honos.

## GRIER—1788.

Arms—Shield, checkered.

Supporters—Two Trees.

The Grier crest is so curiously wrought and intricate as to be difficult to properly described with a pen. And in cases where certain families appear to have more than one motto, there is such an uniformity in the arms, supporters and crest as to leave no doubt as to the family's unity concerning the particular coat-of-arms as a whole.

The letterings over many of the graves contain many tender sentiments and touching Scriptural allusions, but there is a noticeable absence of the platitudes and commonplaces found in most cemeteries. Of the buried, probably the most conspicuous figure in his-





tory is General Robert Irwin. He was a signer of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, a Revolutionary officer and a distinguished statesman. Generals Robert McLeary and David Hart, both brave soldiers, zealous patriots of the Revolution, also repose there. This epitaph is inscribed to Hugh McDowell, who is still remembered by a few who can connect this generation with the past:

“Who broke no promise, who served no private end,  
 Who gained no title and who lost no friend;  
 Composed in misfortune and in joy sedate,  
 Good without noise, without pretension great.”

According to dates, Jean Cathey and John Blackwood were born, respectively, in 1692 and 1694. Those two were each 85 years old when they died, and could date their births as far back as the Seventeenth Century. John Price was evidently an enthusiast, if not an ex-soldier, for the American coat-of-arms and the national motto, “E Pluribus Unum,” appeared on his tombstone in 1794, only a few years after their ratification of the congressional act.

“Virtue lives beyond the grave,” is the motto of the McDowell family, as seen at the headstone of John McDowell, a Revolutionary soldier; yet its observance has been so strictly adhered to by the families of the township as to label it the common property and the heritage of all. And while “Virtue and Labor” has been the standard of the Neels for many generations, it has always been the acting, leading principle of their neighbors and friends.

Of these dwellers in this city of the dead it may be said, in the spirit of the beautiful Catholic legend, that “They have left their image upon their winding-sheet.” “If you seek my monument, look around.” This is the epitaph of Sir Christopher Wren, architect, in the Church of St. Paul, which he had designed and erected. The deeds that follow men who have passed out of life furnish the most trustworthy evidence as to the manner in which they lived and worked. The memorial of these dead is the impression they have left upon their lives, as is attested by the standing of their posterity where they locate.

A charm about these pioneers is, that their heads were not turned by ancestral distinction. They were self-reliant, and mastered the primeval forest with its hardships and disadvantages. They became adepts in handiwork, fought heat, mud and hail and combatted the unknown foes of husbandry in an unsettled region. They were the silent heroes who shaped destiny and imbued unborn generations with their flawless characters and indomitable wills. They despised nothing honorable in itself, no matter how lowly its source.

In the Statehouse at Boston, over the speaker's chair, is a cod-fish, an emblem of Massachusetts' rise before the invention of the



spinning-jenny or the trade with the ships from India. The leather apron of old Gao, the blacksmith, is covered with jewels because its owner was the leader of a successful revolt, and that insignia of his humble occupation is the royal standard of Persia. Most of the Steel Creek settlers were of necessity their own blacksmiths and carpenters. If it would not mar the symmetry of their Scottish coats-of-arms, the ax and the helve, the plane and the compass, the anvil and the hammer, might with appropriateness be superadded; for these were the prime implements of America's prosperity and the trusted weapons of their earliest heroes.

Lieutenant Maury, speaking of the Gulf Stream, says: "Its banks and bottom are of cold water, while its current is of warm." This is typical of the Scotch-Irish race, for while their manner and exterior may be forbidding and reserved, the heart-current is generous and warm. This branch of the human family is the synonym of thrift, sturdiness and resoluteness wherever known, and their hatred of sham, hypocrisy and oppression is proverbial. The cardinal virtues form the warp and woof of their moral existence, and their principles have remained steadfast through the most violent upheavels and radical revolutions. With them the laws of Mount Sinai are written upon something more enduring than tables of stone—they are carved in living characters upon the tablets of the human heart. And over their lintels and door-posts and on their phylacteries are read the perpetual words, facts, not fiction; substance, not semblance.

Probably the most marked characteristic of this notable people is their plain, everyday sense; and of all the qualities, old-fashioned bottom judgment is the hardest to out-argue, outwit or to get ahead of in any way. The best thing ever said about the Duke of Wellington was that he did his duty as naturally as a horse eats his oats. So this strong background of level-headedness causes them to understand, as it were, from instinct and intuition. The innate love of frolic and excitement is so masterful in a genuine Irishman that he will take sides in a controversy, whether he is personally concerned in the outcome or not; but, be it said to his praise, he nearly always favors the underman in the fight. The Scotch-Irishman, being more prudent, will not take part until he sees there is injustice, then he proceeds to umpire the game with a mailed fist.

Another prominent feature in the make-up of this community is a frankness that savors of bluntness. This, no doubt, accounts for their simplicity of habits and distaste for ostentation in society and much formality in religious observances. They are essentially Presbyterians, and the late General D. H. Hill, an ardent believer in that faith, oft quoted the remark of an astute and observing king, that "Presbytery and monarchy could no more be reconciled than God and the Devil." Considering their convictions, their intelligence



and patriotism, would it be an exaggeration to borrow the words of Madam De Staël, "Your character is a constitution for your country, and your conscience its guarantee"?

This writer has cause to remember a religious training imported in part from this locality. In fact, he can never forget it. The Catechism! Oh, the Catechism! He was made to learn every question and answer from beginning to end, though he did not, and could not then, understand the meaning. His boyhood Sundays were not considered by him as models of peace and rest. His constitution was not impervious to cold, fever and hot chills, induced by wrestling with the problem, "What is the chief end of man?" and trying, year after year, to solve it. I have often had a kindred sympathy for the child who told his mother that the Catechism was so hard, and pleadingly asked if "There was no Kittychism made for little boys."

Whatever may be the result of indoctrination of this character, there is evidence that it entails no harmful consequences. And many maintain that the inculcation of rigid principles is as helpful to weak minds as stays are to supporting weak bodies. The test of a school is the scholars it turns out. "Religion," says Matthew Arnold, is "conduct." Froude thinks that the foundation and superstructure of all religion is duty. With the pure in heart, conscience is the voice of the soul; passion the voice of the body. One of the sublimest qualities of this people is reverence. They act up to the Arab proverb which says, "It is not good to jest with God. Death or the Devil—for the first neither can or will be mocked; the second mocks all men at one time or another, and the third puts an eternal sarcasm on those that are too familiar with him."

An early recollection is of a visit to a country home. The head of the house was a splendid specimen of manhood and robust health. At the supper table he drank his coffee from the largest cup I had ever seen. Cups had some size about them in those days.

After the meal was finished he lighted his pipe, that was about his only stimulant, and his enjoyment was evident; for it revealed itself in a contentment of manner and a benignity of countenance that could not be counterfeited. The mother soon came in with her knitting, and we all took our places before a roaring and cheerful log fire. The old folks laughed heartily at our childish amusements and encouraged our games until the clock on the mantel pointed to nine. Then the wife reverently took up the family Bible and handed it to her husband, who opened its lids. To quote from Will Carleton:

"And she said, in regard to heaven, we'll try and learn its worth  
By starting a branch establishment, and running it here on earth."

It is but just to say I was not sleepy when bed-time was an-



nounced, and when breakfast was heralded by candle light I was not hungry. It never did sepe through youthful philosophy why children were made to go to bed when not sleepy and get up when they were. Those people seemed to reverence everything above, yet had no more respect for the sun than to arise befor it did. Early rising is not an instinct, but a taste like that for tobacco—it must be acquired.

It is a mistake to imagine even the most serious persons regard it a sin to laugh. They have a weakness for fun seemingly inconsistent with the austerity of their dispositions, except upon the hypothesis that nature is often delighted to bring extremes and widely differing qualities in close juxtaposition.

It would be necessary to wield the limner's pencil to faithfully portray the facial enigma of a solemn, sober-sided Scotch-Irishman, when watching the versatile antics of that parody on mankind, the African monkey. And it is a psychological study to note his open-mouthed anticipation at a circus, when the ring-master and the clown are at their best. There is a relaxation of features that transforms his face into a broadness equal to the proverbial length. It is only volcanic eruption of delighted, pent-up merriment, seeking vent and shaking the outer crust, that keeps it in check and prison.

Carlyle reports that there are two distinct revelations of God and the Devil—the pulpit and the gallows. The power of the former has always been so inspiring and elevating in this community that the necessity for the latter has not been called into requisition. Victor Hugo has exquisitely said that "Good actions are the invisible hinges to the doors of heaven."

The Steele Creek people have their share of clayey mould in common with mankind. They have a resemblance to the rivers Rhone and Arve, which run side by side in the same bed—one bearing it, its waters the mud-stains of earth, the other reflecting on its surface the glories of the sky. Stubbornness and hold-back are employed farm words, somewhat expressive of our meaning. In a controversy, when the average Steel Creeker shifts his quid, crosses his legs, protrudes his Adam apple, and says with deliberation, "Tain't so," the job of changing his opinion might as well be abandoned. He is like the Scotchman who declared that he was open to conviction, but boasted in the same breath that the man did not exist who could convince him. Quoth the honest Sancho Panza, "I am of the lineage of the Panzas, and we are all headstrong, and if we once cry odd, odd it is (though it be even), in spite of all the world."

He is religious and he tries to live according to the New Testament rules; but it was foreordained from the beginning in his grim build and unfamiliar disposition, if an enemy taps him on one cheek, he is pretty certain to get knocked down before he has an opportunity to smite the other. Mockery of sacred beliefs or encroach-





ment upon his vested rights will open a real nest of hornets, whose stings will linger long and painfully. He is conservative about changes and tenacious of customs. For a long time he opposed the introduction of organ music, but has now given a half-hearted, reluctant assent to the innovation. His conservatism may be a drawback in some particulars; in others it often proves a safeguard. When placed in a position where he has absolutely his own way, he will beam with ineffable good humor and become radiant with joy; for such a state is to him the acme of happiness.

His likes and dislikes spring up not like the mistletoe, by mere chance, but grow with the growth of childhood. He is charitable to those who act and believe with him, but inclines strongly to the doctrine that "orthodoxy is my doxy, and heterodoxy is your doxy." The simple Uncle Tobey, whose sympathy was as broad as immensity is deep, on being informed that Satan was damned already and beyond hope, said sadly he was "sorry for it." The Steel Creeker regards this personage as the arch enemy of humanity, accepts his doom as just and wastes no nonsense or idle sentiment upon the subject.

Shortly after the surrender I was in Steel Creek on a visit, and my attention was attracted by a squad of "blue coats" near the residence of the late Major J. M. Potts. They came to apprehend one of his sons for a difficulty with a freedman, in which the new ward of the nation was worsted. Not receiving the desired information as to his whereabouts, they threateningly pointed their guns at the father. The major, baring his breast to the lawless soldiers, said with rising indignation, "Fire, you cowards; it is like you to shoot an unarmed man." He was arrested, though not a participant in the encounter, and taken to Charlotte. He rode in his buggy alone, while his captors walked. He warned them at their peril not to enter his private property, and no one ventured to take a seat by his side. I was a boy at the time, and was amazed that one man could defy the Federal Army, but soon found that no superior force could prevent this neighborhood from protesting actively against indignity and wrong.

Taine, the historian, relates, when Cromwell's 50,000 veterans were suddenly disbanded and left without resource, they did not bring a single addition to the vagabonds or bandits. History furnishes a parallel to this remarkable incident in the return of the hungry and ragged Confederate soldiers. And neither has Steel Creek furnished any recruits to the great army of tramps who infest every avenue of our national development.

I now make mention of a few deceased representatives of Steel Creek, known personally by the writer, who, putting their hands to the plow, drove a straight furrow through the field of life. For nearly three-quarters of a century Gen. William H. Neel was a prom-



ment figure in the church, in society and in positions of trust. He wore his dignity like a mantle. His expression was kindly, his disposition genial, his bearing stately, and, being above the ordinary size, he arrested attention and commanded respect in any gathering of men. There were few wrinkles upon his brow, none on his heart, for he never grew old in feeling. He passed through the temptations of more than eighty eventful years without even the smell of fire upon his clothes. I will adopt the expression of Gaillard, the historian, about another, "Putting everything together, he was a man."

I now speak of one, a native of this section, and who spent only his young manhood there. He kept the laws of God religiously and respected the rights of man conscientiously. Being almost devoid of prejudice, he was nearly just as it is possible to be. One of the most striking traits of his character was modesty, and this quality, whether found in man or woman, is a crowning moral grace. He concealed nothing save gifts of charity to the deserving, which he gave with open hand. Endowed with a strong mind and tireless energy, he mingled largely in the world, but, like the diver in his bell, he emerged from the sea unstained from its waters. That person was Robert Irwin McDowell, the father of the writer. I offer no apology for this brief and incomplete sketch of his upright life and great worth.

It is no slight praise to say that the mental force and personal magnetism of Rev. John Douglas held the large congregation of Steel Creek Church together for years without any serious dissensions in its ranks. He had the manner of a courtier without its affectation. He was cultured without pedantry, and approachable without reserve. To those whose spiritual wants he ministered unto there was a mutual understanding and a sympathetic affection, both rare and touching. He filled the full measure required of preacher and pastor; he did his duty, and that is the completest life of man.

Robert W. McDowell never sought or desired public honors. He was strictly a private citizen—for that mode of living was thoroughly congenial to his taste. In him the elements were smoothly and beautifully blended. His foot never slipped, and nothing ever swerved him from truth as he saw it. His only ambition was the approval of a clear conscience, and the guiding thought of his artless life was of family, country and God. It could be written of him, as appeared in the epitaph of Roland of France, "A man who consecrated all his life to being useful, and who died as he lived, virtuous and honest."

As I write of another, the pen falters. He was so young, so generous, so gifted. His life, too, was so pathetic, and his existence seemed to end almost before it fairly began. If the war called some from the portals of the grave, it took others almost from the cradle.



A mere stripling boy went forth as a volunteer. Intrepid as a Hampden, as daring as a Ney, he was twice shot through the body upon the enemy's breastworks within touch of his gun. He brought back from the field painful wounds and a wrecked constitution; but with all his suffering he was an admirable companion and a natural leader and adviser of men; and no young man in this section and of this generation left a deeper impress of admiration and sympathy upon those who knew him best than Galvin E. Grier.

The congregation of Big Steel Creek compose the largest country church within the bounds of the Southern Assembly. To visit this house of worship and listen to the full-voiced music of male and female, elder and youth; to note the intelligent, well-bred audience and watch their devotional earnestness, is an inspiring and memorable sight. One patriarch is especially mentioned on account of his activity and prominence. His long valued life, like the Carara marble, has never borne a stain. Capt. A. G. Neel, besides being well-equipped with general and religious knowledge, has shown himself on many important occasions to be a logical reasoner and an effective debater upon church policy and ecclesiastical law.

The following is a partial list of the influential families extinct and existing of this community: Irwin, Neel, Grier, Barnett, Hart, Knox, Neely, McDowell, Dinkins, Reid, Herron, McLeary, Brown Alexander, Simrill, Collins, Potts, Price, Watts, Watt, Porter, Robinson, Stowe, Pegram, Strong, Query, Swann, Gallant, Ross, Freeman, Spratt, Erwin, Pressly, Harris, Hoover, McAllister, Sadler, Wilson, Peoples, McKnight.

Such an array of spotless names cannot be surpassed; it is doubtful if its counterpart can be found in any rural population of equal area in the United States.

This brings us to the present time. The closing years of the century are going out in a whirl of riot, demoralization and strikes. In the forceful language of a great writer, there seems to "be brewing toward preternatural weather." But through all these changes and shocks the yeomen of Steel Creek are acting as of old, as best they can, with the lights before them; pursuing the even tenor of their way and trusting to a higher power to solve the problem and dissipate the doubt. They are not sycophants to those in power; they are not ducking to the opinions of an agitated public, nor running wild over new theories and undeveloped movements. They have too firm a bottom of good sense. Methinks if the silent, heroic old pioneers could awaken from the dead, they would have no cause for shame in the living; for they are still "guarding the faith" and carrying out the other virtuous precepts of their noble and patriotic ancestors. From time immemorial the lower classes have never been steeped in ignorance, nor the upper immersed in frivolity; and, taking this population in its entirety, from the first settlement to the



present date, no better all-round American citizen, no sounder exponent of true manhood, has been constructed in the Nineteenth Century time.

### SAMUEL McDOWELL OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Mary Gyla McDowell.

The first knowledge I can obtain of our branch of the McDowell family is of Samuel McDowell and his mother, who lived in Fort Ligonier, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, during the time of the Revolutionary War.

This Samuel McDowell was born in 1766, month and place unknown. He seems to have been the "only son of his mother, and she was a widow." It never seems to have occurred to her nor to young Samuel to refer to their relationship to the other McDowells, who then resided in Fort Ligonier, but they were said to have been related.

Born in 1766, young Samuel would be 10 years of age when the Declaration of Independence was made—too young for military service in the Revolutionary War.

The following incident occurred one day in Fort Ligonier: As the gate of the fort stood open during the day, it was deemed advisable to have a sentry stand guard in the gate, so that in case of danger he could give the alarm and close the gate. One day as young McDowell approached the gate the sentry raised his gun and called out: "I'll shoot you, McDowell!" Samuel, mistrusting the sentinel, sprang behind some protection. Presently he peered around to see what the fellow was up to. The half-witted sentinel fired, and a buckshot struck young McDowell above an eye and lodged in his head. Samuel McDowell carried this ball to his grave, and it always gave him trouble, sometimes more than others. Of course, the sentinel "did not know the gun was loaded." After the war Mrs. McDowell, Samuel's mother, married Ben Seaton (then pronounced Sutton). They had four children, Thomas, James, John and a daughter, who married a man named Findley. She was the mother of Martha Findley, the wife of Samuel McDowell of East Brook, Pa. Mrs. Seaton, Samuel McDowell's mother, seems to have been a woman of energy and resourcefulness. There were few physicians in that day, and Mrs. Seaton became a famous mid-wife in Ligonier.

Samuel McDowell married Hannah, youngest daughter of Abel and Rachel Whoovee Fisher (a Quakeress) about the year 1789. To them were born ten children:

Margaret, 1790.

Elizabeth, 1792.

Rachel, 1794.

Mary, 1796.

Samuel, 1799—January 23.





Thomas, 1801.

Abel, 1803.

Matthias, 1805—June 20.

Amy, 1808.

Joseph, 1810.

The Fishers from the name were of German origin, but family tradition says they came from England. Abel Fisher, father of Hannah Fisher McDowell, was born in Mt. Mellick, Ireland, about 1730 (his father's name was Abel). He served some time in the British army as a dragoon; after his discharge he married Rachel Whoowee, a Quakeress, who was born in Eddenderry. They immediately sailed for America. The voyage lasted three months. They landed in Philadelphia, settled at Cape May, New Jersey. They lived there twenty years, and there the children were born. In 1773 they moved over the mountains to Westmoreland County, and settled at Ligonier on 300 acres of land. This land was owned by the family for over 100 years. The Revolutionary War came on, so the women went to York, Pa., but the men remained in Fort Ligonier. The women returned later, after the war, so in Ligonier Samuel McDowell met and married Miss Fisher.

As Mr. and Mrs. McDowell had settled on a two hundred-acre farm, situated along a small branch of the "classick Loyallhanna, called Coalpit," it was here all their ten children were born and brought up. Their house was built on the side of a steep hill just below a spring, which flowed through under the house into a basement kitchen and on out again down the hill. Thus they had cellar and spring house on the same floor as the kitchen. Mr. John Fisher, to whom I am indebted for much of my information in this history, says, "Many a time have I sat beside the log fire in the sitting room above and listened to the water trickling through below in a perpetual jingle."

Mr. Fisher goes on to say, "There were five sons and five daughters in this family. Their names were Peggy, Betsy, Rachel, Mary, Amy, Samuel, Thomas, Matthias and Joseph." It will be noted that the mother, Hannah Fisher, gave Fisher names (chiefly Biblical) to most of her offsprings. Mr. John Fisher says, "They were a healthy, well-developed family. All the children were tall, the men six feet or so, the women taller and larger than the average woman. They all were of dignified bearing and early manifested certain strong traits of character. All the ten children lived to maturity." Mr. Fisher would have us believe the McDowell boys were great fighters. There was a regular Capulet and Montague feud between them and the Welshhouse boys. It is said Mother McDowell dreaded to see her boys leave home, for if they met a Welshhouse there was sure to be a fight. Samuel has the name of being the most pugacious of the McDowell boys, and probably did the



most of the fighting. He had a desperate fight once with a man named Adam George. The scene of the battle was in old Fort Ligonier, at a military training. Both fought until utterly exhausted.

Opportunities for education were not to be found in Ligonier, but the children seem to have had a remarkable power of self-education.

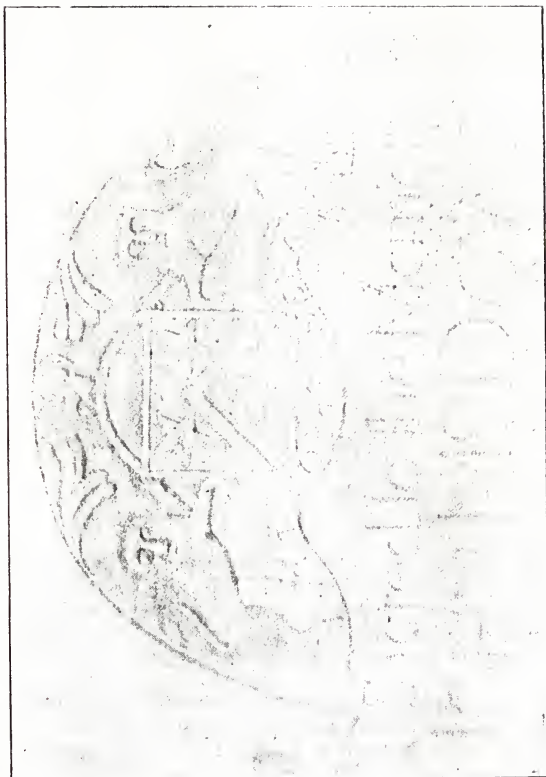
The years passed swiftly and soon the family of children began to scatter. Peggy, the oldest daughter, married Tom Elliott. It is said by another unimpeachable historian, "Peggy thought she was getting a good man. He had no bad habits, but he was not much better than a wooden man." They lived a while in Cincinnati, and a while in Westmoreland County, but Tom Elliott was a "poor doin'" fellow, he just amounted to nothing. They had six or seven children. Peggy died and the husband married again.

This same plain-speaking narrator goes on "Betsy married Sam Taggart. He was a "good doin'" fellow, and they got along well. They lived in Westmoreland County, and brought up a family of six children.

Rachel, the next daughter, was pretty, but she had a tart temper, which did not mellow with age. Late in life, about forty-four, she married a widower with several children. His name was Abram Drake. They lived in Greenville. "The Drakes didn't improve Rachel's temper any." After Mr. Drake's death Aunt Rachel lived for a time with her brother, Abel, but she finally lived in East Brook with her sister Mary, where she died. She is buried in the Methodist graveyard near East Brook, Pennsylvania.

Mary, the next daughter of Hannah and Samuel McDowell, born in 1796, never married. There is a tradition of a romance, however. The story goes that there was one man she really loved, but that she considered him beneath her, and her family, and so refused to marry him. This cost her such bitter sorrow that the friends feared she would sink into melancholia. She finally rallied but would marry no one. She did not grow up with her brothers and sisters in Ligonier, but when weaned, was taken by her bachelor uncle, Abel Fisher, and his sister. This uncle and aunt reared her. After this Uncle Abel's death, Mary went to live with his brother, Her Uncle Thomas Fisher, in his home on the Shepango River, nor far from the old King's Chapel and Harbor Bridge. Mary, Rachel and Amy were noted as fine housekeepers. "They scrubbed the floors according to the grain of the wood," and again it is said, "their kitchen floors were so white and scrupulously clean you could have eaten off them." Aunt Mary kept her bonds in an earthen crock in which she kept dried apples. There were no banks in those days. People had to hide money skillfully. After the death of her Uncle Thomas Fisher, left alone, Mary moved to





Taken from tombstone of John McDowell. Great Grandfather of the Author, J. H. McDowell.



her home in East Brook. Her sister Rachel spent her last years here. After Rachel's death Mary lived alone for years. Finally she spent her winters with her brother Abel's widow, Mrs. Mary McDowell, in the home of King McDowell. The last few years of her life she did not return to East Brook, but remained at McDowell's all the time. She died of dropsy in July, 1877. She is buried beside Rachel and Abel McDowell, in the graveyard of the Methodist Church near East Brook. A twin monument marks the graves of Mary and Rachel.

Aunt Mary is remembered by all who knew her for one peculiarity in her mode of dress. She wore layers and layers of what she called "sacks"—short, loose waist—and petticoats. She would put on a petticoat then a sack, then a petticoat then a sack, until she had on about six skirts and as many waists. These skirts were all gathered very full on a band at the waist. She looked large enough to weigh two hundred pounds, but in reality when divested of her sacks and skirts (some skirts were made of carpet) she was not a very large woman at all. She was very particular about her sewing and washing and ironing. No one could perform such services to exactly please her. Yet she had a strong sense of humor, was cheerful and good natured and quite happy.

To go back to Ligonier—the first boys to go out from the old home were Sam and Abel. They came to their maternal uncles in Mercer (now Lawrence County) with nothing but their youth and strength and their entire earthly possessions tied up in a "hand kercher" swung on a stick over their shoulders. Whether they walked the entire journey or came with some of the Fishers on horseback, is not recorded, nor are we sure just what year they came.

Their mother, Hannah Fisher McDowell, died of pleurisy or pneumonia, January 5, 1826, in the fifty-ninth year of her age.

The youngest daughter, Amy, lived only two years after her mother's death. Amy died of a fever, February 27, 1828, and is buried beside her mother in the old graveyard in Ligonier.

After Amy's death, her father, having no housekeeper, did a very foolish thing, which caused hard feelings afterwards. He said to his favorite son, Matthias, "If you will get married and let me make my home with you, I'll deed my farm to you." What reply Matthias made is not recorded, but Matthias didn't marry just then. Instead he and Thomas went to Ohio, where they became contractors on canal works. Later they came to Pennsylvania and had contracts and helped construct the Erie Canal along the Shenango river. About this time, Joseph, the youngest son, came to Lawrence County to his uncles, as the older boys had done. The last child had now flown from the old home nest, and old Mr. Samuel McDowell was left entirely alone. He secured as housekeeper, Mary Findley, a







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sister of Martha Findley, who by this time was married to Samuel McDowell and settled in East Brook.

Of this Mary Findley, Mr. John Fisher says, "She was remarkable for nothing except being very homely, an inveterate smoker, a rather poor housekeeper, and being able to ride the wildest horse in the country."

Years passed by. At last Thomas married Jane Whoowee, of Greenville, Pa., and took her to the old home in Ligonier. Not long after Thomas bought a mill and farm attached about four miles from the old McDowell home. He ran the mill, a sawmill and the farm. He took his father and Mary Findley and all their belongings with him. The old farm was rented to strangers. They got along pretty well for a time, but Grandpa got tired. He took a horse they had brought from the farm, no doubt his own horse, and went back to his own two hundred acre farm. Tom sent a man one night who took the horse back to the mill. Grandpa put up notices stating that a horse had been stolen on such a night, and offering a reward for its recovery. Thomas had the grace to say afterwards he was sorry he had taken the horse. Not long after this incident, which throws some light upon the character of both father and son, Mr. Samuel McDowell was stricken with erysipelas fever, of a most violent kind. He lived but a few days. Tom and his wife were with him in his last hours. He was buried in the old graveyard at Ligonier, beside his wife and daughter Amy. Mr. John Fisher says, "I was at the funeral. The graves are marked by tombstones having the following inscriptions:

"Hannah McDowell, died January 5, 1826, in the fifty-ninth year of her age.

"Emmy McDowell, died February 27, 1828, aged 20 years.

"Samuel McDowell, died May 9, 1843, aged 77 years."

Thomas is buried in the same graveyard. Thomas McDowell had one child, Frances, who married a man named Noble. Thomas McDowell died in the prime of life of some internal trouble. He was sick a long time, but was able to be about the house almost to the last. He was a great fellow to make money. His brother, Sam, said, "Tom can sit on his chair and make more money than I can by working all the time." By some mistake in business Tom lost his money before his death.

His daughter, Mrs. Frances Noble, had three children, Morna, Jennie, and one son. Mrs. Noble lived in Blairsville, but died at a winter resort in North Carolina. Her body was brought home and buried in Blairsville.

Samuel McDowell, the son of Samuel and Hannah McDowell, must have returned to Ligonier for his wife. He married his half cousin, Martha Findley. She is said to have been a woman of beauty and refinement. Samuel was perhaps the most intellectual



of any of the family, unless it was Rachel. He was a sharp business man, and though he started out with nothing, by the time he died he was considered a rich man, as riches went in that day. He educated himself, studied his arithmetic on the floor before the big fireplace by the dim light of the log fire. He was a real prodigy in mathematics. Many and many a time he worked questions for William Mehard, professor of mathematics in Westminster College. He made his own rules in mathematics, and if anyone like Professor Mehard, who couldn't solve all the problems said, "Why, that isn't according to the book," Uncle Sam thundered, "Damn the book! My way is right and I can prove it." He was a surveyor and a most noted one. He surveyed all the land in Lawrence County. The good Methodist cousin says Sam was very profane, kept a barrel of whiskey in his cellar, drank some himself and gave freely to his guests. Mr. Fisher says he was skeptical and took little interest in religion. He was squire and wrote hundreds and hundreds of wills for people all over the county. In his capacity as justice of the peace, he could settle almost any dispute. His method was effective. He would take one party to the quarrel into one room and hear his side, and likely damn him up and down as a knave and a fool. Then he would interview the other party in the same way, then bring them together and make them settle it. The lawyer who settled his estate says, "If more men were like Sammie McDowell, lawyers would have nothing to do." He was a man of strictest integrity, honor and honesty—a man who commanded the respect and admiration of all who knew him—no man in the county was more widely nor more favorably known than Samuel McDowell.

He had three daughters, Sarah Ann, Jane Findley, Hannah and one son, Alexander. His wife, Martha Findley McDowell, died at East Brook, November 31, 1848. Samuel McDowell also died in the old home at East Brook, May 20, 1874. He died of pneumonia. Mr. McDowell was large—weighed 200 pounds. Their children married as follows:

Sarah Ann McDowell married James Banks, son of James Banks of Neshannock Falls. They lived west of East Brook and reared a family of five children, Josephine, Samuel, Edward, Louis and Eva. These children were all tall in stature.

When the Civil War broke out James Banks enlisted and went with the East Brook boys to Beaufort, South Carolina. He was second lieutenant of his company. Soon after the army reached Beaufort James Banks died and was buried with military honors in the old Episcopal graveyard, near the camp. His wife had his grave marked at the time, but no trace of his tombstone can now be found. It is likely his body is now interred among the unknown dead in the national cemetery there.

Josephine, daughter of Sarah Ann and James Banks, married



James Quest, soldier in Company F, Roundhead Regiment. They moved to Shelton, Nebraska, where they reared a family. Mrs. Quest died, 1910, and is buried at Shelton, Neb. Samuel Banks never married. He enlisted in Company F, One Hundredth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served the entire four years in the Federal army. He is said to have been a most fearless and daring soldier, vigorously enjoying every fight, yet, though over six feet tall, he never once was wounded. He says, "I'm so slim I couldn't stop a bullet." He lived for a time in Nebraska, then in the Northwest, but now lives most happily in Zephyrhills, Florida. He is one of the finest men that ever lived.

Edward married and lives in Nebraska.

Louis married Gemima McKee. They live in Newcastle. Their children are Stewart, Gertrude and Bertha. Gertrude is dead.

Eva, youngest child of Mary Ann and James Banks, born 1855, married Joseph Pyle, 1879, son of Joseph and Sarah Pyle.

They live in Newcastle as do their children.

Lee Pyle, born Nov. 29, 1881; married Sarah McCreary, May 17, 1905; lives in Newcastle, Pa.

James McDowell Pyle, born April 21, 1889.

Sarah Ethel Pyle, born Dec. 5, 1890; died Sept. 18, 1904.

Josephine Pyle, born April 20, 1895; married Samuel Lent; lives in Newcastle, Pa.

The second daughter of Samuel and Martha McDowell was Jane Findley, born Dec. 10, 1824. She married Joseph Glass. They lived east of East Brook. Their children were William John, born July 25, 1847; married Elizabeth McMillan; died May 17, 1902, is buried at East Brook U. P. Cemetery.

The second son, Samuel Glass, was born July 20, 1852; married Jennie Elder, lived east of East Brook, where he died Nov. 3, 1887; is buried in East Brook U. P. Cemetery. Their one son died in infancy.

William John Glass and Elizabeth McMillan Glass, had three children, Martha E. Glass, born Sept. 21, 1874; married Ed Reiber; lived near East Brook, died of consumption, June 21, 1905; leaving three children, Gladys Elizabeth, born Sept. 17, 1898; Clarence, Dec. 4, 1900, and John Leonard, born Dec. 1, 1904. Martha Glass Reiber is buried in the M. E. Cemetery, Briar Hill.

The second daughter of William John and Elizabeth Glass is Jane D., born March 7, 1877; married Samuel Pearson McCreary, lives at East Brook Station; has one son, Leon Everett; born Nov. 1, 1897.

The only son of William and Elizabeth Glass is Joseph Norman Glass, born July 16, 1886; married Nelle Rodenbaugh, Oct. 20, 1909, lives in Newcastle, Pa. Has two children, Dorothy Helen, born June 6, 1911, and Elizabeth M. Jane, born Dec. 13, 1914.





Hannah McDowell, daughter of Samuel and Martha McDowell, was born March 1, 1829. She married Andrew W. Banks, son of James and Mary Banks, and lived on the old Banks farm between Neshamock Falls and Rich Hill Church. She died Aug. 7, 1894, and is buried at Rich Hill. She was a very pretty girl. Her children were Olive Virginia, born Oct. 25, 1857; married William Jordan, and lives on the State Road, not far from Rich Hill Church. Olive

Olive has one son, William Melville Jordan, born July 25, 1880. He married, first, May 24, 1900, Eva Reynolds, daughter of George and Anna Reynolds. They had two children, Hazel, born July, 1901; Earl, June 22, 1902

Melville married as his second wife, Amanda McConnell, daughter of Calvin and Fannie McConnell, of Volant, Pa.

The second daughter of Hannah McDowell and A. W. Banks is Mary Jane. She was born Aug. 29, 1853; married 1876, Isiah Sherbine; had one daughter, Dana, born 1877; married Ed Layton, in 1898. Mary Jane lives with this only daughter in the old Banks home. Dana Sherbine and Ed Layton have two children, Jeanette Layton and James Banks Layton.

Martha, third daughter of Hannah McDowell Banks and A. W. Banks, was born March 1, 1855; married Rev. George Buchanan. They finally moved to Melbourne, Australia, where Rev. Buchanan preached. They had two sons, James Andrew and Arthur, born, James A., born 1878; died 1902, in Melbourne, Australia. George Arthur Buchanan was born November, 1880; married Dulcie McCallum, 1913. He is a physician.

Alexander McDowell, only son of Samuel and Martha McDowell, was born May 9th, 1827; married Elizabeth Jordan, at Plaingrove, Nov. 27, 1850. He died of softening of the brain and blood poisoning, January 2, 1873. His wife, Elizabeth McDowell died at East Brook, Jan. 9, 1913. She was a woman of rare strength of character and of great executive ability.

They are buried in the East Brook United Presbyterian graveyard, beside Samuel and Martha McDowell. They had three daughters, Martha Rebecca, Rachel Emma and Hannah Maria. The third and only surviving daughter, was born Dec. 8, 1852. She married Baxter Wilson, son of John and Elizabeth Wilson, Dec. 8, 1868. To whom were born, Lily, March 22, 1870; Bertha, Sept. 7, 1871; married Edward Snodgrass, at New Wilmington, Pa., Dec. 5, 1894. They live in Bellvue, Pittsburg. They have three children, Robert, born Aug. 20, 1895; Mary, born July 2, 1900; George Wilson, born May 22, 1902. Mr. Snodgrass is a successful business man in Pittsburg, Pa.

Alexander McDowell Wilson, son of Hannah Maria and Baxter Wilson was born February 23, 1873; married Harriet Noble, at Batavia, New York, June 26, 1901. They have two children, Sam-



nel Wolcott Wilson, born in Boston on Copley Square, May 31, 1904; and Jane, born in Philadelphia, January 22, 1912. Now lives in New York City. Is doing a great work of social service in the city of New York.

Elizabeth Wilson, born July 11, 1875, at East Brook, old Samuel McDowell's home, married at same place, Nov. 29, 1900, Prof. Hermann Spencer; lives in Tarkio, Mo., where her husband teaches in the college. Their children are Eleanor Spencer, born in Kittanning, Pa., January 21, 1902; died Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 17, 1904.

Frances Elizabeth, born in Pittsburg, Nov. 7, 1904.

Hannah Pauline, born in Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 1, 1906.

Richard Wilson, born in East Brook, May 7, 1910.

Julian Wilson Spencer, born in Tarkio, Mo., April 23, 1912; died Sept. 18, 1913, at Tarkio.

Paul Michael, youngest son of Hannah Maria and Baxter Wilson, was born in Newcastle, Nov. 27, 1887. Was married to Ruby Shaw, June 25, 1913. Lives with his mother in the old Samuel McDowell home in East Brook.

Baxter Wilson was in the Civil War. Went out with the nine months' men, was wounded at Chancellorville, 1863, and came home, did not re-enlist. He died at the home in East Brook.

Abel McDowell, who came from Ligonier when Samuel did, worked a few years with his uncle Fisher, over on the Shenango. He was married Jan. 29, 1829, to Mary King, daughter of Marinus and Elizabeth King (Holland Dutch). They were married in the sitting room of the King home, by John Fisher, Esquire. They lived for two years with Uncle Fisher, but at the end of that time Abel's cattle had increased as did Jacob's of old, when he lived with Laban. So Uncle Fisher said, "Abel if you wish to depart, do so and I'll get someone to farm for me who is not such a good manager." Thereupon Abel and Mary bought some wood land near Neshannock Falls at \$2 per acre. They came (Mary riding on horseback with a child on her knee) and settled in the woods. Their first house was a mere hut, with no floor and no chimney. They built the fire against a flat stone they stood against the wall, the smoke found its way out through a hole in the roof. Mary cooked on the coals. Soon after they built a log house, plastered the chinks with mud. This had one large room and a loft above, reached by a ladder. There was a little porch with a bedroom off one end, built on the south side of this house. The house faced the east. Their children were not all born in this house, as the first son, Benjamin, was born at Uncle Fisher's July 1st, 1830. Whether Samuel was born at Uncle Fisher's or not, I am not sure. His birthday was Aug. 27, 1832, so it would seem he was born in the new log house. Elizabeth was born Oct. 24, 1834; Hannah was born March 9, 1837; Mary Jane was born May 17, 1839; Marinus King was born May 18, 1841. The



new stone house was built in 1844. Little Rine was three years old when they moved in. He helped move by carrying the teapot. Margaret Emma was the only child born in the new house. Her birthday was Feb. 20, 1846.

Benjamin, oldest son of Abel and Mary McDowell, attended Westminster College, for a time, but did not graduate. He taught school, went west to Iowa to a maternal uncle, and from there he went with his brother, Sam, and some King cousins, to Minnesota. They settled at Bear Grove - near Byron, Minn. Ben and Sam were surveyors in that new country.

After one or two years of struggle, Ben came back home for the girl of his choice. He married Amanda Carlon, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Carlon, at the old Carlon home, near Rich Hill, on March 26, 1857. They went to his home in Minnesota, where their two daughters were born, Mary Elizabeth, born Jan. 1, 1851, and Sarah Jane, born Oct. 20, 1859. Mary Elizabeth married Frank T. Hopper, Sept. 6, 1887, near Stockton, California. They live in California. Sara Jane married Rev. J. B. Ricketts, at New Wilmington, Pa., Dec. 3, 1890. Died at Alledo, Ill., March 9, 1909, and is buried in Rich Hill Cemetery, near Neshannock Falls, Pa.

Benjamin McDowell, father of these two daughters, was a soldier in the Civil War. His wife and children returned to Pennsylvania when he left for the front. His regiment, Sixth Minnesota, was removed from the extreme North in the hot and sickly season to Helena, Arkansas. Ben died there, Aug. 18, 1864. His grave is unknown. He had done double duty to relieve a comrade. This weakened him too much to enable him to resist the disease. He was an ideal citizen, and a brave soldier.

Samuel McDowell, second son of Abel and Mary McDowell, was married to Margaret Jane, daughter of Edward and Polly McDowell (Scotch-Irish) Feb. 25, 1858. He also lived near Benjamin McDowell, in Byron, Minnesota. He had attended Westminster College, after going to school in Greenville, Pa. He taught school and was a surveyor. Sam was a real student all his life. To Samuel and Margaret McDowell were born at Byron, three children, Willis Abel, Emma Vashti and Mary Amanda.

Their father died of typhoid-pneumonia, October 28, 1864, only about two months after the death of his brother Ben. His son, Willis Abel, graduated in law at Ann Arbor, Mich. He married June 19, 1890, Anna Cochran (English), only daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Carolyn McDowell Cochran, of Minneapolis, Minn. Willis has three children, James, Carolyn and Marian. Willis Abel is a successful lawyer in Minneapolis, Minn.

Emma V. McDowell married John Caulfield (Irish) and lives near Byron Minn. They have the following children: Samuel Harold, Clark, Mary Gyla.



Mary Amanda McDowell married Samuel Tompkins (Irish). They live near Byron, Minn. Their children are Marguerite, Daniel D., and Willis.

Elizabeth McDowell was quite a popular belle in the neighborhood. She married Samuel McCreary, son of Enoch and Margaret Pearson McCreary (Quaker). They were married June 4, 1857, only a few months after Ben McDowell was married. They were married by Rev. H. H. Moore, in the old Abel McDowell home. Their home was near Neshamock Falls. Six children were born to them: Emma Jane, born June 11, 1858; Mary Annetta, born Nov. 5, 1861; Margaret Alura, born Aug. 14, 1863; Sadie; Abel Edwin, born May 6, 1869; wealthy. These children married as follows: Emma Jane married Dr. W. L. Smith, January, 1880. They live in New Wilmington, Pa., and have three children: Elizabeth Genevieve, born Feb. 22, 1881; Samuel McCreary Smith, Mary Gyla Smith, born July 23, 1889. Genevieve married Frank Wright, now superintendent of schools in Uniontown, Pa.

They have two children, Jean and Hilda. Mary Gyla was married to Paul Mast, of Greensburgh, Pa., Aug. 17, 1915, and lives in Greensburg. Mary Annetta McCreary, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth McCreary, was married to James Edwin Duff, son of Alex and Alkey Duff, at the "Dew Drop Inn," the old McCreary home, near Neshamock Falls, on Sept. 18, 1888. They live in Newcastle, Pa. They have two daughters, Dorothy McCreary Duff, born April 25, 1893; and Marjorie Duff, born Jan. 27, 1900. Mr. Duff is a druggist.

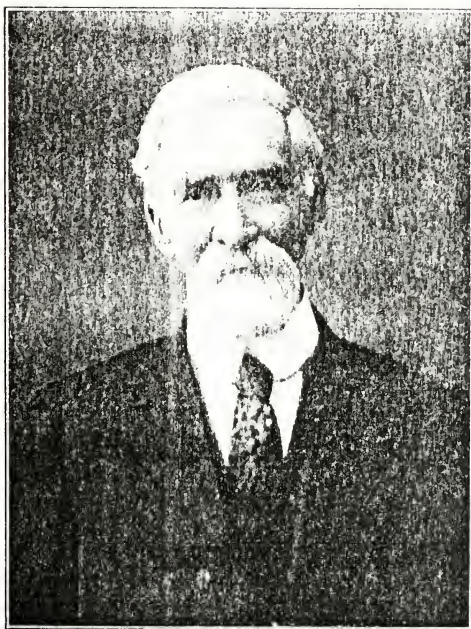
Margaret Alura McCreary, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth McCreary, married Thomas Watson Houston, son of Rev. A. Y. Houston, at the McCreary home, Sept. 18, 1890. They lived a while in Garnett, Kansas. Later they moved back to East Brook. They have three children, Victor Alexander Houston, born March, 1893, in Garnett, Kansas; Edwin McCreary, October, 1894, and Elizabeth Jeannette, born 1906, at East Brook, Pa.

Abel Edwin, only son of Samuel and Elizabeth McCreary, was married in the Reiber home, near East Brook, to Mary Rosetta Reiber (German), daughter of John and Rosa Reiber, January 15, 1891. They live on the old McCreary farm at Neshamock Falls. They have four sons: Norman John, born April 10, 1892; Kenneth King, born July 25, 1895; Samuel Arthur, born Feb. 7, 1897; James Richard, born June, 1900. Elizabeth McDowell McCreary was a woman of sterling worth. She departed this life June 25, 1910. Is buried in Briar Hill Cemetery.

Hannah McDowell, daughter of Abel and Mary McDowell, died of typhoid fever in the eighteenth year of her age. She is buried in the old Methodist graveyard, Briar Hill, near East Brook, beside her father and mother.







MARINUS KING McDOWELL



Mary Jane McDowell, daughter of Abel and Mary McDowell, was married at the Abel McDowell home, to James Hodge Patton, son of Archibald and Elizabeth Hunter Patton (Scotch-Irish), September 13, 1865. They had seven children, all born in their home near East Brook. The first child died in infancy; the next, Florence, was born Feb. 16, 1868; Hannah was born June 25, 1869; Luther, June 14, 1871; Mary E., July 17, 1874; Sarah Jane, October 7, 1876; David Wright, July 5, 1880.

Florence Patton married Thomas James McKnight (Scotch-Irish), son of David and Eliza McKnight. They were married in the Patton Home, Hiawatha, Kansas, Jan. 30, 1894, and live at Neshamock Falls, Pa.. Their children are: Mary Jane, born March 18, 1897; James Patton, born Nov. 3, 1898; Frances Margaretta, born June 5, 1900; David Brown, born Dec. 10, 1902; Sara Elizabeth, born May 11, 1913; Florence Isabella, born Sept. 21, 1913.

Hannah Patton married Herbert Pinkerton, Oct. 17, 1894. Has one son, James Harold, born April 7, 1897, at Hiawatha, Kansas.

Mary Elizabeth Patton married W. C. Brown, lives in Lyndon, Ohio. Her children are: Lois, Frances, James McDowell and Norman King, Nov. 21, 1910. Luther married Nettie Anderson, lives in California. Children: Harold Luther, June 13, 1908; Florence June, Dec. 27, 1911.

David Wright married at Hiawatha, Kansas, Lois Babeock, April 19, 1914. Mary Jane McDowell Patton died, Hiawatha Kansas, on Aug. 4, 1899.

Marinus King McDowell, son of Abel and Mary McDowell, was married to Rebecca Wilson Johnston (Scotch-Irish) daughter of John and Mary Jennings Johnston (English), at Greenville, Pa., January 6, 1868, by Rev. Nathaniel McPetridge. To them were born five children, Mary Cyla, Benjamin, John J., Frances E. and Amanda King.

Amanda K., married, June 1, 1911, in the McDowell home, by Rev. J. B. Ricketts; Robert Knox Blevins, son of James and Jane Clark Blevins. James Blevins is of Irish descent.

Benjamin McDowell, married January 8, 1913, Emma Samantha McWilliams, daughter of James and Anne McWilliams. They were married by Rev. E. K. Mechlin, at the manse of Rich Hill Presbyterian Church. They live near the church.

Marinus King McDowell served four years in the Civil War. He went out as a private in Company F, Pennsylvania Volunteers, of the Roundhead or 100th Regiment, Army of Potomac. Was wounded at Antietam September 17, 1862. After nine months in the hospitals he came home. Re-enlisted twice and served until the end of the war, in all about four years. Was promoted to first lieutenant in Battery M, 6th Heavy Artillery. Saw severe service.

Margaret Emma McDowell, daughter of Abel and Mary Me-



Dowell, married Dr. T. F. McCreary, son of Thomas and Jane McCreary, May 25, 1870. They were married by Rev. Nathaniel Morris, M. E. minister, in the old McDowell home near Neshannock Falls. They lived in Dickson, Tennessee, where Dr. McCreary both preached and practiced medicine. Dr. McCreary was a chaplain in the Civil War. Their children are as follows: Mary Jane, daughter of Margaret Emma and Fletcher McCreary, was born June 7, 1871; Elizabeth King, daughter of Fletcher and Margaret E. McCreary, was born Aug. 22, 1873, and died March 16, 1884; Margaret Emma, daughter of Dr. Fletcher McCreary and Margaret E. McCreary, was born October 23, 1875. Edna Gertrude, daughter of Dr. T. F. and Margaret E. McCreary, was born Aug. 9, 1878, and died Aug. 12, 1887. Bertha, daughter of Dr. T. F. and Margaret Emma McCreary, was born Aug. 22, 1883. Benjamin Fletcher, son of Dr. T. F. and Margaret Emma McCreary, was born Oct. 26, 1885. A baby girl, born Aug. 5, 1877, died Aug. 9, 1877. These children dead are buried in the M. E. graveyard, Dickson, Tenn.

Margaret Emma McDowell McCreary, died Oct. 5, 1895, aged 49 years. She is buried beside her children, Dickson, Tenn. She was a distinguished and highly honored woman in both her home in the North and her home in the South.

Dr. T. F. McCreary married again a Mrs. Conant; he died, and is buried by his first wife, Dickson, Tenn.

Mary Jane, daughter of Dr. T. F. and Margaret E. McCreary, married Lemuel Sensing. They live in Dickson, Tenn., and have two sons, Donald, Thurman.

Margaret Emma, daughter of Dr. T. F. and Margaret McCreary, married Gardner Sensing. They live in Dickson, Tenn. Their children are: Henry and Rebecca.

Bertha, daughter of Dr. T. F. and Margaret E. McCreary, married Raymond Joceum, Dickson, Tenn. Their children are Martha and Robert King.

Benjamin Fletcher McCreary, son of Dr. T. F. and M. E. McCreary, married Jessie Dickerson. She died the same year. Benjamin F., married again April 19, 1916, Clara Walk, daughter of Mrs. J. E. Tidwell, Dickson, Tenn. This endeth the record of Abel and Mary McDowell's children and children's children.

Abel McDowell met a violent death in a neighbor's barn, July 25, 1868. He was struck by a log to which a "new fangled" hay fork was attached. He never regained consciousness, but died in an hour or two at Ross Cox's house. He was a very active worker in the Methodist Church, helped support Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.

His wife, Mary King McDowell, died of old age September 25, 1891. They are buried in the M. E. graveyard at East Brook. She



was a woman of sweet and calm self-control, and of strong common sense.

To go away back again to Ligonier, Matthias McDowell, son of Samuel and Hannah McDowell, was married to Jane Leech, daughter of Prudence and Thomas Leech, Feb. 3, 1842. They lived in Greenville, Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Jane Leech was born March 2, 1822, and died January 5, 1889, and is buried in Greenville, Pa.

The children of Matthias and Jane McDowell are: Dewitt, born Sept. 10, 1845.

Lydia, daughter of Matthias and Jane McDowell, born January 9, 1843, married Abner Cosher, of Greenville, June 3, 1866. She had one daughter, Jane or Jennie. Lydia died March, 1915, and is buried in Youngstown, Ohio.

Jennie Cosher, born May 1, 1868, married.

Etta McDowell, daughter of Matthias and Jane McDowell, born Feb. 3, 1844, was married to M. S. Zimmerman, April 24, 1867. She died July 31, 1891. Her children are Fred D., born April 24, 1868; Maud, born Feb. 11, 1874.

Samuel McDowell, son of Matthias McDowell and Jane, was born May 7, 1857. He never married. Died.

Leech, son of Matthias and Jane McDowell, was born Nov. 30, 1852. Never married. Died.

William, son of Matthias and Jane McDowell, was born May 1, 1859, married Ida J. Hunter, May 12, 1887. Lives in Youngstown, Ohio. Their children are Gertrude J., born Dec. 3, 1887.

Hannah, daughter of Matthias and Jane McDowell, was born Nov. 30, 1854, was married to George E. Fletcher, June 29, 1882. Their children are Robert H., born Sept. 3, 1887; Chalmers, born Jan. 10, 1888. Lives in California.

Gererure, daughter of Matthias and Jane McDowell, was born April 26, 1861. Married Mr. Anderson, lives in Greenville, Pa. Her children are:

Matthias, son of Matthias and Jane McDowell, was married to Lizzie Newham. I regret I do not know more of this family of Matthias McDowell.

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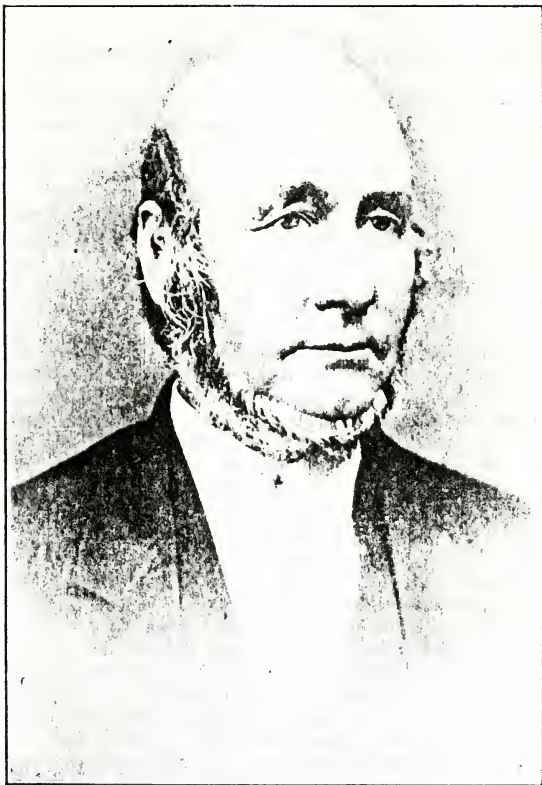
Joseph, son of Samuel and Hannah McDowell, was born in Ligonier, he married Mary Crocker. Their children are Mary Elizabeth, born April 23, 1847; married first George Clinghan, 1867. They had one child, a daughter, born in 1868, in Tennessee. Mary Ella Virginia was her name, but she is better known as "Birdie."

Mrs. Mary McDowell Clinghan, later married Major William Gordon, and lived in Newcastle.

The daughter of Birdie Clinghan was married Sept. 30, 1903, to W. P. Pierce, a lawyer, in Pittsburg. She died one month later.







JAMES McDOWELL  
Fairbury, Ill.



She was a beautiful and accomplished girl, much beloved by all the relatives and friends. Her death leaves her mother entirely alone.

Joseph McDowell, father of Mary E. Gordon, died when in his prime. His wife had died previously in childbirth. So Mary E. McDowell was left as a tiny tot to grow up without father or mother, sister or brother. She first lived with her mother's people, then with her father's brother, Samuel McDowell. She was a beautiful, vivacious girl.

Joseph McDowell and his young wife are buried side by side at King's Chapel, on the Shenango.

The older generations of McDowells were Methodists as far as they belonged to any church. This seems odd with their Scotch-Irish name. Later generations are Methodists or Presbyterians or United Presbyterians.

Samuel and Joseph McDowell were ultra Democrats in political faith. Joseph was a Commissioner of Mercer County. Abel was a very strong Methodist, and Horace Greeley was his guide in politics. None of the old family drank except Samuel, as before noted. The most marked trait of character in the McDowell family was thrift. This family knew how to make money and how to keep it, a faculty many of their children or children's children seem to lack. All the boys of the old generation really accumulated what was thought riches in those days. They were scrupulously honest, they wanted their own but wanted the other fellow to have what was his. All the generations have been looked up to as among the "first families" of their respective communities.

On the whole the words of Theodore Roosevelt in his speech at the State Fair of Minnesota apply to the old pioneer stock of McDowells. He says, "You are typical Americans, for you have done the great, the typical work of our American life. In making homes and carving out careers for yourselves and your children you have built up this State; throughout our history the success of the home-makers has been but another name for the up-building of the nation. The men who, with ax in the forest and pick in the mountains and plow on the prairies, pushed to completion the dominion of our people over the American wilderness have given definite shape to our nation. They have shown the qualities of daring, endurance and farsightedness, of eager desire for victory and stubborn refusal to accept defeat, which go to make up the essential manliness of American character. They have recognized the law of successes in American life—the law of worthy work, the law of resolute endeavor." If Theodore Roosevelt had been speaking to Samuel and Matthias and Abel and Thomas and Joseph McDowell he couldn't have chosen more fitting words to sum up their achievements.

These pioneers of our family felled forests, built canals, sur-



veyed lands, promoted railroads, conquered the wilderness and made homes and fortunes for themselves and their children.

Three sons of these men, Benjamin McDowell, Marinus King McDowell and Samuel Banks, and three or four sons-in-law, James Patton and Major Wm. Gordon, Fletcher McCreary (?) James Quest, helped to preserve the Union in the struggle of the Civil War. John J. McDowell volunteered in the Spanish-American War in 1898-1902, served until the end of the war. Surely it behooves the children of the third and fourth generation to continue to play a worthy and honorable part as they are now doing in furthering the political, religious, educational, industrial and social welfare of our nation today.

James McDowell was born in Sciota County, Ohio, Sept. 21, 1815, and died at Fairbury, Ill., June 10, 1880, from injuries received in a run-away accident.

In May, 1832, he, with his parents, uncle and brothers, came to Avoca Township, Livingston County, Illinois, where they built a log house and planted some corn, thus commencing pioneer life; in consequence of the Indian trouble they went to Indiana, where they remained until the following November, then returned to Illinois, and took possession of their claims made in the spring.

Mr. McDowell was a resident of Avoca Township for forty-three years, and prospered as a farmer and stock raiser. He served as treasurer of the schools over thirty years, and was supervisor several terms. He retired and moved to Fairbury in 1875.

#### MAJOR BYRON GIBBS McDOWELL.

Major B. G. McDowell was a native of North Carolina, having been born at Franklin, June 22, 1834. He came with the Confederate soldiers from the North State. He entered the war as a volunteer in May, 1861, as a member of Company B, 39th North Carolina Regiment of Confederate Infantry. He became orderly sergeant of this company, and when the 62nd North Carolina regiment was organized in May, 1862, he was elected major. The other officers of this regiment were: R. G. A. Love, Colonel; J. W. Clayton, Lieutenant Colonel; R. B. Johnston, Quartermaster; Joseph Haynes, Adjutant; Dr. N. T. Deulaney, of Bristol, Surgeon.

This regiment was first stationed at Haynesville (now Johnson City, Tenn.) Major McDowell continued with the 62nd North Carolina Regiment until the war closed, and was Lieutenant Colonel of the regiment when the surrender came. His regiment was the last to surrender when the war closed.

Page 756, Volume 3, of Clark's North Carolina Regiments, says: "That part of the Regiment with Col. J. B. Palmer, that operated in East Tennessee, between Hot Springs, N. C., and Morristown, New Market, Newport and Bull's Gap, Etc., and along the foot of Smoky Mountains, by Sevierville, Maryville, Etc., is reported



to have done faithful service under Lieut. Col. B. G. McDowell of the 62nd, who had refused to surrender at Cumberland Gap and was a gallant officer.

Major McDowell's wife died about three years ago. The surviving members of the family are: Two sons, James R. McDowell and A. S. McDowell, prominent railroad contractors, with headquarters at Knoxville, Tenn., and four daughters, Mrs. James B. Lyon, Mrs. W. S. Stuart, Mrs. William Ferguson and Miss Irene McDowell, all of Bristol, Va.-Tenn.

Major McDowell's home for the last thirty years was in Bristol, Sullivan County, Tenn., where he was a leading lawyer. His death occurred at his home in Bristol, Jan. 8, 1916.

Major Byron Gibbs McDowell was the son of John McDowell and Elizabeth Caldwell, the daughter of Alexander Caldwell and M. Horgy. John McDowell, the father of B. G. McDowell, was the son of John McDowell, whose father was Gen. Charles McDowell, of Quaker Meadows. His father was Joseph McDowell Sr., born in Ireland in 1715, where he wooed and won the heart of Margaret O'Neil, a descendant of the ancient Irish Kings and a member of one of the noblest and bravest families of the old Celtic race—not one of whom in battle or personal quarrel was ever known to turn his back upon an enemy.

#### HON. EDMOND ANDREWS McDOWELL.

Edmond Andrews McDowell was born near Liberty, in Amite County, Mississippi, on December 18, 1857, his father being Thomas H. McDowell, and his mother Lethe A. (Lea) McDowell. His people, paternal and maternal, were farmers and planters. He was educated at Mississippi College, located at Clinton, Hinds County, Mississippi, and at the University of Virginia. He was admitted to the bar at Liberty, Miss., in September, 1880, and practiced there until January, 1883. In 1882 he was reading clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Mississippi. In March, 1883, he removed to Texas and settled at Gatesville. In November, 1884, he was elected County Attorney of Coryell County, which office he held for three years, and resigned to accept the appointment by the Governor of Texas as Trustee of the House of Correction and Reformatory. In 1888 he was Cleveland and Thurmond elector for the Eleventh Congressional District. In January, 1904, he accepted the appointment of Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Jefferson County, Texas, after the expiration of said term of office he again assumed the practice of his profession and continued therein until 1914, when he was elected, without opposition, to the Thirty-fourth Legislature of Texas, where he served for the regular and first called sessions of said Legislature, and in June, 1915, was appointed by Governor Ferguson as Judge of the 60th Judicial District at Beaumont, which office he now holds.





## ALEX. K. M. McDOWELL.

(I copy this from the fly leaf of my father's Testament. The record contains errors which I correct from letters of Aunt Buford to Aunt Reid in Virginia.—L. I. McD.)

Mem. by Alex K. M. McDowell, made in 1868, at Ann Caldwell's (his double first cousin) from Grandpa's (Judge Sam McD.), old Bible.

My grandfather, Sam'l McDowell, Sr., was born in Augusta County, now Rockbridge County, Va., Nov. 7, 1735 (error, he was born on the above date in Pennsylvania, came to Virginia in the summer of 1837, when but two years old) and died in Mercer (now Boyle County, Ky., Oct. 27, 1817, aged 82 (error), died Sept. 25, 1817, on Thursday morning, about dawn, in Aunt Buford's letter written the day he died).

My grandmother, Mary McClung, was born in Augusta County, Va. (my father always said she was born in Ireland), her father was William McClung, was born in 1734, came to Virginia in 1740. She died in Kentucky, Mercer County, at her son's, Joseph McDowell, 3 p. m., Saturday, Oct. 28, 1826 (see Aunt Buford's letter). The Bible record copied by my father says Oct. 27, 1827 (an error). She was two years older than her husband when they were married in Augusta (see Aunt Buford's record) on Jan. 17, 1754.

My father, Samuel McDowell, was born in Augusta County (now Rockbridge) Va., March 8, 1764, and died in Mercer County, Ky., June 20, 1831, aged 67.

My mother, Ann Irvine (daughter of Abram Irvine and Mary Dean Irvine) was born in Virginia, Nov. 28, 1763) and died 1816, Oct. 29.

Samuel McDowell and Anna Irvine were married Oct. 4, 1785. Their children were:

1. Mary Irvine, born June 12, 1787; married William Starling; died at Hopkinsville, Ky., Feb. 1869.
2. John Adair, born May 26, 1789; married Lucy Starling, sister of William Starling; died at Lancaster, Ohio, Sept. 10, 1823.
3. Abram Irvine, born April 24, 1791; married Eliza ———.

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 AGNEW LINE.

500 Duke Street,  
Alexandria, Va., March 28, 1916.

Major-General J. H. McDowell,

My dear cousin and clansman: Not long ago I mailed you a typed and corrected record of my Erwin-Agnew lineage through the marriage of David Agnew and Mary Erwin, daughter of John Erwin of Antrim, Franklin County, Pennsylvania; and I have just corrected the line of Charlotte Bell Agnew, from Joseph Irwin and Violet Porter, which she requested me to send to her, and then she



would forward it to you. Her lineal descent from Joseph Irwin is proven, of course, but there are still verifications to substantiate that John Erwin, the father of Mary Erwin, and step-father of Mary Ramsey, who married James Agnew, and of James Ramsey, who married Elizabeth Porter, was a brother of First Archibald Irwin, both to be sons of James Irwin, who came to the Province of Pennsylvania in 1717-18. Professor Seilhamer charged us \$25.00 to prove that he was, and that his first wife was Sarah (Hoge) Reynolds, but Mrs. Anna Hepburn Watts, genealogist, of Carlisle, Pa., who has unproven Irwin ancestry, insists that John and Archibald Irwin may have been near relations, but that they were NOT brothers. It seems to me that they must have been brothers, or first cousins. John Erwin's second wife was the widow of Colonel James Ramsey, and as there were about that period so many Ramsey-Irwin-Agnew-Porter-Finley intermarriages, and as they were in the same part of the province, it seems reasonable to state that they were near relations. The Harrisons always claimed relationship, and when Benjamin Harrison was President, and John Scott, his father-in-law, was living with him in Washington, he requested my father to call upon him, saying that they were family connections, as, of course, they were, through frequent marriage alliances, even if Archibald and John Erwin were not brothers. Archibald died in 1789 and John in 1796, and as Archibald was born in 1734, John was probably born in 1732, which would have been a good birth-date for him; to have had three children by his first marriage, John; Mary, born in 1755, who married David Agnew, and Robert, who married Susan Coxe, of Philadelphia, whose daughter, Susan Coxe Erwin, later married Samuel Agnew, publisher of Peter Parley's Histories and of other theological and educational works, and who had one son, Dr. Erwin Agnew, who studied medicine in Philadelphia with Dr. D. Hayes Agnew, and Dr. Erwin Agnew married the niece of Mrs. D. Hayes Agnew, who was Mary Creighton Irwin, of Richmond, Va., and they were unaware of any relationship. Samuel Agnew, born Nov. 14, 1814, was the son of Lieut.-Col. James Agnew and Elizabeth (Finley) Agnew, grandson of Col. James Agnew and Mary (Ramsey) Agnew, great-grandson of Captain James Agnew and Rebecea (Scott) Agnew, married Dec. 10, 1840; Susan Coxe Erwin, daughter of Robert Erwin, and Susan (Coxe) Irwin. Archibald Irwin is said to have had paralysis of the right arm, and John Irwin's will was signed with his mark, so that he must have been affected in a like manner, as he was a wealthy educated man. The will was made in 1793, three years' before his death, and James Ramsey, his step-son, was one of his executors, to whose young son, John, his namesake, presumably, he left a legacy. The will was witnessed by James McLain, James Brotherton and Alexander Beatty. I am determined to no longer insist upon the lineage of John Erwin until it is proven. In the will it is written Erwin and Ervin and it was probated by



the name of Irwin. I am hoping that you will be able to solve our Erwin problem with data in your possession for your genealogy.

When my father was a young man, there was a James Irvin, a crayon artist, who was at his home a great deal, and I have a small portrait of my father drawn by this "Jim Irvin," as he was called. And when my cousin, Miss Mary Jean Agnew, of Greencastle, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, was looking over some papers she came across an unmounted picture of a remarkably handsome young man, which she sent to me, and the name, "Edwin A. Irvin, or Irwin, Crawfordville, Lowndes Co., Miss.," is written on the back. The "A." is presumably for "Agnew," as one of the descendants of Joseph Irwin and Violet Porter is, or was, named "Edwin Irwin Agnew." This picture was among the papers of the Rev. John Robinson Agnew, a descendant of Col. James Agnew and Mary (Ramsey) Agnew. Do you know anything about the Mississippi Irvins?

These notes are simply some genealogical bones and sinews where-with I trust to build the legitimate descent of John Erwin, or John Irwin, my great-great-grandfather. Did James Irwin, father of Archibald Irwin, who married Jean McDowell, have a son, John? I note "James Irwin, Peter's Township, Cumberland Co., in Charlotte Bell Agnew's record, but I should have written: Franklin Co.

In Keith's "Ancestry of Benjamin Harrison," it is recorded: "Mary Ramsey was born July 17th, 1753; died July 16th, 1825; married James Agnew." I have the copy of the portrait of Mary Ramsey, also a square of linen woven by herself from flax, probably that John Erwin, my grandfather, twice great, orders in his will to be grown annually for her use. The emigrant James Ramsey came to America from Glasgow, Scotland, and Col. James Ramsey, who married Elizabeth Porter and became great-grandfather of President Benjamin Harrison, was baptized on Sept. 20th 1722, and died April 16th, 1757. Or, rather, James Ramsey, who married Mary O'Caime, the father of Col. James Ramsey, who married Miss Porter, was baptized and died on those dates. It was the widow of the emigrant James Ramsey who became the second wife of John Erwin.

Prof. Henry Earle Riggs, Michigan College of Engineering, Ann Arbor, Mich., wrote me the following: "My own interest is double here, as Rebecca Agnew, wife of the Rev. William Baldrige, was my father's grandmother, while Elizabeth Finley, who married James Agnew, was a sister of John Finley, my wife's mother's grandfather, and it was among the papers of Mary Lyle Finley, my wife's grandmother, that I found much history of the Agnews and the old silhouette." The silhouette is of my great-great-grandfather, Capt. James Agnew.

With many good wishes for you and your great "Book," hoping



that you will be able to place me among the elect "Irvines," I remain, with sincere regards,

Cordially your honored kinsman,

MARY VIRGINIA AGNEW.

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#### SKETCH OF WILLIAM E. McELROY.

William E. McElroy, Tenth son of Samuel McElroy and Mary Irvin, was born in Campbell County, Virginia, February 9, 1776. His parents, though natives of Ireland, were both of pure Scotch blood. In the Spring of 1789, in company with his brothers James and Hugh, Samuel McElroy removed to Kentucky and settled with his family on Pope's Creek, in what is now Marion County.

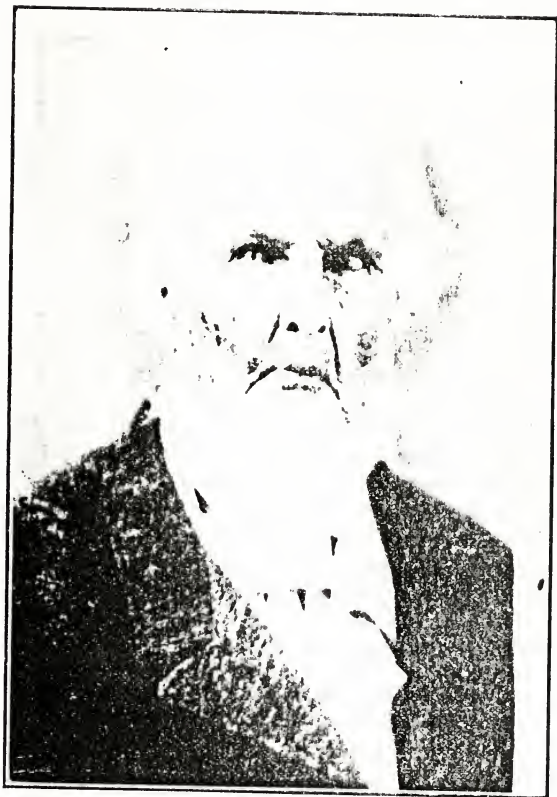
During the long and perilous journey which lay, for the most part through an unbroken wilderness, with danger and death lurking upon every hand, William, although but 13 years of age, took his regular turns as sentinel, and occupied his place in the ranks, gun in hand, whenever an attack was anticipated from the bands of hostile Indians which infested a great portion of the route.

In 1795, having agreed with his older brothers to relinquish all claim to their father's estate to their two youngest brothers, who were twins, although still a minor, and with no other resources than his own stalwart arms and indomitable energy, William determined, with his father's permission, to begin life for himself. Being naturally of an ingenious turn and with some proficiency in the use of tools, he commenced business as a carpenter, and was employed either in building, enlarging or improving every house of any consequence within a circle of many miles. While thus engaged, what is known as the "Great Revival" of 1800 and 1801 occurred, during which he professed religion and began the life of an earnest, devoted Christian. As might reasonably be supposed from his parentage and the faith in which he had been reared, he at once united himself with the Presbyterian Church, of which he was ordained a ruling elder in the following year (1801), and for seventy-three years he continued to be one of its most exemplary members and useful officers. He died November 3, 1874, in his ninety-ninth year.

On July 1, 1804, he was married to Miss Keturah Cleland, daughter of Philip Cleland and sister of the celebrated Dr. Thomas Cleland, for many years one of the most distinguished clergymen of the United States. Connected with this marriage there was a trifling incident which will serve to illustrate a leading trait in the somewhat remarkable character. Singular as it may seem, it was one of the very few instances in his long life in which William failed to meet his engagements promptly and punctually to the letter. With that prudence and order which distinguished him in everything he did through life, he had, in contemplation of his approaching marriage, built his cabin and supplied it with such necessaries as his







WILLIAM E. MCELROY

Born Feb. 9, 1776; died Nov. 3, 1874, in his 99th year.



very limited means afforded; but, in spite of his utmost efforts, when the morning of his wedding day arrived, he had not quite finished his kitchen. As it was contrary to one of his inflexible rules, however, to leave anything unfinished if it could be avoided, he determined to complete it before getting married, and in carrying out that resolution he was detained four hours after the time appointed for the ceremony.

This union, crowned with all the blessings that cluster around the peaceful hearthstone of a contented Christian household, and attended with increasing prosperity each succeeding year, continued until March 3, 1814, when the happy wife was carried off by the epidemic known as the "Cold Plague," which during that year prevailed with fearful fatality in many portions of Kentucky—leaving her stricken husband with five small children.

William E. McElroy remained a widower until Jan. 13, 1821, when he married Miss Mary Kirk, daughter of James Kirk, of an old and honored Irish family, who bore him nine children. With her he spent many of the brightest and most prosperous years of his life. She died March 3, 1865, and the highest eulogy upon her singularly pure and beautiful Christian character, as well as the tenderest, most touching tribute that affection could pay to her memory was penned by the hand of her aged husband, who, when he had recorded her death in the family Bible, added to the sad inscription the simple words: "She was the best woman I ever saw."

(Taken from "A Sketch of the Life and Character of William E. McElroy," by Gov. Proctor Knott, of Lebanon, Ky., grandson of William E. McElroy, which appeared in Lebanon Standard Dec. 23, 1874, and was republished by the Lebanon Enterprise July 6, 1906.)

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#### MRS. ALICE BLAIR ANDREWS.

Mrs. Alice Blair Andrews is a member of the Presbyterian Church; prominent in patriotic organizations, having organized the Roswell Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, in New Mexico, and represented the chapter several times at the Continental Congress in Washington, D. C. She also organized and is president of the Patrick Henry Chapter, Children of the American Revolution in Roswell, New Mexico. Mrs. Andrews is a member of the J. Harvey Mathes Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, of Memphis, Tenn.; also belongs to the Eastern Star organization.





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Atlanta, Ga.





MRS. JOSEPHINE WILSON BLAIR







COL. JOHN BEAUFIN IRVING  
Chieftain Irving Society of the World  
Author of Irvine Book of Scotland.





JUDGE JOHN McELROY WILSON



Mrs. Andrews is a woman of great refinement, a devoted mother and sincere friend. These noble attributes are inherent from her illustrious line of ancestry, whose names have been recorded in the great achievements of Virginia and North and South Carolina. We are very much indebted to Mrs. Andrews for very valuable data furnished for the history. In choice of words and in expression she has few equals. Her investigations in family genealogy show a highly cultured intellect and lovable attainments, that go to make up the pure and noble womanhood of America.



## CHAPTER V

### THE MECKLEBURG DECLARATION

Declaration of Independence by the committee of the people of Mecklenburg County, N. C., of the Twentieth of May, 1775.

Viewed in the light of history, American and English, Congressional and Provincial, with observations on the characters of the chief witnesses who testified of it, as known to the writer from personal acquaintance, or their reputation among their contemporaries.

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#### A MEMORIAL ADDRESS.

At a mass meeting in Charlotte, Feb. 4, 1875, preparatory to the Centennial Celebration,

By William A. Graham.

I esteem it a duty of some one who has had the opportunities of acquaintance with the Revolutionary history of the State, and this a fit occasion, to vindicate the authenticity of the Declaration of Independence by the delegates of the people of the County of Mecklenburg on the 20th of May, 1775, against the attempt recently made to bring it into discredit. With some recollections of the discussions of this topic, running back more than half a century, I have taken no part in it heretofore. The event occurred (as I believe it did occur) in the immediate vicinity of the residence of the families of which I am descended. Several of my near relatives, including my father, when it was called into question soon after its publication in the gazettes of 1819-20, gave their testimony as witnesses who had been personally present at the transaction, with reference to some of the circumstances of the occasion, as well as to precedent and subsequent events. I deemed it proper not to participate in the controversy as to the credibility of this testimony while these witnesses were alive—the more especially as I thought the claim on the part of Mecklenburg well sustained by others. But those who championed the cause of the State (for it has been made a State matter) have all passed away—Martin, Jo. Seawell Jones, Foote, Hawks, are no longer among the living. The witnesses to whom I have alluded, and those others whose evidence was then taken, their comrades and neighbors, with whom they had passed through the fiery trials of a war which ensued, are all likewise dead. We may now speak of them without flattery and I trust, without vanity. If my connections with some of them shall induce a suspicion of bias on the one hand, unfavorable to impartial con-





sideration, I hope it will be conceded on the other that it gives me opportunities of information in respect to their tradition, as to public opinion in the region of this occurrence, as far back as my memory extends, not accessible to strangers and not possessed by many now surviving. I have preferred that the duty of this vindication should have been undertaken by other hands, but on consultation with the Hunters, Brevards, Polks, Alexanders, and others, whose ancestors were eager actors in or witnesses of the event in question, though they felt that injustice had been done by the publications referred to, and desired that the truth of history as we understood it in the State should be asserted, they were unprepared for the discussion. Of twenty copies of the publication by order of the Legislature in 1830 of the evidence in relation to the Mecklenburg Declaration, directed to be deposited in the State Library, but one remains. Of the local newspapers, The Western Carolinian, established at Salisbury, N. C., in 1820, and the Yadkin and Catawba Journal, the Miners and Farmers' Journal, published in Charlotte at a later period, which may contain articles of this theme when this agitation was fresh, and eye and ear witnesses of the event were alive, the files are nowhere to be found. The difficulty, therefore, of now procuring all evidence bearing on this subject which satisfied the country fifty-odd years ago, rises to an impossibility. Enough, however, I apprehend, is within our reach to establish the authentic character of the Mecklenburg Declaration, according to the accepted evidence of historical truth.

The position we maintain is very readily stated. It is, that the resistance to British authority, which assumed the form of war in 1775, was not begun, or waged on the part of the colonies generally, or the Congress which represented them, within a view to severance of the empire, before late in the Spring of 1776. Like the rising against King John, Charles I. and James II., it contemplated only a reformation of abuses and redress of grievances, as British subjects under the crown of the monarch, but did not contemplate a change of government or freedom from the dominion of their King and country beyond the sea; that North Carolina, and especially the people of Mecklenburg, formed an exception to this general sentiment of loyalty. The leading spirits, in that country and elsewhere, were ripe for revolution from the beginning. They were opposed to monarchy, had little or no attachment to the mother country, were chafed by recent provocations in the actual operation of the government, and were ready to throw it off at any favorable opportunity. Hence, their decided and manly action in proclaiming independence on the 20th of May, 1775, in advance of the other colonies. This proud distinction we claim for them, and, at the disadvantage of having to meet a challenge of this claim at the end of nearly a hundred years from the act, and more than a third of a



century after the last of the attesting witnesses departed this life, trust to make it good.

It may conduce to the better understanding of our observations, before proceeding further in the discussion, to state the conditions of the question as to the genuineness of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence in North Carolina. There are some facts which have occurred within the time of living memory about which I presume there can be no dispute:

1. No one, I apprehend, doubts that the men of Mecklenburg, who were old enough to remember the events of 1775, and survived till 1819 and 1820 and 1830, believed there had been a Declaration of Independence at Charlotte, on the 20th of May in the year first mentioned, and that they themselves witnessed its promulgation.

2. That not only was this conviction prevalent among those who had remained in that country in the interim, but was shared by those who had emigrated to Georgia, Tennessee and elsewhere.

3. That the whole people of Mecklenburg, without distinction from difference in religious opinion, political parties and personal antipathies, or rivalries, were likewise impressed with this conviction, and from early after the year 1820 onward, until in celebrating the anniversary of the day of the Declaration at Charlotte, with all the demonstrations tending to commemorate a great event. Among these celebrations we have reports of three of the most memorable.

In 1825, as we learn from the Raleigh Register, an immense concourse attended, and beside a parade of military, an oration was pronounced by Washington Morrison, Esq., a lawyer of repute, subsequently a senator from the county in the State Legislature, but since deceased; and the religious exercises were conducted by the Rev. Humphrey Hunter, who also read the Mecklenburg Declaration, of the announcement of which he had been a witness fifty years anterior, when past the age of twenty, with comments on the circumstances which had accompanied it. At the public festival of the occasion Gen. George Graham acted as president and Clerk Isaac Alexander as vice-president, both of whom had given their written testimony, as had Mr. Hunter, as personal witnesses of the Declaration, and both of whom, like him, had done soldier's duty in the war which followed. But the most interesting feature of the day, of which the published report informs us, was that a band of Revolutionary soldiers, numbering from sixty to seventy, probably all of them residing in this old county of soldiers, marched at the head of this procession with the simple badge "75" on the lapels of their coats.

On the anniversary in 1835 there was probably the most imposing assembly that ever attended a like celebration in the state. The Hon. D. L. Swain, the governor in office, and Willie P. Mangum, one of the senators in Congress, were present, with many of the



most prominent public characters of the state, and others who did not attend in person sent letters of apology. The *Western Carolinian*, of which I have a single number, copying from the *Miner's and Farmer's Journal*, printed in Charlotte, May 29th, 1835, gives a detailed report of the celebration, and, among other things, that letters were read from Judge Gaston, Judge Ruffin, Hon. W. H. Conner, Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Preston and Governor McDuffey of South Carolina, Judge White of Tennessee, B. Watkins Leigh of Virginia, and others.

The sentiment accompanying the letter of Judge Gaston was as follows: "American liberty—here first declared and here most sacredly cherished—boldly resolved on—long struggled for and nobly defended—it must be preserved by the virtue, wisdom, vigilance and union of American freemen."

The oration of the day was delivered by Franklin L. Smith, a native of Charlotte, a young advocate of high promises who was consigned to an early grave in Mississippi, to which state he had emigrated. The Declaration was read, with appropriate remarks, by James W. Osborne, Esq., of Charlotte, subsequently a judge of the Supreme Court, a gentleman of acknowledged ability and culture, and probably better versed in the local history of that section of the state than any one of his time.

Now, as on the former occasion, also appeared the Revolution ary soldiers of that region, twenty-seven in number, with a white satin badge of '75," and two regiments, one of cavalry, the other of infantry, from Mecklenburg and Cabarrus counties, they constituting the old Mecklenburg of 1775.

Again in 1867 was another grand celebration of the day, when Rev. Dr. F. L. Hawks, then residing in New York, but retaining an affection for his native state which never flagged in defending her fame, interest and honor, delivered an oration in which he elaborately considered the evidence of the truth of this act of patriotism of the people of Mecklenburg and boldly combatted the objections which had been urged against it. Governor Swain, at this time president of the university, accompanied Dr. Hawks to this celebration, and at the festival of this day made an address which was not understood to imply any doubt of the position assumed by him.

This oration was only a week or two later delivered by Dr. Hawks on the day preceding commencement at the university of the state to a large audience, of which I was one. The public press was then as free from objectors as it is now; all was known then touching the evidence of the genuineness of the Declaration that is known now. But I am not aware that any one took up the gauntlet that he boldly threw down.

The point, however, to which I am now directing attention is that the men of Mecklenburg who had reached the age of discre-



tion in 1775, and survived until 1820, and beyond it, satisfied her entire people of the truth of the Declaration which they averred to have been made, and induced them proudly to unite in its observance as a national holiday. In affecting this result they were doubtless fortified and assisted by a tradition which had made it much a part of the history of Mecklenburg as any other public event.

4. More than this, they convinced those best informed in our history, the most sagacious and intelligent of the public men of today, men as little capable of being deceived by what was spurious or false, as any who have succeeded them, of the same thing. As an illustration of this, it may be brought back to recollection that the late John Stanley, occupying a place certainly among the first of the statesmen, lawyers and men of letters that the state has reared, in an elaborate and instructive funeral oration on the life and character of John Adams at New Bern, a short time after the death of Mr. Adams in 1826, contained in a pamphlet which may yet be found among those who are careful to preserve the memorials of literature, taken an extended notice of the Declaration of Independence by the people of Mecklenburg on the 20th of May, 1775.

Judge R. M. Saunders, of Raleigh, and president of the Convention of Internal Improvements, which assembled in that city in November, 1838, in a memorial which this convention presented to the legislature, referred to it likewise in terms of the highest eulogy.

At the session of the general assembly in 1842 a memorial of a number of citizens who had united together under the name of the Mecklenburg Monument Association was presented to that body praying an act of incorporation for the purpose of erecting a monument in commemoration of this great event. It was signed by a committee in behalf, consisting of Frederick Nashe, William G. Alexander, D. F. Caldwell, James W. Osborne, H. C. Jones, Paul Barringer, John Phifer, John H. Wheeler, Isaac T. Avery, Mitchell Hoke, Charles Fisher, Joseph McDowell Carson, Robert Strange, James Iredell, D. L. Swain, William H. Haywood, Jr., and Burton Craige; and the act of incorporation was regularly granted.

5. But it was not merely our citizens, including those of the highest eminence in intelligence, culture and patriotism throughout the state, who were charmed into the belief of the truthfulness of this occurrence; the state itself looked upon the fame of her heroes of Mecklenburg as a flower not unworthy to be worn in the garland which decked her own brow. At the session of 1830-31, with a view to perpetuate some evidence of the transaction, certain certificates, in the nature of disquisitions of witnesses then living who had personal knowledge of it, were procured and laid before the general assembly—witnesses whose characters were all known through their representatives, and who could have readily been subject to cross-examination. These were referred to a committee composed of





Thomas G. Pope, John Bragg, Evan Alexander, Lewis D. Henry and Alexander McNeil. This committee made a report reaffirming the evidence to be satisfactory, and directing the governor to cause to be published in pamphlet the said report, with an introductory narrative to be prepared by himself, together with the Mecklenburg Declaration, the names of the delegates composing the meeting and the certificates of witnesses testifying to the circumstances attending said Declaration; also, the proceeding of the Cumberland Association; and that in a separate pamphlet there should be reprinted the Journal of the Provincial Congress held at Halifax the 3d of April, 1776, in which the delegates in the Continental Congress of North Carolina were instructed to unite in voting for absolute independence, an instruction given in advance of all the other colonies. These resolutions further directed that copies should be deposited in the libraries of the state and universities, and in that of Congress, and transmitted to the executives of the several states of the Union. It is fortunate for the cause of truth, in relation to this matter, that the governor of the state was Montfort Stokes, an officer in the War of the Revolution, who afterwards held many public trusts, including that of senator of the United States, as well as that of governor of the state, and who in the preface to the pamphlet published gives strong corroborative evidence in support of the other witnesses, and the statement of the fact that in 1793 Dr. Hugh Williamson, of the city of New York, exhibited to him a copy of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, in the handwriting of John McKnitt Alexander.

In 1836, on the occasion of reviving the statutes of the state and printing them for distribution, the legislature enacted by a law drawn by Governor Iredell, chairman of the Commission of Revisal, that a copy of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, with the names of the delegates, should be prefixed to that work.

In 1846, by a joint resolution, the two houses authorized a new edition of the pamphlet of 1830-31, concerning the Mecklenburg Declaration, to be published with certain other documents pertaining to our Revolutionary history.

In 1854, upon a new revision of the statutes, they again, by solemn act, directed that the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence be prefixed to that work.

Let it be noted that all of these three acts of the legislature last mentioned were after the discoveries of Peter Force and Jared Sparks, of the resolution of the Mecklenburg Committee of the 31st of May, 1775, and the dispatches and proclamation of Governor Martin, in June and July of that year.

Thus has North Carolina stamped with the seal of her approbation as history our account of this transaction, as it has long been enshrined in the hearts of her people, not only in Mecklenburg, but



in the whole state, and incorporated with their affection for the liberty and glory of their native land.

What has been the testimony borne of it by writers of history? And, first, by those of North Carolina.

1. Francis Xavier Martin, a native Frenchman, but long a citizen of North Carolina, a compiler of one edition of her statutes by order of the legislature, before removing to Louisiana, where he was for many years an eminent judge, in the second volume of his History of the State, published in 1829, near the close of the work (it was continued no further than 1776), gives the Mecklenburg Declaration, with the accompanying circumstances in full.

2. Joseph Seawell Jones, in 1834, published his volume, a Defense of North Carolina, upon this very question, which may now be referred to with advantage, especially as depicting that condition of dissatisfaction and quarrel between North Carolina and the mother country, from which a severance of empire might have been expected.

3. The Rev. Dr. William H. Foote, of Virginia, in his interesting "Sketches of North Carolina," put forth in 1844, also gives full particulars of this great event, with as improving an admiration as if he had been a native of the state.

4. Colonel J. H. Wheeler, in his "Sketches of North Carolina," in 1851, who had resided in Mecklenburg or on its frontier for fifteen or twenty years while compiling his work, gives to this heroic act of her provincial inhabitants his cordial approbation; and I am happy to observe that he has reiterated his decided convictions.

5. The Rev. Dr. Hawks, to whom every citizen of the state should feel indebted for the zeal and intelligence of his interest in behalf of the fame and honor of his native land, in a lecture before the New York Historical Society in 1852, and in a still more elaborate performance of the same nature at Charlotte, and at the university of the state, in 1857, maintained it to the satisfaction of our most ardent patriots.

6. It was recognized in Pitkin's "Political and Civil History of the United States."

7. The Rev. Dr. Augustine T. Smythe, a distinguished Presbyterian divine of Charleston, S. C., in a pamphlet issued in 1847, to which I shall have occasion again to refer, does not discuss the evidence of its authenticity, but affirming that this is clearly established, writes an interesting dissertation to prove that both the Mecklenburg and National Declarations, in the particulars in which they resemble each other, were suggested or taken from "A General Confession or General Bond for the Maintenance of True Religion and the King's Person and Estate," put forth to be signed by the members of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland, more than a century before American independence was resolved on.



8. Lossing, in his "Lives of the Signers of the National Declaration of Independence," in a note to that of William Hooper, records that as early as the 20th of May, 1775, at a meeting in Charlotte, the committee made a Declaration of Independence of the British crown, to the support of which they pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor. On this subject he refers also to his work, "1776, or the War of Independence."

But it is said this Declaration is denied, or is not supported, by the history of Mr. Bancroft. His theory, from page 371, etc., of the seventh volume, seems to be, that the result of the deliberations of the committee is found in the resolutions adopted on the 31st of May, and discovered by Mr. Force in the Colonial Office, in England, which he interprets to mean independence. "Thus," says he, "was the Mecklenburg county in North Carolina separated from the British Empire," etc. We are thankful for the admission that independence was effected by the men of Mecklenburg on any day in May, 1775, or by any form of resolutions. The critics who quote Bancroft with so much confidence contradict him by maintaining that the resolutions of the 31st day of May do not amount to independence, separation from the British Empire, as he expresses it. These resolutions, as copied by Wheeler, page 255, begin thus: "Charlotte town, Mecklenburg county, May 31st, 1775.—This day the committee of this county met and passed the following resolves: Whereas, etc. (See C, page 108.) Signed, Eph. Brevard, Clerk of the Committee."

This is the whole proceeding—the name of no member of the committee is given, unless it is implied from the last resolution: "That the committee appoint Col. Thomas Polk and Dr. Joseph Kennedy to purchase powder, lead and flints," shall imply that these two were members, and that Brevard, being clerk, was also a member. How was this committee appointed and brought together, and when? Who composed it? Who was its chairman or president? The simple resolutions as found published give us no light on these points. Yet Mr. Bancroft had light. He satisfies curiosity in respect to them; but how did he get material for it in these proceedings of the 31st of May? He says, "The people of the County of Mecklenburg had carefully observed the progress of the controversy with Great Britain (1774-5); during the winter political meetings had repeatedly been held in Charlotte. That town had been chosen for the seat of the Presbyterian College which the legislature of North Carolina had chartered, but which the King had disallowed, and it was the center of the culture of that part of the province. Some time in May news was received that both houses of Parliament, by an address to the King, had declared the American Colonies to be in a state of actual rebellion. This was to them evidence that the crisis in American affairs was come, and the people proposed among themselves to abrogate all dependence on the royal author-



ity. Mark what follows: "But the militia companies were sworn to allegiance; and how, it was objected, can we be absolved from our oath?" The oath, it was answered, "binds only while the King protects"—The quotation marks are correctly copied. And how, we respectfully ask, did Mr. Bancroft get the report of this discussion, except from the evidence of Gen. J. Graham, in support of the theory of the 20th of May, in which the question put in argument, "If you resolve on independence, how shall we be absolved from the oath we took to be true to King George about four years ago, after the Regulation, when we were sworn, whole militia companies together?" was answered by the reply that "When protection was withdrawn the oath no longer bound; and as illustrated by the case of leaves falling from the tree."

Again we quote Mr. Bancroft: "At the instance of Thomas Polk, the commander of the militia of the county, two delegates from each company were called together at Charlotte as a representative committee. Before the consultations had ended the message of the innocent blood shed at Lexington came up from Charleston and inflamed their zeal." Again, we ask, how was Mr. Bancroft informed that Thomas Polk was commander of the militia of the county, that he called for the appointment of two delegates from each company; that, while their deliberations were going on, the message arrived of the Battle of Lexington, except from the Rev. Mr. Hunt, Major Davidson, Captain Jack and other witnesses, as to the meeting on the 20th? Further, he says, with a justice in which all concur, that "Of the delegates to that memorial assembly, the name of Ephraim Brevard should be remembered with honor by his countrymen. He was one of the numerous families of brothers, and himself in the end fell a martyr to the public cause. Trained in the college at Princeton, ripened among the brave Presbyterians of Middle Carolina, he digested the system which was then adopted and which formed in effect a Declaration of Independence, as well as a complete system of government." The resolution to which the name of Brevard was signed as clerk of the committee gives no information as to his education, ripening, authorship of the resolution, and, of course, none as to his melancholy death in his country's cause; and the question remains, from whom did Mr. Bancroft derive this information, especially as to the authorship of the resolution of the 30th of May, except from the witnesses, several of them Brevard connection, and all his acquaintances, who do not speak of this authorship, though it is no doubt a true inference, but who all concerned in ascribing to his pen the resolution of the 20th of May—and it is a just inference that he wrote those of the 31st only from the proof we have from the witnesses that he wrote those of the 20th. The clerkship of a committee does not imply authorship of its resolutions. The documentary evidence is dumb in all these matters:





the verbal testimony of those who speak to the resolution of the 20th is adopted by Mr. Bancroft in all things, except as to the day and the form of the resolution of the 20th; and without the approval of these witnesses he transfers their evidence to the 31st, in regard to which there is no evidence except the marked resolutions themselves bearing the later date—the witnesses who testify all contending that the most memorable meeting was on the 20th, and independence was resolved on then. And I may add that such, I know, is the tradition in the family of the Brevards to which he belongs, and that of the Polks in which he married.

The question is on the bold, brave act of resolving on independence. Let it be observed that Mr. Bancroft fully admitted that; and the month; and is only at issue with us as to the day and form. He is, therefore, no authority with the critics who deny any assertion of independence, but is against them.

In addition to Mr. Bancroft, who, when rightly understood, affords but slender support to them, our opponents presented the name of Peter Force as sustaining their views. Mr. Force was a worthy gentleman of the City of Washington and an editor of a political paper in that city about 1828; but I am not aware that he left any written work on this or any other subject of American history. He and Matthew St. Clair Clark, in 1833, I think, entered into a contract with the Government to publish the American archives and documentary history of the United States. In the search of documents to publish in fulfillment of this contract, he, Mr. Force, found a newspaper containing the Mecklenburg resolution, already referred to, of the date 31st of May, 1775. I presume he never did find a copy of those alleged to have been adopted on the 20th of May in that year. If he had any reason of doubting the genuineness of the letter, except he did not discover a copy in the course of his researches, they have never been given to the public. He may have expressed the opinion attributed, but the loose conversation of any one on such a subject is entitled to little weight, and there is no little evidence bearing upon it which I feel confident never came to his knowledge.

To discredit the original evidence of living witnesses, or even the traditions of a people and respect nothing but printed documentary proof in a county and at a time when no printing press existed within hundreds of miles—when but two papers were printed in the state, and no copy of a single number of either is known to be preserved—is to reduce history merely to contemporary annals.

9. But there are other American historians to whom attention should be directed by those who design to deal with this topic in candor. Hildreth, a very painstaking, accurate and instructive writer, to whom I shall recur at another stage, in his third volume, published in 1854, asserts that the citizens of Mecklenburg County



(North Carolina) carried their zeal so far as to resolve at a public meeting to throw off the British connection, and they formed a formal Declaration of Independence, but this feeling was by no means general."

10. But what says our great and beloved author, the first of Americans who gave to his country a character of literature in Europe, and appropriately closed his long and bright career by a Biography of Washington, published in 1857? I speak of Washington Irving, all of whose works are American classics. In the fourth volume of this work, speaking of the invasion of North Carolina, which had been assigned to Lord Cornwallis, he says: "It was an enterprise in which much difficulty was to be apprehended, both from the character of the people and the country. The original settlers were from various parts, most of them men who had experienced political or religious oppressions, and brought with them a quick sensibility of wrong and a strong appreciation of their rights, and indomitable spirit of freedom and independence. And this part of the state was of a hard Presbyterian stock, the Scotch-Irish, as they were called, having emigrated from Scotland to Ireland, and thence to America, and was said to possess the impulsiveness of the Irishman with the large resolution of the Covenanter. The early history of the colony abounds with instances of this spirit among its people. 'They always behaved insolently to their governors,' complains Governor Burrington, in 1731; 'some they have driven out of the country—at other times they set up a government of their own choice, supported by men under arms.' It was, in fact, the spirit of popular liberty and self-government which stirred within them, and gave birth to the glorious axiom: the rights of the many against the exactions of the few. It was this spirit that gave rise to the confederacy called the Regulation formed to withstand the abuses of power, and the first blood shed in our country in resistance to arbitrary taxation was at Alamance, in this province, in a conflict between the Regulators and Governor Tryon. Above all, it should never be forgotten that at Mecklenburg, in the heart of North Carolina, was enunciated the first Declaration of Independence of the British crown upward of a year before a like declaration by Congress."

Again: "Cornwallis decamped from Camden and set out for North Carolina. Advancing into the latter province, Cornwallis took post at Charlotte, where he had given rendezvous to Ferguson. Mecklenburg, of which it was the capital, was, the reader may recollect, the 'heady, high-minded' county where the first Declaration of Independence had been made; and his lordship, from uncomfortable experience, soon pronounced Charlotte 'the hornet's nest of North Carolina.'

"Instead of remaining at home and receiving the King's money in exchange for their produce, they (the inhabitants) turned out



with their rifles, stationed themselves in covert places, fired upon the foraging parties; convoys of provisions from Camden had to fight their way, and expresses were shot down and their despatches seized."

11. In the recent *School History of the United States*, by the Hon. A. H. Stephens, of Georgia (a valuable acquisition to our school literature), the Declaration of Independence at Mecklenburg, on the 20th of May, 1775, is distinctly acknowledged, and full justice is done to the early and manly action of the state in the cause of independence at this critical period.

To these authorities I here annex the testimonial of the late President Jackson. My two friends, the Hon. Theodore W. Brevard and his nephew, Col. Isaac W. Hayne, the former comptroller-general of Florida, and the latter attorney-general of South Carolina until displaced from these offices by the results of the recent war, the former residing now at Cleveland Springs, and the latter still pursuing his profession in the city of Charleston, in the year 1828, when both very young men, making together a tour of pleasure and observation in Kentucky and Tennessee, visited the Hermitage. What they then saw and heard from its distinguished proprietor touching the event in question I will relate in the words of a recent letter from Colonel Hayne: "I bore a letter of introduction from Col. A. P. Hayne, a personal friend and formerly of the military staff of General Jackson. The general received us with even more than his usual warmth and cordiality. After some inquiries as to my relations (the Haynes), he asked my uncle of what family of Brevards he was; and, learning that of Capt. Alexander Brevard, of Lincoln County, North Carolina, he said he had heard of that family all his life, and that some of them were then, and had been for many years, residents of Tennessee. He then remarked to Mr. Brevard, 'You know, I lived in Mecklenburg, the adjoining county to Lincoln, in my youth, and I have always taken a special interest in that region and its early history. I have,' he said, 'in the opposite room a copy of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, framed and hung up, and I think it well worthy of the position.' He then asked us into the next room and pointed out a copy of the Declaration, with the signature attached, printed on satin, and in a gilt frame. In the course of the conversation he stated that the authorship was always attributed to Dr. Ephraim Brevard. I have no recollection that any allusion was made to any doubt ever having been expressed as to the authenticity of the document. General Jackson unquestionably treated the incident as a well-known fact in the history of that region of country, the memory of which he desired to perpetuate."

Let it be noted, at the time of this conversation the legislature of North Carolina had never noticed the matter of the Declaration,



and no publications had been made touching it, except the original communication by Joseph McKnitt Alexander, in 1819, and the evidence collected by Colonel Polk in 1820, and two or three letters collected by Mr. Macon, as will be hereafter shown; neither had Martin's History appeared: it came out in 1829.

Let it also be borne in mind that General Jackson was a native of Mecklenburg; had received his education in Charlotte, and did not emigrate until probably twenty-one years of age; and the inference fairly follows that the tribute of honor he was paying to this act of patriotism in his native land was induced not by the testimony which had at that time been taken in support of its authenticity, but from his own knowledge of the reputation of the transaction before he removed to Tennessee. He was too young, of course, to have been present at its occurrence, but that he had heard of it as one of the many incidents of the Revolution in Mecklenburg is in the highest degree probable. He, therefore, referred to it as he would have done to a diagram of the battlefield of King's Mountain, had he possessed one, and spoke of it in a like tone of confidence in its reality. How long this copy had been displayed in his mansion we are not informed. Conceding that the form of the document may have been derived from the publications eight or nine years preceding, it was only a memento of what, no doubt, he had long been familiar with as a matter of history from the repute and concurrence of the community in which he was brought up. Considering how many of the officers and soldiers of the Revolution, after its close, removed from Mecklenburg, and its neighboring counties to Tennessee, and that a goodly number of these were surviving in 1828, there is little question that evidence of a similar nature to this in regard to the Declaration at Charlotte might have been at that time abundantly obtained in that state.

It will be observed that in the legislative pamphlet the testimony of a Mr. Montgomery in Tennessee had been taken as to his knowledge of the fact by reputation, but was not published by the committee, because they confined the proof to that of witnesses personally present at the meeting in which the Declaration was promulgated; though it was a subject to which hearsay was certainly legitimate.

Again, about the time that General Jackson left Mecklenburg for the West, Dr. Charles Caldwell, another of her sons, took his departure for Philadelphia, where he attained the highest distinction in the profession of medicine, becoming an author in the science and lecturer in the medical schools of that city, and subsequently in those at Lexington and Louisville, Ky. In the year 1819, while still in Philadelphia, Dr. Caldwell published a volume entitled "Memoirs of the Life and Campaigns of General Greene, Commander of the Southern Department in the War of the Revolution," with an ap-





pendix containing in full the Declaration of Independence in Mecklenburg, on the 20th of May, 1775; remarking that, "On the authenticity of the document perfect reliance may be placed"; and adding that, with the chairman and secretary of the meeting, as well as with Col. Thomas Polk, the writer was well acquainted, and knew them to have been capable of all that was virtuous, patriotic and daring."

Whether this book appeared before or after the 30th of April, 1819, when the first publication of this proceeding was made in the Raleigh Register, I am not informed. The author evidently intends to give the truth of the transaction the impress of his personal testimony, no doubt, from the reputation prevailing before he emigrated from Mecklenburg, and at a time when, if the Alexander article had appeared in the public prints, not a scintilla of evidence had been taken in its support.

After the repeated and decisive action of the state in this matter, and the concurrent recognition of the claim of a portion of her people to the renown which attaches to it, not merely within her own limits, but by the great authorities of American history, it naturally occasions surprise to have seen deliberate and labored attempt to write it down in the estimation of the present generation, and to convince them that the pretension set up by their ancestors to an honorable fame was a myth and a delusion— that, true, the act was testified to by certain "respectable old gentlemen in a frontier county," but they had reached the age of sixty or seventy years (the average at which our presidents have gone into office), and their testimony is not to be credited; and that the acquiescence of the state and her people, for more than a half-century, in yielding it their belief, was all deception. This assault comes upon us not only after a great lapse of time from the event itself, and from the collection of the evidence in support of its verity, but at the conclusion of a great war, when those who have shared the fortunes of the state have had their thoughts too much distracted by the events and necessities of recent history to give much study to that which is remote. It is, therefore, a question, how far it becomes us, in the present state of the affair, to submit to an arraignment and be impleaded in a proceeding set on foot for no purpose, that I can imagine, except to amuse leisure and test our capacity to defend our past action on this subject by antiquarian research. It takes us unawares, and requires time labor and consultation of authorities, some of them not to be found in private libraries, to deal with it as if it were now new. I may have deceived myself, but with all the disadvantages surrounding us, I trust it can be shown that we have nothing to lose by reopening the controversy; that there are several facts and considerations connected with it which have not been heretofore presented to the public view, and that, in the end, the



star of old Mecklenburg and of North Carolina will shine the brighter from having come to the ascendant in a deeper gloom at the time it rose than she herself was then aware.

Let us see in what manner, and by whom, it was first brought to notice in the public prints.

On the 30th of April, 1819, the paper purporting to contain a copy of the proceedings of the meeting of the committee of the people of Mecklenburg, in Charlotte, on the 20th of May, 1775, and their Resolutions of Independence, appeared in the Raleigh Register, in a communication from Dr. Joseph McKnitt Alexander, a prominent citizen of Mecklenburg, signed Joseph McKnitt, a signature which he is well known to have often used, omitting his surname, from the commonness of the name Alexander in that region, and by the same designation he was frequently spoken of and addressed. Along with it, as another relic of antiquity, was sent by him and published in the same paper, a copy of a proclamation of the Royal Governor, Josiah Martin, dated "Charlotte Town, October 3rd, 1780," while the army of Lord Cornwallis occupied that town. On this latter I may, in the sequel, make a further remark. The first of the above mentioned papers was prefaced by an editorial notice, stating that the fact it announced was not generally known to the world, but that the editor had it from unquestionable authority, and he published it, that it might go down to posterity. Being copied into the Essex Register of Massachusetts, this paper was sent by Mr. John Adams to Mr. Jefferson, with a letter remarking that "the common sentiment of America at that period was never so well expressed before or since." Mr. Jefferson, in a reply dated July 9th, 1819, among other observations, said: "I believe it spurious—I deem it a very unjustifiable quiz, like that of the volcano, so minutely related to us as having broken out in North Carolina some half-dozen years ago, in that part of the country, and, perhaps, in that very county of Mecklenburg, for I do not remember its precise locality." After expressing doubt as to whether this paper had been really taken from the Raleigh Register, saying that it had not been seen by him, in the paper of Mr. Ritchie, or the National Intelligencer, nor in Williamson's History of Carolina, nor other authors whom he names, and that it appeals to Mr. Alexander, who was dead; to Caswell, Hewes and Hooper, all dead, he proceeds: "When Mr. Henry's resolution, far short of independence, flew like lightning through every paper, and kindled both sides of the Atlantic, this flaming declaration of the same date of the Independence of Mecklenburg County, of North Carolina, absolving it from British allegiance, and adjuring all political connection with that nation, although sent to Congress, was never heard of. It is not known even a twelve-month after, when a similar proposition was first made in that body. Armed with this bold example, would you



not have addressed our timid brethren in peals of thunder on their tardy fears? Would not every advocate of independence have rung the glories of Mecklenburg County, in North Carolina, in the ears of the doubting Dickinson and others who hung so heavily on us? Yet the example of independent Mecklenburg is never once quoted." He proceeds to pronounce Hooper a Tory, Hewes very wavering, Caswell and Penn firm patriots; and we quote again: "I must not be understood as suggesting any doubtfulness of the state of North Carolina. No state was more fixed or forward. Nor do I affirm positively that this paper is a fabrication; because the proof of a negative is only presumptive. But I shall believe it such until positive and solemn proof of its authenticity shall be produced. And if the name of McKnitt be real, and not a part of the fabrication, it needs verification by the production of such proof." etc.

With all due respect for its eminent author, he did himself and others great injustice in the composition of this letter. It is conceived in a spirit of contemptuousness and carelessness very unfavorable to the ascertainment of truth on the question it discusses. He does not remember the locality of Mecklenburg County, and will not even turn to the map to learn it. He does not recollect anything of its history in 1775, and will take no pains to investigate it. He does not remember even to have heard of the resolutions of the 31st of May, which Mr. Bameroff admits established independence, and which were published at the time in at least two newspapers that have been preserved—nor, we must infer, of the resolutions of the State of North Carolina, adopted on the 12th of April, 1776, empowering her delegates to concur in declaring independence in advance of any other colony; otherwise it is to be presumed he would have recurred to so conspicuous a fact in remarks on that period. Had he turned to Tarleton's Campaigns in America, he would have discovered that even in the very crisis of the war in 1780-'81, after South Carolina and Georgia had been overrun and conquered, that British officer declares that Mecklenburg and Rohan (Rowan) was the most rebellious district in America—a fact which he had proved by wager of battle. Had he consulted Lee's Memoirs, or Stedman's American War, he would have found it the center of some of the most stirring military events of that war—that within a radius of forty miles of its capital are situated the scenes of the battles of Hanging Rock, Buford's Defeat, Rocky Mount, King's Mountain, Ramsour's Mill, Cowan's Ford; that the town of Charlotte itself was the theater of a well-contested action between Davie and Tarleton's cavalry; and, although Lord Cornwallis occupied it for a brief season afterwards, he retreated thence in the night upon learning of the destruction of Ferguson at King's Mountain.

He might further have learned, upon inquiry, that so heroic and



true had been her inhabitants in the cause of independence, that when General Greene superseded Gates in Command of the Army of the South at Charlotte, in December, 1780, with the British in his front at Wimsboro, he was able to dispatch Morgan across the Catawba and Broad Rivers to the west, and withdraw his remaining force for subsistence to Cheraw Hills, relying upon the militia of Mecklenburg, under Davidson, as his Central Army, to be cantoned with their families and called forth whenever the exigencies of the campaign might require—a disposition wholly unmilitary, except for the reliance of that great commander upon their fidelity and valor. And that in 1781, in addition to furnishing her contingent to re-establish the North Carolina Continental Line, which had all been captured in the surrender of Charleston, this county, with Rowan, furnished the greater part of three regiments of South Carolina state troops, under Polk, Hampton and Middleton, who fought under Sumter at Eutaw.

Had Mr. Jefferson inquired into the social and civil condition of the County of Mecklenburg in 1775, he would have learned that Charlotte was the “center of the culture of that part of the province” (as Mr. Bancroft has expressed it); that it was the seat of the highest seminary of learning south of Princeton (except the college of William and Mary, in Virginia), in the institution of Queen’s Museum, and thither were sent young men from Wilmington, Camden, Wimsborough, Chester and from the academies of Poplar Tent and Bethany; that this college was presided over by the Rev. Dr. McWhorter, an alumnus of Princeton; that around it were settled Dr. Ephraim Brevard, a graduate likewise of Nassau Hall; Waightstill Avery, a graduate of Yale, and William Kennon, lawyers of reputation, the former being afterwards elected the first attorney-general of the state, upon the establishment of the republican constitution; the Rev. Hezekiah Baleb, Adlai Osborne and other gentlemen of no mean education; that the spirit of the people was high; that they had been provoked by the long struggle between the colony and crown concerning the attachment of lands in the province to satisfy debts due from owners residing in England; by the refusal of the King to approve the charter of their college, an act which the legislature had granted and which he had annulled by royal proclamation; by the enforced regulations of an established church, which at no distant day had imposed impediments and delays in the celebration of marriages, except by its own clergy, and, although this county had not participated in the Regulation, by the exaction of a new oath of allegiance after that event, the population being called out for this purpose by military companies. To guide this spirit of discontent and resistance, they had an ample number of educated and intelligent leaders—







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Chief of Irwin Society of America



“Stern, heroic spirits, roughly brave, by ancient learning  
To the enlightened love of ancient freedom warmed.”

Had Mr. Jefferson been advised of this attitude of affairs, and of the characteristics of this people, his incredulity in respect to their action would probably have been abated. These are matters of local history, to be sure, but it is a question of local history we are considering. A knowledge of them is necessary to show that the tinder of revolution was ready in that section whenever an occasion should arise for the application of the match.

But his letter of denial demanded proof of the Declaration of Independence alleged to have been made. The matter was then taken up by Col. William Polk (a son of Col. Thomas Polk, a leader in the movement of the 20th of May, 1775), who had been himself an officer of the Continental Line of North Carolina, who had commenced his military service under his father in the expedition against the Seovilite Tories in Upper South Carolina in the autumn of 1775, was under Nash at Germantown, Pa., in 1777; with Davidson on the Catawba in February, 1781, and distinguished in the command of a regiment of South Carolina state troops at Eutaw in September of that year. He was at this time residing in Raleigh, and president of the principal bank of the state. He procured and communicated to the Raleigh Register, of February 18th, 1820, the certificate of Gen. George Graham, William Hutchison, Jonas Clark and Robert Robinson—all inhabitants of Mecklenburg, his old neighbors, men of the first character as soldiers and citizens—to the effect that they were each present at the meeting of the 19th and 20th of May, 1775, and that on the latter day “Resolves were read which went to declare the people of Mecklenburg County free and independent of the King and Parliament of Great Britain, and from that day thenceforth all allegiance and political relation was dissolved between the good people of Mecklenburg and the King of England; which declaration was signed by every member of the delegation, amid the shouts and huzzas of a very large assembly of the people of the county, who had come to know the issue of the meeting. We further believe (they say) that the Declaration of Independence was drawn up by Dr. Ephraim Brevard, and that it was conceived and brought about through the instrumentality and popularity of Col. Thomas Polk, Abraham Alexander, John McKnitt Alexander, Adam Alexander, Ephraim Brevard, John Phifer, Hezekiah Alexander and some others.” They further certified that within a few days thereafter Capt. James Jack, of the Town of Charlotte, went as a messenger to bear those resolves to the Congress, etc. The signatures to this certificate are:

George Graham, aged 61, near 62;

William Hutchison, aged 68;





MARY ANN SUSAN McDOWELL WINBREY  
and little son Charles William Winbrey



Jonas Clark, aged 61;  
Robert Robinson, aged 68.

A letter from John Simmerson, of Providence, in Meeklenburg, addressed to Colonel Polk, on January 20th, 1820, follows this, in general confirmation of the facts stated in the certificate, with the anecdote that on mentioning the subject of the correspondence to an old neighbor, he replied: "Och, aye; Tam Polk declared independence long before anybody else."

The testimony of Captain Jack, of the date 7th of December, 1819, who was then residing in Georgia, was also procured to the same import with the above, and that he had been privy to a number of meetings of the most influential and leading characters of the county, prior to that at which these resolutions were adopted; that he bore the Declaration to Philadelphia and delivered it to Richard Caswell and William Hooper, delegates in Congress from North Carolina. He also refers to the Rev. Francis Cummins, a Presbyterian clergyman, then living in Greene County, Georgia, who was a student in Charlotte at the time of adoption of said resolutions, as a person who was well acquainted with the proceedings in question, and as also having a recollection of them.

The Hon. Nathaniel Macon, then a senator in Congress from North Carolina, was communicated with in reference to the matter, and entered upon the inquiry in a patriotic spirit, and through him the certificate of Mr. Cummins was obtained, and is found in the State Publication of 1830-1831, addressed to Mr. Macon. Through him, also, a second letter was obtained from Captain Jack (See D, page 142). Though Colonel Polk, as I have been informed, also furnished his own certificate in corroboration of these, I regret not to find it among the published testimony of 1830, and can only suggest that inasmuch as a prominent part in the great drama had been acted by his father, and the chairman of the committee of the legislature was his son, and the proof was ample without his recollections, he caused it to be omitted from motives of delicacy. That he felt a deep interest in the establishment of the fact, and continued to do so until his death, there is abundant evidence.

In an article on this topic, in the April number of the North American Review for 1874, by Dr. J. C. Welling, of Columbian College, D. C., it is represented that Colonel Polk procured evidence to contradict some points of John McKnitt Alexander's story, and himself left no written statement as to the matter in question. We have seen how earnestly he took up the controversy, which had been opened by the letter of Mr. Jefferson, and what testimony he procured. It is difficult to perceive in what particular this testimony contradicts the account of Alexander, or in what it was intended to have that effect.

Gen. Thos. G. Polk, the oldest son of the same Col. William Polk,







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was chairman of the committee in the legislature which prepared for publication the pamphlet of 1830-1831, being then a member from the County of Rowan, and a lodger in the house of his father in Raleigh during the session. The Hon. Louis D. Henry, a brother-in-law of Colonel Polk, was also a member of this committee. There is, therefore, good reason to believe that Colonel Polk was fully informed of the statements made in this publication before their adoption, and approved them. This is certainly the impression of his descendants and connections, who are well known in several of the Southern States.

2. It may be proper here to notice that in the same article Gen. Joseph Graham is said to be the son-in-law of John McKnitt Alexander, and it seems to be considered so important a fact in the writer's argument that it is twice or thrice repeated. It is not a fact, but a palpable error. An intermarriage between a couple of their descendants, years after the death of Alexander, in the third generation from him, is the only ground for this surmise.

3. Equally unfounded is the statement made by the same authority, that it is a tradition in the Brevard family, that their ancestor; Dr. Ephraim Brevard, was inspired to write the Mecklenburg Declaration by the Westminster Confession of Faith. A family whose men, as officers in the Continental Line of North Carolina, followed Washington upon the Hudson, through the Jerseys and Pennsylvania, and Greene at Eutaw, and who have borne a like creditable part in civil life, can afford to smile at such trifling as this.

We are not informed that Mr. Jefferson ever recurred to the subject again. No one in Mecklenburg appeared to contradict it. The Raleigh Register expressed the decided opinion "that no doubt can now exist of the truth and genuineness of the Declaration of the 20th of May, 1775," and it seemed no longer to be a matter of controversy. Celebrations of the day were held with the enthusiastic concurrence of the people. Had there been any cavil against this proof at that time (1820) it doubtless could then have been greatly corroborated.

By or before the year 1830 Dr. Alexander, who had made the first publication already mentioned, came to the conclusion that it would be a wise precaution to procure confirmatory evidence while witnesses were yet living who remembered the event; and as John McKnitt Alexander had been heard to state that he had placed copies of these proceedings in the hands of General Davie and of Dr. Hugh Williamson, Dr. Samuel Henderson, of Charlotte, was prevailed on to apply to the family of General Davie, who had died in the latter part of the year 1820, and the copy was found accordingly at his mansion in South Carolina, in the handwriting of John McKnitt Alexander, who had expired, according to Wheeler, in 1817.



The characters of General Davie, of his son, Frederic William Davie, and of Dr. Henderson, afford every assurance that there could have been no collusion or imposture in relation to this copy. The lateness of its production only shows that this, being a public affair and the business of no one in particular, but little diligence was exercised in hunting up evidencce—but the circumstances of the discovery after such delay, and the proof of handwriting, tend powerfully to establish the fact of deposit in the lifetime of General Davie, which the elder Alexander had stated to Judge Cameron in 1801, not long subsequent to the conflagration of his mansion.

Further evidence was procured in the form of a written memoir of the Rev. Humphrey Hunter, whose memory was particularly impressed with the proceedings, from the fact that he was at the time (20th of May, 1775) a few days over twenty years of age. He is positive and precise as to the date, and that the resolutions declared independence. His subsequent life to the age of seventy-three years, in his profession as a minister of the gospel, was spent in that region of the country, in intimate association with the other Revolutionary worthies of Mecklenburg, and his ashes repose in her soil. For his character as a soldier, citizen and divine, see Wheeler's History of North Carolina. I remember him well in my youth; and he is yet represented in the person of a son residing in Lincoln County, who in scientific attainment and moral elevation is among the first gentlemen of the state.

To the same purport are the statements of Capt. Samuel Wilson (clerk), Isaac Alexander, Maj. John Davidson of Mecklenburg, Jas. Johnston of Tennessee and Rev. Francis Cummins of Georgia. It will be observed that when these statements were made no question had been raised as to the meeting having been held on the 31st instead of the 20th of May—they were given in rejoinder to a denial that any meeting at all had been held which looked to independence. Therefore, these witnesses do not specify the day of the month, but they are all emphatic in the assertion that in the meeting which they attended independence was declared, which is the great point at issue.

Gen. Joseph Graham, then of Lincoln County, also gave his testimony. His narrative is perhaps more circumstantial than that of any of the other witnesses, except Captain Jack and Mr. Hunter. I regret the necessity of speaking of his evidence, but I feel that it would be a mistaken delicacy not to claim for it that weight to which it is entitled, in a matter in which he makes no pretension for himself, but is giving his recollection of a transaction conducted altogether by his seniors. To the suggestion that he was at the time but in the sixteenth year of his age, I reply that in that time and country boys often fought in the ranks of men at an earlier age than this, as they have done at all times on our frontiers; and that



it was in the same region, while in military service at the age of fourteen, Andrew Jackson received the only wound that ever befell him in his great military career. In the then state of public feeling and public events, with two elder brothers, one of whom had been already named as a witness in this controversy, both soldiers earlier than himself, a youth of his age would have been dull of comprehension not to have understood the proceedings of that meeting and been duly impressed by them. Nor had age affected him when he testified of it in 1830. He had been interested in the controversy in regard to it since 1819 and 1820, and from him was obtained the copy of the Proclamation of Governor Martin, inserted in the same paper with the first publication, as before stated, of the Mecklenburg Declaration. He was more familiar with the history of the Revolutionary War in the South than any one I have ever been acquainted with, and at the request of Judge Murphy, in 1820 and 1821, furnished him from memory with written memoranda of the military history of the Revolution in the state, to be used in contemplated history of North Carolina, which, from study and comparison with documents he never saw, I have found singularly accurate. To his pen in these papers the state is indebted for the rescue from oblivion of the narrative of the battle of Ramsour's Mill (copied by Wheeler), the connection of the events of 1780-'81, in their order of sequence, and the vindication of her fame, by the correction of many errors into which the writers of history have fallen, to her disparagement. Though he never designed them for the press, but as mere notes for Mr. Murphy, after the failure of this gentleman's undertaking, in which they were to have been used, I consented to their publication in the University Magazine in 1856, in the hope of preserving them for some author in the future. How Judge Murphy valued them may be seen in his correspondence with General Graham in the University Magazine, December, 1854. He had the best opportunities to observe what was done and said on public subjects in Mecklenburg, and occasion for remembering them in all this period of her history. In military service with the neighbors of the county from 1778 until the end of the war—her sheriff from early after its close until 1788, when for the seven succeeding years he was her Senator in the Legislature—her delegate in conjunction with General Robert Irwin in both of the conventions which considered the question of the adoption of the Federal Constitution; and though removing to an adjoining county in 1794, he kept up a familiar acquaintance in Mecklenburg throughout his life. His recollections, therefore, I esteem as reliable as any evidence of this nature can be. At his death, in 1836, at the age of seventy-seven, hardly any decay of his faculties was perceptible. Of General George Graham it may be stated, that with two years' greater age, he had equal opportunities of information, and for keeping in his







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memory the events of Mecklenburg. He formed one of the party to arrest and convey into South Carolina the Tory lawyers of Salisbury a few weeks after this declaration—was under Col. Thomas Polk in the expedition against the Highlanders and other Tories on the Cape Fear in February, 1776; in that of Rutherford against the Cherokee Indians in the summer of the same year; under Sumter and Irwin at Hanging Rock; under Col. William Polk, in the South Carolina State troops at Eutaw; he, too, was familiar with the men of the county as comrades in arms, and as their public servant almost to the close of life—succeeded his brother in the office of sheriff—was clerk of the Superior Court, Major General of Militia, and a member of the Legislature in the one or the other House from this county, for more than twenty years—terminating in 1813. His death occurred in 1826, with mental faculties unimpaired to the last. With Messrs. William Hutchison, Jonas Clark and Robert Robinson, who united with him in the testimonial given to Colonel Polk in 1820, my inferiority in age allowed no personal acquaintance, but I have assurance that they had all been good soldiers of the Revolution, and enjoyed the entire respect and confidence of their contemporaries.

Equal to these in their claims to credibility were Capt. James Jack, of Georgia; Clerk Isaac Alexander, Capt. Samuel Wilson, Major John Davidson, of Mecklenburg; Mr. James Johnston, of Tennessee, and the Rev. Francis Cummins, of Georgia. It is to be observed, that no one of these witnesses in testifying sought to magnify his own consequence. Major Davidson was the only one among them all, who had been a delegate in the meeting. He had reached a very old age at the time of deposing, but gives an intelligent narrative, and did not assume to have acted a conspicuous part. All the others declare that they were spectators merely, at the council of the grave and elderly men of their county—and bear witness of the patriotism and heroism of others, not of their own.

It may be also confidently asserted that this mass of testimony would, at the time it was given, have determined the title of any estate in that county; and if the question were whether a deed which had been lost was designed to convey the absolute property in law or only an estate for years, or on condition, there would have been no difficulty in this evidence in maintaining that the entire fee had passed; and, as little that it bore date on the 20th of May, 1775; and an impartial chancellor would have directed the conveyance to be renewed accordingly. It is, however, not a question *at nisi prius*, to be tried on the testimony alone of the witnesses whose certificates were taken.

The witnesses who gave written evidence are but a tithe of those who testify to the Declaration of Independence, and on the 20th of May, 1775. Where are those Revolutionary soldiers, who



appeared, as we have seen, at the celebration of 1825, sixty to seventy in number; of whom twenty-seven again attended at the celebration of 1835, the survivors of the fields of Stono, Eutaw, Camden and Hanging Rock at the south, and some of them at least of White Plains, Brandywine and Germantown at the North? They were old enough to remember what had occurred in their own county in 1775, and though it may be not personally present at the meeting on the 20th of May in that year, to have heard by current report of every public event of the times; and if they had not heard of, and believed this from 1775 onward, who supposes they would have joined in the celebrations, or not contradicted the error. Moreover, the juniors of these who were of middle or younger age, the descendants of those, among whom almost every man had been a soldier in no holiday sense, and who from the traditions of their fathers, knew the story of the Revolution by heart, if they had not heard of it, as they did of the expeditions of 1775 and '76, who presumes they would have yielded an universal belief upon the announcement of the fact in a newspaper supported by a half dozen testimonials from sources however respectable? The truth is, the publication of Dr. Alexander, in 1819, announced nothing that was new to Mecklenburg. Her people had this declaration in memory as they had the fame of the men they had sent forth to battle for independence, to whom even yet history has never done justice, and therefore they seconded its assertion with a unanimous voice.

Critics may amuse their ingenuity by stricture on the certificates of veterans who, as I knew one to remark, were "better at fighting than writing, and could make better marks with their swords than with their pens," but they can make no satisfactory plea to that grand certificate of the concurrence of all the surviving soldiers of the Revolution from 1819 to 1835, and the harmonious concord of the sons of those who had perished in the struggle or died prior to the publication in 1819. The old men knew it from recollection of common report, the younger by tradition. It is hardly possible that a whole people, who may have their subjects of dispute as to other matters, should be deceived and deluded into an undivided belief on this. Let us illustrate by example. It is in the remembrance of many now living, that in 1814, a regiment of militia under Col. Jesse A. Pearson, being part of a brigade commanded by the above-named General Joseph Graham, was levied in Mecklenburg and the adjacent counties, and served for six months under Jackson, against the Creek Indians in Alabama Territory. It is also a fact that owing to the want of a timely provision of funds by the United States, these troops were delayed a month or more at Salisbury, their place of rendezvous, and were, therefore, too late, in arriving at the seat of war, for the battle of the Horseshoe, in which they would otherwise have participated. Suppose after the



lapse of forty-five years, or even now at the end of sixty years, a pretension had been set up that this regiment had won laurels, by bearing an active part in the battle of the Horseshoe, and it had been proposed to celebrate it by a public demonstration. Independently of other evidence to the contrary, who believes that the officers and soldiers of that expedition who survived, or the children of the dead, could have been engaged in any such imposture or delusion?

If a contemporaneous exposition is generally the best construction of a statute made long ago, because it gives the sense of a community living at the time of enactment, of the terms made use of by the Legislature, surely the acquiescence of a people in the reality of a transaction, which was asserted more than fifty years back, and when if untrue, there were scores of living persons who could and would have contradicted it, is equally convincing proof of its actual occurrence.

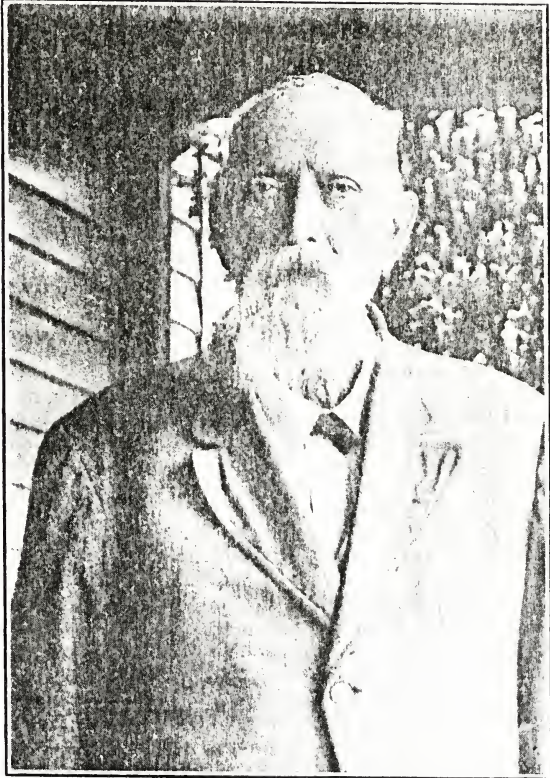
Curiosity, however, is excited to learn in what manner the memorial of this Declaration of Independence was preserved to later times. The explanation is that the journal of the proceedings of the Mecklenburg Committee, originating at the incipient period of the Revolution and continued long years afterward as a county organization, which contained the Declaration of Independence of 20th of May, 1775, was preserved in the care of John McKnitt Alexander, as Secretary, and was consumed in the destruction of his mansion by fire in the year 1800. And that, prior to its destruction, he had endeavored to give this document publicity by furnishing one copy to Dr. Hugh Williamson, who had announced his purpose to publish a history of North Carolina, and another to Gen. Wm. R. Davie, a distinguished soldier of the Revolution, and subsequently Governor of the State. It is probable, also, that he or his son, before named, who was of mature years and head of a family before 1800, retained still another copy which escaped the conflagration of his house. The averment which we have from Mr. Alexander of his delivering the copies to Williamson and Davie is confirmed:

First. By the testimony of Governor Stokes, already cited, stating in substance that in the year 1793 Dr. Williamson exhibited to him, in Fayetteville, N. C., a copy of the said Mecklenburg Declaration in the handwriting of John McKnitt Alexander, which was known to Governor Stokes.

Second. By the statement of Duncan Cameron, then a practicing lawyer, subsequently a judge of the Superior Courts and president of the Bank of the State, to the effect that Mr. Alexander had informed him of the circumstances of this declaration, and of his placing a copy in the possession of General Davie; and that after the destruction of the original in his dwelling, he referred again to the same topic, remarking that by reason of this deposit







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“the document was safe,” Dr. Williamson was a Pennsylvanian, who came to the State about the close of the Revolutionary War and resided in Edenton. He represented North Carolina in the Continental and First Federal Congress, and in the Federal Convention, after which he went to reside in New York. His work, entitled a History of North Carolina, published in 1812, is confined to the Colonial period, and extends only to the time of the Regulators in 1771.

Third. It is likewise corroborated by a letter from Mr. D. B. Stinson, a gentleman now about 80 years of age, who in a recent letter from Rock Hill, S. C., informs me that in 1813, when himself a student in the Academy of the Rev. Mr. Wallace, of Providence, Mecklenburg, a son-in-law of John McKnitt Alexander, he heard said Alexander, upon occasion of a visit of a month at that place, relate the circumstances of the Declaration of Independence on the 20th of May, 1775; and the further fact that having been in Philadelphia afterwards in that year, he communicated the facts and circumstances to Dr. Franklin, who expressed approbation of the fact.

Of John Alexander I have no personal recollection. That he was one of the leading spirits in those days of peril and revolution appears from the testimony of Gen. George Graham and others already recited, and from the facts stated by Wheeler, that he was one of the delegates from Mecklenburg to the Provincial Congress at Hillsboro, in August, 1775, at Halifax, in April, 1776, he was first Senator under the Republican Constitution, in 1777, one of the trustees of the College of the Queen's Museum, subsequently changed to “Liberty Hall,” and from the correspondence of the Board of War that General Davidson, at the head of the militia in 1780, named his encampment in Mecklenburg, “Camp McKnitt Alexander.”

Mr. Wheeler also extracts from a Charlotte newspaper of 1837, a paper entitled instructions for the delegates of Mecklenburg County, proposed to the consideration of the county, dated 1st of September, 1775, stated to have been found among his papers, doubtless furnished by his son already mentioned, beginning thus: “You are instructed to vote that the late Province of North Carolina is, and of right ought to be, a free and independent State, invested with all power of legislation, capable of making laws to regulate all its internal policy, subject only in its external connections and foreign commerce, to a negative of a Continental Senate.”

Whether this was adopted by the county does not appear, but the spirit of it was fully carried out at the Congress, in April, 1776, of which Mr. Alexander was a member, in the resolutions instructing the North Carolina delegates in the Continental Congress to concur in voting for absolute independence.





1. ADMIRAL JOHN IRWIN
2. AGNES MARY IRWIN
3. MILBURN WALLACE IRWIN
4. JOHN DUNCAN IRWIN



That this striking event was not made the subject of commentary in our newspapers until published in 1819, should occasion no surprise to those who have studied the history of the State, and know in what a confused and neglected mass all its materials then lay. If so well-informed an American as Mr. Jefferson must be conceded to have been, in 1819, did not know the position of Mecklenburg on the map, and supposed it might adjoin Buncombe, the locality of the fictitious volcano played off as a newspaper hoax, from which it is one hundred miles distant, with the Blue Ridge towering between, who except her own people should be expected to know her history? The historians to whom he refers—Williamson, whose work extends but to 1771, Horry, Ramsey, Marshall, Jones, Girardin, Wirt—not one of them had penetrated so far into our public history as to be aware of the Resolutions of the 31st of May, 1775, or to discover the well-established fact, that North Carolina in her Provincial Congress at Halifax on the 12th of April, 1776, instructed her delegates in the Continental Congress to vote for absolute independence of the British Crown. (I impute no unjust design; it was perhaps our own fault in not causing it to be made generally known.) Some of them do mention that Virginia gave such instruction in May succeeding, and suppose that to have been the earliest movement of the kind. If they were thus informed as to our public and general history, how are their omissions authority in respect to a popular meeting, a local assemblage in the county of Mecklenburg, some months earlier? The fact is, the revival of the knowledge of the Resolutions at Halifax, was made about the same time and by the same individual, Dr. Joseph McKnitt Alexander, with the publication of the Mecklenburg Declaration in the Raleigh Register; and it produced as much surprise among writers of history, and as much satisfaction among the people of the State, as the Declaration at Charlotte. It was permitted to pass unchallenged upon the authority of the Journal of the Congress which Alexander had inherited from his father, as would, in my belief, the Mecklenburg proceeding, except that the latter was questioned by Mr. Jefferson, and was supposed by some to lay claim to a domain in which he was entitled to monopoly—a domain to which in May, 1775, as will presently appear, he had set up no claim in mind or heart.

The first forty-five years of the Republic of North Carolina did not produce even a pamphlet on any subject of her history, except the abortive effort of Williamson, heretofore noticed. This utter want of a history was felt as a public misfortune by the intelligent men of the State, and by none more than the surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution. In 1819, or 1820, the Hon. Archibald D. Murphy, who in the preceding seven or eight years, as a senator from the county of Orange in the State Legislature, had

Year	Event	Location	Significance
1776	Declaration of Independence	Philadelphia	Established the United States as an independent nation.
1781	Signing of the Constitution	Philadelphia	Created the framework for the federal government.
1787	Adoption of the Constitution	Philadelphia	Formal approval of the Constitution.
1791	Bill of Rights	Philadelphia	Guaranteed individual liberties.
1800	Move of the Capital to Washington	Washington, D.C.	Established the permanent capital of the United States.
1803	Louisiana Purchase	Washington, D.C.	Doubled the size of the United States.
1820	Missouri Compromise	Washington, D.C.	Resolved the issue of slavery in the territories.
1845	Texas Annexation	Washington, D.C.	Expanded the United States to the Pacific Ocean.
1848	Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo	Guadalupe, Mexico	Ended the Mexican-American War and secured the southwestern United States.
1861	Start of the Civil War	Fort Sumter, South Carolina	Marked the beginning of the conflict over slavery.
1863	Emancipation Proclamation	Washington, D.C.	Declared the freedom of slaves in the Confederate states.
1865	End of the Civil War	Appomattox, Virginia	Reunited the United States.
1870	Reconstruction Begins	Washington, D.C.	Efforts to reintegrate the Southern states and address the rights of African Americans.
1877	Compromise of 1877	Washington, D.C.	Resolved the disputed 1876 presidential election.
1890	Wounded Knee Massacre	South Dakota	Marked the end of the Indian Wars.
1896	Plessy vs. Ferguson	Supreme Court	Established the "separate but equal" doctrine.
1901	Spanish-American War	San Juan, Puerto Rico	Established the United States as a world power.
1903	Antitrust Legislation	Washington, D.C.	Regulated large corporations and monopolies.
1914	Start of World War I	Europe	Global conflict involving the United States.
1918	19th Amendment	Washington, D.C.	Granted women the right to vote.
1929	Stock Market Crash	Wall Street, New York	Triggered the Great Depression.
1933	New Deal	Washington, D.C.	Government intervention to combat the Depression.
1941	Attack on Pearl Harbor	Hawaii	United States entered World War II.
1945	End of World War II	Germany and Japan	Global conflict concluded.
1947	Truman Doctrine	Washington, D.C.	Policy of containment against communism.
1954	Brown vs. Board of Education	Supreme Court	Overturned Plessy vs. Ferguson, ending segregation.
1957	Little Rock Nine	Arkansas	Integration of Central High School.
1960	John F. Kennedy Elected	Washington, D.C.	Youngest president in U.S. history.
1963	March on Washington	Washington, D.C.	Key event in the Civil Rights Movement.
1964	Civil Rights Act	Washington, D.C.	Prohibited discrimination based on race.
1968	Richard Nixon Elected	Washington, D.C.	End of the Vietnam War.
1971	Watergate Scandal	Washington, D.C.	Resignation of President Nixon.
1973	Roe vs. Wade	Supreme Court	Legalized abortion nationwide.
1975	End of the Vietnam War	Paris, France	U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam.
1981	Iran Hostage Crisis	Washington, D.C.	U.S. intervention in Iran.
1981	Reagan Elected	Washington, D.C.	Start of the Conservative Revolution.
1984	Star Wars	Washington, D.C.	Strategic Defense Initiative.
1987	Reagan's Second Term	Washington, D.C.	Continuation of conservative policies.
1991	Gulf War	Middle East	U.S. military action against Iraq.
1993	Clinton Elected	Washington, D.C.	End of the Cold War.
1994	North American Free Trade Agreement	Washington, D.C.	Trade agreement with Canada and Mexico.
1997	Clinton's Second Term	Washington, D.C.	Continuation of liberal policies.
1998	Clinton Impeachment	Washington, D.C.	Controversial event in Clinton's presidency.
1999	Clinton's Third Term	Washington, D.C.	Continuation of Clinton's policies.
2001	Bush Elected	Washington, D.C.	Start of the Bush administration.
2001	9/11 Attacks	New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia	Major terrorist attacks.
2002	War on Terror	Global	U.S. military actions against terrorism.
2003	Invasion of Iraq	Middle East	U.S. military action against Iraq.
2005	Bush's Second Term	Washington, D.C.	Continuation of Bush's policies.
2008	Obama Elected	Washington, D.C.	First African American president.
2009	Obama's First Term	Washington, D.C.	Continuation of liberal policies.
2010	Healthcare Reform	Washington, D.C.	Obamacare.
2011	Obama's Second Term	Washington, D.C.	Continuation of Obama's policies.
2012	Obama's Third Term	Washington, D.C.	Continuation of Obama's policies.
2013	Obama's Fourth Term	Washington, D.C.	Continuation of Obama's policies.
2014	Obama's Fifth Term	Washington, D.C.	Continuation of Obama's policies.
2015	Obama's Sixth Term	Washington, D.C.	Continuation of Obama's policies.
2016	Trump Elected	Washington, D.C.	Start of the Trump administration.
2017	Trump's First Term	Washington, D.C.	Continuation of conservative policies.
2018	Trump's Second Term	Washington, D.C.	Continuation of Trump's policies.
2019	Trump's Third Term	Washington, D.C.	Continuation of Trump's policies.
2020	COVID-19 Pandemic	Global	Major health crisis.
2020	Biden Elected	Washington, D.C.	Return to liberal policies.
2021	Biden's First Term	Washington, D.C.	Continuation of liberal policies.
2022	Biden's Second Term	Washington, D.C.	Continuation of Biden's policies.
2023	Biden's Third Term	Washington, D.C.	Continuation of Biden's policies.
2024	Biden's Fourth Term	Washington, D.C.	Continuation of Biden's policies.



aroused the pride and spirit of the people of the State on the subject of internal improvement and popular education, at the instance of many friends, undertook the task of writing her history—an office to which he was eminently adapted by scholarship, patience and capacity for research, facility in composition, a philosophic mind and a zealous patriotism. Although, from causes not necessary to be related, Mr. Murphey failed in the brief remainder of his life to execute his work the very undertaking he accomplished for the State, though in an inferior degree, what had been done by historical societies for other States, in collecting materials for history, from the recollections of old men then alive, the correspondence and papers found with the families of the dead, the public records and other sources. How barren Mr. Murphey then found the field he undertook to till, though with abundant materials for improvement if sought out from their hidden recesses, we shall relate in his words, in a correspondence, July 20th, 1821, with General Joseph Graham, from whom he requested reminiscences of the military history of the State during the Revolution.

“Your letter to Colonel Conner,” says he, “first suggested to me the plan of a work which I will execute if I live. It is a work on the history, soil, climate, legislation, civil institutions, literature, etc., of this State. Soon after reading your letter, I turned my attention to the subject in the few hours I could snatch from business, and I was surprised what abundant materials could, with care and diligence, be collected; materials which, if well disposed, would furnish matter for one of the most interesting works that has been published in this country. We want such a work. We neither know ourselves nor are we known to others. Such a work, well executed, would add very much to our standing in the Union, and make us respectable in our own eyes. I love North Carolina; and love her the most because so much injustice has been done her. We want pride; we want independence; we want magnanimity. Knowing nothing of ourselves, we have nothing in our history to which we can turn with conscious pride. We know nothing of our State, and care nothing about it. I feel some zeal upon the subject, for a large portion of our history now lives only in the recollection of a few survivors of the Revolution. We must soon embody it, or it will be entirely lost.”



## CHAPTER VI

### AGNEW-McDOWELL INTERMARRIAGES.

#### In Scotland

Andrew Agnew, Second Hereditary Sheriff, wife supposed to be a McDowall. Andrew Agnew died 1484. He was succeeded by his son, Quentin Agnew.

Sir Patrick Agnew, Eighth Hereditary Sheriff, 1616, m. Margaret, daughter of the Hon. Sir Thomas Kennedy, of Culzean, by Elizabeth, daughter of David McGill, of Cranstoun-Riddell, M. P., 1628-43. This Sir Patrick Agnew's fourth son, Col. Alexander Agnew, of Whitehills, married three of his daughters to McDowalls. Jane Agnew married, 1621, Alexander McDowall of Logan. Agnes Agnew, married 1622, Uchtred McDowall, of French, and Marie Agnew, married Hew (Hugh) McDowall, of Knockglass.

Gilbert Agnew, of Gladenoch, second son of Andrew Agnew, Fifth Hereditary Sheriff of Galloway, from whom—Fifth Hereditary Sheriff, the American "Family of Agnews" are supposed to be descended, by the father of the present Baronet, Sir Andrew Agnew—in possession 1574, married Margaret McDowall, co-heiress of Uchtred McDowall, of French, who died 1610.

#### FROM "THE HEREDITARY SHERIFFS OF GALLOWAY,"

##### By Sir Andrew Agnew, Baronet.

Captain James Agnew, born in Great Britain in 1701, is interred in the old Presbyterian burying ground at Gettysburg, and the arms of the Agnews of Lochnaw were graven on his tomb. His son, David Agnew, with his wife, Mary (Irwin) (Agnew) Dobbin, are buried near Captain James Agnew, as well as Colonel James Agnew and his wife, Mary (Ramsey) Agnew.

After David Agnew's death, Mary Irwin Agnew married Rev. Alexander Dobbin, and died in "The Old Dobbin Home" at Gettysburg.

### AGNEW-IRWIN-HARRISON INTERMARRIAGES.

First generation: James Irwin, Peters Township, Cumberland County, Pa., born \_\_\_\_\_, died Feb. 23, 1778; married Jean \_\_\_\_\_ about 1734; she died Nov. 27, 1781. Issue:

Second generation: Joseph Irwin, born 1736; died 1803; married about 1760, Violet Porter, born 1739; died 1821. Joseph Irwin, First Lieutenant of Capt. Robert McCoy's Company of Colonel Sam-





CAPT. JAMES W. IRWIN  
Savannah, Tenn.



nel Culberson's Battalion, Cumberland County Associators, was commissioned July 31, 1777. He was in the affair of "Crooked Billet" May 1, 1778. Issue:

Third generation: Myrtilla Irwin, born March 26, 1765, and John Sterrett, born May 5, 1760, were married April 5, 1785. John Sterrett was son of Cairns Sterrett, born 1721, and Maria (Mayes) Sterrett. Issue:

Fourth generation: Maria Mayes Sterrett, born March 17, 1800, and Smith Agnew, born Jan. 14, 1792, were married Nov. 5, 1818.

Smith Agnew was a son of David Agnew and a grandson of Capt. James Agnew, of York County Associated Companies, 1756, and Rebecca (Scott) Agnew, daughter of Abram Scott, a grandson of Hugh Scott, in the Province of Pennsylvania, 1670. Smith Agnew's mother was Mary Erwin, born July 12, 1755. She was a daughter of John Erwin of Antrim Township, Cumberland County, Pa., by his first wife.

The name of John Erwin's first wife is not known. Three children by first wife, John, Robert and Mary. Robert Erwin married Susan Coxe, of Philadelphia; and their daughter, Susan Coxe Erwin, married Samuel Agnew, publisher of Philadelphia, grandson of Colonel James Agnew, of the Revolutionary Army, who married Mary Ramsey. Col. James Agnew was a brother of David Agnew, who married Mary Erwin, who was a step-sister of Mary Ramsey, who married Col. James Agnew.

John Erwin's second wife was Mary O'Caine Ramsey, widow of Col. James Ramsey, ancestor of the Presidents Harrison. Mary (O'Caine) Ramsey was the daughter of Judge Daniel O'Caine, of Pennsylvania. In 1768, the time that Colonel James Agnew married Mary Ramsey, step-sister of Mary Erwin, who married David Agnew, she was living with her brother, Colonel James Ramsey on a farm about 10 miles from Greencastle, Pa., now Mercersburg. Her brother, Colonel James Ramsey, was the great-grandfather of President Benjamin Harrison.

Chart of descent:

James Ramsey, born June 8, 1751; married Elizabeth Porter, 1776. Issue:

Mary Ramsey, born 1781; married Archibald Irwin. Issue:

Elizabeth Irwin, born 1810; married John Scott Harrison. Issue: Benjamin Harrison, twenty-fourth President of United States.

Some genealogists assert that John Erwin, who married the widow of Col. James Ramsey, was a brother of Archibald Irwin, son of first James Irwin, of Peters Township, but relationship has not been verified.

Mary (Erwin) Agnew, widow of David Agnew, married Rev. Alexander Dobbin, of Gettysburg, Pa., who maintained the first







FRANCES WARREN McDOWELL  
Philadelphia, Penn.



classical school west of the Susquehanna River. The old Dobbin House, a large stone house, is still a show place in Gettysburg, and there was raised Robert (Dr.) Agnew, father of Dr. D. Hayes Agnew, of Philadelphia. So the Dobbin House is an Irwin landmark.

Dr. D. Hayes Agnew married Mary Creighton Irwin, of Richmond, Va., he, himself being an Irwin descendant, through his grandmother, Mary (Erwin) Agnew.

Fifth generation: David Franklin Agnew, son of Smith Agnew and Maria Mayes (Sterrett) Agnew, born March 21st, 1821; married, first Amanda M. Lightner, daughter of John and Rebecca Lightner, born Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 1, 1823; married June 22, 1848; died Oct. 10, 1856.

Issue by first marriage: 1. Harry Lightner Agnew, born April 5, 1849; died July 15, 1877; unmarried.

2. Smith Agnew, born Aug. 1, 1851; died March 23, 1911; married. No issue:

3. Rebeeca Francis Agnew, born Oct. 17, 1854, and Nathaniel Burrows Bubb, born Sept. 4, 1851, were married Jan. 11, 1876; parents both living 1916; issue, five sons and one daughter.

1. Harry Agnew Bubb, born Dec. 26, 1877. 2. George Lashells Bubb, born Aug. 7, 1879. 3. Bessie Clark Bubb, born May 15, 1882; died Jan. 5, 1890. 4. Nathaniel Burrows Bubb, Jr., born Aug. 15, 1883. 5. James Lewars Bubb, born Oct. 25, 1888. Albert Hermance Bubb, born Sept. 18th, 1892.

David Franklin Agnew married, second, Charlotte Harvey Bell, daughter of Thomas and Charlotte (Harvey) Bell, born April 8, 1834; died Dec. 18, 1908.

Issue by second marriage. Charlotte Bell Agnew, born Oct. 31, 1865. She is a member of "The Order of the Crown of America" and "The Irwin Society of America."

#### AGNEW GENEALOGY.

State, Virginia; County, Alexandria; Postoffice, Alexandria.

John Park Agnew, born in Ebensburg, Pa., Dec. 25, 1819-20; died on June 7, 1892, at his country seat, "Mount Zephyr," a 500-acre portion of the original Mount-Vernon-on-the-Potomac estate, in Fairfax County, Va., formerly owned, and named, by General George Washington. Married at Cumberland, Md., on Sept. 10, 1846, to Matilda Elizabeth Thomas, and Matilda Louisa Seeley, born at Baltimore, Md., and surviving at this date, March 6, 1916.

Children of above:

1. Park Agnew, born at Cumberland, Md., July 3, 1847; died, Alexandria, Va., July 14, 1910. 2. Leonora Matilda Agnew, born at Cumberland, Md., on March 26th, 1849; died at Washington, D. C., December, 1900. 3. Ann Rebeeca Agnew, born at Cumberland, Md. 4. Mary Virginia Agnew, born at Cumberland, Md. 5. Lily Agnew,



born at Wellersburg, Pa., deceased. 6. David Smith Agnew, born at Wellersburg, Pa.; died at Alexandria, Va., March 26th 1874. 7. Edward Lewis Agnew, born at Cumberland, Md., deceased. 8. Augustus Harrison Agnew, born at Alexandria, Va. 9. Minnehaha Agnew, born at Alexandria, Va., deceased. 10. Margaretta Linton Agnew, born Alexandria, Va.

Married. Park Agnew married Oct. 26, 1871, Laura Richards Bell, of Alexandria, Va. Lenora Matilda Agnew, married Archibald Greenless, born in Scotland, descended from the "Clan Campbell," Argyleshire. Augustus Harrison Agnew, married Mabel Anderson, of Florida.

Grandchildren: Margaret Agnew Greenless, married Captain Cleland Neison Offley, U. S. Navy.

David Agnew Greenless, married Helen Hartwell Cragin.

Anne DeCourey Greenless, married Paymaster William Thomas Wallace, U. S. Navy.

Matilda Bell Agnew, married Walter Goodman Rogers.

Mary Bell Agnew.

Margaretta Linton Agnew, married Henry Everett Demarest.

John Park Agnew.

Wallace Gordon Agnew and Cornelia Ann Inglefield, married Nov 21, 1867.

Charles Clinton Agnew and Ella J. Dunlap, married Nov. 3, 1893.

Arthur S. Agnew and Mamie Gray, married, June 10th, 1895.

Lillie M. Agnew and Horace R. McLean, married Nov. 4, 1895.

Sadie M. Agnew and Frank H. Slosser, married March 17, 1897.

Stella M. Agnew and Walter E. Draper, married April 9, 1902.

Earl I. Agnew and Myrtle Hosier, married February 6, 1909.

#### FAMILY OF W. L. AGNEW.

Charles C. Agnew, address Delta, Colorado, box 456.

Arthur S. Agnew, Chicago, Ill., The Superior Type Co., 32-40 S. Clinton St.

Lillie M. McLean, Cannon City, Colo.

Sadie J. Slosser, Osecola, Iowa.

Stella M. Draper, Red Oak, Iowa.

Dr. Earl I. Agnew, Douglas, Arizona.

#### Children of C. C. Agnew:

1. Edith J., born Oct. 13th, 1897.
  2. Helen D., born Nov. 25, 1902.
  3. Donald C., born Feb. 3, 1906.
  4. Dwight L., born Dec. 28, 1911.
- Wallace Gray, son of A. S. Agnew, born March 6, 1902.

#### Children of Frank H. and Sadie Slosser:

- R. Pauline, born June 3, 1901. William J., born Dec. 24, 1904. Wallace A., born Dec. 10, 1909.

#### Children of Walter E. and Stella A. Draper:



Helen D., born April 25, 1903. Elizabeth A., born Nov. 11, 1904.

(1) Colonel Alexander Agnew, of Whitehills, Scotland; Lieutenant Colonel of the Earl of Galloway's Regiment, son of Sir Patrick Agnew, Bart. Eighth Hereditary Sheriff of Galloway, and Margaret Kennedy, daughter of Sir Thomas Kennedy, and Elizabeth McGill, daughter of David McGill, of Cranston-Riddell, Member of Parliament. Col. Alexander Agnew descended from Robert 3, King of Scotland, through both the Agnews and the Kennedys, and had a later double royal descent through Margaret Kennedy, from King James 2, of Scotland, and King Henry 7, of England.

(2) James Agnew, of Ballow, County Down, Ulster, Ireland; married Eleanor ———, died 1681, buried at Bangor, near Belfast, Ireland.

(3) James Agnew, born in Great Britain in 1571; emigrated to America with two sons, Samuel and James, and settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

(4) James Agnew, born in Great Britain in 1701, died in Gettysburg, Pa., 1770, and is buried in the Marsh Creek graveyard, and the arms of the Agnews of Scotland are engraved on his tombstone. Married about 1732, second wife, Rebecca Scott, daughter of Abram, and granddaughter of Hugh Scot. James Agnew was Captain of Associators, in the Provincial Service in 1756.

(5) Agnew-Irwin intermarriages: David Agnew, born at Gettysburg, Pa., Adams County, July 17, 1797; married at Greencastle, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, on April 2, 1772, Mary Erwin, June 12, 1755, daughter of John Erwin, of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, Antrim Township. After the death of David Agnew Mary (Erwin) Agnew became the wife of the Rev. Alexander Dobbin, of Gettysburg, who built the old Dobbin house at Gettysburg, and held there the first classical school in Western Pennsylvania. David Agnew served in the Revolutionary Army.

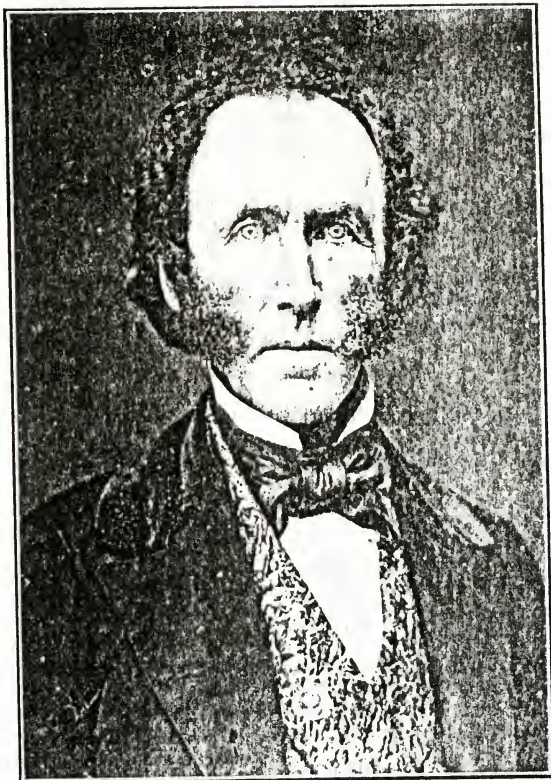
(6) John Agnew, born in Gettysburg, Pa., on April 14, 1774; died at Wheeling, W. Va., Oct. 11, 1849; married at Greencastle, Pa., 1804, Elizabeth Park, daughter of Robert Park and Jane Bailey. Elizabeth Park was born at sea on the trip over from Belfast, Ireland. She was born in 1781, died at Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 5, 1825. John Agnew was Clerk of the Court at Cambria County, Pa.

Children of John Agnew and Elizabeth Park.

1. David Agnew, born Sept. 30, 1905; married Eliza Lightner.
2. Maria Jane Agnew, born 1807; married Dr. David Storm.
3. Rebecca Agnew, born Sept. 18, 1809; married Alfred Richardson.
4. Ann Agnew, born 1811; married Nathaniel Dorsey.
5. Lenora Agnew, born Dec. 25, 1819; married Josiah Weir.
6. John Park Agnew, born Dec. 25, 1819-20; married Matilda Elizabeth Thomas.
7. Amanda Agnew, died young.







DR. O. B. IRVINE  
Greenville, S. C.



## IRVINE GENEALOGY.

## Agnew Line.

David W. Agnew, born at Agnew Mills, Vernago County, July 22, 1830; died at Mount Vernon, Ohio, Sept. 28, 1902; married at Cumberland, Ohio, Nov. 4, 1852, ———, Oct. 31, 1831; died at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Oct. 9, 1866.

Children of above:

Mary A. Agnew, born at Madison, Ind., Aug. 22, 1853;

Sarah A. Agnew, born at Oskaloosa, Iowa, Nov. 16, 1855;

Ellis J. Agnew, born at Cumberland, Ohio, Feb. 16, 1859;

Elmer A. Agnew, born at Cumberland, Ohio, Feb. 16, 1859; died April 26, 1859.

Great-grandfather:

James Agnew, died at New Orleans; married to Rebecca Smith in 1780.

Grandfather:

John Agnew, born in Pennsylvania in May, 1801; died at Cumberland, Ohio, April 26, 1847; married Oct. 17, 1822, to Mary Gordon White, born April 9, 1801; died at Knoxville, Iowa, Jan. 1, 1866; buried at Knoxville, Iowa.

Children of Grandfather:

Rebecca A. Agnew,

W. Franklin Agnew, born at Cumberland, Ohio, June 29, 1826; died May 5, 1827;

John Smith Agnew, born at Cumberland, Ohio, March 18, 1828; died Feb. 1, 1908;

Marie J. Agnew, born at Cumberland, Ohio;

David W. Agnew, born at Agnew's Mill, Pennsylvania, July 22, 1850; died September, 1902;

James K. Agnew, born at Cumberland, March 16, 1836; died Jan. 11, 1875;

Benjamin J. Agnew, born at Cumberland April 16, 1836; died Jan. 11, 1875;

Wallace S. Agnew, born at Cumberland, Ohio, July 10, 1839.

James Agnew was a Scotch-Irish of the early part of the Eighteenth Century. Settled near Gettysburg, Pa., in 1730, and was the progenitor of the family that bear his name, and which numbers many distinguished men and women.

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 SAMUEL AGNEW.

Samuel Agnew was born Nov. 18, 1814, in McConnellsburg, Bedford (now Fulton) County, Pennsylvania. He was the youngest of eight children of Colonel James Agnew by his first wife, Elizabeth Findley, widow of Col. Ochiltree of Virginia, and was named after his father's brother, Dr. Samuel Agnew, of Harrisburg, Pa. He was



brought up and educated at his father's home until time for him to enter college, when he was admitted to Washington College, now Washington and Jefferson, but did not remain to graduate. Subsequently Mr. Agnew removed to Philadelphia, and entered into the wholesale dry goods business on Third Street, the firm being Agnew, McCurdy & Brown. After several years he retired from mercantile pursuits and engaged in the book publishing business at Sixth and Chestnut Streets, bringing out the series of Goodrich's (Peter Parley's) School Histories. From this occupation Mr. Agnew withdrew nearly a quarter of a century ago, and has since devoted his leisure to the formation of a library for the Presbyterian Historical Society, which he originated in 1852, and of which he was, until his death treasurer and librarian. In 1865 he prepared and printed "An Appeal on Behalf of the Presbyterian Historical Society," and a "Catalogue of Books" in its library. In addition to his work for the Historical Society of his church, Mr. Agnew made special collections of works on the subject of baptism, numbering about seven thousand volumes, for the Princeton Theological Seminary, that at Alleghany, and other places. He was also prominent in the society organized a few years since, with Justice Strong, of the United States Supreme Court, at its head, for the Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, so as to make it an acknowledgement of the Christian Religion. Of the Pennsylvania Working Home for Blind Men he was an active manager, and also a trustee of the Second Presbyterian Church. Mr. Agnew was elected a member of this society March 4, 1869, and was a member of the Committee on Genealogy in 1870, and of the Library Committee in 1878. He was married Dec. 10, 1840, by the Rev. Henry J. Morton, D.D., to Susan, daughter of Robert and Susan (Cox) Erwin, and leaves one child, Dr. Erwin Agnew, to survive him. Mr. Agnew was a mild, unassuming man, with almost a woman's quietness and gentleness of manner; but he was as firm as a rock in whatever he thought right, and positive in the expression of his convictions. He had been in failing health for several years, so that his death was not unexpected. He died in Philadelphia, March 6, 1880.

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#### JOHN IRVINE, OF IRELAND, AND DESCENDANTS.

John Irvine married Mary Finley (both of Ireland), from whom descended the following:

James Irvine was one of several brothers who came to this country from County Derry, Ireland, near Londonderry, and settled at a place called Paxtang, near Harrisburg, Pa. These brothers were the sons of one Irvine, a Dissenter, who, with other Presbyterian Dissenters, had forfeited their lands and been driven from Scotland, by the persecutions under King Charles, 1660 to 1689.

James married Sarah Harris, who, with her parents, had emi-



grated from County Donegal to Swatara, Lancaster County. She was the daughter of John Harris, the founder of Harrisburg, whose grave on the bank of the Susquehanna is kept in condition and fenced in by the city of Harrisburg. A brief sketch of her life, reciting her services during the Revolutionary War, is to be found in a volume in the State Library at Harrisburg, entitled "Matrons of the Revolution." James Irvine and Sarah Harris were married by Parson Elder, in the old Derry Church, and after the wedding festivities were escorted to the home of the groom, which is the present stone house on the farm just below Middlesex, on the creek, by 100 persons on horseback. Of this union there were four girls and five boys: Boys—William, James, John, Robert, Matthew. Girls—Katherine, Jane, Mary, Nancy.

William was a justice of the peace, and died unmarried.

Robert married Eleanor Mitchell, born Jan. 26, 1781; died Aug. 29, 1854, whose grandfather (maternal), was James Blaine, from whom also sprang James G. Blaine. Robert and Eleanor had six sons, two of whom died in infancy. The four living to manhood were James, Robert, William and John. All but William married and remained in Carlisle, Pa. James was a physician. He received a classical education and was a successful practitioner. He did not marry, and died in his 56th year at Chillicothe, Ohio.

Mathew was a farmer and died unmarried.

John married a Miss Lamberton, and his descendants, under the name of Hepburn, Parwins and Linsman, are living in Williamsport.

Katherine married the celebrated Latin scholar, James Ross, LL.D., the maker of text-books, and died without issue Dec. 1, 1846, aged 82 years.

Mary was married to a Robert McClelland, of Ropertown. Issue: Robert Harris McClelland; Jane died unmarried, June 10, 1857, in her 79th year; Nancy married Andrew Holmes, and her descendants lived in New York City. None survive.

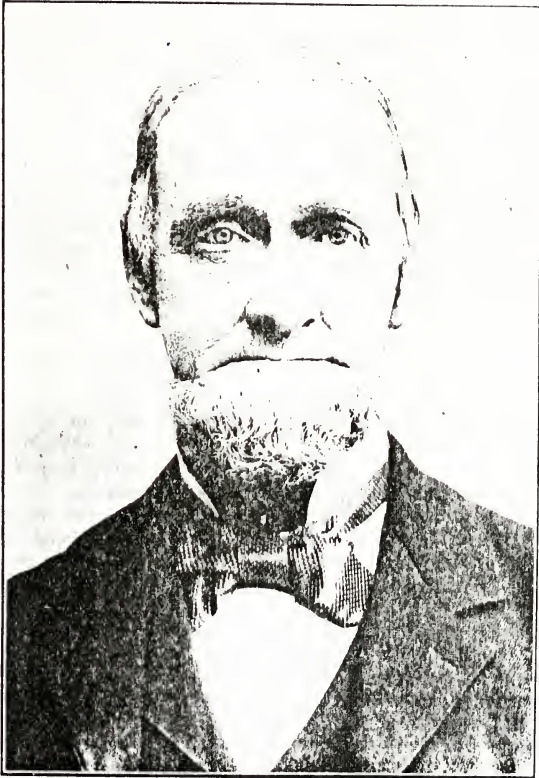
So much for the family of James and Sarah Harris.

It is not clear whether William Irvine was a brother of James Irvine, or whether they were the sons of brothers. He was born at Enniskillintown, Ireland, 1741, and it was his proud boast that his father had fought in the Battle of the Boyne. He was educated at Dublin, and although having chosen "arms" as a profession, he studied surgery under the celebrated Cleghorn, and was appointed surgeon of a British man-of-war.

In 1763 he came to America, followed by two of several brothers, Captain Andrew and Dr. Matthew Irvine, the latter the celebrated "fighting surgeon" of Lee's Legion. General Irvine settled in Carlisle and married Ann Callendar. They had five sons and five daughters. General Irvine was chosen friend and confidante of Washington, and at Mount Vernon is his portrait, and in the







ISAAC PRICE McDOWELL  
Fairbury, Ill.



State Library at Harrisburg a valuable volume of correspondence between Washington and General Irvine. He was three times elected to a seat in Congress, and the government presented him with a valuable tract of land in Warren County, Pennsylvania, which is still held by his descendants. He had two sons, Callendar and William. The former became Commissary General of the U. S. A., and lived and died in Philadelphia. The latter was presiding judge of the judicial district and a man of note.

The frontispiece of a book by Mrs. L. Boyd, entitled "The Irvines and Their Kin," is a copy of the Irvine crest. The book does not give the history of the crest, but elsewhere the tradition runs thus: The crest is a hand and a bare arm emerging out of a cloud. The hand extends a thistle, the crest is the same as that of Washington Irving's family. The legend runs that Robert Bruce's daughter fell into the River Irvine, in Ayrshire, Scotland, and would have drowned but that a young man named Kennedy saved her by plucking a branch of thistle and reaching it to her. Bruce gave his daughter in marriage to young Kennedy, but required them to take the name of Irving.

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### SARAH HARRIS IRVINE.

Matrons of the Revolution.

(Note.—Taken from "Notes and Queries," in the State Library at Harrisburg, Pa.)

Sarah Harris Irvine died March 10, 1837.

Sarah Harris, daughter of William and Katherine Harris, was born on the Swatara, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, March 20, 1741. Her father was a native of Ayrshire, Scotland, and came to Pennsylvania about the year 1725. They were among the first members of the old Derry Church, and their remains rest within the little stone-walled graveyard close by.

Sarah was a young woman of varied accomplishments when, in 1760, by the Rev. John Elder, she was married to James Irvine. The bride was arrayed in a fine linen dress (the handiwork of her own loom), the material bleached to a snowy whiteness, and fifty couples of their friends on horseback escorted the happy twain to their future home on the Conodoquinnet Creek, where the husband possessed a fine tract of land and a comfortable stone dwelling upon it, yet standing.

James Irvine was a brother of General William Irvine, of Revolutionary distinction, and also served as an officer during the same war. He was a native of Ireland, born in 1726 and died May 5, 1811, and is buried in the Silver Spring graveyard. Influential in public affairs, he was none the less potent in the desperate struggle which freed America from the tyrannical dieta of Great Britain.

A woman of culture and refined tastes, Mrs. Irvine shone re-



splendent as wife and mother, and down to the close of her long life her endearing ways and manners made that life the most beautiful. She died at Carlisle on the 5th of March, 1837, and her remains rest beside those of her husband at Silver Springs. During the French and Indian War, when by the marauding savages were laid waste the settlements along the Conodoquinet and Juanita, her house and barn were frequently filled with fugitives. At those times none were more loving in action or tender in sympathy. A noble wife and mother among a hardy, brave and imperiled people, much was demanded of her ministering care and charity, and many are the incidents told of the heroism and benevolence of this pioneer woman. During the Revolution she was none the less faithful, as she supplied clothing and food to the little army as it lay enshrined, hungry and wan, and almost naked, at Valley Forge. It was such women as Sarah Harris Irvine that made the Declaration of Independence possible.

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#### FRIENDSHIP.

Mrs. Sophia I. F. Sea.

My friend and I were boys together  
On distant hills of red-brown heather.

He piped—I danced—youth's glad refrain;  
When hearts are light as wind-blown feather,  
What matters it tho' skies should thunder

And rain-mists shroud the circling plain?  
O boyhood life! No care could tether  
On distant hills of red-brown heather.

My friend and I grew old together.

His grip so warm, his glance so tender—  
The same in fair and cloudy weather.

I ne'er shall see his like again.

For God did break the mold asunder

In which He fashioned Jock McClain.

Mrs. Sophia Fox Sea is a life honorary patron member of the Scots of the South, and this poem is a greeting to her clansmen.

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#### LINES ON THE DEATH OF THE RIGHT REV. BISHOP DUDLEY, CONFEDERATE SOLDIER.

By Lucinda Boyd.

One by one, the soldiers gather 'neath the banner of the Cross,  
Hoping they might see the Jordan, tho' its waves so darkly toss.  
One, the bravest, sailed its waters, while his comrades wept ashore,  
Calling, "Comrade, friend, O brother! shall we see your face no  
more?"



Faith made answer in the darkness, "He has reached the Promised Land;  
Weep not, he has joined the ransomed—Jesus holds him by the hand."

## 2.

He has followed Jesus ever; on the fields where blood was shed,  
Bending, like his Elder Brother, o'er the suffering and the dead;  
None too poor for him to succor, none too low for him to raise.  
Let us weep; our hearts are bleeding as we try to sing his praise.

## 3.

Who shall follow in his footsteps? Who shall tread the path he trod?  
Who can win the love of sinners as our brother, claimed of God?  
Rest in peace, O sainted soldier, in the unseen land you have sought.  
We shall make our robes the whiter by the lessons you have taught;  
We shall climb the stony pathway, where your feet have bled of yore,  
And shall cross the stormy Jordan and shall meet you on the shore.

## WILLIAM ERWINE.

William Erwine married Sarah Sitler, by whom he had the following:

1. Caroline (1837-1875), married George Dodson, of Bloomsburg, Pa. Their child:

Alice Dodson (1861-1911), married George Long, Bloomsburg, Pa.

Their children:

(1) Fanny Long (b. 1883), married Boyd Frey, of Bloomsburg, Pa. Children: (1) Lois Fry, born 1907; (2) Mary Fry, born 1909.

(2) Charles Long (b. 1884), married Mary Detrick, of Bloomsburg, Pa.

(3) Wilson Long, born 1890.

(4) Edward Long, born 1896.

(5) Boyd Long, born 1901.

2. Enos, born Feb. 2, 1840; married Eliza Eveland, of Plymouth, Pa.

3. William P., born Feb. 9, 1842; married (1) ———, Sept. 5, 1871; wife died Dec. 18, 1893. Married (2) Josephine R. Allen, of Syracuse, N. Y.; who was born Sept. 3, 1850.

4. Susan, married Samuel Rhinard, Berwick, Pa.

5. Alfred, born Nov. 3, 1847; married Mary Rhinard, born Aug. 12, 1844.

6. Elizabeth, married Josiah Blank, Berwick, Pa.

7. Mary, born April 28, 1854; married Newton Robbins, of Forks, Pa.







ADMIRAL JOHN IRWIN



8. Frank, born June 22, 1856; married Anna Schultz, Berwick, Pa.

### REAR ADMIRAL JOHN IRWIN, U. S. N.

By Irwin Mahon.

Rear Admiral John Irwine, U. S. N., died at 1120 Vermont Avenue, Washington, D. C., July 29, 1901.

Admiral Irwine was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., April 15, 1832. He was commissioned a midshipman in 1847, lieutenant in 1855, captain in 1875, and commodore in 1886. He was retired in 1894. During the Civil War he served on the frigate "Wabash" at the Battle of Port Royal, and with a detachment of officers and seamen of the ship, participated in the bombardment of Fort Pulaski. His conduct on this occasion was commended in an official report.

#### Admiral Irwin's Good-bye.

Describing the circumstances attending the departure of Rear Admiral John Irwin from the Asiatic Station, "The Weekly Box Curios," Yokohama, Japan, says:

Captain McCormick noticed the Admiral looking forward to where the sailors were standing massed to catch a glimpse of their old chief. He asked him if he wished to go forward, and when he responded that he did, he passed the order, "Divisions to quarters!" every man and officer sprang to their proper positions, and, accompanied by the Captain, the Admiral went from one end of the ship to the other and was saluted by each division.

He spoke to the officer in command, and bade him and his men a personal farewell, and looking over the ranks, as his eye would rest upon some old weather-beaten tar whom he had personally known in days gone by, he would grasp his hand heartily, say a kind word and good-bye. From one end of the deck to the other were two rows of watery eyes and quivering lips, and every face showed the sincere feeling of every man. The adieux had been made and the Admiral was ready to leave the ship, when the officer of the deck stepped up and said: "Admiral, Sir, your barge is ready." The Admiral approached the gangway, escorted by the officers, and again shaking hands and saluting, he passed down the ladder, expecting to see his boat's crew, but on reaching the staging, stopped with surprise, when he discovered his barge was manned by uniformed officers, and all standing at salute. His eyes filled with tears; he hesitated for a moment, then, saluting, stepped in and took his seat, unable to utter a word. Captain Gridley of the Marion acted as coxswain, and the following gentlemen acted as crew: Paymaster Fraley, Captain Elliot, U. S. M.; Lieuts. Barry, Miner Franklin, Eberle, Daniels, Pratt, Slocum, Hoff, Quimby, P. M.; Clerk Stempen. As the barge left the ship, the yards were manned, and amid loud cheering the Admiral and his distin-



guished crew started for the S. S. China, passing the Japanese man-of-war "Tuskubaken." The yards were manned and three hearty cheers were given for the Admiral.

On His Majesty's Ship "Imperieuse" the same honors were paid, to both of which the Admiral rose to his feet and acknowledged the great honor. As he sat in the stern sheets and watched the measured and well-timed strokes of his crew of honor, all could see that he was greatly affected, and when he reached the "China" he was unable to acknowledge the honor shown, and before leaving, said:

"Gentlemen, this unexpected honor I shall never forget. If I were leaving the service, such attention shown I would highly appreciate as a compliment to the high office I hold, but simply leaving one ship for another, it shows me that the hearty evidence of your good will is an indication of your friendship and personal esteem, and it is therefore most gratifying to me that it is tendered to my unworthy self instead of my official position. Language fails me when I try to express my gratitude and high appreciation, and all I can say is, good-bye, God bless you all."

It was an event in the Asiatic Squadron; in fact, in the United States Navy, that was unusual and not soon to be forgotten.

On Saturday the "China" was advertised to sail at noon, and at 11 a.m. the "Lancaster" and "Marion" each sent a barge filled with their band, and stationed off the gangway, they discoursed sweet music. Boat after boat from the American and Japanese men-of-war came alongside filled, to pay their respects, as did steam launches and yachts filled with friends of the Admiral, to say farewell; but the previous day's experience had unmanned him, and he was unable to meet his callers. Floral decorations were showered upon the Admiral, his family and staff, and a basketful of cards were left to remind him of the days he had spent in the "Land of the Rising Sun" and the friends he had left.

The Admiral then went forward among the crew, who were drawn up by divisions, and bade a personal farewell, shaking hands with many.

His remains were laid away at Arlington, in Washington.

Admiral John Irwin was the oldest son of William Wallace Irwin, a lawyer by profession; the first mayor of Pittsburgh, Pa.; member of Congress during Tyler's administration; minister to Denmark. Returned to the United States in 1845, reaching New York when Pittsburgh was destroyed by fire, and at once telegraphed his agent, James B. Irwin, to distribute the balance of his great fortune among the sufferers of the fire.

His family consisted of John, Fannie, Charlotte, Agnes, Richard, Robert, Sophie and Mary. Robert is now living in Yokohama, Japan and Agnes is Dean of Harvard College. John, Richard, Fannie and Charlotte are dead.



## JAMES McDOWELL LINE.

By M. L. McDowell.

My grandfather and grandmother, James McDowell and Sallie, his wife, were among the first settlers of Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, Tennessee, and lived there all their lives. He was 96 years old when he died (1862). He was doorkeeper for the Legislature when Murfreesboro was the capital of the State. The Legislature met there twice, I think. He was the oldest Mason in the State at the time of his death, which occurred in 1862. He was tyler of his lodge about forty years.

The following children were born to him and lived to middle and old age: Girls—Mary Jane, Helen and Nancy. Boys—Jesse, Matthew, John, William, Wallace, Gideon, Samuel Houston and my father, James.

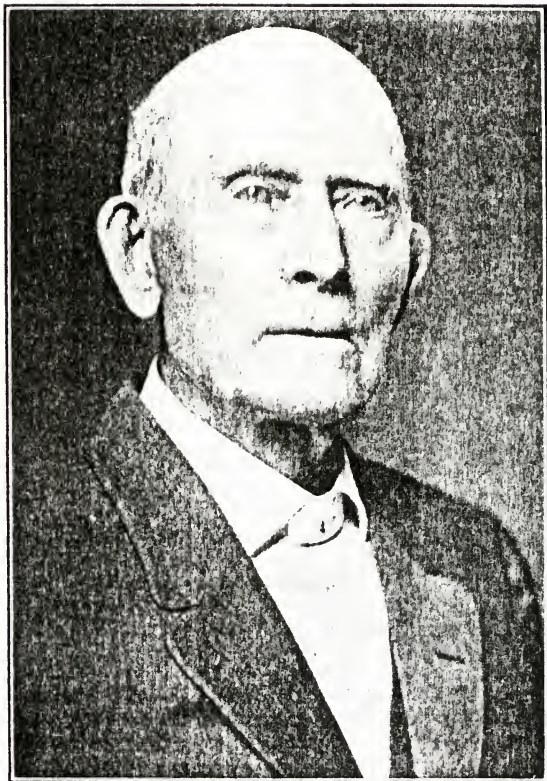
My father, James McDowell, was born in Murfreesboro Nov. 11, 1818. My mother, Harriet N. Petty, was born in South Carolina, Sept. 25, 1818. The following children were born to them, now living: Matthew Lemuel, Macon, Ga.; Hiram Carter and Frank P., Tullahoma, Tenn.

Matthew Lemuel McDowell was born May 14, 1843, at Murfreesboro. He enlisted in Company A, Second Tennessee Regular Volunteers, and served throughout the Civil War. Was severely wounded through the left lung in a bloody charge at Richmond, Ky., and did not recover until about three years after the war was over. He married July 26, 1865, and the following children were born to him, all now living: George Lucien and his five children, Tullahoma, Tenn.; Ernest Rivers and his six children; Matthew Lemuel, Jr., and his six children; James Buford, unmarried, Winchester, Tenn.; Horace Eugene and his four children, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Myrtle Walmley, Nashville, Tenn., and Samuel Tilden and his three children, Macon, Ga.

As related to me by my aunt, my grandfather told her that my great-grandfather settled somewhere in the Sequatchie Valley, in East Tennessee. His family was murdered by the Indians (I do not know the date), except two of his oldest boys, who were away from home at the time; and my grandfather and his sister were taken away by the Indians as prisoners, and afterwards adopted by them. It seems to me that my great-grandfather was named John. I think one of his boys who escaped the massacre of the family settled in New York. The other one, I know, settled in Kentucky. My grandfather lived with the Indians until nearly grown before he got a chance to get away from them. They kept his sister until she was grown. A trader saw her, fell in love with her, bought her from the Indians, and married her at New Orleans, La., where they lived after their marriage. Both my grandfather and his sister were small children when taken by the Indians.







HON. JOSEPH B. McDOWELL  
90 years old  
Fairbury, Neb.



My great-grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, or in some other war (Note.—It must have been in the French and Indian Wars, from the dates of the grandfather's life. Author) for he had a land grant from the government, and the land that fell to him was on Staten Island, N. Y. I think the daughter who was taken by the Indians managed to save, in some way, the papers relating to this grant. The land was leased to some one for ninety-nine years. Before the lease was out all the parties who knew about it were dead. In 1861 some lawyer in New York wrote my grandfather, in Murfreesboro, that the land was there, and belonged to the McDowell heirs; that it was built up with costly buildings; was worth many millions of dollars, and that the heirs could recover it. In the war excitement that was then on, my grandfather referred him to his older brother in Kentucky. Before the war was over they both died. Nothing since has ever been done about it. These are the facts as I gathered them.

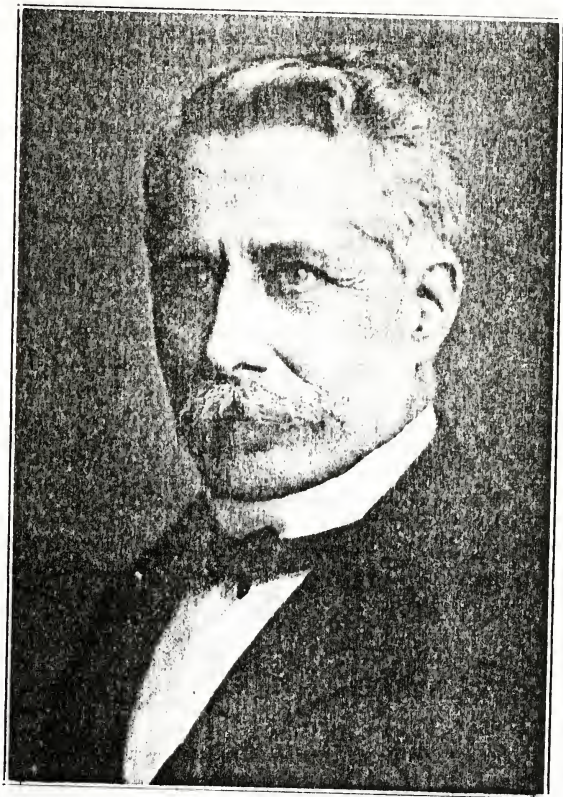
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### JAMES THOMPSON IRVINE.

First President of the Irvine Society of America.

James T. Irvine, first president of the Irvine Society of America, is the eldest son of Rev. James F. Irvine, a Presbyterian minister of Scottish descent, and a graduate of the University of Glasgow, who emigrated from Londonderry, Province of Ulster, Ireland, to Philadelphia, Pa., in the year 1824. After service as a Presbyterian missionary for several years in Southern Ohio, he returned to Eastern Pennsylvania, locating there in Perry County, where he ministered to Presbyterian congregations in Duncannon and Liverpool. Upon graduating from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, with a view to becoming a medical missionary, early in 1834, he was married to Maria, eldest daughter of Colonel Robert Thompson, of New Buffalo, Perry County, Pennsylvania. Of this union the eldest child was the subject of this sketch; born Feb. 2, 1835. His parents, in his boyhood, removed to the Muskingum section of Ohio, where, after schooling, he learned the printing business with Jacob Glessner, in Zanesville. After working at that trade for a few years, he studied law with Judge R. C. Hurd, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar by the Ohio Supreme Court in 1863. Journalism, however, became his principal profession. So, following his marriage, in 1865, to Mary E. Colton, eldest daughter of John Colton, of Philadelphia, Pa., he embarked in a newspaper enterprise at Zanesville, Ohio, as editor and proprietor of the Daily and Weekly Signal. In this pursuit he continued for some twenty years, varying it with service as a county auditor and a few other minor public capacities. Upon retiring from the newspaper field, he was connected for over twenty years as secretary and director of a building and savings association of Zanesville. Since his retire-





JAMES THOMPSON IRWIN  
Father of Frank C. Irwin  
Zanesville, Ohio



ment from business pursuits his time has been spent largely in Southern California, where his married daughter, Mrs. H. L. Nye, and family reside at Alhambra, a suburb of Los Angeles. In June, 1912, he was sadly bereaved by the death of his beloved wife, a highly accomplished lady. Four children and seven grandchildren survive her decease.

### THE CLAN GATHERING.

The first annual meeting of the McDowell Clan of America was held at San Francisco, Cal., July 23, 1915, where a constitution and by-laws was adopted and officers elected. The object of the organization is to foster a more intimate social and fraternal relationship of the Clan folk and to enroll in its membership all the McDowells and their kin in the United States and Canada. If war conditions do not prevent, the next National Clan Gathering will be held in some city to be selected by the Chieftain and Executive Committee during this year, 1918.

JOHN HUGH McDOWELL, Chieftain.

### EXPOSITION MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM.

San Francisco, Cal., July 23, 1915.

The National Convention of the McDowell Clan met in Exposition Memorial Auditorium July 23, 1915, at 10 o'clock a.m., with the following members present:

#### Charter Members.

G. W. McDowell.....	Dunsmuir, Cal.
Mrs. Helen E. McDowell.....	Dunsmuir, Cal.
Ethel June McDowell.....	1608 Lyon St., San Francisco, Cal.
Sherman McDowell.....	1501 Fernside Blvd., Alameda, Cal.
Mrs. Myra McDowell.....	1501 Fernside Blvd., Alameda, Cal.
Clifford McDowell.....	1501 Fernside Blvd., Alameda, Cal.
Mrs. A. E. Tavis.....	Oleander, Fresno County, Cal.
Thomas I. McDowell.....	552 Capp St., San Francisco, Cal.
Mr. and Mrs. W. McDowell.....	1524 Filbert St., Oakland, Cal.
Thomas McDowell, Jr.....	552 Capp St., San Francisco, Cal.
Ariel A. McDowell.....	704 Fourteenth St., Oakland, Cal.
Mrs. A. McDowell.....	1533 Sacramento St., San Francisco, Cal.
J. A. McDowell.....	553 Twenty-third St., Oakland, Cal.
Miss Helen McDowell.....	Box 178, Petaluma, Cal.
Miss Florence McDowell.....	Box 178, Petaluma, Cal.
Lieut.-Gov. W. W. McDowell.....	46 E. Broadway, Butte, Mont.
Mary Lee McDowell.....	46 E. Broadway, Butte, Mont.
Eloise McDowell.....	Memphis, Tenn.
Frances A. McDowell.....	Memphis, Tenn.
Mrs. Emma Sandeford McDowell.....	Memphis, Tenn.
A. E. McDowell.....	3033 Washington St., San Francisco, Cal.









EX.-GOV. PROCTOR KNOTT  
Of Kentucky.



P. H. McDowell.....	613 Standard Oil Bldg., San Francisco, Cal.
Sadie E. McDowell.....	33 Mesa Ave., Piedmont, Cal.
Walter A. McDowell.....	237 Pixley St., San Francisco, Cal.
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McDowell.....	9272 D St., Oakland, Cal.
J. E. McDowell.....	9272 D St., Oakland, Cal.
Mrs. McDowell.....	9272 D St., Oakland, Cal.

George W. McDowell, of San Francisco, was elected a member of the National Executive Committee. The Constitution and By-Laws as reported by the committee were unanimously adopted.

The Chieftain delivered his address to the Convention, and the same was ordered filed by the temporary secretary. The National Chieftain and Executive Committee were empowered to appoint a Secretary and Treasurer, to serve until the next national meeting. J. E. McDowell was continued as Chieftain of California Clan.

Gen. J. H. McDowell, National Chieftain, was unanimously re-elected Chieftain of the McDowell Clan of America.

P. H. McDowell, 613 Standard Oil Building, was unanimously elected Vice-Chief.

Frances McDowell, of Memphis, Tenn., was unanimously elected by the matrons National Matron.

Mrs. J. S. McDowell, of Alameda, Cal., was unanimously elected matron of the California Clan by the matrons present.

J. E. McDowell, 9272 D Street, Oakland, was unanimously elected Secretary, to serve until a permanent Secretary is appointed by the Chieftain and approved by the committee.

Adjourned to meet in same hall July 24, jointly, with the Irvine Clan, by their invitation.

JOHN HUGH McDOWELL,  
Chieftain McDowell Clan of America,  
Buntyn, Tennessee.

J. E. McDOWELL,  
Secretary Pro Tem., Oakland, Cal.

(Published as a matter of information for hundred of others who have since joined the Clan.)

#### HON. J. PROCTOR KNOTT.

J. Proctor Knott, the fifth child of Maria I. McElroy and Joseph P. Knott, married twice; first wife, Mary Froman, who died shortly after marriage; second wife, Sallie R. McElroy, daughter of P. Edwards and Lydia Ann Gibbs. They have no children. J. Proctor had a political history, much of which is known to the present generation of statesmen and politicians of the nation, but perhaps not known to the younger portion of the family or clan, for whose benefit alone these sketches are written. Proctor, when a lad of 19 years, had studied law, and going West, settled in the town of Memphis, Mo. His first political life began in his being elected as delegate to



the convention to frame a new constitution for the State of Missouri. He was afterwards elected a member of the Legislature of that State, which body elected him to prosecute C. F. Jackson, then governor of the State, on impeachment for malfeasance in office. Subsequently he was elected attorney general for the State of Missouri. While filling that office the war broke out. The governor and State officers of Missouri, except the attorney general, fled their State, leaving Knott alone in his office of all the State offices. He was made prisoner by the government because of a refusal to take an arbitrary oath of allegiance, gotten up in violation of the laws and Constitution of the United States. After being released he removed to Lebanon, Ky., and practiced his profession for several years. He was elected to Congress from the Fourth Congressional District of Kentucky, in the year ———, and continued to represent that district for twelve years, after which he, in the year 1883, was elected governor of Kentucky. He died June 18, 1911.

### CHRISTOPHER IRVINE.

By Martha C. Irvine.

My immediate ancestors were incumbents of Castle Irvine, County Fermanagh, Ireland, and beyond them, to Christopher Irvine, of County Dumfries, Scotland, who was bred at the Temple in London. He had a grant of land in County Fermanagh, Ireland, from King James of Scotland and first of England. He built Castle Irvine, Enniskellen, Ireland. My great-grandfather, whose first name I do not remember, can easily be traced in the genealogy of the landed gentry of England, Scotland and Ireland, by Sir Burke. He married Jane Sproule, a Scottish woman, and had a large family. My grandfather, Thomas, was the youngest of the family (bred for the army, and served as an officer in the King's standing army); born in the County Fermanagh, near Enniskellen; emigrated to America on the 16th of March, 1798. He was married to Tabitha Clarke, at Stone Valley, Huntington County, Pennsylvania, by Robert Riddle, Esq., on April 21, 1798. His children are:

Jane Irvine, born in Huntington County, Pa., March 7, 1799;

Thomas Irvine, born in New York City, Feb. 3, 1805;

James Callender Irvine, born in Huntington County, Pa., July 12, 1807;

Clark Irvine, born in Trumbell County, Ohio, June 14, 1809;

Robert Irvine, born Jan. 30, 1812;

Julia Ann Irvine, born Feb. 24, 1814;

Sarah Irvine, born June 26, 1816;

Melcenia Irvine, born Oct. 30, 1818;

Angeline Irvine, born Nov. 19, 1820.

Dr. Robert Irvine, brother of Thomas, married in Ireland, an Armstrong, and emigrated to America; settled in Western Penn-



sylvania; had a large family. One sister, Jane Sproule Irvine, married a Thompson, and her children (Thompson's), emigrated to America and settled in Knox County, Ohio, in 1832.

### JOHN IRWIN, OF IRELAND, AND OTHERS.

#### Irwin Mahan.

John Irwin was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1770—Agnes Farquhar was born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, July 6, 1773. Children:

1. John Scull Irwin was born Nov. 30, 1798. 2. Agnes Mary Irwin was born Jan. 13, 1805. 3. William Wallace Irwin was born Sept. 16, 1806.

#### Children of J. S. Irwin:

1. Francis Mason Irwin was born Jan. 28, 1809. 2. David Irwin was born Dec. 4, 1810. 3. Eliza Irwin was born Nov. 18, 1812. 4. Agnes May Irwin, daughter of J. S. and Mary Irwin, was born Nov. 24, 1821.

#### Children of J. S. and Mary Irwin:

John S., born April 4, 1825; Charlotte Rose, born Nov. 10, 1826; Charles Fahnestock Irwin, born June 9, 1828; William Dorsey, born Dec. 27, 1830.

William J. Rose, the posthumous son of William and Agnes Mary Rose, was born April 26, 1826.

#### Children of John D. and Agnes Mary Mahon:

1. Agnes Irwin Mahon, born May 3, 1834. 2. Irwin Mahon, born Nov. 18, 1835. 3. Francis Everallyn, born Nov. 15, 1837. 4. James Irwin, born Feb. 3, 1840. 5. Mary Lee, born at Erie Hill, May 22, 1842. 6. Sophie Irwin, born Aug. 22, 1844.

#### Children of Wm. W. and Frances Everallyn Irwin:

1. Frances Mason, born Nov. 18, 1830. 2. John, born April 15, 1832. 3. Charlotte Wyman, born Feb. —, 1834. 4. William, born June 26, 1835.

#### Children of Wm. W. and Sophie Irwin:

1. Richard Biddle, born in Washington City, Dec. 30, 1845. 2. Robert Walker, born in Copenhagen, Denmark, Jan. 7, 1844. 3. Sophie Dallas, born in Copenhagen, Denmark, June 30, 1835. 4. Mary Bache, born in Washington City, D. C., Feb. 6, 1849.

#### Children of James B. and Agnes M. Irwin:

1. John W., born at Erin Hill, March 14, 1846. 2. William L., born Nov. 4, 1847. 3. James B., born Nov. 2, 1849.

#### Children of John S. and Martha C. Irwin:

1. Mary, born Dec. 8, 1848. 2. Joseph Gazzam, born in Madison, Ind., Jan. 17, 1851. 3. John S. Irwin, born in Pittsburg, Pa., July 29, 1853. 4. Rose Irwin, born in Fort Wayne, Ind., Oct. 12, 1855. Martha Duncan, born at Fort Wayne, Ind., Sept. 20, 1858. 6. Agnes Derkheim, born at Fort Wayne, Ind., April 1, 1865. 7.





Duncan, born at Fort Wayne, Ind. 8. George Upfold, born at Fort Wayne.

Children of Jennie and Irwin Mahon:

1. Mary Mahon, born in Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 14, 1861. 2. Agnes Mary Mahon, born in Harrisburg, Pa., March 23, 1863. 3. Grace Falmestock, born in Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 12, 1866. 4. John Duncan, born in Harrisburg, Pa., March 26, 1870.

#### LIEUTENANT WILLIAM ROSE.

Lient. Wiliam Rose was born in the city of New York, July 20, 1801.

His Grandchildren:

1. Elizabeth Neill Mahon Rose, daughter of William J. and Mary Lee Mahon Rose, born at Erin Hill, July 9, 1851.

2. Agnes Mary Rose, daughter of the same, born June 21, 1853.

3. William John Rose, son of the same, born at Erin Hill, Oct. 5, 1855.

4. David Mohan Rose, son of the same, born in Hoboken, N. J., Sept. 2, 1857.

5. Frances Hull Rose, daughter of the same, born in Washington City, Oct. 23, 1860.

6. Mary Lee Rose, daughter of Wm. J. and Sarah Watts Rose, born in Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 1881.

7. William Watts Rose, son of the same, born in Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 28, 1883.

1. Laura Benit, daughter of James Walker and Frances Rose Benit, born at Old Point Comfort, June 13, 1884.

2. William Rose Benit, son of the same, born Feb. 2, 1886, at Fort Hamilton, N. Y.

3. Stephen Vinson, son of the same, born July 26, 1896, at Bethlehem, Pa.

1. Frances Everallyn Mahon, daughter of James D. and Phoebe Gray Mahon, born Sept. 29, 1868.

2. Phoebe Gray, daughter of the same, born Sept. 29, 1868.

3. Frances Allen, daughter of the same, born on Center Ave., near Erin Hill, Pittsburg, Oct. 27, 1869.

1. Agnes Mary Lee, daughter of Frances Lee and Mary D. Lee, born in Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 18, 1866.

2. Anna Eden, daughter of the same, born April 28, 1868.

3. Mary Mahon, daughter of the same, born May 31, 1871, at Pittsburg.

4. Sophia Mahon, daughter of the same, born May 1, 1875.

1. Eleanor Vouvien, daughter of Robert E. and Anna Lee Peterson, born May 23, 1889, in Philadelphia.

2. Robert E. Peterson, son of the same, born Aug. 2, 1891.



1. Joan Bovien, daughter of John Vovien and Ann Lee, born April 24, 1902, at 4205 Pine Street, West Philadelphia.

1. Ralph Irwin Hemming, son of William K. and Grace F. Hemming, born Aug. 2, 1888, in Denver, Colo.

William Lowry Hemming, son of the same, born in Denver, Colo., May 3, 1890.

1. Caroline Drury, daughter of James G. and Frances Mason Irwin Maeton, born Dec. 16, 1856, in Pittsburg, Pa.

2. William Irwin, son of James G. and Frances M. Muston, born June 8, 1860.

3. Frances Everallyn, daughter of the same, born in 1864.

1. Burton, son of William Irwin and Sarah D. Muston, born in 1885.

2. Eleanor D., daughter of the same, born in 1887.

3. Agnes Mahon, daughter of the same, born in May, 1889.

4. William Irwin, son of the same, born in 1891.

1. John Cady, son of John C. and Phoebe Gray Parsons.

2. Philip, son of the same, born April 3, 1900.

1. Marjory Gray, daughter of Frank and Fanny Allen Harned.

2. Helen P., daughter of the same.

3. Frank Mahon, son of the same.

1. Mary Irwin, daughter of Arthur E. and Martha Duncan Irwin Patterson.

2. Eugene Patterson, son of the same.

3. Edgerton Patterson, son of the same.

4. Daniel Uloise, son of the same.

Robert W. Irwin, son of William W. and Sophie B. Irwin, have six children: Bella, Robert, Mary, Dehy, Achy and Agnes.

Mary Baeh McCarthy and Demis, daughter of William and Sophie B. Irwin, have two children, Percy and Milicent.

Agnes, daughter of Richard Baldwin and Muston, left one child, son.

#### Marriages.

John Irwin married Agnes Farquhar, Nov. 18, 1790.

John S. Irwin married Mary Davis, Nov. 26, 1820, by Rev. Methinny, D.D.

Agnes Mary Irwin married Lieut. William Rose, an officer of the United States Artillery, July 6, 1825, by Rev. Francis Herron, D.D., first marriage; Agnes May Irwin married, second time, John D. Mahon, of Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 17, 1833, Rev. Francis Herron officiating again.

William Wallace Irwin married Sophia Arabella Bache at Washington, D. C., Feb. 28, 1839, at 9 o'clock p.m.

James B. Irwin married Agnes, eldest daughter of John S. Irwin, M.D., April 15, 1845, by Dr. Upfold.



Agnes M. Irwin, widow of James B. Irwin, married Marcus Derkheim Aug. 19, 1852, by Rev. Taylor.

John S. Irwin married Martha C. Mahon Sept. 30, 1847, Francis Herron, D.D., officiating.

William J. Rose married Mary Lee Mahon, only surviving daughter of Dr. D. N. Mahon, of Carlisle, Pa., Tuesday, May 7, 1850, by Rev. Dr. Francis Herron, at the residence of his mother, Mrs. John D. Mahon, Penn Street, Pittsburg.

James G. Muston married Frances Mason Irwin March 20, 1856, Rev. W. M. Paxton officiating.

Charlotte Wyman Irwin married Dr. William Taylor, U. S. N., at the residence of her sister, Mrs. James G. Muston, by Dr. William M. Paxton.

Lieut. John Irwin, U. S. N., married Oceana B. Saint, in Washington, Fla, Monday, April 26, 1858, Rev. Dr. Scott officiating.

Irwin Mahon married Jennie, daughter of Alexander Mahon, in Harrisburg, 1861, first marriage.

Irwin Mahon married Mariah Barker Stephenson, daughter of Dr. Thomas and Eliza Duncan Stephenson, in Carlisle, Pa., May 2, 1876.

James D. Mahon married Phoebe Gray, daughter of William Gray, Esq., at Spring Valley, N. Y., Dec. 1, 1864.

Mary D. Mahon, daughter of John D. and Agnes M. Mahon, married Frances Lightfoot Lee Oct. 17, 1865, in Philadelphia, by the Right Rev. Bishop Stevens.

#### LIEUTENANT JOHN IRVINE, OF VIRGINIA, 1780.

By Mrs. Anderson.

At a Court held for Bedford County, Feb. 28, 1780, Charles Cobb, captain; Hugh Mellroy, first lieutenant; John Irvine, second lieutenant, and John Clayton, ensign, were recommended as proper persons to execute those offices.

At a Court held for Bedford County, the 27th of March, 1780, John Irvine, first lieutenant in the militia of this county and Hugh Muekleroy, second lieutenant, both qualified according to law.

State of Virginia, County of Bedford, to wit:

I, Cardenio C. Keeth, deputy for Samuel M. Bolling, the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, in the State of Virginia (which Court, by operation of the laws of the said State, includes the records and papers of the late County Court of the said County of Bedford) do hereby certify that the foregoing are true transcripts from the records of the said County Court of Bedford County.

In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand and annex the seal



of the said Circuit Court this 30th day of July, Anno Domini, Nineteen Hundred and Eight.

[Seal of Virginia]

C. C. KEETH, D. C.

Virginia, Bedford County, to wit: I, J. L. Campbell, Judge of the Circuit Court for the County of Bedford, in the State of Virginia, and the only Judge thereof, do certify that Cardenio C. Keeth, who hath given the preceding certificate, is Deputy for Samuel M. Bolling, the Clerk of the said Court, and that the attestation of the said Keeth as Deputy aforesaid is in due form. Given under my hand this 10th day of August, 1908.

J. L. CAMPBELL, Judge.

I do hereby certify that John Irvine was enlisted in November, 1782, to serve as a soldier in the Virginia Line for the term of three years—that he was furloughed and was not called into service again during the term.

JOHN STEELE,

Delivered, Col. I. Steele.

Late Lieut. Virginia Line.

I certify that this is a true copy.

H. J. ECKENRODE, Archivist.

### JOHN D. MAHON, IRVIN GENEALOGY.

By Agnes Irwin Mahon.

John D. Mahon, born at Pittsburg, Nov. 5, 1796, died at Erin Hill, Pittsburg, July 3, 1861; married Jan. 17, 1833, to Agnes May Irwin Rowe, born at Pittsburg, Jan. 13, 1805; died at Wayne, Delaware County, Pa., Jan. 15, 1889.

#### Children of Above.

1. Agnes Irwin Mahon, born at Penn St. Petersburg, May 3, 1834.
2. Irwin Mahon, born at Penn. St., Pittsburg, on Nov. 18, 1835.
3. Frances Everallyn Mahon, born at Erin Hill, Pittsburg, Nov. 15, 1837; died in West Philadelphia, Jan. 29, 1866.
4. James D. Mahon, born at Erin Hill, Pittsburg, Feb. 3, 1840; died Jan. 15, 1872.
5. Mary Lee Mahon, born at Erin Hill, May 22, 1849.
6. Sophie Irwin Mahon, born at Erin Hill, Aug. 22, 1844; died Oct. 24, 1900.

#### Married.

Irwin Mahon married (1) Jennie Mahon, in Harrisburg, 1861 (2) Maria B. Stevenson, Carlisle, Pa., May 21, 1876.

James D. Mahon, married (1) Phoebe Gray, at Spring Valley, Dec. 1st, 1861 (2) Frances L. Lee, at Philadelphia, Oct. 17, 1865.

#### Grandchildren.

Irwin Mahon's children:

1. Mary Mahon, born at Harrisburg, Feb. 14, 1863.
2. Agnes Mahon, born at Harrisburg, March 23, 1865; died March 4, 1870.





3. Grace Faehnstock Mahon, born at Harrisburg, Nov. 12, 1866.
4. John Duncan Mahon, born at Harrisburg, March 26, 1870; died in Philadelphia, 1870.

Children of James D. Mahon.

1. Thomas Everlyn Mahon, born at Irvine, Pa., Oct. 27, 1866; died Nov. 20, 1866.
2. Phoebe Mahon, born at Cincinnati, Ohio., Sept. 29, 1868.
3. Family Allen Mahon, born at Central Ave., Pittsburg, Oct. 27, 1869.

Children of Mary Lee Mahon.

1. Agnes May Lee, born at Pittsburg, Nov. 18, 1866; died Dec. 12, 1867.
2. Anna Edna Lee, born at Central Ave., Pittsburg, April 28, 1868.
3. May Mahon Lee, born at Pittsburg, May 31, 1871.
4. Sophie Mahon Lee, born at Alleghany May 1, 1875; died Jan. 16, 1902.

JOHN IRVINE.

By Frank Irvine.

John Irvine, born at Mercer County, Ohio, Feb. 11, 1826; died at The Dalles, July 27, 1899; married at Dalles, May 27, 1855, to Catherine E. Keith, born at Indiana on Oct. 11; died at The Dalles, July 14, 1896.

Children of Above:

1. Frank, born at The Dalles, Oct. 24, 1860.
2. Emma, born March 12, 1862; died June 3, 1872.
3. Ellen F., born Dec. 15, 1864; died May 20, 1866.
4. Alice, born May 12, 1868.
5. Johnnie, born Jan. 31, 1870; died April 16, 1898.
6. Annie Lelah, born Feb. 28, 1874; died July 3, 1902.
7. William Henry, born Sept. 15, 1877; died April 4, 1883.

Frank married Lydia Walker at The Dalles. Alice married H. B. Lorenzen at The Dalles, Nov. 14, 1883. Anna married E. C. Spencer at The Dalles Nov. 20, 1898.

Grandchildren.

1. Bertha E. Irvine, born at The Dalles, June 31, 1883.
2. Josie E. Lorenzen, born Feb. 23, 1889; died June 25, 1902.
3. Clara H. Lorenzen, born Feb. 10, 1896.
4. Allie E. Lorenzen, born Aug. 29, 1899.

Grandfather.

Achilles Irvine, born at Pennsylvania, died at Tiosa, Indiana, 1868; married Anna Galliher, who died at Tiosa, Indiana, 1870.

Children of Grandfather.

1. Andrew, born in Ohio; died in war.
2. Francis, born in Ohio.
3. John, born in Ohio, Feb. 1, 1826; died July 27, 1899.
4. Mrs. Sarah Higley, born in Ohio.
5. Achilles, born in Ohio.
6. Mrs. Lucinda Ball, born in Indiana.

Great grandfather had five children: Grandfather Achilles Ir-



vine. 2. Decatur Irvine. 3. Marshal. 4. Mrs. Anna Cole. 5. Mrs. Betsey Bush

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JAMES McDOWELL.

By Isaac P. McDowell.

James McDowell was born in the north part of Ireland, April 1st, A. D., 1747. His parents were natives of Scotland, and came to America on account of religious persecution, with two small boys, James and John, two to four years old, and settled near the "Eastern Shore." James and John grew to manhood, enlisted in, and went through the Revolutionary War. Grandfather James was wounded in the battle of Brandywine. At the close of the war he married Sarah Gorrel, of Pennsylvania. He died in Scioto County, Ohio, on April 11th, A. D. 1809.

Sarah McDowell was born July 26th, 1763, and died in Tippecanoe County, Indiana, September 5, 1834. James and Sarah reared nine children, James, junior; Mary (Phillips), William, John, Woodford G., Martha (Crull), Hiram, Elizabeth and Thomas G. John McDowell, born in Woodford County, Ky., Jan. 1, 1792; died in Montgomery County, Indiana, Jan. 16, 1843. He married Elizabeth Price, Jan. 7, 1819. Elizabeth (Price) McDowell, born in Ross County, Ohio, January 30, 1798. She died at Fairbury, Illinois, on October 10, 1880. John and Elizabeth McDowell raised nine children; namely, Jackson, born October 28, 1819; died in Montgomery County, Indiana, February 22, 1843; Sarah Ann Russell, born in Scioto County, Ohio, November 25, 1821; died in Pontiac, Illinois, October 18, 1859; Isaac P. McDowell, born in Scioto County, Ohio, August, 17th, 1824 (He married Jane Russell, June 10, 1855); Oliver Perry, born February 7, 1827. Nelson Scott, born October 10, 1829; died June 1, 1878; James Madison, born January 7, 1835; killed at Vicksburg, June 15th, 1863; Mary Elizabeth Ladd, born October 30th, 1832; John Van, born January 6th, 1838; died November 29, 1861; William Henry Harrison, born March 6th, 1840. Jane Russell, wife of Isaac P. McDowell, born September 16th, 1834; died August 26th, 1890. The children of Isaac P. and Jane R. McDowell, as below: Thomas S. O., born January 26, 1858; Lillian, born May 6, 1856, died September, 1857; Elmer E., born March 11, 1862; John Van, born February 6, 1864; Eva (Graff) born October 9, 1865; Lutie, born November 11, 1874.

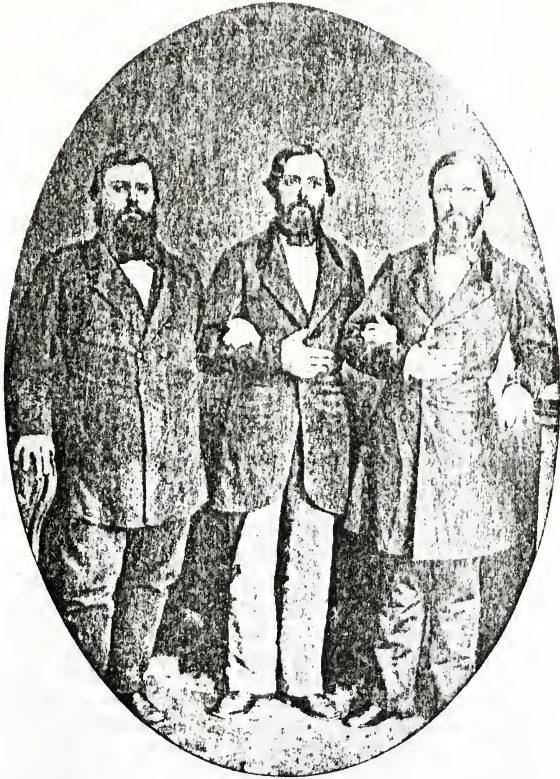
Eva McDowell, born in Fairbury, Ill., was married to Joseph C. Graff, born in New York City, July 15, 1862. The children of Joseph C. and Eva Graff are Jane and Marviene, all living in Chicago.

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ISAAC PRICE McDOWELL.

Isaac Price McDowell was born August 17, 1824, in Scioto





COL. JONES ON RIGHT, MAJOR WILLIAM M. McDOWELL  
IN MIDDLE, DR. JOHN E. McDOWELL ON LEFT



County, Ohio. The courage, hardiness and determination of the "McDowell" and the sturdiness of the pioneer were typified in him. Having moved with his parents and eight brothers and sisters from Ohio to Tippecanoe County, Indiana, and finally, to Montgomery County, Indiana, where his father died in 1843, he was entrusted with the responsibility and care of his mother and family, mostly boys, of whom he was the eldest. These were among his own pupils in the different schools in which he taught in Indiana and Illinois. Mr. McDowell had a variety of interests. He succeeded as teacher, farmer, editor, merchant and banker.

In 1853 he erected the first important building in Pontiac, Illinois, establishing a mercantile business with Messrs. Ladd and McGregor. Their first stock of goods was the first shipped over the Chicago & Alton Railroad to Pontiac. His most successful venture was in 1872, when he became one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Fairbury, Illinois, of which he was elected president, a position held continuously during life.

June 10, 1855, he was married to Jane Russell, a splendid Christian woman, beloved by everyone. They ardently supported the Methodist Episcopal Church, the church favored by the "earliest McDowells."

Six children were born to this union, four of whom are living: Elmer E. and Lutie, of Fairbury, Ill.; John Van, of Forrest, Ill.; Eva (Mrs. Jos. C. Graff), of Chicago, Ill.; a daughter, Lillian, died in infancy; the eldest son, Thomas Scott O'Neill, in 1911.

Isaac P. McDowell died Jan. 9, 1901, in Denver, Colo. Jane, his wife, Aug. 26, 1890, at Watseka, Ill.

#### McDOWELL-MASTIN LINE.

By Frank Stovall Roberts.

William McDowell, of Huntsville, Ala., born Oct. 21, 1801; died June 9, 1865 (of disease contracted in the penitentiary at Nashville, Tenn., where he was imprisoned in 1863-64, by the Federal authorities), was of the North Carolina McDowells, and, from the best information obtainable, in the absence of any record left by him, was the son of General Charles McDowell, of the "Quaker Meadows," near Morganton, N. C., born in 1743, at Winchester, Va., died March 31, 1815, and is buried at "Quaker Meadows." On his tombstone is inscribed: "Sacred to the memory of General Charles McDowell, a Whig of the Revolutionary War, died, as he had lived, a patriot—31 March, 1815, aged about 70 years."

General Charles McDowell's wife was Grace Greenlee Bowman (the widow of Captain John Bowman, who was killed at Ramsour's Mill, in North Carolina, June 20, 1780), the daughter of James Greenlee, and his wife, Mary Eliza McDowell, daughter of Ephraim McDowell, born about 1672, "who fought at the 'Battle of the







WILLIAM McDOWELL  
Huntsville, Ala.



Boyne,' and at 'Londonderry,' whose wife was Margaret Irvine; and who came to America, from Ireland, about 1728, settling first in Pennsylvania, later going to Virginia, settling in 'Burden's Grant,' "

General Charles McDowell's parents were Joseph McDowell, Sr., and his wife, Margaret O'Neil, who came to America from Ireland about the time Ephriam McDowell did, settling in Frederick County, Va. (Winchester), later going to North Carolina, to the "Quarker Meadows," on the Catawba river. At a very early age William McDowell left his home, going to his relatives at Winchester, Virginia, where he remained some time, finally going to Alabama, and settling in Huntsville. There he engaged in business in which he was very successful. He also conducted a cotton factorage business in Mobile, Ala., before and during the "War between the States."

To describe the physical, and character attributes of William McDowell, I cannot do better than to use the language on page 64 of Green's "Historic Families of Kentucky," describing Major Hervey McDowell, of Cynthiana, Ky. He was a tall, spare built man, "with a large, well-formed head, a high, square forehead, and prominent brow; a very large, clear, pale blue eye, that looked squarely at you, and sometimes glittered like steel; a full jaw and chin, indicating the utmost resolution and force; with the features that are peculiar to his race, William McDowell combined to a remarkable degree the family traits. About his manner there was a quiet reserve; his appearance and bearing impressed all who met him as those of a man absolutely impenetrable to fear, and as absolutely incapable of falsehood or any kind of meanness." He was a pure Christian gentleman. Under date of July 9, 1913, Mrs. Louise Irvine McDowell, of Cynthiana, Ky., widow of Major Hervey McDowell, wrote me (Frank Stovall Roberts) that she "was brought up in Marengo County, Alabama, in what is known, locally as "The Canebrake" region. \* \* \* Here my childhood and girlhood was passed, before and during the Civil War. \* \* \* Mobile was "the city" with which the "Canebrake" people—and indeed, those living on the Bib Tombieckbee (Tombigbee) River had their business dealings and social connections. My father was often in Mobile, as we lived on the banks of the Tombieckbee (which, by the way, is a corruption of the Choctaw "Itom'ba-ickabee"). When I was a small child, I remember, he frequently spoke of his meeting a very fine looking and interesting gentleman, named William McDowell, and whose home was in Huntsville. I remember that father said he felt sure they must be related as his general resemblance was much like the McDowell family—size and features, etc. But all this is but a faint reminiscence with me, but I have never forgotten his conversations on the subject."

In 1828 he married Priscilla Wright Withers (born about 1805,



died in 1877, in Mobile), daughter of John Withers, of Dinwiddie County, Virginia (who moved to Madison County, Alabama, about 1800-1810), and his wife, Mary Herbert Jones, who was the daughter of Frederic Jones (a great-grandson of Major Peter Jones, for whom Petersburg, Va., was named), and his wife, Susanna Claiborne, daughter of Colonel Augustine Claiborne, the celebrated lawyer of Virginia, whose grandfather, Colonel William Claiborne, had the row with Lord Baltimore over Kent Island. (See "History of Bristol Parish, Virginia.") Susanna Claiborne Withers, a sister of Priscilla, married Governor Clement Comer Clay, of Alabama, and was the mother of Hon. Clement Claiborne Clay, who was imprisoned at Fortress Monroe, Va., after "the War of the Sixties," with President Jefferson Davis.

Jones Mitchell Withers, Major General, C. S. A., born in 1814, in Madison County, Alabama, was the brother of these sisters. He died in 1889, in Mobile, Ala., at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Daniel E. Huger.

William McDowell, and his wife, Priscilla Withers, had three children:

1. Mary Eliza, born August 6, 1829, in Huntsville, Ala., died July 31, 1910, in Mobile, Ala., and is buried in Huntsville.

2. Susanna Clay, born in Huntsville, married Charles Hopkins, of Mobile; died a few years after the war, leaving a son, Charles, who died about 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins are buried in the family lot, in Huntsville.

3. Maria Withers, the youngest child, died when only a few years old, and is buried in the family lot.

Mary Eliza McDowell, married, in Huntsville, Ala., in 1848, Claudius Henry Mastin, M. D., LL. D., born at Huntsville, June 4, 1826; died in Mobile, Ala., Oct. 4, 1898. He is buried in Huntsville.

Doctor Mastin was graduated in the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, in 1849, which conferred on him the degree of LL. D., in 1875. He went abroad in 1850, studying in Edinburgh, Paris and London. He was the father of the "Congress of American Physicians and Surgeons," which organization was completed at Washington, D. C., in October, 1887.

He served with distinction as a Surgeon in the Confederate Army. He invented a number of surgical instruments, and was a writer of note. His father was Captain Francis Turner Mastin, of Huntsville, Ala., born at Port Tobacco, Prince Georges County, Maryland, in December, 1781, died in 1865 (who was the grand nephew of Lord Thomas Fairfax, of Virginia), and his wife, Anne Elizabeth Caroline LeVert, born in King William County, Virginia, in December, 1799, died at Huntsville, Ala., in February, 1889. She was the daughter of Dr. Claudius LeVert, born at Metz, in Lorraine, France, in 1750, who was a surgeon in the French navy, coming to America during the Revolutionary War, with the Count de Roch-



ambeau, with whom he was serving at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, at Yorktown, Va. (See William and Mary Quarterly.)

Dr. LeVert's wife was Anne Lea Metcalfe, daughter of Thomas Metcalfe (of England), a wealthy man, who lived in York County, Virginia, and a staunch Royalist, who disinherited her for marrying Dr. LeVert.

Anne Lea Metcalfe (LeVert) was the grand niece of Admiral Vernon, of the British Navy. (William and Mary Quarterly.)

There were born to Dr. Mastin, and his wife, Mary Eliza McDowell, four children, all of whom are now living (May 24, 1916) viz:

1. Caroline LeVert Mastin, born in Huntsville, Ala., who married in 1887, her cousin, Captain Charles J. Mastin, of Huntsville, Ala., a brave Confederate soldier, who served on the staff of Major General John C. Breckenridge, C. S. A.; being wounded several times, one wound causing him to limp the balance of his life. He died in 1895, in Huntsville, leaving a son, Edward Vernon Metcalfe Mastin, born in June, 1891.

2. William McDowell Mastin, M. D., LL. D., F. A. C. S., born in Mobile, Ala., where he now lives. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Medical Department. He married Miss Margaret Louise Crawford, of Mobile, three children being born to them; viz:

1. Claudius Henry Strachey, died in December, 1892, in Mobile, aged 9 years.

2. Zemula Crawford, born in Mobile, who is living.

3. Mary Margaret, born in Mobile, died there in July, 1893, aged six years.

3. Mary Herbert Mastin, born March 10, 1855, in Mobile, Ala., married, December 26, 1888, Frank Stovall Roberts, born March 31, 1846, in Macon, Georgia, the son of William Melton Roberts, and his wife, Louisa Jane Stovall. To Frank S. and Mary Herbert (Mastin) Roberts, two children were born, viz:

1. Mary Louise, born April 18, 1890, in Mobile, Ala., died suddenly at the Cordova Apartment, Washington, D. C., October 30, 1915. She is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

2. Claudius Henry Mastin, born in Mobile, Ala., Sept. 11, 1894.

4. Claudius Henry Mastin (2nd) M. D., born in Huntsville, Ala. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Medical Department. He is unmarried, and lives in Mobile.

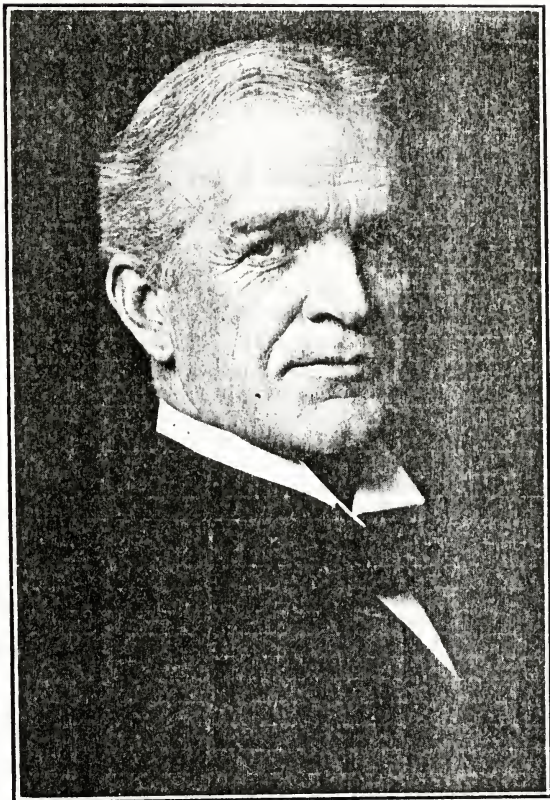
#### McDOWELL GENEALOGY.

Bishop William F. McDowell, born at Millersburg, Ohio, Feb. 4, 1858; married at Berea, Ohio, Sept. 20, 1882, to Clotilda Lyon, born at Galion, Ohio, March 14, 1858.

Children of Above—Olive Vincent McD., born at Oberlin, Ohio,







BISHOP WILLIAM FRASER McDOWELL  
Chaplain of the McDowell Clan  
Chicago, Ill.



February 1884; died Dec. 23, 1907. Nationality of ancestry, Scotch.

Grandfather—Matthew McDowell, born at Camonsburg, Pa., April 21st, 1801; died at Millersburg, Ohio, January 2, 1874; married at Cambridge, Ohio, 1823, to Nancy Hutchinson, born at Cambridge, Ohio, Dec. 2, 1805; died at Killbuck, Ohio, Oct. 5, 1852; buried at Killbuck, Ohio.

Children of Grandfather—1. John McDowell, born at Cambridge, 1875. 2. J. C. McDowell, born at Cambridge, Oct. 2, 1827. 3. S. A. McDowell, born at Cambridge, Feb. 12, 1831. 4. Robert McDowell, born at Cambridge, April 19, 1833. 5. Matthew, born at Cambridge, July 5, 1835; died at Millersburg. 6. Elizabeth McDowell, born at Killbuck, March 17, 1841; died Jan. 2, 1860. 7. Martha McDowell, born at Killbuck. 8. William W. McDowell, born at Killbuck, Sept. 21, 1844; died 1895. 9. Susan McDowell, born at Killbuck, Dec. 14, 1846.

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BISHOP WILLIAM FRASER McDOWELL,  
National Chaplain.

Son of David A. and Rebecca (Fraser) McDowell, was born in Millersburg, Ohio, February 4, 1858. He was educated at the Ohio Wesleyan University and the Boston University, where he received the degrees of B. A., Ph. D., and S. T. B. He has subsequently received from various universities the following honorary degrees: D. D., LL. D., and L. H. D. He entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1882, and served pastorates in Ohio, until 1890, when he became Chancellor of the University of Denver. In 1899 he became corresponding secretary of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and in 1904 was elected Bishop. In 1910-11 he made an official visit to India, China, the Philippines and Japan. His has been an exceedingly busy life in the Bishopric, and he is the author of valuable and helpful books. He was married in 1882 to Clotilda, daughter of Aaron J. and Olive W. Lyon. Mrs. McDowell has been president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church since 1908; has visited missions in Europe, India, China, the Philippines, Korea and Japan, and is the author of "Our Work for the World."

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THE ANCIENT McDOWELLS.

William Montgomery, of Rotermonth, in the County of Downs, Ireland, in his manuscript written between the years 1696 and 1706, and found in Hanna's book "The Scotch-Irish" (Vol. II, p. 296) says: "These McDowells, Lairds of Garthland, near Ft. Patrick, have stood in that place above 1,000 years, and were in the fifth century styled Princes of Galloway by allowance of the then Kings of Scotland."





PAUL FRANKLIN RAY,

son of Samuel McElroy and Mary Lou Miller Ray, was born in Belton, Texas, July 23, 1894. After completing the High School Course in May, 1912, he entered the A. & M. College of Texas and graduated from that institution in June, 1916.





CHARLES NEWTON RAY,

son of Samuel McElroy and Mary Lou Miller Ray, was born in Belton, Texas, December 28, 1899. Although handicapped from the first by ill-health, he made a splendid record in his school work, starting in at 8 years of age and finishing the High School course of eleven grades at 16. His cleanness and purity of life and an unusually bright and mature mind seemed to mark him for a brilliant career in his chosen work, civil engineering, and for leadership in great moral forces. But the struggle was too much for his frail body, and on the 7th of March, 1917, he died of heart failure at Texas A. & M. College, where he was a Freshman.







## MARY McDOWELL ELLIOTT

is the eldest child of R. W. and Elva Neal McDowell, and was raised on the old McDowell place, where the marker of her great-grandmother, Jane Parks McDowell, stands. It is a matter of pride to her that she is able to leave to her descendants the only marker erected by the D. A. R. in the State of North Carolina in honor of a woman.

## JOSEPH HUNTER McDOWELL.

Joseph Hunter McDowell, probably born at Pike County, Ga., about 1811; died at Grantville, Ga., April, 1871; married in Meriwether County, Georgia, about 1840, to Julia Ann Gay, born about 1823, in Meriwether County, Georgia; died at Saltillo, Hopkins County, Texas, Aug. 6, 1870.

Children of Above—1 Benjamin Franklin, born 1840, died 1862; 2 John Wesley, born 1843, died 1876; 3 Francis Marion, born 1845, died 1881; 4 Caroline Elizabeth, born 1846, still living; 5 Amanda Emeline, born 1848, still living; 6 Cicero Taylor, born Dec. 17, 1849, still living; 7 Washington Monroe, born July 3, 1851, still living.

Marriages—2 Elizabeth Hollowell, at Saltillo, Tex., 1866; 3 Annie Bass, at Hutchins, Texas, 1872; 4 Jesse T. Griffith, at Saltillo, 1866; 5 Jeremiah N. Randolph, at Saltillo, 1868; 6 Flora Ann Cochran, at Saltillo, Feb. 6, 1873; 7 Sallie Crane, at Saltillo, Feb. 4, 1875.

Grandchildren—Dr. Joseph Exter, born at Saltillo, May 15, 1874; Robert Carl, born at Saltillo, Jan. 13, 1876; William Lynn, born at Saltillo, July 29, 1880; Samuel Matthew, born at Cumby, Nov. 26, 1883; Julia Taylor, born at Cumby, Nov. 26, 1883; Audrey Jane, born at Cumby, July 7, 1885; Flora Elizabeth, born at Cumby, Aug. 12, 1887; Lois Sylvia, born at Cumby, July 5, 1889; Flossie Nightingale, born at Cumby, July 15, 1894.

Grandfather—Born in Ireland, probably died in Pike County, Ga.; married in Ireland to Polly Hunter, born in Ireland.

My grandfather's children were all girls except my father, hence they all changed their names when they married. One married Osborn Lynch, one John Hastings, one James Harper, one Brooks, one Scroggin, all of whom lived in Georgia at the time.

## DR. WILLIAM McDOWELL.

By Mary McDowell Gorham.

Dr. Wm. McDowell was born in the County of Cavan, Ireland, Feb. 4, 1762.

His parents fled from Scotland during the "persecution." They belonged to the Established Church. My grandfather's mother, a widow, married a Protestant, which so angered the oldest son of the family (my grandfather's brother, John McDowell,) that he went to



his mother's home and took everything, even to "a horn spoon," which he could legally do under the law of inheritance. As my grandfather often said, weeping bitterly, John instilled the same spirit into the minds of the younger members of the family, and for five years following my grandfather never spoke to his own mother, yet living very near her home. Then, he said, "No thanks to me. I went to my mother because suffering from an injured hand."

As my grandfather came to America when 19 years of age, he must have been young at the time; I believe this brother John also came to America. I am not quite sure, but under the impression that he lived and died a bachelor, accumulating handsome property; yet in my grandfather's will mention is made of a William or Billy McDowell, who was cousin to my father, and my father spoke of Billy's two sons. These lived in or near Savannah, Ga.

My grandfather married a Miss Rachel McClintock, who was born in Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 25, 1771. A daughter was born to them in Savannah, Ga., April, 1796.

A son, John, was born in Newton, Frederick County, Virginia, Sept. 24, 1798; James McDowell, a son, born in Newton, Va., Nov. 26, 1802.

William McDowell (my father) was born March 27, 1805. The youngest daughter, Rachel, was born on Deer Creek Farm, Ross County, Ohio, Feb. 14, 1812. My father was married near Porthmouth, Ohio, Jan. 5, 1830, to Ann Eliza Clingman. Four children lived to maturity—a brother, W. C. McDowell; a second brother, Charles McDowell (deceased); myself and a sister, Mrs. Annie E. Rote!

I have been told my grandfather spent the first few years after marriage at Savannah, Ga. Then moved to Newton, Va., and afterwards to Chillicothe, Ohio, where I was born, Sept. 19, 1839. My grandfather lived over ten years with my father and mother, and died in their home Nov. 11, 1841. His wife, Rachel McClintock McDowell, died in the same place Aug. 13, 1831.

The McDowells and McClintocks were associated in Virginia as well as in Ohio, and there are other marriages of the two families later on.

My grandfather, Wm. McDowell, was a minister of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, a circuit rider, and in this capacity, or calling, first met Rachel McClintock, afterwards his wife. I don't know when he first practiced medicine, but have heard that he attended lectures in Philadelphia when his oldest daughter was there in school. He stood high in his profession as a surgeon, as well as in medical lore.

My father, William McDowell, also studied medicine, but did not like the practice. He, with his family, moved to Green County, Wisconsin, in 1842, and found much to do in development of the territory as it passed on to statehood. Father was greatly interested in all this growth; was twice sent to our Legislature at Madison, Wis. He also was deeply interested in educational growth of this pioneer



state, and served as superintendent of schools and on the school board as clerk and treasurer, and was also county treasurer. He died on the farm in Clarno, Wis., April 17, 1895.

My mother died Feb. 27, 1892, at my home in Rockford, Ill. A year later my father returned to the farm and lived with my sister till his passing.

My cousin, R. H. Peter, daughter of my father's youngest sister, lives at New York Avenue, Tacoma, Wash. She is an invalid, but interested in the Clan.

Another cousin, Mrs. Mary W. McDowell Kreider, oldest daughter of my father's brother John, lives at Westmoreland Avenue, Los Angeles. Her husband was Edmund C. Kreider, of Lancaster, Ohio, and they have the history of more branches of the family. The Scotts, the Holcombs and Bennetts, perhaps can give history of others of the McDowells.

### HUGH HERVEY McDOWELL.

By Hugh Hervey McDowell.

Of Missouri.

Hugh Hervey McDowell, born at Quaker Meadows, June 23, 1792; died at Saline County, Missouri, April 12, 1859; married at Augusta County, Virginia, in 1817, to Elizabeth Mille, born at Mille's Iron Works, Augusta County, Virginia, in 1797; died at Saline County, Missouri, in Spring of 1854.

Children of Above—1 Margaret M. McDowell, born at Augusta County, Va., Sept. 3, 1815; died at Saline County Mo., 1872; 2 Nancy F. McDowell, born at Augusta County, May 12, 1817; died in Saline County, Mo., Oct. 15, 1845; 3 Samuel M. McDowell, born Augusta, Va., Oct. 7, 1818, died at Saline County, Mo., Oct. 3, 1859; 4 Elizabeth P. McDowell, born at Augusta Co., Va., June 12, 1820, died at Saline County, July 12, 1845; 5 Mary S. McDowell, born at Augusta Co., Va., June 15, 1822, died at Saline Co., Mo., July 12, 1845; 6 Celia C. McDowell, born at Augusta Co., Va., Dec. 21, 1823, died in Saline Co., Mo., Oct. 6, 1845; 7 Joseph H. McDowell, born at Augusta County, Va., July 30, 1825, died at Saline; 8 Susan J. McDowell, born in Augusta County, Va., Aug. 31, 1833, living now in Lexington, Mo.; 9 Hugh Henry McDowell, born in Augusta County, Sept. 18, 1835, living now at Lees Summit, Mo.

Great-grandfather—Joseph McDowell, born in Tyrone County, Ireland; died in Burke County, N. C., on John's River; married in Ireland. Nationality of ancestry, Scotch-Irish.

Grandfather—Joseph McDowell, born at Quaker Meadows, in Burke County, N. C., 1757; was Major in Continental Army, and in the Battle of King's Mountain. He represented his district in the United States Congress; died at Quaker Meadow July 11, 1801; married in Rockbridge County, Va., 1780, to Margaret Moffett, born in



Rockbridge County, Va.; died in Woodford County, Ky.; buried at Quaker Meadows, N. C.

Children of Grandfather—1 Sarah McDowell, born at Quaker Meadows, Feb. 5, 1784, died Aug. 19, 1827; 2 Elizabeth McDowell, born at Quaker Meadows, Feb. 6, 1786, died Aug. 25, 1821; 3 Margaret McDowell, born at Quaker Meadows, Oct. 26, 1787, died March 21, 1808; 4 Hannah McDowell, born at Quaker Meadows, Dec. 24, 1789, died Aug. 29, 1850; 5 Hugh Hervey McDowell, born at Quaker Meadows, Jan. 20, 1794, died 1864; 6 Celia McDowell, born at Quaker Meadows, Feb. 20, 1795, died April 12, 1859; 7 Clarissa McDowell, born at Quaker Meadows, Jan. 10, 1798, died 1863; 8 Joseph Jefferson McDowell, born at Quaker Meadows, Nov. 13, 1800, died about close of Civil War.

I was told by my father Hugh Hervey McDowell, son of Joseph McDowell above mentioned, that my grandfather, Joseph McDowell, had a cousin named John McDowell, who married Mary Moffett, sister to Margaret Moffett. These two sisters were daughters of George Moffett and Sarah McDowell, Sarah McDowell being a sister of James McDowell of Rockbridge County, Va. This James McDowell, who married Elizabeth Preston, was the father of James McDowell, who was a member of Congress.

Hugh Hervey McDowell married Lizzie Barkley Nov. 25, 1860. Lizzie Barkley was daughter of Isaac Barkley and Anna E. Cush of Jessamine County, Ky. Susie M. McDowell is the only living child of this marriage.

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#### HON. JOSEPH B. McDOWELL.

Hon. Joseph B. McDowell was born in Scioto County, Ohio, Sept. 3, 1825, and died at his home in Fairbury, Neb., Jan. 14, 1916, being a few months past 90 years, and having retained to that advanced age, to a remarkable degree, his mental faculties, and had few physical ailments. He was one of the pioneers who helped develop the then West. In 1854 he helped in founding the town of Avoca, Ill. In 1869 he moved to Beatrice, Neb., and that part of that city now known as West Beatrice was laid out on his farm. He was a Republican in politics; served as a member of the Nebraska State Legislature, in 1872, and was re-elected in 1874, from Gage County. In 1875 he was appointed Register of the United States Land Office at Lincoln, Neb., where he made his residence for eight years. Prior to this time he had been interested with his brother, Woodford McDowell, in founding the city of Fairbury, Neb., which was named after their old home town of Fairbury, Ill. To this city he removed at the expiration of his term of office, and there engaged in milling, farming and cattle feeding. He was buried in the family burial ground at Avoca, Ill.





Joseph Blair McDowell was the son of William McDowell and Sarah Dewer McDowell. He was first married to Catherine A. Campbell; of this union were born six children, three of them dying in infancy; another, Rebecca Josephine, dying a few years after she was married, having no issue. Of the remaining two, Nelson Lealdis McDowell now resides at Fairbury, Neb.; Mary Frances (McDowell) Hart, wife of Edward L. Hart, resides at 1307 North Tenth Street, St. Joseph, Mo. She is the mother of two children, Ethel (Hart) Reed of Afton, Okla., and Edward L. Hart, Jr., of St. Joseph, Mo.

Joseph B. McDowell's first wife died April 20, 1864, and in July, 1865, he married Harriet Packer, who died in September, 1871. To them were born three children: Fred E., residence unknown; Woodford P., residence Chicago, and Jay B., residence Minneapolis, Minn.

Joseph B. McDowell was again married Feb. 7, 1875, at Beatrice, Neb., to Gertrude M. McKenzie, who now resides at Fairbury, Neb. To this union were born: Cora G. McDowell, residence Fairbury, Neb., and Clyde McDowell, residence Rochester, N. Y.

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### JOHN McDOWELL

Of Brunswick County, Virginia.

John McDowell (husband). Will Book, page 98. 1825.

Elizabeth (wife). Issue: 1 Martha, 2 Nancy, 3 Patrick.

Elizabeth McDowell (wife). Will Book, page 177. 1831. Daughters, Nancy (Causeway), Martha (Cromwell; son, Patrick (left no will)). Patrick's wife, Mary S. McDowell, Will Book G, page 60. Issue: Mary I. Howell, Penina, Pattie, Martha L. Sugg, Elizabeth Knight; son, Elisha McDowell; granddaughter, Mary C. Knight.

Martha McDowell and Newsom Cromwell had one child, Margaret Cromwell, who married her cousin, Elisha Cromwell (the mother of Mary S. Cromwell McDowell), and had two children, Elizabeth C. Daniel and Elisha Cromwell.

John McDowell, Brunswick County, Virginia, 1735; master of the schooner called the "Jolly Bachelor," now riding at anchor in Cape Fear River, but of Brunswick. Ten pounds sterling bequeathed Presbyterian Church at Dover, Del.; five pounds, Episcopal Church, same place. Brother, James McDowell; sister, Eleanor Nesbit. Will in Secretary of State's office.

Several John McDowells in Colonial Records. Tradition says the original emigrant was a shipbuilder and owner. He evidently was a bachelor, but James may have had children.

John McDowell is named for his uncle, the eldest son of Patrick McDowell, named for his (Patrick's) father, John.



## THE CROMWELL LINE.

By Lucy Sugg Moore.

The records of our County Edgecombe, N. C., show that John Cromwell, during 1760, purchased land, amounting to 1,212 acres, from Saunders. The original land grant was made to Saunders by the Earl of Granville. I now hold in possession a portion of this land.

John Cromwell came from England prior to 1860; had three sons and two daughters: Elisha, his son, my paternal grandfather; Oliver, his son, my paternal great-grandfather, making John Cromwell my paternal great-grandfather and my maternal great-great-grandfather.

Lieut.-Col. Oliver Cromwell Petway, a first cousin of mine, was named for this Oliver, he being an uncle of Cinderella Petway, Col. Petway's mother and my father's eldest sister.

In old records the name appears Crowell. My aunt, Mary McDowell, said it was done to make his passage clear from England. My parents were both left orphans when young, my father being posthumous; his mother died when he was 16. His brother-in-law was exceedingly kind. My mother's father died when she was 5 years old, and her mother when she was 14. She lived much with Uncle Patrick McDowell, and there she married Elisha Cromwell.

## WILLIAM McDOWELL.

State of Tennessee,  
Jefferson County—June Term:

Wm. McDowell of the above said County this day of June appeared in Open Court and shewed unto the Said Court a Lieutenant Commission in due form and order directed to him the said Wm. McDowell under the seal and signature of the Governor of South Carolina and dated on the fifteenth day of February 1775 and being duly sworn deposeth that the said Wm. McDowell did faithfully serve in the capacity of a Lieutenant under the said commission in the United States Service the Brigade commanded by General Pinckney, General Green and others from the date of his commission to the full end of the war and that he had the promise of a bounty of land due a Lieutenant which bounty he has never received nor derived any benefit the same neither has he ever authorized any person or persons whatever to receive the same and further deposeth that he is still deficient of three years salary as a Lieutenant which he has never recovered for his services in the United States Service and further deposeth that he had formerly made application for the same and was informed that Congress had never made provision for the same but in some future day and that he never knew until a few months since that there were provisions for the Same and farther prayeth the court that the same might be permitted to Record and was ordered by the court.



## COMMISSION AS LIEUTENANT.

The State of South Carolina.

To William McDowell, Gentleman.

WE reposing special trust and confidence in your courage and good conduct, and in your fidelity and attachment to the United States of America, have commissioned and appointed you, and by these presents do commission and appoint you the said William McDowell Lieutenant of a Company of Militia in the lower Regiment of Newberry County and including the Dutch fork which said Company you are to lead, train, muster and exercise, according to military discipline. And you are to follow and observe all such orders and instructions you shall from time to time receive from the governor, the commander in chief for the time being, or any of the superior officers, according to the rules and discipline of war, pursuant to the laws of the State and of the United States. And all inferior officers and others, belonging to the said Company are hereby required and commanded to obey you as their Lieutenant.

This Commission to continue during Pleasure.

Given under the SEAL of the State.

Witness his Excellency William Moultrie Governor and Commander in Chief of the said State, this fourth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four and in the Nineteenth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

(SEAL)

WILL MOULTRIE.

Secretary's Office, Certified by

PETER FRENEAU, Secretary.

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WILL OF CHRISTOPHER IRVINE.

Bedford County, Virginia.

Died in 1769.

In the Name of God, Amen. the Twenty Third Day of July — in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Sixty Three, I Christopher Irvine of Russell parish, in Bedford County, in the Colony of Virginia, Yeoman; being weak in body, but in perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto the Almighty God. Therefore, calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament; That is to say, Principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it; and my Body I recommend to the earth to be buried, in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors and Executrix hereafter named; nothing doubting, but at the General Resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God. And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it



has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form, viz:

Imprimis I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved Grand Daughter Elizabeth Irvine, daughter of my son, David Irvine, her heirs and assigns forever, Two Hundred and Fifty acres of the Land I purchased of Col. Richard Randolph, called the Rich Forest joining to James Gibson's line, lying and being now in the County called Bedford (but then Brunswick).

Item. I give devise and bequeath unto my two sons, David Irvine and William Irvine, and their heirs and assigns; to be equally divided between them, or their heirs after my decease, Two Hundred and Ninety Acres, be it less or more, being a part of the said Tract of land called the Rich Forest; which I purchased of Col. Richard Randolph, joining the above Two Hundred and Fifty acres, bequeathed to my granddaughter Elizabeth; as also my outlying horses, mares, and colts; except my five wagon horses and my riding horse, and also five pounds current money to each Son and their heirs. Lastly I appoint my two sons, viz: David Irvine and William Irvine, with my beloved Wife Mary, to be jointly Executors and Executrix of this my last will and testament, utterly disallowing, revoking and disannulling all and every other former testaments, Wills, Legacies and requests, and Executors by me in any ways before named, willed or bequeathed; ratifying 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 above or within written.

CHRISTOR. IRVINE (L. S.)

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said Christopher Irvine as his last will and testament in the presence of us, the Subscribers.

STEPHEN GOGGIN,  
ROBERT RUSSELL,  
WILLIAM BONAR.

At a Court held for Bedford County July 26, 1769.

The within last will & testament of Christopher Irvine, Deceased, was exhibited in Court by David Irvine, the surviving executor therein named and proved by the oaths of Stephen Goggin and Robert Russell, witnesses, thereto subscribed, and ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of the said executor, who made oath according to law and having entered into bond with security and acknowledged the same for his due and faithful execution of the last Last Will and Testament. Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form of Law.

Teste:

BEN HOWARD C. B. C.

A Copy, Teste:

JOHN M. SPENCE,

Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bedford County.

Copy made by A. M. Sea, from original attested copy of clerk.





## WILL OF WILLIAM IRVINE

Bedford County, Virginia.

In the name of God Amen, I William Irvine of Bedford County Being very sick and weak Tho Yet sound and perfect Understanding and Memory do constitute this My Last Will and Testament and Devise it may be received as such. I Moust Humbly Bequeath my soul to God my Maker Beechecching his Moust Gracious acceptance of it Through the All Sufficient Merits and Mediation of my Most Compassionate Redeemer Jesus Christ who Gave himself to be an a Tonement for my sins and is able to save to the Utmost All that Come unto God by him seeing he ever Liveth to make intercession for them and who I trust will not Rejeet me a Returning Pentant Sinner when I come to him for Mercy in this Hope and Confidence I render up My souls with Comfort Humbly Beseecching The Most Blessed and Glorious Trinity one God Most Holy Most Mercifull and Gracious to prepare me for the Time of my Dissolution and then to Take me to him Self in peace and Rest and Incomparable Felicity Which he has prepared for all that Love and Fear his Holy name Amen Blessed be God. I give my body to the Earth from whence it was taken in full assurance of its Resurrection from thence at the Last Day as far my Burial I Desire it may be decent without pomp or State at the Dieresion of my Dear Wife who I dont not will manage it with all Requisite pruance Whome I appoint my hole and soul Execentor. As to my Wourldly Estate I will positively Order that all my debts be paid and after that I Term I give to my dear and Loving Wife a Third Part of my estate Reil and percial Dureing her Life and All my well Beloved children To be Coe Heirs Together Except there should be male child Born and if so be that it should be a mail child I Desire and Give unto it an Equal part of my estate with the Rest of my children and To Inherit his mothers Third at Her Decease. I do also Hereby Disown all other wills and Legacies What soever by me Heretofore made confirming this MY LAST WILL & Testament as witness my hand and seal this Twelfth day of November in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Six.

At a Court held for Bedford County Feby 25th 1767.

The withing proporting the Last Will & Testament of William Irvine, Gent. Deed. was Exhibited in Court by Elizabeth Irwin Execentrix Therein mentioned and David Irvine, Robert Russell and Robert Hughes being sworn deposeth & saith that they heard the Deceased before his sickness Declare he Entended to Dispose of his Estate as by the said Will is directed & at the Time of his sickness (when in his perfect sences) Acknowledged the said Will, & further saith not. And the said wrighting is established as his Last Will and Testament and all ordered to be recorded & on the motion of the said Execentrix who made oath according to Law she having first



entered into and acknowledged Bond with Security for her due and faith full performance of the said will, Certificate is granted her for obtaining a probate thereof according to Law.

Teste BEN HOWARD C B C.

A copy, Teste: S. M. BOLLING, C B C.

A copy made for the original attested copy, by A. M. Sea, Jr.

### WILL OF REV. JOHN IRVIN

Of Campbell County, Virginia.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN: I John Irvin, of Russell Parish and County of Campbell, planter, being of sound and disposing mind and memory thanks be to God for the same, but considering the uncertainty of this mortal life do make and ordain this my last will and testament which is in maner and form following: After the paying of all my just debts I bind to my loving wife Margaret during her natural life my now dwelling plantation and all the land thereunto belonging, to negroes (to wite): Sam, man, and Mall a woman, with all remenders of my stokes of all sortes with all my household and kitchen furniture with all my using tools of all sorts to be at her disposal.

I give to my Mother, Elisabeth besides what she has of her one man negro man noamed Ned one hors worth twinty pounds, two coves, and the half of the land and the side I now live on to be supported with fierwod and rales out of the hole and all the working tools and honsheold and kitchen furniture. I give my son John the other half of the land that the side he lives on and at my wifes deses the remender of my estate to be equally divided among all my echildren. I will leave my wife and son John Exeatrs this my last will and testament, I revoking all other wills by me made. And witness I set my hand and seall.

JOHN IRVING (L. S.)

Aeknowledged and published in presence of Richard Stith, James Mitchell, Samuel Claytor.

At a Court held for Campbell County April 7, 1791.

The within last will and Testament of John Irving deceased was proved by the oaths of James Mitchel and Richard Stith two of the witnesseth thereto subscribed and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of John Irvine the executor therein named who made oath thereto according to Law, certificate is granted him for obtaining probate thereof in due form giving security, whereupon he together with William Jordan and John Marshall his securities entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of one thousand pounds conditioned as the Law directs for the said Executors due and faithful administration of the said decedent's estate and the performance of his will, liberty being reserved the Executrix in



the said will named to join in the probate when she shall think fit.  
 Teste.

R. O. ALEXANDER, C. C. Clerk.

### ALEXANDER AND CHRISTOPHER IRVIN.

By Martha S. Battle.

I am grateful for the privilege of telling through this book some incidents connected with our family, for the benefit of the numerous grand and great-grandchildren now scattered all over our North and Southland, many of whom know very little of the noble lives of their grandfather, Isaiah Tucker Irvin, and his wife, Isabella Bankston.

My great-grandfather, Alexander Irvin, married a kinsman, a Miss Gault, and immigrated to this country about 1729, bringing with them their three boys, William, Andrew and Christopher. They settled in Virginia. These boys were left orphans while quite young, and were separated, being reared by their uncles.

My grandfather, Christopher Irvin, lived in Virginia during the entire Revolution. A certificate from the War Department states: "Christopher Irvin served in Captain Fowler's Company, Fifth Virginia Regiment of Fort commanded by Josiah Parker. The company pay-roll shows that he was discharged March 5, 1778."

Christopher Irvin was married twice, his first wife being Louise Tucker. To them were born two sons: Charles Irvin, born 1781, and my father, Isaiah Tucker Irvin, born Sept. 20, 1783. His second wife was a Miss Echols. I recall the names of only three of their children: Christopher, Catherine and Judge David Irvin of Marietta, Ga. Grandfather moved to Wilkes County, Georgia, in 1794; died at the home of his brother-in-law, Whitfield Tucker, about four miles from Madison, Morgan County.

Charles Irvin, son of Christopher Irvin and Louise Tucker, was born in Virginia, about 1781; married, in Wilkes County, Georgia, Miss Hannah Shiptryne, whose family were people of wealth, education and great piety. To them were born six children, John, Russell, Daniel, Malinda, Miller and Joseph.

Charles Irvin, with his two oldest sons, John and Miller, went West, dying while on the journey. His wife remained in Wilkes County, on the plantation, and reared the four younger children.

I know very little of my mother's family. They were English; settled first in Virginia. Her grandfather, Joseph Henderson, married a Miss Lee of Virginia, moved to Wilkes County, Georgia, and reared a large family. They were people of means and education, with good business qualities. Eminently pious, and most of them Baptists.

My mother's mother, Nancy Henderson, was married to Laurence Bankston in Virginia, and moved to Georgia about 1782. My



mother, Isabella Bankston, was born in Georgia, Feb. 22, 1784. She was very pious and intelligent, refined, gentle and firm. She lived to be nearly 91 years of age, and truly have her children risen up and called her blessed.

My father, Isaiah Tucker Irvin, was married, in Wilkes County, Georgia, Dec. 10, 1801, to Isabella Bankston (daughter of Laurence Bankston and Nancy Henderson).

Isaiah Tucker was born in Virginia Sept. 20, 1783; died in Wilkes County, Georgia, in 1857. My father was a self-made man, coming to Georgia with his father, step-mother and children when about 11 years old. When not yet 21, he married Isabella Bankston. He was a man well educated for his time, a thoroughly successful business man, exceedingly charitable to the short-comings of mankind; not much given to speaking, but always seeing the good and not the bad. By his own efforts he amassed a property consisting of about two hundred negroes and several thousand acres of land in the home plantation. Being a very popular man, and having the confidence and esteem of his many friends, he was sent to the Georgia Legislature eleven years in succession, refusing to allow his name to be run for the twelfth session.

Father and mother lived together in the same home fifty-three years; reared and educated seven children. The five girls were sent to the best schools.

The oldest son, Charles, completed his education in the University of Virginia. Was admitted to the bar, but afterwards gave up the practice of law and entered the ministry. His three pastorates were the First Baptist Church of Madison, the Second of Atlanta and the Albany Church—all in Georgia. He married Harriet Battle, and to them were born two children.

The younger son, Isaiah T. Irvin, was first honor graduate of the University of Georgia; was admitted to the bar and became a successful lawyer. He married Elizabeth Joyner; to them were born eight children.

I, Martha S. Battle (the youngest child of Isabella Bankston and Isaiah Tucker Irvin), am 85 years old, and the only surviving member of our large family.

Having finished school at Powelton, was married at 17 to Oliver L. Battle. Mr. Battle was a member of a large family of Battles of Nash County, North Carolina. His grandfather, Jesse Battle, was English, his grandmother French.

His father, Lazurus Battle, married Margaret Porter of Green County, Georgia.

#### ISAIAH TUCKER IRVIN.

By Martha S. Battle.

Isaiah Tucker Irvin, born in Virginia Sept. 20, 1783; died at Wilkes County, Georgia, April, 1857; married, in Wilkes County,





Dec. 10, 1801, to Isabella Bankston, born in Wilkes County, Feb. 22, 1784; died in Wilkes County, 1874.

Children of Above—1. Louisa Tucker, born Nov. 14, 1803. 2. Lucinda, born Jan. 14, 1806. 3. Nancy, born Dec. 21, 1807. 4. Prudence Echols, born Feb. 5, 1810. 5. Charles Mercer, born Nov. 11, 1813. 6. Mary A, born June 13, 1816. 7. Isaiah Tucker, born May 25, 1819. 8. Martha S, born July 26, 1821.

Marriages—1. Louis L. Davis, in Wilkes County, Sept. 10, 1818. 3. Thomas Favor married Oct. 29, 1823. 4. John P. Johnson married Jan. 29, 1824. 5. Iveson Brooks married in Wilkes County, Jan. 15, 1828. 6. Muriel Calloway married in Wilkes County, 1842. 7. Elizabeth Joyner. 8. Oliver L. Battle, married in Wilkes County, June, 1838.

Grandchildren—When Isaiah Tucker, my father, died there were 75 grandchildren, great and great-grandchildren.

Children of Martha S. Irvin and Oliver L. Battle—1. Reuben Battle died 1840. 2. Charles Irvin Battle died 1913; married Lou Walker. 3. Eliza Walker Battle died 1884; married John P. Ficklin, 1867. 4. John Tucker married Rosalie Waddey. 5. Mary Belle married John P. Ficklin, 1886. 5. Anne Porter married William H. Wood, 1893.

Grandchildren of Martha S. Irvin and O. L. Battle—Children of Eliza Battle and John P. Ficklin: 1. John Fielding Ficklin. 2. Oliver L. Battle. 3. Waddey W. Battle. 4. Mary Belle Battle. Children of Anne Battle and W. H. Wood: 1. Mary Belle Wood. 2. Ross Wood. 3. Alice N. Wood. 4. Fielding F. Wood.

Great-grandchildren of Martha Irvin and O. L. Battle—Children of Waddey W. Battle and Maud Bergan: 1. John T. Battle, Jr. 2. Rosalie Waddey Battle. 3. Harry W. Battle.

Great-grandfather—Alexander Irvin, married a Miss Gault in Virginia; of Scotch-Irish descent.

Grandfather—Christopher Irvin, born at Madison, Morgan County, Georgia; married to Louisa Tucker, afterwards to Miss Echols. He served in the Revolutionary War.

\* Children of Grandfather—1. Charles, born in Virginia, 1781. 2. Isaiah Tucker, born in Virginia Sept. 20, 1783; died in Wilkes County, Georgia, 1858. 3. David. 4. Christopher. 5. Catherine.

## HENRY IRWIN.

By Clinton F. Irwin.

Henry Irwin, born at Antrim, Ireland, March 10, 1826; died at Maple Park, Ill., Aug. 1, 1880; married at Franklin Grove, Ill., 1849, to Ann E. McNeal, born at Bedford County, Pennsylvania, 1833; died at Elgin, Ill., February, 1894.

Children of Above—Thomas Henry Irwin, born at Franklin Grove, Ill., 1850; died 1853. Clinton Irwin, born at Franklin



Grove, Ill., Jan. 1, 1854. Franklin H. Irwin, born at Franklin Grove, 1857; died 1860.

Married Julia H. Egan at Elgin, Ill., Nov. 4, 1880.

Grandchildren—William Hervev Harrison Irwin, born at Elgin, Ill, June 17, 1885; died Sept. 6, 1902.

Grandfather—Henry Irwin, born at Ireland; died at Franklin Grove, Ill., 1854; married to Margaret Lytle, who died at Franklin Grove, buried at Franklin Grove, Ill.

Children of Grandfather—1. Jane Irwin, born in Ireland. 2. Mary Ann Irwin, born in Ireland. 3. Henry Irwin, born in Ireland, March 10, 1866; died 1880. 4. Olivia Irwin, born in Canada. 5. Robert L. Irwin, born in Canada; died at Montgomery, Ala. 6. Margaret Irwin, born in Canada. 7. Wm. F. Irwin, born at Franklin, Ill. 8. Eliza Irwin, born at Franklin, Ill.

#### JAMES IRWIN OF MARYLAND AND DESCENDANTS.

James Irwin, born at Brick Meeting House, Cecil County, Maryland, in 1805; died in Ironville, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1889. His mother's name was Hannah.

Children—Hannah Irwin, born in Ironville, April 5, 1825; died Jan. 1, 1863. John C. Irwin, born in Ironville, Nov. 25, 1826; died Nov. 15, 1859. Mary E. Irwin, born in Ironville, July 22, 1829; died Sept. 7, 1859. William J. Irwin, born in Rising Sun, Md., Nov. 9, 1831; died Oct. 30, 1886. Jeremiah Van Buren Irwin, born in Middletown, Pa., Sept. 12, 1835; died June 15, 1847. Henrietta H. Irwin, born in Middletown, Pa., Dec. 1836; died Aug. 31, 1862. Samuel V. Irwin, born in Middletown, Pa., Jan. 21, 1839.

#### JOHN W. IRWIN.

John W. Irwin, born in Manor Township, Washington County, Pa., on March 31, 1860; married, in Lancaster, Dec. 25, 1881, to Laura W. Stickler, born at Manor Township, June 4, 1860.

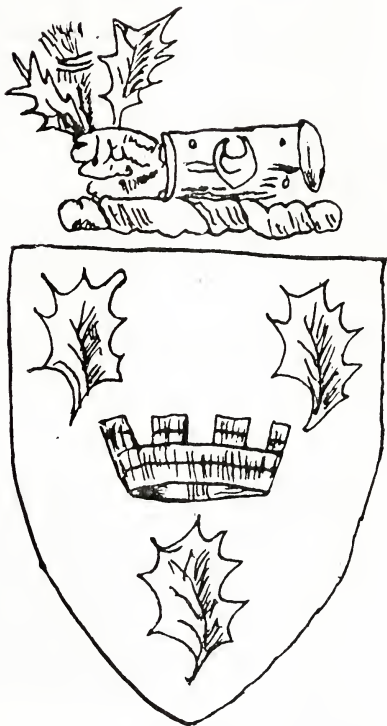
Children—Harry S. Irwin, born in Manor Township, Aug. 4, 1883; Emma S. Irwin, born in Manor Township, Jan. 12, 1888; John S. Irwin, born in Manor Township, Jan. 27, 1892; Irene S. Irwin, born in Manor Township, Nov. 6, 1894.

Names of John W. Irwin's Brothers and Sisters—Chester W. Irwin, Perryville, Cecil County, Md.; Fred W. Irwin, Octoraro, Cecil County, Md.; Harry W. Irwin, Perryville, Cecil County, Md.; William W. Irwin, Fox Chase, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. George Moon, Fox Chase, Philadelphia; Mrs. Lawson Norvell, Port Deposit, Cecil County, Md.; Mrs. Alice Norris, died at Rawlandsville, Md.; Elizabeth Irwin, died at Rawlandsville, Md.

#### WALTER IRVINE OF IRELAND.

Samuel Irvine, born at Jamestown, Va., on James River; died





IRWIN.



in Weakley County, Tennessee, Feb. 10, 1863; married at Notaway County, Oct. 20, 1823, to Catherine Greenhill Jones, born in Notaway County, Virginia, 1892; died in Dresden, 1897. 1. T. W. Irvine, born at Buckingham County, Va., Sept. 26, died at Memphis, Tenn. 2. R. N. Irvine, born at Buckingham County, Va. 3. Ann C. Irvine, born at Buckingham County, Va. 4. B. D. Irvine, born at Dresden, 1832 5. Samuel Irvine, Jr., born at Weakley, Tenn., June 10, 1834; died in Weakley County, Tenn. 6. Virginia Irvine, born in Weakley County, April 13, 1836; died in Weakley County.

Marriages—F. W. Irvine to Clem Carnes, at Whiteville, Tenn., Dec. 11, 1850; R. N. Irvine to Nannie Winton, Dresden, April 10, 1853; D. B. Irvine, to Agnes Moran, Dresden, Dec. 10, 1851; Samuel Irvine, Jr., to ———— Janes, at Thompson Creek, July 4, 1863.

Grandchildren—C. B. Irvine, born Feb. 26, 1855, died 1894; Annie L. Irvine, born Dec. 23, 1856, living; Walter W. Irvine, born July 4, 1858, living; William G. Irvine, born Nov. 17, 1861; Mattie Lee Irvine, born 1876, died 1876; Robert N. Irvine, Jr.

Grandfather—Walter Irvine, born at Ireland, died at Jamestown, Va., in 1803.

Grandchildren—Will Winston and Clarence Winston, Paducah. Daughter Anna married Dr. Rip R. Winston; daughter Mattie Lee Irvine married G. T. Taylor, Union City; grandchildren, Wood N. Taylor, Hal Taylor, Bob Irvine Taylor.

### BONSHAW.

The Bonshaw Towers are stout and strong,  
 Their high walls frown o'er wood and wave;  
 The tempest whirls their leaves along  
 Or round their heavy turrets rave.  
 Of Irvin's race the stay, the pride,  
 Their boast in war, their prop of glory  
 Gone like the foam upon the tide.  
 Their being but in story.  
 But every rock, and tower, and tree,  
 Bear witness of their ancestry.

—W. S. Irving.

### ERINVEINE, ERVIN AND IRVING ANCESTRY.

"Ereinveine," the original way of spelling the name, means strong, masterful man, which has been contracted into many variations, such as Irwin, Ervin, Ervine, Erving, Erwyn, Erwing, Erwin, etc., and the same in each beginning with "I" instead of "E," but all bear the same direct line of descent.—"Irvines and Their Kin."

When the elans of Gaelick nations came from the west coast of Spain and settled on the east coast of Erin and in the west hills and isles of Albin, from Sabrin to the Promontorium Orcas (now





Farohed), which is the utmost point of Strath Naveru and the most northern promontory of Scotland, then the Erinveines came to both islands.

They had their seat in that part of Albion called Cunnighame, and built a place there which is now in ruins. They named the city and river of Irvine. They remained in possession of their original lands and estates until the banishment of the Albion Scots by the Romans, in 373 A. D., after the death of Eugenius I. their king.

They returned again, about 400 A. D., with Fergus II., and were restored to their former ancient possessions. During the reign of Malcolm II. Crine Erevine, the most prominent one of the Erevines, was the progenitor of the race in Scotland.

Malcolm II. made Crine Erevine Seneschal of the King's rents in Scotland and the West Isles, and gave him his oldest daughter, Princess Beatrice, heir to the Scotch throne, in marriage, 1004, A. D. Malcolm II. left no male heir to the throne, so Beatrice and Crine Erevine's eldest son, Duncan I., became King of Scotland, 1034 A. D. Duncan I. was murdered by Macbeth, son of Malcolm's second daughter, the usurper.

Crine Erevine and Beatrice had a large family of children. Some of their children moved to Dumfriesshire, Scotland, where they got possession, by marriage, of the princely estates of Bonshaw. There were ten branches of the Erevine family of Scotland. From Crine and Beatrice Erevine descended a line of kings that ruled Scotland for 257 years and, in the female line, until now.

The Bonshaw Erevines or Irvings branch is the oldest and have lived at Bonshaw, Scotland, since the estate came into the family.

Some of the Bonshaw branch moved to Aberdeen, Scotland. One member of this branch at Aberdeen was made master of the Rolls of Scotland by Robert Bruce, when Bruce became King. His name was William de Irvine. For his fidelity he was given the royal forests of Drum, in Aberdeen, in possession of one branch of the family today. A son of William de Irvine, Alexander, married Euphemia (Eugenia) Douglas, daughter of the Earl of Angus, and granddaughter of Robert II, of Scotland, and great-granddaughter of Robert Bruce. The holly leaf was selected for the emblem on their coat-of-arms. There are twenty or more different coats-of-arms of the Erevine family of Scotland.

Earl of Angus descended from John of Gaunt, English King.

The Erevine family, of Scotland, is descended from Malcolm II, through his daughter, Beatrice. In the seventeenth century the wealth of the Erevine family of Scotland vied with the wealth of royalty possessing thousands of retainers.

There was a Covenantry branch and a Royalist branch during the religious dissensions.

Alexander Irvine, the Covenanter, closed the gates of Londonderry during the siege in the face of King James' victorious army.



There was an article appeared in the Edinburg Review, now in possession of Mrs. Sophia Irvine Fox Sea, of Louisville, Ky., that says that in view of this act of Alexander Irvine, the stupendous results to Protestantism secured civil and religious liberty to the British Isles. He was one of the greatest heroes the world has ever seen.

A list of some of the great men descended from the Ervines:  
General Gordon.

Andrew Jackson descended through the McDowells and Ervines.

Theodore Roosevelt, his grandmother was an Irvine of Georgia. She was the daughter of General Bullock. Dr. Bullock of Georgia has written a history of the Irvine family.

General Irvine McDowell of the Civil War.

General William Irvine and General Robert Irwin, of the Revolutionary War.

Robert Irwin was a signer of the Declaration of Independence (Mecklenburg).

President Harrison.

Washington Irving.

Dr. Christopher Irvine, living at the present time in Mountjoy, Ireland.

Miss Semple, Larne, Ireland.

Not alone from Malcolm II and Robert Bruce but from the Keiths, the Campbells, the Johnstones and Gordons, the Drummonds and the Dukes of Argyle.

Governor Francis, his grandmother was an Irvine.

John Rogers Clark, the greatest Indian fighter the world has ever known, belonged to the family.

Joseph Hasford, who was with Washington at Bunker Hill and Valley Forge, and with Mad Anthony Wayne.

James Patterson, whose bronze statue adorns Washington, and 'tis said the Ervines mostly have their features.

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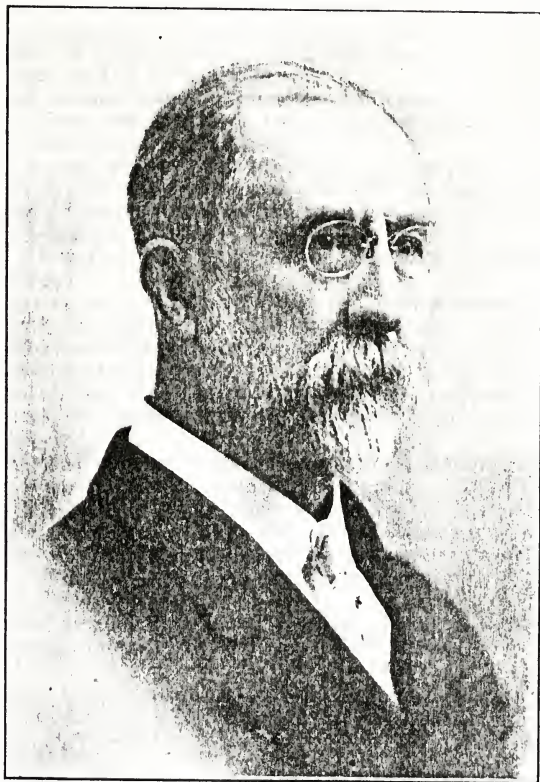
### CHRISTOPHER IRVINE.

By James J. Erwin, Chief, Irvine Society.

Tradition of the family as told me by my ancestors relates that: "There was once a great battle where the family of our forefathers was pitted alone against a great enemy. That it was an understanding within the family that no one should desert another of his clan while that other was in serious trouble. At the time mentioned they remained loyal to themselves by their loyalty to each other, and defended that honor until all had been slain."

That a son was born to the chief after the death of his father. That my great-grandfather was named "Christopher" after the chief who fell. That my grandfather named his first son "James"





DR. J. N. ERVIN, D. D.  
Dayton, Ky.



after the son who was born subsequent to his father's death, and that I was named after my uncle.

History and biography inform me that:

“Christopher Irvine, Laird of Bonshaw, who was head of the family in the beginning of the sixteenth century, commanded a body of light horsemen of tenants, retainers, clansmen, etc., in the last expedition of King James IV, into England, which ended in the disastrous battle of Flodden Field, Sept. 9, 1513, where Laird Christopher fell with most of his followers.

“Here all the male Irvines of the House of Bonshaw, who were able to carry arms, were killed, and few of that house were left to preserve the name, except those unborn.

A son who was named James, was born to Christopher Irvine, shortly after his fall at Flodden Field. He had two sons, Robert and John, who fled to Ireland in the time of the English persecution, and settled in Glencoe.

Robert Irvine fled from Dumfriesshire, Scotland, to Glencoe, Ireland, in 1584.

Robert Irvine married Margaret Wylie (probably a second marriage) and had ten children born to him, viz: Thomas, who married and settled in Cushendal, Ireland, where he lived and died, and where his descendants now reside.

John and Robert Irvine were the sons of James, who was the son of Christopher, who fell at Flodden Field, 1513, and who was born after his death.

Christopher Erwin was born in Cushendal, Ireland, in 1741, and came to America with Abererombie's troops, who “left for New York early in April, 1756.” He married Mary Fulk. One of their sons was Jacob, born Dec. 3, 1785, who married Elizabeth Osborn. One of their sons was Henry, born June 9, 1825, who married Eliza Jane Squier. Their son was James Jay Erwin, born Jan. 30, 1850, who married Nellie M. Speneer.

This is sufficient to show that I descended from the House of Bonshaw, through Christopher, of Flodden Field notoriety.

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#### REV. JOHN NEWTON ERVIN.

Rev. John Newton Ervin, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Dayton, Ky.

John Newton Ervin was born near Greenfield, Ross County, Ohio, April 23, 1853. The first year of his life was spent on a farm. Later he graduated from Salem Academy, Ross County, and in 1885 he graduated from the University of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, and in 1879 he graduated from Lane Seminary, Cincinnati. In August of the same year he went to Dayton, Ky., and was ordained pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and has been their leader ever since. The little Mission church was replaced by a new one in 1880.





The congregation built a beautiful parsonage for the pastor several years ago. Dr. Ervin received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Center College, Danville, Ky., for scholarship and for literary articles written and published in the church periodicals. His tract, "Guest of a Dream," created quite a stir in the literary world.

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JAMES IRWIN.

By James William Irwin.

James Irwin, born near Chambersburg, Penn., April 21, 1797; died at Savannah, Tenn., June 2, 1858, married at Hardin County, known now as Old Town, Tenn., to Miss Nancy Sevier, born at Warrenburg, Green County, East Tennessee, Oct. 30, 1806; died at Savannah, Tenn., Oct. 7, 1885.

Children of above: 1. Ann Mariah, born February, 1830; died Nashville, 1900. 2. John Sevier, born at Savannah, 1832. 3. Lewis, born at Savannah, 1834. 4. James William, born at Savannah, 1835; 5. Susannah Elizabeth, born at Savannah, 1837. 6. Hattie Laura, 7. Juliette Sevier. 8. Mary Dinwiddie, died at Paducah, 1865. 9. Cornelia L.

Marriages: 1. to W. H. Cherry, at Savannah, Tenn. 2. to Miss Fannie Church, at Columbia, Tenn. 3. To Mary H. Bailey, in Hardin County. 4. To Cornelia Broyle, at Savannah. 6. To Dr. Robert A. Hardin. 8. To Edgar Cherry. 9. To Daniel A. Welch.

Grandchildren—1. James Irwin Cherry, born at Savannah, Tenn.; died in infancy. Mrs. Minnie Cherry, born at Savannah; William Irwin Cherry, born at Memphis.

2. Annie Laurie Irwin, Savannah; James O. Irwin, Savannah; Nancy Eliza Irwin, Savannah.

4. John Lewis Irwin, Julia Lillian Irwin, died in infancy; Florence Elizabeth Irwin, Nancy Gertrude Irwin, James William Irwin.

6. Nancy Elizabeth Hawkins Irwin, Robert A. Irwin, Loula Irwin, Charles W. Irwin.

8. William H. Cherry, Juliette Irwin Cherry, Flora Cornelia Cherry, Mary Louise Cherry, Edgar Cherry.

Grandfather.—John Irwin, born in Pennsylvania, died at Savannah, Tenn., about 1840. Married Miss Anna Dinwiddie, died at Savannah, Tenn., about 1844, buried at Savannah, Tenn. Served in United States army.

Children of Grandfather.—1. William, 2. Robert, 3. James, 4. Hester.

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JAMES CALLENDER IRVINE.

James Callender Irvine, born in Huntington County, Pa., July 7, 1807; died at Mount Vernon, Ohio, June 28, 1881; married to



Martha Nevins Bartlett, born at Salem, New York, on Feb. 22, 1803; died at Mount Vernon, Ohio, Feb. 1, 1881.

Children of Above—1. James Clark Irvine, born Oct. 10, 1830; died at Oregon, Mo., 1897. 2. Martha C. Irvine, born June 21, 1833; 3. Ellen Amelia Irvine, born December, 1834; died at Pittsburg, 1894. 4. Rebecca Harrison Irvine, born December, 1837. 5. Mary Bartlett Irvine, born Oct. 13, 1839; died at San Diego. 6. Jefferson J. Irvine, born Dec. 24, 1843; died at Mount Vernon.

Marriages—1. To Ann K. Johnson, at Omaha, Neb., 1859. 3. To M. J. Becker, at Mount Vernon, Jan. 15, 1855. 4. To Charles F. Baldwin, at Mount Vernon, July 4, 1877. 5. To Mary McGrath, at Mount Vernon.

Grandchildren—1. Leigh, 2. Lewis, 3. Clare, born at Oregon, Mo.; 4. Martha, 5. Carl, 6. May, 7. Minnie, 8. Nell, born at Pittsburg, all dead; 9. Mary B. Dickinson, born at Mount Vernon, February, 1868; 10. Jeff, 11. Charles. 12. Clarence, 13. Elinor, 14. Martha.

Great-Grandfather—Irvine, born at Tromestown, Ireland. Married Jane Sproule. Nationality of ancestry, Scotch-Irish.

Grandfather—Thomas Irvine, born near Emmiskillen, died at Mount Vernon, Ohio, June, 1851; married at Stone Valley, Huntington County, April 21, 1798, to Tabitha Meredith Clarke, born at Little York, Pa.; died at Mount Vernon, Ohio, June, 1849; buried at Mount Vernon, Ohio. Was an officer in the British army.

Children of Grandfather.—Thomas W. Irvine, born at Huntington County, Pa., March 7, 1799; died at Soldiers' Home, Dayton, O. Jane Irvine, born in New York City, February 3, 1803; died at Londonville, Ohio. James Callender Irvine, born at Huntington County, Pa., July 7, 1807; died at Mount Vernon, Ohio., 1881. Clarke Irvine, born in Trumble County, Ohio, June 14, 1809; died at Mount Vernon. Robert Irvine, born in Mount Vernon, Jan. 30, 1812; died at Pleasant Hill, Mo. Julia Ann Irvine, born in Mount Vernon, February, 1814; died St. Louis, Mo., 1843. Sarah Irvine, born in Mount Vernon, June 26, 1816; died at Mount Vernon, June, 1849. Meleenea Irvine, born in Mount Vernon, Oct. 30, 1818; died at Chicago, Ill. Angeline Irvine, born in Mount Vernon, Nov. 19, 1824; died in Chicago, Ill.

James Callender Irvine answered the first call for troops, April 1861, Captain Company A, Third Regiment, Vol. O. V. I., served at Camp Dennison, Ohio. Left service on account of age.

Legend of Thomas Irvine (grandfather) that he deserted from British service, and came to America May 16, 1797. Eloped with Tabitha Clarke, April 21, 1798, and was married to her on that date by Thomas Riddle, Esq., at Stone Valley, Huntington County, Pa. Came to Mount Vernon to reside, March 15, 1811; died at Mount Vernon, Ohio, June 1851.



## IRWIN HISTORY.

By Capt. James W. Irwin, of Savannah, Tenn.

My grandfather, John Irwin, and his wife, my grandmother, who was Ann Dinwiddie, lived near Chambersburg, Pa.

They, with two sons, William and Robert, came to Tennessee and settled near Savannah, about 1835. These two sons were never married. They and their parents died between 1838 and 1845, and are buried in the Savannah cemetery.

My father, James Irwin, brother of William and Robert, was born near Chambersburg, Pa., April 1st, 1797. He came to Tennessee about 1827—married Dec. 18, 1828, Miss Nancy Sevier, of Warrensburg, East Tennessee. She was a daughter of John Sevier and Susanna Conway. This John Sevier was a son of Valentine Sevier, who was a brother of John Sevier, first Governor of Tennessee.

Two of the Conways became Governors of Arkansas, and my mother's brother, Ambrose H. Sevier, was United States Senator from Arkansas. My father had one sister, Hester, or Hettie, who married John Brotherton. They lived near Wheeling, Va.

My Parents first lived in Murfreesboro, Tenn., they moved to McMinnville, about 1830, and in 1832 moved to Savannah, Tenn., where my father had considerable landed interest. He gave to the town the plot of land on which Savannah is located. They had ten children—nine lived to be grown. Seven are yet living in Hardin County, Tenn., the youngest approaching three-score years. Thirty-seven descendants are now living.

My father and mother were members of the Southern Methodist Church. My father's people were "blue stocking" Presbyterians. My mother was the cornerstone of Southern Methodism in Savannah.

My brother, John Sevier Irwin, lives on his farm near Savannah.

My brother, Lewis B. Irwin, is a physician living near Savannah, Tenn. He was Captain of Company G, First Tennessee (Manney's) Regiment, Infantry.

James W. Irwin was Captain Company G, First Confederate Cavalry. Both served from 1861 to the surrender, 1865.

## BIOGRAPHY OF JAMES W. IRWIN.

Captain James William Irwin, the subject of this sketch, was born at Savannah, Hardin County, Tennessee, April 13th, 1835, and died February 12th, 1914. He was the third son of James Irwin and Nancy Sevier Irwin.

He married Miss Cornelia Broyles, February 25th, 1868.

To them were born six children, two of whom died in infancy. His wife, two sons and two daughters, survive him.

James W. Irwin was Captain of Company G, First Confederate



Cavalry, and served from 1861 to the surrender in 1865.

He was a member of the Southern Methodist Church, filling for many years positions of prominence and trust, both in the church and Sunday school.

He was a prominent Free Mason, a Royal Arch Mason, a Knight Templar, and was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Tennessee.

Capt. James W. Irwin died at Savannah, Tenn., since above was written.

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### JOHN WARDELL ERWIN.

John Wardell Erwin, for many years a prominent and respected citizen of Hamilton, Ohio, was born in Newcastle County, Delaware, on Sept. 9, 1808, and died at Hamilton, on April 17, 1889. He was of Quaker stock, and his parents and grandparents were natives of New Jersey. In 1828 he crossed the Alleghany mountains on foot, and stopped at Richmond, Ind., where, having previously prepared himself for the profession, he received and filled for five years an appointment as assistant civil engineer on the eastern division of the Cumberland or National road, extending from Indianapolis to the State line east. This work was for the most of the time in charge of Captain Brewerton, of the U. S. Engineer Corps. In the winter of 1835-6, he located the Hamilton, Rossville, Somerville, Newcomb and Eaton turnpike, which was the first public work of the kind built with gravel west of the mountains, other Ohio turnpikes were located by him in 1837-8, and he also located hydraulic work at Hamilton, Middleton, Franklin and Troy, in Ohio, at Goshen, Elkhart and Bristol, in Indiana, and at Constantine, in Michigan. For many years he was a resident engineer on the Miami and Erie Canal. He was a party to the erection of the first paper mill built in Hamilton, in 1847, and he built and was a part owner of the first flour mill run by water furnished by the hydraulic company of Hamilton. He made the preliminary surveys for the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, the Eaton & Richmond, and the Richmond & Chicago Railroads. On May 12, 1833 he married Ann Eliza Chadwick, a native of New Jersey, and in 1883 Mr. and Mrs. Erwin celebrated their golden wedding.

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### REV. FRANK ERWIN BRANDT.

Rev. Frank Erwin Bernadotte Brandt was born at Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio, on August 10, 1869, where for several years he was a newspaper reporter. In his home city he was a vestryman of Trinity Episcopal Church, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Lane Free Library. In 1884 and 1885 he was a student at the Morgan Park Military Academy at Morgan Park, Ill., and in 1888 entered the Law School of Cornell University, at Ithaca, New







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York. Before his marriage in 1889 he spent a year in Southern California, making his home at Etiwanda, near San Bernardino. In 1896 he removed with his family to Chicago, and studied for holy orders at the Western Theological Seminary, from which institution he graduated in 1899, during which year he was ordained both deacon and priest, by Rt. Rev. Wm. E. McLaren, Bishop of Chicago. His first charge was at St. Augustine's, Wilmette, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, which he began to serve in 1897, before his ordination, and where he remained until 1902. After a brief pastorate at Marshall, Minn., during which he was also in charge of St. Paul's Church, Pipestone, he became the rector of St. James' Church, Dundee, Ill. In 1906 he accepted the charge of Christ Church, Harvard, Ill., of which he is the present pastor. Socially Mr. Brandt is prominent in masonry, being a Shriner, Knight Templar, Thirty-second Degree Mason and member of the Royal Order of Scotland. Of the Order of Elks he is an honorary life member, and the chaplain of the Elk Lodge at Woodstock, Ill. He holds membership in the Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution, and on the maternal side is a descendant of two soldiers of the Revolution, John Platt, of Hall's Delaware Regiment and John Hopping, of the Morris County, New Jersey Militia, and of the Colonial Governor Robert Treat, of Connecticut. Politically he is a member of the Democratic party to which he is warmly attached. His work in the ministry has been spent almost entirely in the diocese of Chicago.

#### SENATOR J. B. ERWIN.

(See Page 189.)

General John Bratton Erwin, Senator from Lancaster County, was born in York County, on the 12th day of October, 1834. He entered the South Carolina College. He left the College a member of the junior class, and entered the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, and there was graduated in 1856. He afterwards read law, and was admitted to practice. He served for a time on the staff of General Toombs in the Confederate Army, and after that a private to the end of the war. Returning home from the army he was elected President of the King's Mountain Railroad Company. He then married Miss Mary T. Barnes, only child of Colonel Dixon Barnes, of Lancaster County, S. C., moved to Lancaster County, settled on his plantation and has ever since engaged in the business of farming.

General Erwin was the chairman of the executive committee of the Democratic party in Lancaster County, in 1876, a year ever memorable for the redemption of South Carolina and the establishment of the home rule. He was honored in being a candidate on the Tilden Democratic electoral ticket, and was elected to the House of Representatives in 1876. and took an active part in the historic



events of the "Wallace House." He was appointed Brigadier General of the State militia, and served as one of the regents of the lunatic asylum. In all these positions he discharged his duties faithfully and well. General Erwin is a good scholar, a high-toned gentleman, and a conservative legislator. He thinks, acts and judges for himself, and he has the confidence of his constituents. He was elected to the Senate in 1886, and his term of office will expire in 1890.

(From News and Courier, Charleston, S. C.)

WRITTEN FOR THE S. C. COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

General John Bratton Erwin was born in the old colonial house of his great-grandfather, Colonel William Bratton, of Revolutionary fame, on his father's estate at Brattonsville, York District, South Carolina, on Oct. 12, 1834. When only five years of age his father died and with his mother and brother (the only sister having died) he then removed to the home of his paternal grandfather in Yorkville, S. C. Here he was entered at a primary school and a few years later went to Greenville, S. C., from there he went to Winnsboro, S. C., whence he entered the South Carolina College, which he left in his junior year, 1854. Afterward he entered the University of Chapel Hill, N. C., and there graduated in 1856. He read law, was admitted to the bar, and the future betokened a promising career in the practice of his chosen profession. But the gathering war clouds broke, the call to arms was heard throughout the land, and the dread alarm of war was felt on every hand. He at once proceeded to Virginia, volunteered for service, was given a position on General Toomb's staff, which he held until that officer's resignation, when he then served as a private to the end of the war.

On his return home after the war General Erwin was elected president of the King's Mountain Railway Company. Affairs were in a very dilapidated condition, and the road had ceased to be in operation. Beginning with the small sum of several silver dollars, which his mother handed him, he soon had the company in shape to put the road in operation again. The road then set in order has never ceased to operate since that time.

In 1866 General Erwin was married to Miss Mary T. Barnes, only child of Colonel Dixon Barnes, of Lancaster District, and thereafter gave up his profession and undertook the management of her large estates. In 1876 when General Hampton was made Governor of the State he was appointed Brigadier General; and also served as a member of the famous Wallace House, in which he took an active part. Several times he was in the Legislature and was a delegate on the Tilden electoral ticket.

In 1893 after the death of his wife, he moved his family to Washington, D. C., where he had accepted an appointment as compiler in the War Record's office. In 1898, the compilation of rec-



ords under his direction being completed, and a Republican administration having come into power, the office was abolished and the few retained cloaked under the War Department. Since that time General Erwin has continued to reside in the Capital City, and engaged in the real estate business.

### COLONEL ARTHUR ERWIN.

By Helen Erwin Gaulden.

The great-great-grandfather of Helen Erwin Gaulden was Col. Arthur Erwin, of Erwina, Pa. He was Colonel of Bucks County Militia, Pennsylvania, and the point where Washington made his famous crossing of the Delaware lay but a few miles below where Colonel Erwin's plantation stretched for ten miles along the Delaware, about at what is now called Erwina, opposite Frenchtown, N. J., Colonel Erwin furnished most of the boats for that event, manning them with his own slaves and tenants, and thereby making history. He armed and equipped his company largely and in fact almost entirely at his own expense, and himself, with three of his sons, served as officers.

### COLONEL JOHN BEAUFIN IRVING.

See portrait, page 422.

Colonel John Beaufin Irving, S. P., late Commander of Third Bt. The Manchester Regiment, "The Royal Company of Archers," "King's Bodyguard in Scotland." Born 14 February, 1844. Stands 6 feet 4½ inches in stockings, weighs 16 stone, 9 pounds. The uniform is that of the "King's Bodyguard." The medal is the one for the Abyssinian Campaign. The direct male descendant of the Irvings of Bonshaw. The hereditary Chieftain of the Irving Clan.

### JAMES McDOWELL AND DESCENDANTS.

Churchill Line.

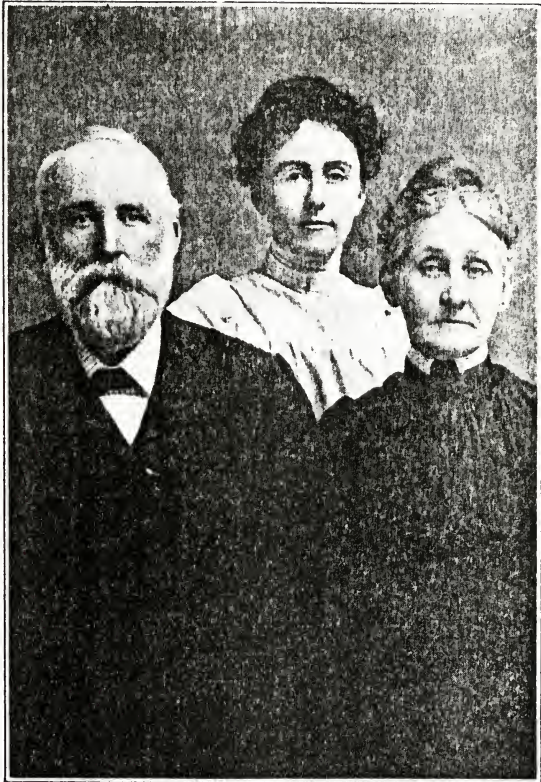
By Mrs. Churchill.

James McDowell was born in the north part of Ireland, April 1, 1747. His parents were natives of Scotland, and moved from there on account of religious persecution; they came to America with two small boys, James and John, from two to four years old, and settled near "Eastern Shore." James and John grew to manhood, enlisted in, and went through the Revolutionary War. Grandfather James was wounded in the battle of Brandywine. At the close of the war he married Sarah Gorrel, of Pennsylvania. He died in Sciota County, Ohio, April 11th, A. D., 1809.

Sarah McDowell was born July 26, 1763, and died in Tippecanoe County, Indiana, Sept. 5, 1834. James and Sarah raised nine children:







H. H. McDOWELL, WIFE AND DAUGHTER SUSIE  
Kings Mountain, Line



1 James, Junior; 2 Mary (Phillips), 3 William, 4 John, 5 Woodford G., 6 Martha (Crull), 7 Hiram, 8 Elizabeth, 9 Thomas G.

John McDowell was born in Woodford County, Ky., Jan. 1, 1792, and died in Montgomery County, Indiana, Jan. 16, 1843. He married Elizabeth Price, Jan. 7, 1819. Elizabeth (Price) McDowell was born in Ross County, Ohio, Jan. 30, 1798. She died at Fairbury, Illinois, on Oct. 10, 1880. John and Elizabeth McDowell raised nine children, namely:

1 Jackson, born October, 1819, and died in Montgomery County, Indiana, Feb. 22, 1843; 2 Sarah Ann Russell, born in Montgomery County, Ind., November, 1821, and died in Pontiac, Illinois; 3 Isaac P. McDowell, born in Montgomery County, Ind., Aug. 17, 1824; married Jane Russell, June 10, 1855; 4 Oliver Perry, born Feb. 7, 1827; 5 Nelson Scott, born October, 1829; died June 1, 1878; 6 James Madison, born 1835, killed at Vicksburg, June 15, 1863; 7 Mary Elizabeth Ladd, born Oct. 20, 1832; 8 John Vann, born Jan. 6, 1838; died Nov. 29, 1861. 9 William Henry Harrison, born March 6, 1840.

Jane Russel, wife of Isaae P. McDowell, born September, 1834, and died August 26, 1890. The children of Isaae P. and Jane R. McDowell, as below namely:

1 Thomas S. O., born Jan. 26, 1858, and died Oct. 21, 1911; 2 Lillian, born May 6, 1856, and died September, 1857; 3 Elmer E., born March 11, 1862; 4 John Vann, born February, 1864; Eva (Graff) born Oct. 9, 1865; 6 Lutie born Nov. 11, 1874.

Isaae P. McDowell, died January 9, 1901.

Emily Myer, wife of Oliver Perry McDowell, was born March 25, 1832, died Aug. 19, 1888.

The children of Oliver Perry and Emily McDowell are:

1 Osiner Napolian, born March 7, 1854; died, 1913; 2 Laura Catherine, born Sept. 27, 1856; 3 Emma, born Oct. 13, 1858; 4 Joseph Eli Lincoln McDowell, born Jan. 26, 1863; Adda Elizabeth, born Oct. 7, 1864; 6 Luella, born March 7, 1870.

Emma McDowell, daughter of Oliver Perry and Emily McDowell, married Albert C. Bartlett, Dec. 19, 1878.

The children born to Emma McDowell and Albert C. Bartlett are:

1 Cicero McDowell Bartlett, born June 17, 1881; 2 Louise Bartlett, born May 21, 1895.

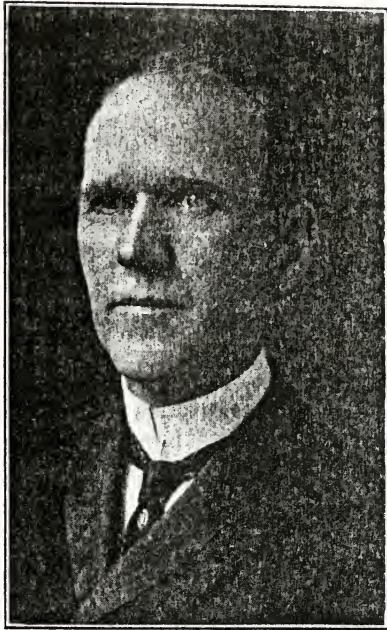
Cicero McDowell Bartlett and Kathryn Shehan were married September 12, 1904.

The children of Cicero McDowell Bartlett and Kathryn Bartlett are:

1 Albert Cornelius Bartlett, born July 17, 1907; 2 Robert Thomas Bartlett, born Sept. 16, 1914; 3 Emma Louise Bartlett, born Jan. 14, 1916.

Rose Cook, wife of Thomas S. O. McDowell, born Sept. 20, 1862. The children of Thomas S. O. and Rose McDowell, are:





REV. O. S. McDOWELL



1 Lenore McDowell, born Jan. 24, 1886; married John Thomas Wilcox, Jan. 12, 1910; 2 Thomas Scott McDowell, born May 8, 1898.

#### Grandfather.

William McDowell, born Sept. 25, 1785, died at Avoca, Ill., Sept. 6, 1834. Married Sarah Dever, Nov. 28, 1809, who was born Oct. 9, 1787, and died at Avoca, Ill., Nov. 18, 1858. Both buried at Avoca, Ill., Livingston County.

#### Children of grandfather:

1 Mary (Hefner), born Sciota County, Ohio, December 23, 1810; died, 1892; 2 John, born Sciota County, Ohio, May 5, 1813, died Dec. 2, 1901; 3 James, born Sciota County, Ohio, Sept. 21, 1815, died June 10, 1880; 4 Woodford G., born Sciota County, Ohio, February 3, 1818, died Sept. 10, 1904; 5 Elizabeth (Felky) born Sciota County, Ohio, Sept. 1, 1819; died March 4, 1841; 6 Hannah (Blue) born Sciota County, Ohio, Sept. 26, 1823; died Nov. 11, 1844; 7 Joseph B., born Sciota County, Ohio, Sept. 1, 1825, died Jan. 4, 1916; 8 William T., born Sciota County, Ohio, July 1, 1828, died October 1, 1828.

#### Father and Mother.

James McDowell, born at Sciota County, Ohio, Sept. 21, 1815, died at Fairbury, Ill., June 10, 1880; married in Carrol County, Indiana, Dec. 11, 1845, to Frances Wilson, who was born near Milton, Indiana, Wayne County, January 28, 1824, and died at Fairbury, Ill., Feb. 17, 1900.

#### Children of above:

1 Jason Lee, born at Avoca, Ill., Aug. 17, 1847; 2 John William, born at Avoca, Ill., Dec. 25, 1849; 3 Sarah I. born at Avoca, Ill., Nov. 4, 1851; 4 Grant Y., born at Avoca, Ill., July 2, 1863; 5 Lillie E., born at Avoca, Ill., June 22, 1866.

Jason Lee, married Angie Wilson at Onarga, Ill., Nov. 26, 1874, who died Aug. 25, 1876.

Jason Lee married Florence Wilson, at Sedalia, Mo., Jan. 26, 1881.

Children of above: 1 James Daniel, born Sept. 10, 1884; 2 John William, born Oct. 30, 1885; 3 Angie Frances, born June 10, 1888; 4 Ruth Evalyn, born Jan. 22, 1891; 5 Sadie Louise, born Sept. 25, 1892; 6 Denzel Isaac, born July 27, 1895.

John William married Chloe Fugate, Feb. 13, 1877, who died March 19, 1879.

J. W. married Luella Tanner, March 31, 1881, who died Aug. 2, 1901.

J. W. married Frank Wilson Finley, March 15, 1904.

Children of above: 1 Gertrude M., born Feb. 24, 1878; 2 James Francis, born May 10, 1886.

Gertrude married Lewis Henderson, October 19, 1901, and their children are Dorothy Louise, born Nov. 30, 1902; John Thomas, born Sept. 2, 1906, and Frances, born June 2, 1909.





Sarah L., married Hiel J. Ramsey, Nov. 1, 1876.

Their children are: 1 Jessie Frances, born April 5, 1881; 2 Elmer Blaine, born Dec. 20, 1892.

Jessie married Fred F. Brydia, June 17, 1903, and they have one child, Marvene, born Jan. 17, 1907.

Elmer married Aldine Hanna, June 6, 1914.

Grant Y. married Jennie Dominy, June 18, 1890.

Their children are: 1 James Lorenzo, born April 24, 1891; 2 Marion, born July 27, 1905.

Lillie E., married Frank L. Churchill, April 5, 1893.

Their children are: 1 Fred Weaver, born May 12, 1896; 2 Woodford McDowell, born Oct. 23, 1897; James Delos, born Jan. 15, 1899; 4 Mildred, born Dec. 11, 1899; 5 Hannah Frances, born July 13, 1901.

### MRS. CHURCHILL ON ANCESTORS OF FAMILY.

John, son of William and Sarah McDowell, born at Scioto County, Ohio, May 5, 1813; died at Harper, Kansas, Dec. 2, 1901; married at Indian Grove, Livingston County, Ill., Nov. 16, 1837, to Elizabeth Julian Moore; born at Nashville, Tenn., June 20, 1820; died at Mount Hope, Kansas, on Nov. 22, 1895.

Children: Sarah Angeline, born Nov. 25, 1839; 2 Sarepta Jane, born April 5, 1842; 3 Mary Alice, born Jan. 13, 1854; 4 Lewis Preston, born Oct. 15, 1859.

Marriages: 1 Sarah Angeline, to E. B. Titus, March 5, 1857; 2 Sarepta Jane to John Virgin, Jan. 26, 1865; 3 Mary Alice to Andrew B. Claudon, Nov. 14, 1877; 4 Lewis Preston, to ——— February, 1878.

Children of E. B. and Sarah Angeline Titus: 1 Elizabeth, born July 14, 1866; 2 Joseph M., born Feb. 3, 1868; 3 Ellis B., born July 10, 1869; 4 Lewis H., born May 18, 1873.

Children of John and Sarepta Jane Virgin: 1 Minnie Alice, born at Fairbury, Ill., Aug. 18, 1868; married Cooley; 2 Daisy Dean, born at Fairbury, Ill., Feb. 24, 1876.

Children of Andrew B. and Mary Alice Claudon: 1 Alice Bessie, born Oct. 20, 1878, married Mosiman; 2 Nelson Jay, born May 22, 1883; 3 Andrew Bertrum, born Jan. 28, 1889; 4 Edith Morie, born Oct. 17, 1892.

Children of Lewis Preston McDowell: 1 Bertrum McDowell, born at Fairbury, Ill., Feb. 7, 1880; 2 Claudon McDowell, born at Mt. Hope, Kansas, July 5, 1892; Henry McDowell, born at Mt. Hope, Kansas, March 15, 1900; 4 Elizabeth McDowell, born at Harper, Kansas, Nov. 22, 1903.

Children of Elizabeth Titus Christian: 1 Mabel Christian, born Jan. 27, 1891; 2 Wayne B. Christian, born Feb. 7, 1894.

Children of Joseph M. Titus: 1 Rosa A. Titus, born at Grand County, Utah, Jan. 22, 1898; 2 Mary L. Titus, born at Grand County,



Utah, Sept 3, 1899; 3 Elsie Titus, born at Grand County, Utah, March 15, 1901; 4 Joseph P. Titus, born at Grand County, Utah, Aug. 9, 1905; 5 Lewis B. Titus, born at Grand County, Utah, Jan. 20, 1908.

Son of Minnie V. Cooley and John Virgin Cooley, born at Spokane, Wash., Dec. 29, 1897.

Children of Alice Bessie Claudon Mosiman: 1 Margaret Aliee Mosiman, born at Morton, Ill., Jan. 27, 1900; 2 Dorothy Morie Mosiman, born at Morton, Ill., Aug. 2, 1905.

Son of Bertrum Claudon, Dan Brewer Claudon, born Dec. 24, 1916, at Fairbury, Ill.

#### DR. ROBERT McPHERSON McDOWELL.

John Otho McDowell, born at Rome Township, Lawrence County, Ohio, on October 10, 1848; died at Delaware, Ohio, on March 12, 1890; married at Delaware, Ohio, April 10, 1879, to Hettie Wolfley, born at Delaware, Ohio, Oct. 5, 1858.

Children of above: 1 Florence, born at Delaware, June 1, 1880; 2 John Robert, born Sept. 23, 1882; died Dec. 26, 1891; 3 Annie May, born June 3, 1884; 4 Mary, born Sept. 6, 1886; died Feb. 23, 1907.

Great Grandfather: Dr. Robert McPherson McDowell, born on Oct. 26, 1799; died at Lawrence County, Dec. 23, 1851; buried at Rome, Lawrence County, Ohio.

Children of Grandfather: 1 Mary Agnes, born at Lawrence County, March 30, 1839; died June 5, 1841; 2 Lucius Palmer, born at Lawrence County, Jan. 17, 1841; died Sept. 14, 1842; 3 William Andrew, born at Lawrence County, Aug. 13, 1843; died April 15, 1852; 4 Ann Williams, born at Lawrence County, May 10, 1846; died Oct. 1, 1865; 5 John Otho, born at Lawrence County, Oct. 10, 1848; died March 12, 1890; 6 Arthur Bingham, born at Lawrence County, June 30, 1851; died Oct. 11, 1852.

Robert McPherson McDowell also married Eliza Jane Cokran, and they had two children, Thomas Andrew, born Dec. 16, 1827, and Sophia Porter, born Dec. 20, 1824.

#### WILL OF ROBERT ERWIN OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VA.

(By G. A. Speed (Mrs. Austin P. Speed).)

In the Name of God. Amen.

The fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, Senior, in the state of Virginia and County of Rockbridge, Being in perfect mind and memory, Thanks be to God therefor, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all I recommend and give my soul to the hands of God who gave it and as for my body





ROBERT HUGH ERWIN  
Father of Mrs. Philips



I will recommend to the Earth to be burried in a Christian like and decent manner at the Discretion Extrs. Nothing doubting but at the General Ressurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God, to bless me with in this life. I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. Item it is my will and I order that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid. Item, I give unto Ann, my beloved wife, the Negro Wench named Phillis and all the dresser furniture and one of Erskin's large volumes which she pleases and the large Bible and all her apperiol for her Back, Her bed and her Hat. I have in hand of hard money and her saddle and bridle and the third part of the remainder of my movable estate (Negroes Excepted) and I order that my son Robert give his mother a God Maintainance for herself and her Negro Wench and her Horse during her natural life, or if he does not, to pay her seven pounds per annuam and he is to give her maintainance on the plantation and in her own house where she now lives and the Negro Wench named Phillis is to be my son's, Robert Erwin, after his mother's desease.

Item—I give unto my beloved son, Robert Erwin, the Plantation I now live on containing five hundred and five acres. I likewise give him that piece of land I bought from Patriek McComel, all which land I give to him and his Heirs and assign for ever if he has any Heirs begotten of his body, but if he has no issue I allow the said land to be sold to the highest bidder and the price thereof to be divided to all my sons and daughters. I likewise give unto my son Robert Erwin the negro man named Joe and the negro wench named Rachel, and the wench named Ellis, and all the remainder of my movable estate (Except ten pounds I give to my daughter Hannah Logan).

Item—I give to my beloved son Benjamin Erwin, the negro wench named Dinah. Item—I order that all my wearing apparel be equally divided among my three sons, Edward Erwin, Jonas Erwin and Joseph Erwin. I likewise constitute and appoint my beloved wife, Ann, and my beloved son, Robert Erwin, as my only and to be Executors of this my last will Testament, and do hereby disannul all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made and ratify this and no other to be my last will and Testament in wittness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal. The day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Declared by the said Robert Erwin as his last will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers.

N. B. That before signing and sealing of these presents I order that the third part of my movable estate that my wife has mentioned to her above is to be given to my son Robert Erwin, along with the rest of my movable estate, for my wife does not want it.

ROBERT ERWIN (Seal.)







DR. J. J. ERWIN  
Chieftain Erwin Society of America



Witnesses present,  
 John Hamilton.  
 Morris Gwyn.

At a court held for Rockbridge County, September the first, 1789.

The within writing purporting the last will and Testament of Robert Erwin die'd. was presented in court by Ann Erwin and Robert Erwin therein named. Proved by the oaths of John Hamilton and Morriss Gwyn, witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded and on motion of Exts. and Exton. who made oath according to law certificate is granted them for obtaining probate in due form, they having to having together with approved security acknowledge bond, according to law.

Test: A. Reid cl. a copy.

Test: A. T. Shields, Clerk.

My descent in America:

1. Edward Erwin, wife Frances.
2. Robert Erwin, wife Ann Crockett.
3. James Logan, wife Hannah Erwin.
4. James McCampbell, wife Margaret Logan.
5. Samuel McCampbell, wife Jane Telford.
6. William Logan McCampbell, wife Delia Taylor Goodwin.
7. Georgia A. McCampbell, husband Austin P. Speed, one child, son.
8. Goodwin Speed; wife Willie Houston Hays. They have two children, sons.
9. Austin Broughton Speed.  
 Percy Hays Speed.

#### THE IRVINES OF GREENVILLE, S. C.

Dr. Osmyn B. Irvine was born in what was then Rutherford County, N. C., Aug. 21, 1802. The county has since been divided, and his old home, about ten miles from Shelby, is now in Cleveland county. The place was afterwards sold to a kinsman, Dr. Miller, and the Irvine family moved out of the state. Before this happened—about 1832, he was a member of the Legislature from Rutherford County. Their father, Abram Irvine, came from Virginia and settled this place. He married Sarah Graham, who was the only child of Col. William Graham. He had also moved here from Virginia, Botetourt County. This same county was called Tryon County, when he came as he was a "Colonel of the Tryon Militia." Col. Graham married a widow, Mrs. Twitty, whose maiden name was Bellah, Susan Bella or Bellah. Have heard my father, Dr. O. B. Irvine, say she was a German, but can't find anybody living who remembered the family, they simply knew her as Mrs. Twitty. She had several children by her first husband, Wm. Twitty, who lived





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with their stepfather, Colonel Graham, at his home, known as Graham's Fort. Their bravery when attacked by Tories is related by Draper in "King's Mountain and Its Heroes," page 145. No one seems to remember what County in Virginia Abram Irvine came from, and no record seems to have been kept of his father's Christian name. His father must have fought in the Revolution in Virginia, but the Pension Bureau refused to give me any information about the Irvines of Virginia, when I tried to trace him in that way. He did not move to North Carolina with his son, but died in Virginia.

Sarah Graham, the only child of Col. Wm. Graham, was born the day of the Battle of King's Mountain. Col. Graham was notified by some neighbors that he ought to come home. His place was often in danger from Indians and Tories; so he reluctantly set out to be with his wife. He heard firing when nearly there and could not stand it any longer, he wheeled around and galloped back; but it was too late, to his bitter and lifelong regret. He did not help his wife by going and was too late to have a hand in the deciding battle of the Revolutionary War. It was said he would rail at his cruel fate as long as he lived—and being misjudged for not being in that battle, but he knew the danger his wife was in. Years after a Tory told him that he tried to kill him. He said, "I saw you in the yard with your baby in your arms and I could not shoot you for fear of killing the baby—and somehow I just could not do that. I was sent to hide in the bushes and kill you."

Dr. O. B. Irvine had two sisters, Lucretia (Mrs. Sarratt) and Dulcinea (Mrs. Doggett) and three brothers. One of them, William, went out to Missouri and died there unmarried. He owned a large, valuable tract of land, but the War between the States came on and the squatters got possession of it. The next brother, Edwin South, six years younger than Dr. Irvine, settled in Greenville also. He was twice married, both of his wives were beautiful women. The first was Maria Earle, daughter of Col. Elias Earle, of Greenville, who killed Wm. L. Yancey in some unfortunate foolish quarrel; the second wife was Ann J. Harris, of Abbeville, S. C. The youngest brother, Abram (which seems to have been a favorite name of the Irvines—every branch of the family having one or more Abram) moved to Georgia, having married Miss Susan Service, of Charleston, S. C. Her half-sister, Miss Williford, was a missionary to Africa, a pioneer missionary. She went with Bishop Payne and his wife and when Mrs. Payne died, she married Bishop Payne.

Dr. O. B. Irvine moved to Greenville, S. C., and married Frances Margaret, daughter of Daniel McMahan, at Pinckneyville, Union District, S. C., April 14, 1840. Daniel McMahan came from Colerain, Ireland. His wife was Margaret Kincaid, daughter of James Kincaid of Mill Creek, Fairfield District, S. C. James Kincaid was a Scotch Irishman, who came to this country shortly before the









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Revolution, and became one of "Marion's Men," with the rank of captain. He found here some more people, also Scotch-Irish, the family of Wm. McMorries, and married the oldest daughter, Mary. The home of James Kincaid was very celebrated in his day. It was built of brick and situated in a bend of Mill Creek, that commanded a view for many miles around—a great help when they were often invaded by British and Tories and could be apprised of their approach, giving Capt. Kincaid a chance to disappear after the manner of Marion's Men. The garden was beautifully terraced down to the creek, with stone walls five or six feet high, and stone steps leading down from each terrace.

Dr. James C. Furman, of Furman University, who married one of the granddaughters of James Kincaid, wrote some account of the barn, which was really more celebrated than the house. It was probably the largest barn in the state. Sometimes Tarlton's men would seize it and feed their horses from its ample stores—then patriots would get possession and were always made welcome. After the war it was used as a courthouse, sometimes as a church, until James Kincaid built an A. R. P. Church near his home, still known as the "Old Brick Church." This old place was also noted for having the first successful cotton gin run on it that was ever invented. Whitney always gets the credit for having invented the gin, and nothing now will ever set it right; but it was well known in Fairfield District that a man at Hamburg, S. C., named Hudgen Holmes, invented a cotton gin and ran it on Capt. Kincaid's place most successfully. He had employed Whitney and confided to Capt. Kincaid that Whitney also had been working on a gin, but failed to perfect it, and he was uneasy after discharging him for fear he would come back and copy his. James Kincaid being a wealthy planter, agreed to take the gin to his home, Mill Creek, and let it be tested. Hamburg was a more important place in those days than Augusta, and planters went there for supplies. The gin was hauled back in wagons, no railroads then, though later one was run from Charleston to Hamburg, the first in America outside of the one in Boston. While Capt. Kincaid was absent a man came and got a chance to examine the gin and soon after Whitney patented one exactly like this one. When Sherman's Army passed through Fairfield they burned this gin and also the splendid old barn.

The children of Dr. O. B. Irvine were Daniel Pinckney, who married Elizabeth Harris, niece of Mrs. Edwin South Irvine—died at his home in Marion County, Florida leaving three children.

Eliza Frances Irvine married Charles Shrader, of Louisville, Ky.

Dickson Hill Irvine married Rosa Bolling, of Orange Lake, Fla.

Marianna (Mittie) married Paul Trapier Hayne, son of Isaac William Hayne, of Charleston, S. C., a descendant of Col. Isaac Hayne "the Martyr," who was hanged by order of Lord Rawdon during the Revolutionary War.



Adella McMahan died aged eleven years.

William Harris Irvine married Eva Baker, of Roswell, Georgia. Dead, aged 58 years. Left three children.

Frank Howard Irvine, not married.

Children of Daniel Pickney Irvine:

Frank, married Miss Marion Negal, of Boston. They live in New York.

Kineaid also lives in New York.

Annie Dickson married Walter Maurice Jones-Williams, of Brecon, Wales.

Children of Mittie Irvine and Paul Trapier Hayne:

Minnie Shubrick, dead.

Paul Trapier, Jr., a captain in the Twelfth Cavalry, U. S. Army, married Hermione Crosby, of Chicago, Ill., daughter of Geo. H. Crosby. They have one son, Paul Trapier, 3rd.

Adele Irvine, married John Gordon Scott, of Petersburg, Va. They have one child, Adele Hayne.

Francis Irvine.

Isaac William, who was an ensign in the U. S. Navy, on the battleship Charleston. Died at Magdalena Bay, after going around South America with Secretary Root's party in 1907.

Harriet Barnwell, married Dr. Emmet Houston, have two children, Robert Emmet, Jr., and Isaac Hayne.

Marianna (Mittie), married Henry McIver, son of Walter McIver, of Charleston, S. C. Have two children, Paul Trapier Hayne and George Walter, 3rd.

Frances McMahan.

Children of William Harris Irvine:

Clifford, married Milton Graham Smith, of Atlanta, Ga. Have one child, Milton Graham, Jr.

William Harris.

Dickson Hayne.

Children of Annie Dickson Irvine, daughter of Daniel Pickney Irvine, and wife of W. M. Jones-Williams.

Walter Maurice, Jr., died at Sewanee, Tenn., Aged 17.

Gladys Elizabeth.

Annie Mary.

Irvine.

Marion.

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### PAUL TRAPIER HAYNE.

By Mrs. P. T. Hayne.

Paul Trapier Hayne was related to the McDowells of Charlotte, N. C. His grandfather, Wm. Edward Hayne, of Charleston (son of "The Martyr") married the beautiful Eloise Brevard, daughter of Alexander Brevard, of Mecklenburg County, N. C. She was a niece



of Ephriam Brevard who drew up the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, and her mother was a daughter of John Davidson, who was also one of the signers of the Declaration (see Wheeler's History of North Carolina, page 240). One of her sisters married a McDowell. Hence the name Brevard McDowell, one of the Mayors of Charlotte.

Dr. O. B. Irvine was also related to the McDowells, but do not know which branch of the family.

### WHAT THE OLD RECORDS SHOW AT CARLISLE, PA.

By Irwin Mahon.

It seems to be unknown when James Irvin the first came to America. He settled in Peters Township (Cumberland) now Franklin County, about 1730. His will, dated May 26, 1776, was probated April 21st, 1778, in which he leaves to his son Archibald the plantation on which he resided.

The land is four miles east of Mercersburg and the old house is still standing. In his will he mentions his wife "Jean."

The old land warrant shows that an Archibald Irvin had two hundred acres of land adjoining the old homestead in 1763. The old land records also show that John, James, William and another John (or the same one with two separate tracts) had lands adjoining.

There is no William mentioned in James' will, and I, therefore conclude that he was a brother of James I. There is no record of William's family. If this William was a brother, it is possible the second John mentioned was also a brother. No record of his family.

In 1792 there was a Matthew Irvin, who was Master of the Rolls in the Surveyor General's office at Philadelphia. I am inclined to think he was also a brother of James I.

The children of James Irvin I were Archibald, married Jane McDowell, in 1757. James, married Rebecca ———; Joseph, married Violet Parker; John, married Mary Hoge; Mary, married William Nesbit; Jane, married John Bobbs; Lydia, married Moses Porter; Martha, married Neeley; Margaret, married Thomas Patton; Elizabeth, married (1) Thos. McCune (2) Aaron Torence.

The Archibald Irvin that married Jane McDowell, had the following children: James, III, born April 14, 1758, married Mary Piper; Mary, born Feb. 14, 1760, married M—— Van Lear; Margaret, born Sept. 10, 1761, unmarried; Nancy, born April 27, 1763, married Governor William Findlay; William, born Feb. 5, 1797, married Mary Smith; Elizabeth, born Aug. 24, 1769, married Gen. James Findlay; Archibald, born Feb. 3, 1771, drowned in childhood.

The James Irvin mentioned in the list was the grandfather of the wife of Thomas A. Creigh, now residing in Omaha, Nebraska,







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and the other brother, Archibald, was the grandfather of President Harrison.

The children of James Irvin III, who married Mary Piper, were: Archibald, born Oct. 9, 1788; died May 31, 1797; Mary Smith Irvin, born Jan. 6, 1790; married James McClelland; Wm. Irvin, born Nov. 24, 1791; married Ann Hamilton; John IV., born Feb. 1, 179—, unmarried; James, born March 28, 1797; died March 4, 1798; Archibald, James, born Dec. 5, 1798; married Maria Hunter; Matthew, born Sept. 5, 1800; married Florence Wilson; Jane, born Jan. 30, 1803, unmarried.

This Matthew Irvin was the father of Thomas A. Creigh's wife.

Some months ago there resided in Belfast, Ireland, an Archibald Irvin. As this seems to be a favorite family name, close inquiry may open the way to the many missing links in the Irvin family.

### JAMES IRWIN.

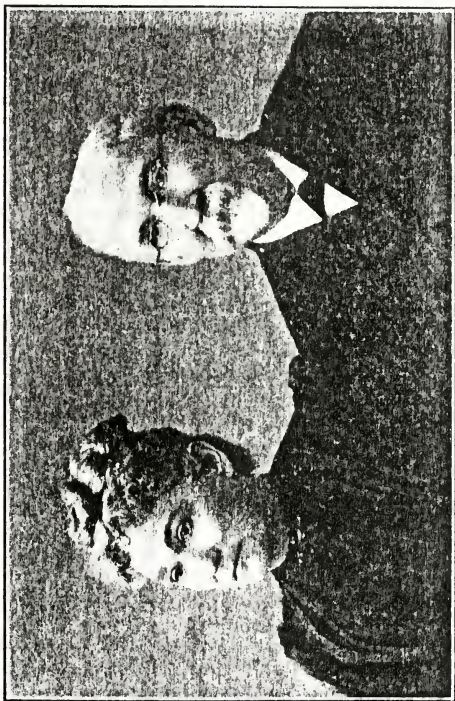
By John G. Irwin.

I have a letter, which I received in 1871, written from "Aeres Bally Bay," County Monaghan, Ireland, by a cousin of my father. The writer was Thomas Irwin, oldest son of John Irwin. He was fifty-three years old at that time, and his father was living and was eighty years old. This letter enables me to trace my descent back to my great-great-grandfather, James Irwin. He is said to have been the first of my ancestors to settle in the County Monaghan, Ireland. He is supposed to have come there directly from the County Cavan, Ireland, and his ancestors at a very remote period from Scotland. He became the owner of the "Town Land," called "Aeres," part of which was owned and occupied by John Irwin and his son, Thomas, in 1871. James Irwin had three sons, Samuel, John and David. John's descendants returned to Scotland, whence his ancestors came, and in 1871, Thomas Irwin was in correspondence with some of them. Samuel, my great-grandfather, remained at "Aeres," and died there, and his son John succeeded him, and was there in 1871, as above related.

Some of the descendants of David, according to the letter of Thomas Irwin, emigrated to America. The original Mecklenburg Colony was composed of about three hundred Scotch-Irish emigrants, who, according to King's Handbook of the U. S., came from the Province of Ulster, which included the Counties of Monaghan and Cavan, and settled in North Carolina, about 1746. The account I have is not accurate enough to be precise as to dates. It is possible, perhaps probable, that a son or sons of David Irwin may have been one of the Mecklenburg Colony. If he was, we have a common ancestor in James Irwin, if not the connecting link is a generation or two further back in the ancestral line.

As to my own line of descent, I come from Samuel Irwin, oldest





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son of James, through Samuel Irwin II, who was my grandfather. He died a year or two after my father was born. My father was his second son, and was born April 17, 1811, in Ireland, and came to this country when he was eighteen years old. He came first to New York City, where he remained a short time, a year or two, then removed to Philadelphia, and came from there to Edwardsville, in 1837. He married my mother in Philadelphia. He died in Clinton County, Ill., of cholera, during the prevalence of the cholera epidemic of 1849, in July of that year. His home was here, but he was in Clinton County on business when he died. My father's brother was Joseph Irwin, who came to this country about the same time my father came, and died in New York City, leaving a daughter, Isabella, who is now the wife of Dr. Charles W. Neff, of Baltimore, Md.

I have a brother, Samuel P. Irwin, older than myself, who resides near Los Angeles, Cal. He has three sons, Joseph, William and Samuel, and two daughters. A brother younger than myself, Joseph Francis, died in 1874, at the age of twenty-nine years. He left two children, Frank and Clara, both of whom reside in Lincoln, Neb. I have a sister, Mary Dixon Lauterman, the wife of Henry C. Lauterman. I am fifty-two years old, a widower, childless, and my sister and family live with me. At the time Thomas Irvine wrote me, in 1871, he said he expected soon after the death of his father, to emigrate to Canada, he had four brothers and two sisters, all residing in the vicinity of Sarnia, Stanton County, Ontario. They are there yet.

A coincidence in family history is that the maternal great-grandmother of Jared I. Irwin was Hannah Thompson, which was my mother's maternal grandmother's name. My mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Thompson Powers, and the Thompson was for her grandmother, Hannah Thompson. The names of all related families of the maternal side of my family are Scotch-Irish; they are such as Dickson, Thompson, Hamilton, Gordon, Tennant, etc. The maiden name of my uncle Joe Irwin's wife was Tennant.

Myself and oldest brother served three years in the Civil War. I went into the army when nineteen years old; was in Company 1 of the Ninth Illinois Infantry, which participated in all the most important military events of the Western Army, Ft. Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, the Atlanta campaign, the march to the sea, closing its record, with the grand review at Washington after the war was over. In Illinois we bear the distinction of the regiment which was in more engagements than any other, and which suffered the heaviest losses in killed and wounded known to the annals of the war, excepting the losses of a Texas regiment at Antietam and Pickett's Brigade at Gettysburg.

I was admitted to the bar in 1867, and have had my shingle out here ever since, and have won a fair share of the honors of the profession.





All the Irvins I have ever met trace their lineage to the County Cavan, Ireland, and more remotely to Scotland. They were, generally, Presbyterians. The roll of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church contains the names of quite a number of Irwins. There is a branch of the family in Kentucky at Lebanon and vicinity.

Mrs. Joe McDowell, of Perryville, Ky., the wife of the man on whose plantation the battle of Perryville was fought, is an Irwin, and can tell you all about the history of her branch of the family. For a good many years, there was a lawyer, named Irwin, in Pike County, in this State, but he died a few years ago. He came from Missouri. There are two men, both doctors, named Irwin, in Marion County in this State. They are numerous in Sangamon County, and in Springfield, our capital town. There was Governor Irwin, who was Governor of Arizona while a territory. He went there from Iowa. I was over a large portion of the State. There are a great many Irvines in Pennsylvania; and also in Canada, and the family is still largely represented in Ireland.

My father's mother came to this country when fifty years old, and lived to be eighty-six. She died in 1865.

I notice the "booklet" by Benjamin Irwin, you sent me, says nothing about David Irwin, so extensively and favorably known, as one of the commissioners, who drafted and prepared the Georgia Code, of 1858, being associated with such eminent men as Herschel V. Johnson and Howell Cobb in that work. In 1892 his work in the preparation of that Code, was reviewed and highly commended in the American Law Review, published in St. Louis.

### ERWIN GENEALOGY.

By Rev. John Pressly Erwin.

J. P. Ervin, born near Sardis Church, Mecklenburg County, N. C., June 1805; died at Atoka, Tipton County, Tenn., July 13, 1881; married near Sardis Church, Mecklenburg County, N. C., to Mary Prudence Fleniken, born June 6, 1810, in North Carolina, died near Atoka, Tipton County, Tenn., Aug. 14, 1878.

Children of above :

1 Alexander Osmond, born in North Carolina Sept. 14, 1832, died March 2, 1888; Mary Elizabeth, born Dec. 3, 1833, died Oct. 22, 1840; 3 Martha Jane, born July 6, 1835; 4 Joanna Prudence, born July 11, 1837, died Jan. 3, 1844; 5 Chas. Warren, born Nov. 28, 1838, died June 9, 1862; 6 James Harvey, born Jan. 28, 1841, died Dec. 2, 1862; 7 Samuel, born Jan. 31, 1843, died April 11, 1907; 8 John Pressly, born Feb. 24, 1845, married Dec. 25, 1866; 9 William Taylor, married May 1, 1878; 10 Mary Joanna, born July 13, 1850; 11 Martha Jane, married A. H. Glass at Portersville, Tenn., about



1857; Alexander Osmond married in Shelby County, Tennessee, about 1858, to Mary Griffith; 12 John B. Tragg.

Grandchildren:

A. B. Ervine had one daughter, born at Porterville.

William Taylor had four sons and one daughter, born at Hazen Station, Ark., and he died March 1, 1878. All his children are living.

Mary Joanna Moore, born near Rosemark, Tenn.; two daughters; living.

J. P. Erwin, Atoka, Tenn.; one adopted son living and his two sons, Frank Pressly and Walter Claudius.

Martha Jane Glass, born at Portersville; living.

Laura Glass, born about 1860; living.

James Taylor Glass, born about 1862; living.

Children of grandfather:

1 James, 2 Sarah, 3 Joseph Hudson.

My mother had ten children, four daughters and six sons. Possibly three daughters and one son were born in North Carolina. Two daughters died in Tennessee, at 7 years old. The other two are living. Martha Jane Glass has a son, James Taylor, and a daughter, Laura, living with her, not married. Mary Joanna, mother's youngest child, is living with her second husband, Frank E. Moore, and has two daughters, two girl grandchildren and one boy. One youngest brother, William Taylor, married Elizabeth Reid about 1870; went to Hazen Station, Prairie County, Ark.; had five children, and died. The children, viz: Ella married Parrish and removed to Texas; John married and lives at Argenta, Ark.; Harvey married and lives in Arkansas; Claudius married and lived in Texas, and David, the youngest, lived in Arkansas.

A. D. Erwin married Mary Griffith about 1858; had one daughter, Anna, an only child; died as stated; his wife later, and Anna married Jessie Keltner; had one child, viz: Rooka Keltner, who married and has one child and lives near Hazen, Ark.

J. P. Erwin married Nancy Wilson, a Presbyterian, Dec. 25, 1866; never had any children; adopted James Claudius Buster (no kin), whose mother died a week after his birth, perhaps in 1874. He now has wife and two interesting boys near us. I began to preach in A. R. P. Church, 1884. Alexander and William Erwin, I think, father's second cousins, settled in Fayette County, Tennessee, and two of Alexander's sons, Clay and Uriah, now live near Oakland, Fayette County, Tennessee. John Erwin, before my recollection, was a merchant at Bloomington, Tenn., near Brighton, and removed to Cayce, Marshall County, Mississippi, with Mary's sons. His son, Robert, taught school at Verona, Miss., and died of yellow fever in the '70s. Some time since John Erwin's son, James, was railroad agent at Grand Junction. Two of Uncle Joseph Erwin's sons, Rufus W. and Evans, live in Mecklenburg County, North Car-





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olina. Rufus is a schoolteacher; has a family of ten children and grandchildren. I don't know his postoffice, but Evans' is Matthews, and he has many children.

Five of father's six sons joined the Confederate Army in 1861. Charles died of sickness in 1862; James in 1863; Alexander was taken to Roek Island prison by Federals in 1863 and kept until close of war. Sammel received two ounces of lead in his forehead September, 1863, at Battle of Chickamauga, Tenn.; carried that lead forty years and five months, less two days, when the ball was extracted from his mouth. April 11, 1907, he died at Little Roek, Ark., from the surgeons taking out the decayed skull that he had suffered from for forty-three years, six months and twenty-one days.

I lost my right arm at Newhope Church, Ga., May 27, 1864. I am the last living of five of father's sons, who were in Fifty-first Tennessee Regiment.

Erwins are remarkable for firmness, independence, honesty, sobriety, industry and Presbyterian religion.

### THOMAS WINSTON ERWIN.

#### Erwin Genealogy.

Thomas Winston Erwin, born at West Point, Ga., April 15, 1838; died at Lisbon, Texas, 1887; married at West Point, Ga., March 18, 1880, to Sara Stokes; born at Merriwether County, Ga., 1855.

Children of above:

Mary Johnston Erwin, born at West Point, Aug. 18, 1883; married Paul Willis Gorham at Atlanta, Ga., June 14, 1905.

Grandchildren:

Martha Erwin Gorham, born at Birmingham, July 30, 1908.

Great-grandfather:

Joseph Erwin, born in Rowan County, N. C., Feb. 4, 1769; died in Mississippi in 1846; married Catherine Cowan in South Carolina; was of Scotch-Irish descent.

Grandfather:

Hezekiah Franklin Erwin, born at Rowan County, N. C., Feb. 11, 1811; died at West Point, Ga., 1860; married at West Point, Ga., to Mary Johnston Winston, born at West Point, Ga.; buried at "Newcastle," near West Point, Ga., 1844.

Children of grandfather:

Thomas Winston Erwin, born at West Point, Ga., April 15, 1838; died 1887, in Texas.

Annie Eliza, born at West Point, Ga., 1842.

Howell Cobb, born at West Point, Ga., 1855.

Mary Willis, born at West Point, Ga., 1857; died 1858.

Luey Cobb, born at West Point, Ga.

Hezekiah Franklin Erwin was married three times. His first







Top, left to right: Mrs. Zipporah Hooper Irving Bussells, Mrs. Adelaide Irving Messlick.  
Bottom, left to right: Mrs. Addie Bussells Jones, Zipporah Jones, Mrs. Irvin  
Handy Harris Irving, Adelaide Rowe, Mrs. A. P. Rowe.



wife was Miss Jackson of Savannah, Ga.; the second wife was Mary Johnston Winston, daughter of Capt. Thomas Winston of Virginia; the third wife was Mary Willis Cobb, sister of Gen. Howell Cobb and niece of Gen. T. R. Cobb of Athens, Ga.

### IRVINES OF GEORGIA.

By Joseph Gaston Bullock, M.D.

Sir William de Irwin, of Woodhouse, eldest son of William Irwyn, of Bonshaw, was the friend and secretary of the renowned Robert Bruce, who rewarded him for his services by giving him the estate of Drom, or Drum, in Aberdeenshire, and his arms of Carrick, viz: three holly leaves. This ancient and honorable family of Irvine of Drum is an old feudal baronial family, and one of them had a great honor conferred upon one occasion, he being made governor of Aberdeen, the only one who has ever had this honor except the Earl of Aberdeen of the Gordon family, an honor greater than that of provost of the city. Twice the earldom of Aberdeen has been offered this family and refused for good reasons. Allied to the best of the nobility and gentry of the kingdom, and through the family of Lord Forbes descended from the Earl of Angus of the Douglas race and from royalty, this family is one of the most ancient of Scotland.

Sir William Irwin had two sons. One, Alexander Irvine, or Irwin, the eldest, married the second daughter of Sir Gilbert Hay, Lord High Constable of Scotland, and had Alexander Irvine of Drum, Commander of the Lowland forces at the Battle of Harlaw, Anno 1411, when he and McLean of Dowart, having fought together, both were killed. He was succeeded by his brother, John, who, upon inheriting his brother's interest, changed his name to Alexander and married his brother's widow, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Robert Keith, Great Marshal of Scotland. He was knighted by James 1st, and was one of the commissioners appointed to treat concerning the ransom of that monarch.

Sir Alexander Irvine and his wife, Lady Elizabeth Keith, had an elder son, Alexander, who married Abernethy, daughter of Lord Saltoun, and was succeeded by his son Alexander, who married, first, Elizabeth, daughter of Lord Forbes, and had Alexander Irvine of Drum, eldest son, who married Janet, only daughter of Allardyce of that ilk, and had Alexander, his heir, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Ogilvie, Laird of Fialater, and falling at the Battle of Pinkie, Anno 1547; his father, then living, left six sons and three daughters. Of these: Alexander, the eldest, successor to his grandfather, and Gilbert Irvine of Colairlie; the third son, who married and had John of Musthill; second son, who had a son, Robert, who inherited the estate known as Bellside, May 3, 1676, and was enfeoffed with that of Cults, a neighboring property, May 25, 1680.





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Robert Irvine of Cults, for many years a commissioner of supply, married, first, Jean Irvine, a relative, and had issue, and married, secondly, Margaret Coultts (who had been married previously to Alexander Irvine of Drum), and had by her an only son, Charles Irvine, who inherited Cults. He married, in 1733, Euphemia, daughter of John Douglas of Tilwhilly and Agnes, daughter of James Horn, Vicar of Elgin, and Isabel, daughter of John Leslie of Pitcapel, and Agnes, daughter of Sir Gilbert Ramsey of Balmain, Baronet. Euphemia Irvine died Dec. 21, 1766, aged 55 years, and Charles Irvine died March 28, 1779, aged 83 years. Their tombstone at Cults: "Here lyeth Jean Irvine Spouse to Maister Robert Irvine of Colts in hope of a blessed resurrection who departed this lyfe the 21st of March 1678, the 32 year of his aige. Also Robert Irvine, Esque., died the 10 of April, 1728, age 89 years. Likewise Mary Coultts, his second wife who died in 1710 aged 45 years. And Charles Irvine, Esque., who died the 28 of March, 1779, aged 83 years. And Euphemia Douglas his spouse, who died the 21st of December, 1766, aged 55 years."

Their second child, Dr. John Irvine, was born on family estate of Cults, near Aberdeen, September 15 (O. S.), 1742, and married to Ann Elizabeth Baillie, September 5, 1765, at Sunbury, Liberty County, Ga. He came to Georgia before 1765, and was one among those who, at a meeting of the inhabitants of Savannah, objected to certain resolutions passed by a certain Provincial Congress of 1775, upon the ground that they were not represented in full. In the Georgia Historical Collections he is styled among others as one loyal to the Crown. He was a member of one of the last royal assemblies of 1780. He left Georgia, leaving his wife (see records of the courthouse) to represent him. By court records it is known he returned to England, and there it was he met his kinsman, the Laird of Drum. In 1788 he was at Vigo Lane, Parish of Middlesex, and it is said that the celebrated Dr. Mathew Baile, physician to George 3rd, asked permission of his sovereign to put some one on his place, which being granted, Dr. Irvine was for a time during Dr. Baillie's indisposition made physician to George 3rd. He was afterwards physician to admiralty. Subsequently Dr. Irvine returned to Georgia and became one of the founders and first vice-president of the Georgia Medical Society, and died in Savannah, Oct. 15, 1808, aged 66, his funeral being attended by the Georgia Medical Society. He was highly spoken of as a physician, man and friend. Dr. Irvine married, secondly, Elizabeth, daughter of Lewis Johnston, his former friend and co-partner of medicine, and formerly one of His Majesty's Royal Council. By the last marriage he had no issue. Dr. John Irvine's first wife was Ann Elizabeth, daughter of Col. Kenneth Baillie, and by her he had the following children, as the family Bible shows, and also the will of his wife:

1. Charles Irvine, born July 22, 1766; died Nov. 30, 1803; mar-





ried Elizabeth Darling. Member of the Liberty County Independent Troop.

2. Euphemia Irvine, born March 14, 1768; died July 14, 1768.

3. Anne Irvine, born Jan. 14, 1770; married, first, April 13, 1786, Capt. James Bulloch, of the American Army (eldest son of Archibald Bulloch, president of Georgia, 1776, and Mary, daughter of James DeVeaux, senior assistant judge of King's Court of Georgia in 1760), and Anne, daughter of Richard Fairchild and Ann, daughter of Edmund Bellinger, first Landgrave, or Earl, of the name in South Carolina. She married, secondly, James Powell of Liberty County, Ga.

4. Robert Irvine, born Jan. 4, 1772; died soon afterwards.

5. Robert Irvine, born Feb. 15, 1773; died November 17, 1773.

6. Jane Irvine, born Jan. 15, 1775; married, first, Alexander Farquharson of Scotland, and married, secondly, James Smith of Darein, Ga.

7. Margaret Irvine, born Feb. 23, 1777; died July 26, 1813; married George Ladson, Dec. 7, 1809.

8. John Irvine, born March 8, 1779; died Aug. 30, 1781.

9. Alexander Irvine, born at Cattle Park, an estate near Savannah, Ga., July 4, 1781; married June 19, 1806, Sarah Ann Wingate, daughter of Governor Caswell of North Carolina.

10. Kenneth Irvine, born Dec. 3, 1783; died November 16, 1814; married June 21, 1804.

11. Elizabeth Irvine, born January 18, 1786; married, first, Thomas Baillie, December 17, 1805, and married, secondly, Mr. Powell, June 23, 1813.

1. Sophia Irvine, born November 26, 1787; married William Evans, January 6, 1803; died February 19, 1857.

13. Isabel Irvine, born July 1, 1791; married July 13, 1809, Mr. Cuthbert; died November 2, 1812.

### DR. JOHN CALHOUN McDOWELL.

By Margaret Erwin McDowell.

Dr. John Calhoun McDowell, born at Pleasant Gardens, McDowell County, July 7, 1825; died at Roh Hill, Burke County, on Aug. 2, 1876; married at "Bellevue," Burke County, Dec. 14, 1848, to Sarah Ann Erwin, born at "Erwin's Delight," afterwards Bellevue, on Jan. 29, 1826; died at Morganton April 29, 1903.

Children of above:

1 James Erwin McDowell, born April 28, 1854; 2 Margaret Erwin, born Feb. 17, 1856; 3 William B. McDowell, born Dec. 18, 1857, died April 17, 1905; 4 John C. McDowell, born Feb. 9, 1860; 5 Elizabeth C. McDowell, born Jan. 2, 1862; 6 Frank McDowell, born May 30, 1865; 7 Kate McDowell, March 31, 1868, died Dec. 4, 1898.

Married:



James E. married Cordelia Erwin West at Asheville, N. C., June 17, 1896; William B. married Elizabeth Milne at Morganton, N. C., Nov. 9, 1884; John C. married Margaret Gibson at Concord, N. C., Sept. 6, 1893; Frank married Ella Jims at Lenoir, N. C., Sept. 25, 1895; Kate married Hugh T. Newland at Roh Hill, N. C., Feb. 28, 1894.

#### Grandchildren:

Children of W. B. McDowell and Lizzie Milne—1 William Milne McDowell, born Sept. 12, 1886; 2 John Calhoun McDowell, born Oct. 9, 1888; 3 Annie Erwin McDowell, born Feb. 23, 1891; 4 Elizabeth Milne McDowell, born April 7, 1894.

Children of John C. and Margaret McDowell—1 John C. McDowell, born July, 1902; 2 Frank S. McDowell, born November, 1904.

Children of Kate McDowell and Hugh T. Newland—1 Hugh T., born May 20, 1895, died May 26, 1896; 2 Erwin McDowell, born Oct. 1, 1896, died April 1, 1901; 3 Margaret McDowell, born Jan. 15, 1898.

Children of Frank McDowell and Ella Jims—1 Joseph Callette, born 1906; 2 Ella Jims; 3 Mary Moffette; 4 Milliard Erwin, M.D., who graduated at the Medical College at Charleston, S. C., and practiced in and around Morganton, N. C.

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### JOHN IRVINE.

John Irvine was born in Pennsylvania, died in Savannah, Tenn., 1840; married Miss Ann Dinwiddie; died in Savannah, Tenn., 1844; buried in Savannah, Tenn.

#### Children:

1 William, born in Pennsylvania (died in Savannah); 2 Robert, 3 James, 4 Hester.

John Irvine and his wife lived near Chambersburg, Pa. With his two sons, William and Robert, he came to Tennessee and settled near Savannah, about 1835. These two sons never married. They and their parents are buried in the Savannah Cemetery. All died, somewhere between 1835 and 1845.

James Irwin, brother of William and Robert, came to Tennessee in 1827; married, Dec. 18, 1828, Miss Nancy Sevier, of Warrensburg, East Tennessee. She was then staying with her sister, Mrs. Lewis H. Brogles, at Hardinville, county seat of Hardin County, now known as Old Town. John Irwin had one sister, named Hester or Hettie, who married John Brotherton. They lived (1856) near Wheeling, Va. Subsequently three of their daughters and one son, David Brotherton, came to Hardin County, Tennessee; married and settled there. Nancy Sevier Irwin was a daughter of John Sevier and Susannah Conway. This John Sevier was a son of Valentine Sevier, and was first governor of Tennessee. Two of the Conways





1. MRS. ALLEYNE WINBRAY LEEWRIGHT
2. JOHN WETTNER LEEWRIGHT
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4. HOME OF THE LEEWRIGHTS



became governors of Arkansas, and Nancy Sevier Irwin's brother, Ambrose H. Sevier, was United States Senator from Arkansas. John Irwin and wife first went to housekeeping in Murfreesboro, Tenn. They kept hotel there, designated "The Green Tree." In 1832 they moved to Savannah, Tenn., where John Irwin had considerable land interests. He gave to the town the plat of land on which Savannah is located. The county seat was subsequently moved from Hardinville, six miles east, to Savannah. Here he engaged in mercantile and farming business during life. They had ten children, one of whom died in infancy. Nine lived to be grown. Seven are yet living in Hardin County, Tennessee, the youngest approaching three score years. Descendants of John Irwin and Nancy Sevier Irwin, including children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, number thirty-seven; are now living. They reared and educated a large family, and were very successful in life. They were members of the Southern Methodist Church. John Irwin's people were "Blue Stocking" Presbyterians; his wife was the corner-stone of Southern Methodism in Savannah. John Sevier Irwin lives on his farm near Savannah, Tenn. He was Captain of Company G, First Tennessee (Maney's) Regiment of Infantry, Confederate Army. He was severely wounded at the Battle of Perryville, Ky., Oct. 1862. Dr. Lewis B. Irwin lives near Savannah, Tenn.

James W. Irwin was Captain of Company G, First Confederate Cavalry. Both served from 1861 to the surrender, 1865. John, Lewis and James are Royal Arch Masons. Their father was a Master Mason. James W. Irwin was a prominent member of the Southern Methodist Church. He was for many years chairman of the board of stewards, Sunday-school superintendent and chairman of the Sunday-school board of the Tennessee Conference. He was prominent as a Freemason and Knight Templar, and was grand master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Tennessee and a member of the Shiloh National Military Park Commission, Shiloh Battlefield. (Jas. W. Irwin died recently.)

### SOME FACTS, DATES, ETC., IN OUR FAMILY HISTORY.

By B. H. Irwin.

My great-great-grandfather's name was James Irwin. He had a son whose name was John Irwin. This John Irwin was my great-grandfather. He was born somewhere in the north of Ireland, and not far from the beginning of the Eighteenth Century. My father, who was au fait in the matter of our family history, is my authority for these facts.

My great-grandfather, John Irwin, emigrated from the north of Ireland to Augusta County, Virginia, in the year of our Lord 1740. He married Margaret McFarland, by whom he had nine children, as follows:





1 James Irwin, still living in Nelson County, Kentucky, in 1827, single; 2 John Irwin, who married Sally Kendall in 1804; 3 Benjamin Irwin, who married Katy Lasley in 1796; 4 Isaac Irwin, who married (1) Hetty Kendall, (2) Nelly King, born 1774, died 1858; 5 Joseph Irwin, who married Sally Thompson, born May 10, 1773, died January, 1858; 6 George Irwin, who married Priscilla Harned; 7 Margaret (Peggy) Irwin who married John Moore in 1802; 8 Elizabeth Irwin, who married Jonathan Keith; 9 Hannah Irwin, who married William Batz.

Sallie Thompson's parents were James Thompson and Catherine Hite. Nothing is known of the parents of Eleanor (Aunt Nellie King).

I cannot speak with any degree of certainty concerning the children or grandchildren of either John, Benjamin, George, Marjorie, Elizabeth or Hannah; only with reference to the descendants of my two grandparents, Isaac and Joseph. Elizabeth Irwin married Jonathan Keith.

I will speak, first, of the descendants of Isaac Irwin, who was my maternal grandfather, and, secondly, concerning the children and grandchildren of Joseph Irwin, who was my paternal grandfather. My parents, Hardin and Hetty Irwin, were, like Abraham and Sarah, first consins. Grandfather Isaac Irwin married Eleanor (Aunt Nellie) King, and the following children (order not certain): Hiram Irwin, Lewis Irwin, Peggy Irwin, Carmilla Irwin, Rowan Irwin, Isaac Irwin, born April 19, 1817, died Feb. 3, 1897; William Irwin, Hetty Irwin (my mother), born Sept. 1, 1810; died Jan. 6, 1865; Smiley Irwin married Mary Bicknell (I think). Sarah Ellen Irwin married Clifford Brittain; Priscilla Ann Irwin married Milligan Bratton, Charles Irwin married Mary Hansel, no children.

Isaac Irwin was married, first, to Maria Brittain, by whom he had four children; second, Jane Leatherman, by whom he had thirteen children, as follows: 1 Christianna Irwin, married John Ball; 2 Sarah Ellen Irwin, married Wallace Avritt; 3 Newport, died single; 4 Susan Irwin, married William Burlington; 5 Maria Irwin, married Thomas Reynolds; 6 Hetty Jane Irwin, died in infancy; 7 Mary Irwin, married George Pearson; 8 Rowan Irwin; 9 Smiley Irwin; 10 Charles Washington Irwin, married Ada Shay; 11 Cicely Irwin, married Thomas Ring; 12 Frances Irwin, married William Will; 13 Rachel Irwin, died in infancy; 14 Livonia Irwin, married Nich Boatman; 15 John L. C. Irwin, married Lizzie Jobs; 16 Nora Irwin, unmarried; 17 Porter Irwin, single.

Uncle Isaac Irwin was born in Hardin County, Kentucky, and died in Johnson County, Nebraska. He was a Primitive Baptist minister. His son, Rowan Irwin, is now District Attorney for Kern County, California, and John L. C. Irwin is District Attorney in this, King's County, California. Uncle Charles Irwin was also a Primitive Baptist minister. Aunt Sarah Ellen Irwin (Brittain) had the



following children, all of whom are dead except one: King Shields Brittain, dead; 2 King Brittain; 3 Cicely Brittain, married Dooley Townsend, died without children; 4 Robert Brittain, died in infancy; 5 Priscilla Ann Brittain, died in infancy; 6 Buchanan Brittain, disappeared in 1880, not heard from since; 7 Granville Clifford Brittain, married Miss Hall; 8 Jane Brittain, married, no children.

Uncle Rowan Irwin married Elizabeth and had the following children: 1 Isaac Irwin, 2 William Irwin, 3 Tyler Irwin, 4 Josephine Irwin, 5 Carmilla Ann Irwin, 6 Ruth Irwin, 7 Malvina Irwin, 8 Mary Irwin, 9 Zarada Irwin, 10 Charles Irwin.

Priscilla Ann Bratton had two children, Ellen Bratton and Manda Bratton. This is all I know of them. They lived in Putnam County, Indiana.

Uncle William Irwin had the following: 1 Matthew Irwin, 2 Maria Irwin, 3 Charles Irwin, 4 Clara Irwin, 5 John Irwin.

I cannot give their history. They lived in Parke County, Ind.

Uncle Smiley Irwin had the following: 1 Clay Irwin, 2 George Irwin, 3 Isaac Irwin, 4 Robert Irwin, 5 Ellen Irwin. They live at and near Lena, Clay County, Ind.

Secondly:

My great-grandfather, Joseph Irwin, had five children only, boys: 1 Hardin Irwin (my father), born Jan. 17, 1809, in Nelson County, Kentucky; 2 Joseph Lewis Irwin (a Missionary Baptist preacher); 3 John Irwin died in 1865, in Putnam County, Indiana; 4 George Irwin, born in Arkansas in 1836, now lives at Appleton, Mo.

Uncle John Irwin married Theresa Leatherman, and had the following children: 1 Denman Irwin, 2 Florence Irwin, 3 Thursa Irwin, 4 Oregon Irwin, 5 Sarah Irwin, 6 John Irwin (posthumous).

Uncle George had the following: 1 Brougham Irwin, 2 May Irwin, 3 Grace Irwin, 4 Dudley Irwin. They live in and around Searcy, Ark.

Uncle Benjamin Irwin had the following children: 1 Joseph Irwin, drowned when a little boy; 2 George Irwin, now a druggist at Roachdale, Ind.; 3 Fred Irwin, lives in Parke County, Indiana; 4 Clara Irwin, 5 Hardin, Holiness preacher, living in Alberta, Canada; 6 Charles E. Irwin, Evarton, Mo.; 7 Chauncey Irwin, Appleton City, Mo.

My father's family was as follows: 1 James Thompson Irwin, born in Putnam County, Indiana, Sept. 1, 1836, died Sept. 30, 1861; 2 Joseph Lewis Irwin, born in Putnam County, Indiana, Feb. 21, 1840, died Jan. 2, 1864; 3 Sarah Ellen Irwin, born Sept. 31, 1838, died Aug. 22, 1840; 4 John William Irwin, born April 9, 1842, died March 21, 1888; 5 Isaac Denman Irwin, Nov. 20, 1844, living at Kelseyville, Cal.; 6 George Irwin, born Jan. 2, 1847, died April 24, 1874; 7 Martha Ann Irwin, born April 12, 1849, died Dec. 17, 1849; 8 Benjamin Hardin Irwin, born in Mercer County, Missouri, Jan. 22, 1854,



teacher, lawyer, writer and Holiness preacher; 9 Charles Gaymon Irwin, born April 25, 1857, now living at Wilmar, Ark.

#### F. W. McDOWELL.

F. W. McDowell, born Sept. 8, 1837, city of Philadelphia; son of Joseph McDowell, paper manufacturer, whose stores was on Market, above Front Street, Philadelphia. Joseph McDowell was one of the largest hand-making paper manufacturers in Pennsylvania, and was located on the Pennypacker Creek, in Montgomery County; also at Manayunk, Pa. As improved machinery was invented Joseph McDowell added the latest improvements to his mills. The writing paper mill was burned June 30, 1858. The mill at Manayunk is now managed by the son of Francis W. McDowell, Charles McDowell. Charles McDowell received his education at the Germantown Academy, Philadelphia, and also at Rensselaer College, Troy, N. Y. After leaving college Charles McDowell took up the manufacturing of paper, and has had charge of the Manayunk mill for a number of years.

Joseph McDowell was the son of Thomas McDowell, who was a soldier during the Colonial War; enlisted from Chester County, in the First Maryland Regiment; served throughout the war; returned to Chester County; married Ruth MacLutyre, on his mother's side. Her name was Rebekah Warren English of Burlington, N. J., daughter of John and Priscilla English, whose ancestors were Orthodox Friends, who came over shortly after William Penn and settled at Mansfield, N. J., where the records of the English family are on record.

Francis W. McDowell learned the trade of paper-making at the paper mill on the Pennypacker Creek, noted at that time for the superior class of blankbook paper. After finishing his trade he entered the store of Charles Megargee & Co., Philadelphia; remained with that firm sixteen years; then went into business at 520 Commerce Street. After being in business less than two years, Alfred D. Jessup, of Jessup & Moore, made a good offer to Mr. McDowell to go out of business and go with that firm, and on Nov. 1, 1870, F. W. McDowell went with the firm of Jessup & Moore. On July 5, 1878, Bloomfield H. Moore died. The executors formed a company out of the three mills then operated by the late firm and formed the Jessup & Moore Paper Co., which was continued until July 12, 1899, when the executors of the estate of B. H. Moore sold the stock to Drexel & Co. F. W. McDowell, after twenty-nine years' active management, was not included in the purchase and severed his business relations with the firm.

Although that portion of the McDowell family were of Scotch-Irish parentage, the father of F. W. McDowell was apprenticed to a Quaker paper maker at New London Crossroads, Chester County,



Pennsylvania. He was brought up as an Orthodox Friend, and always attended Friends meetings. His mother, Rebekah Warren English, was a member of an old family of Orthodox Friends, so that the family were early identified with the Friends. As there were no first day schools at that time, Francis McDowell was allowed to attend Grace Episcopal Church, on Twelfth, above Arch Street. As years rolled by he attended St. Jude's Church, then out in the country; also aided in building Zion Episcopal Church, Eighth and Columbia Avenue, also St. Peter's Church, Germantown, Pa. At Lansdale, Pa., he gave the lot, 100x170 feet, to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, for a church and parish house, and by his efforts was able to be at the consecration service of the church Jan. 3, 1900.

Mr. McDowell has always been active in church work. He was a good organist, and was ever ready to assist in the music of the churches he was connected with. He died May 15, 1907.

### WILLIAM McDOWELL.

#### McDowell Genealogy.

Charles McDowell, son of William McDowell and Mary Ann McDade, married in Jasper County, Georgia, Dec. 10, 1820, to Elizabeth Heard Crain, who died in Pike County, Georgia, buried in Pike County, Georgia, near Moline. Charles McDowell was representative.

#### Children of grandfather:

1 Patriek Henry, born in Pike County, Ga., Jan. 15, 1822, died June 21, 1884; 2 Charles Jefferson, born in Pike County, Ga.; 3 George Montgomery, 4 Amelia Crain, 5 Amanda Temperance, 6 Mary Ann Susan, 7 Elizabeth L., 8 Marcia Van Ness, 9 Frances C.

George M. was surgeon of General Bates' Division in the Civil War; representative in State Legislature, from Pike County, Ga. Father, Patriek Henry, Lieutenant during Civil War; Judge of Inferior Court, Pike County; represented Pike County, Ga., in State Legislature. Uncle, Charles Jefferson, Sr., Lieutenant in Civil War; represented Heard County, Ga., in State Legislature.

Charles Jefferson, Jr., served three years as a private in Bartow Artillery.

William McDowell removed from Virginia to Jasper County, Georgia, in early manhood.

### PATRICK HENRY McDOWELL.

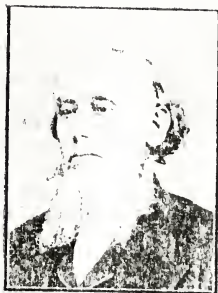
State, Georgia; County, Pike; Postoffice, Molina.

Patrick Henry McDowell was born in Pike County, Ga., Jan. 15, 1822; died in Pike County, Ga., June 21, 1884; married in Spalding County, Ga., Oct. 10, 1844, to Sarah Jane Dickinson, who died in Pike County, Ga., Dec. 19, 1899.

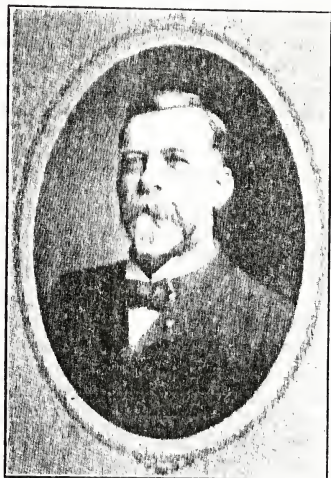
Children of above:







JAMES R. McDOWELL  
Media, Penn.



REV. C. H. McDOWELL  
Indianapolis, Ind.



1 Charles Jefferson, Jr., born in Pike Co., Ga., Aug. 22, 1845, living in Griffin, Ga.; 2 James Henry, born in Pike County, Ga., Sept. 12, 1848, living in Molina, Ga.; 3 Mary Ann Elizabeth, born in Pike County, Ga., May 31, 1850, died June 7, 1869; 4 Emma Eugenia, born in Pike County, Ga., Sept. 3, 1852, living in Molina; 5 George Montgomery, M.D., born in Pike County, Ga., Oct. 15, 1855, living in Molina; 6 John Morgan, born in Pike County, Ga., Feb. 2, 1858; died June 8, 1881; 7 William Franklin, born in Pike County, Ga., Aug. 15, 1862, living in Molina.

Married:

1 Minnie Gwyn, Zebulon, Ga., Dec. 23, 1880; 2 Henrietta Jane Brooks, Pike County, Ga., Sept. 13, 1874; 3 unmarried, 4 unmarried.

Children of great-grandparents, William and Mary Ann McDowell:

1 Daniel, married four times, lived and died in Jasper County, Ga.; 2 James, married a Miss Scudder, died in Mississippi; 3 William, died unmarried; 4 Charles, married Elizabeth Heard Crain, who was the granddaughter of Gov. Stephens Heard of Georgia. He died during the California "gold fever" while en route home, date and place unknown. 5 Eleanor, married a Joyner, died in Pike County. Her descendants removed to Arkansas. 6 Polly, married Leonard Worthy, a colonel in the War of 1812; 7 Nancy married a Malphus, died in Arkansas; 8 Elizabeth, married, first, a Bullard, second a Johnson, lived and died in Jasper County, Ga.; 9 Jane, married a Bailey, died in Jasper County, Ga.; 10 Martha, married a Preston, died in Jasper County, Ga.; 11 Temperance, died unmarried.

#### REV. C. H. McDOWELL.

The subject of this sketch was born in Nicholas County, Kentucky, April 20, 1854. At the breaking out of the Civil War his father, having died in 1857, the widow with seven children moved to Fleming County, Ky., where he lived on a farm until he was 18½ years of age. Having attended the public schools and receiving a fair common school education, he entered the Academy at Carlisle, Ky., under Prof. Todd, principal, and Prof. Boynten, assistant. In 1874 he entered Georgetown College.

After seeking two years to regain lost health, he was called to the pastorate of Fairland and Bloomfield Baptist Churches in Indiana, having been previously ordained at Georgetown, Ky. While at Fairland he was married to Mary O. Hamilton of Greensburg, Ind. This pastorate was followed by one at Huntington for two years; then at Shelbyville for one year, then at South Street Church, Indianapolis, for three and one-fourth years.

On account of failing health, he gave up the active ministry and entered business in January, 1889. At that time there were only



four Baptist churches in Indianapolis. By spending his Sundays, and such other time as he could during the week, he has seen the number grow to fourteen Baptist churches, and had directly to do with the organization of at least six of them; and has been either pastor or pastoral supply of seven of the Baptist churches of Indianapolis during the past twenty-three years. He has seen his business grow to a comfortable competence. In the meantime he has been chaplain at the Central Insane Hospital for the past ten years. He was also active in the securing of the land and funds of the Crawford Baptist Industrial School, and is one of the seven trustees, and is also secretary of the board of trustees. Among other duties he has also been Indianapolis correspondent for the Journal and Messenger for many years.

#### CHILDREN OF JOSEPH McDOWELL.

1 Sarah Ann, born Nov. 19, 1852, died Nov. 22, 1852; 2 Nelson Lealdus, born Nov. 3, 1856; 3 Mary Frances, born Sept. 13, 1859; 4 Josephine R., born Aug. 29, 1861, died Nov. 5, 1898; 5 Joseph E., born April 19, 1864, died Oct. 8, 1864; 6 Catherine, born April 19, 1864, died Sept. 9, 1864; 7 Fred Finley, born May 5, 1866; 8 Woodford P., born July 28, 1867; 9 Jay B., born Feb. 22, 1870; 10 Cora Gertrude, born March 12, 1876; 11 Clyde Cavour, born March 21, 1878.

#### MARY FRANCES McDOWELL.

Was born at Avoca, Ill., Sept. 13, 1859, was married to Edward L. Hart, Sept. 13, 1882; to her were born two children; Ethel Hart, born June 16, 1883, and Edward L. Hart, Jr., born Feb. 21, 1886 (unmarried).

Ethel Hart was married Nov. 8, 1906, to Francis M. Reed, Jr., of Afton, Okla. To her were born two children; Francis M. Reed, III, Nov. 22, 1907, and Mary Margaret Reed, Sept. 5, 1915.

Jay B. McDowell was married to Laura Burrell Kenneday, Feb. 28, 1911.

#### WILLIAM ADAIR McDOWELL.

William Adair McDowell, born at Mercer County, Kentucky, on March 21, 1795, died at Evansville, Ind., Dec. 10, 1853; married at Fincastle, Va., Aug. 24, 1819, to Maria Hawkins Harvey, born at Fincastle, Va., on Aug 20, 1799, died at Louisville, Ky., November 28, 1877.

Children of above:

1 Sarah Shelby McDowell, born at Fincastle, Va., June 20, 1820, died Aug. 2, 1901; 2 Mary Kyle McDowell, born at Fincastle, Va., Jan. 4, 1825; 3 Ann Irvine McDowell, born at Fincastle, Va., Jan. 24,



1827; died Oct. 28, 1874; 4 Magdalen Hervey McDowell, born at Fincastle, Va., May 18, 1829; 5 Henry Clay McDowell, born at Fincastle, Feb. 9, 1832; died Nov. 8, 1899; John Marshall McDowell, born at Fincastle, Va., July 22, 1835; died Jan. 17, 1856; 7 William Preston McDowell, born at Louisville, Ky., May 14, 1864; died Jan. 31, 1902; 8 Edward Irvine McDowell, born at Louisville, Ky., Feb. 16, 1844; died May 14, 1864.

Marriages: 1 Bland Ballard, Louisville, Ky., Dec. 16, 1846; 2 A Protestant Nun, 14 years of age; 3 Cyrus H. Bent, Louisville, Ky., June 27, 1849; 4 Magdalen; 5 Nannie Clay, at Penna Valley, Ky., May 21, 1857; 6 Died unmarried, at New Orleans, La., Jan. 17, 1865; 7 Married Kate Wright, at Louisville, Ky., Dec. 14, 1864; 8 Alice Johnson, Louisville, Ky., Feb. 29, 1864.

Grandchildren: Children of William Preston McDowell: John Wright McDowell, born at Louisville, January, 1867; William Wallace McDowell, born at Louisville, Sept. 16, 1868; Robinson Adair McDowell, born at Louisville, October; Edward Irvine McDowell, born at Louisville, April; — McDowell, born at Louisville; Annie Irvine McDowell, born at Louisville.

Captain Edward Irvine McDowell was killed in the Battle of Resaca, Georgia, May 14, 1864.

Great-great-grandfather: A Scotch Presbyterian and Covenanter, fought with distinction in the siege of Londonderry.

Ephriam McDowell, born in Scotland, 1673; married Margaret Irwin, died at Rockbridge County, Va., aged 107.

Great-great-grandfather John McDowell, born in Ireland, married Magdalen Wood, in Pennsylvania, who was a daughter of Margaret Cambell, who was a sister of the Earl of Argyll. Nationality of ancestry Scotch-Irish. They left three children, Samuel, James and Sarah.

Great-grandfather: Samuel McDowell, born in Pennsylvania on Oct. 27, 1735; died at Rockbridge County, Va.; married Mary McClung, the most beautiful woman in Virginia.

Children of Grandfather: (Samuel McDowell, who married Anna Irvine).

John Adair McDowell, was aide to General Shelby in the Battle of Thames; Abram Irvine McDowell, served during the war of 1812 under Col. Dick Johnson; William Adair McDowell served in the War of 1812; Alexander McDowell, Magdalen McDowell.

Grandfather, Samuel McDowell was first United States Marshal for Kentucky. When 16 years of age he enlisted and served through the Revolutionary War. Great-grandfather, Samuel McDowell was a Revolutionary officer, a colonel and fought with distinction in many battles. At the close of the war he moved to Kentucky and settled in Mercer county. He was appointed by General Washington first United States Judge for Kentucky. He was president of the







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Author of the McCue Book.



first state convention ever held in Kentucky, called to frame a constitution for the state in Danville, April 19, 1792 (See Campbell's History of Kentucky). He was one of the founders of Washington College in Lexington, Va.

### JERRAD IRWIN.

Daniel Irwin, born in Hunting County, Pa., died 1872, aged 73 years, at his farm, Antis Township, Blair County, Pa.; married Catherine Crane, who was born in Hunting County, Pa., and died in 1874, aged 75. Interred in Logan's Valley Country Cemetery.

Children of Above: 1 Adie C. Irwin, born at Antis, Hunting County; died 1877, aged 57 years. His wife, Nancy, born at Warriors. Ark., 1891; died, aged 68 years. 2 John Irwin, born in Antis Township; died 1866, aged 42 years. 3 Sister Belinda. 4 Sister Evalyna, died in 81st year. 5 A. R. Irwin, born in Antis township, Bellwood, in 1832; died aged 76.

1 Married Nancy Grazier. 2 Married Jane Grazier. 3 Married Abram McCartney. 4 J. G. Adlum. 5 Married Betanna Hileman, of Frankstown, Jan. 17, 1854; died on Feb. 1, 1874.

Grandchildren of Daniel and Catherine Irwin; children of A. R. Irwin and Bettana: Howard Malcolm Irwin, born at Bellwood on Nov. 16, 1854; Isadore Blanch, born Dec. 13, 1856; Harry Hudson Irwin, born Oct. 8, 1858; Jessie Kate Irwin, born on March 17, 1861; George Brentan Irwin, born June 20, 1863; Rose Lesley Irwin, born Oct. 20, 1867; Fred Bennet Irwin, born Oct. 30, 1869; Hester Bell Irwin, born March 23, 1872; Rebeeca Hileman Irwin, born Oct. 22, 1873.

Great-Grandfather: Jerrad Irwin, born in Pennsylvania.

Grandfather: Mary Irwin, born at Hunting County, Pa., Aug. 29, 1793; died May 24, 1800; married Isaac Denlinger; Kezia married Samuel Carpenter, of Greensburg, Pa., Feb. 2, 1819; William Irwin married Mary Burley, Tyrone, Pa.; Daniel married Catherine Crane, Blair County, Pa.; George Irwin married, ——— Typsey; Jerrad Irwin, not married; John Irwin, Hunting County.

Children of Grandfather. (Uncles and aunts of Abram R. Irwin, Bellwood, Blair County, Pa.); Mary Irwin, William Irwin, Daniel Irwin, Kesia Irwin, George Irwin, John Irwin, Jerrad Irwin, Jane Irwin.

### ARCHIBALD IRWIN.

By Mrs. Cleland M. Offley.

(See Agnew Line.)

1. Archibald Irwin of Ireland. 2 John Irwin of Antrim Township, died January, 1796, leaving a wife, Mary, and three children, John, Robert, Mary. 3 Mary Irwin, died Aug. 31, 1824; married David Agnew, April 2, 1772. 4 John Agnew, born April 14, 1777; died Oct. 11,



1849; married, 1804, Elizabeth Park. 5 John Park Agnew, born Dec. 25, 1819; died June 7, 1892; married May 10th, 1845, Matilda E. Thomas. 6 Lenora Agnew, born March 26, 1849; died Dec. 19, 1900; married Nov. 25, 1869, Archibald Greenlee. 7 Margaret Agnew Greenlee, born Sept. 26, 1870; married July 14, 1891, Georgetown, D. C., Cleland M. Offley. 8 Margaret Agnew Offley, born Nov. 10, 1896.

The family traditions of this line place the date of the migration from Ireland to America, at 1720, or thereabouts. The oldest son of a clergyman of the established church left home and kin and came to the Colonies, settling in New Jersey, near Philadelphia. Later on, he married and moved into Eastern Pennsylvania. To this marriage were born three children, the eldest of whom was Archibald. He was born Jan. 25, 1768, in New Jersey. On reaching manhood he married Elizabeth Fletcher, of that State, and together they moved to Western Pennsylvania, to make their way in life. He followed various lines of activity, as was customary in those days. He was the first schoolmaster of Butler County, Pa., and instructed some of the leading men of that State. At one period of his career he was a blacksmith, during which time he shod Lafayette's horse, and from admiration for that patriot named one of his sons Marcus Lafayette. To their union was born ten children, the second of whom was Marcus Lafayette, born Aug. 21, 1805, in Crawford County, Pa. To Marcus was born seven children, of whom George was the fifth. He was born in Pittsburg, Pa., October 8, 1841. He was married to Martha A. Morse, and three children came to their home. The third was Charles F. Irwin. Trained in the schools of Pennsylvania, and an alumnus of Washington and Jefferson College, Charles F. Irwin entered the Presbyterian Ministry in which he is at present engaged. He married Emma Munc, of Washington, Penn., and the father of six children: Martha, Mary, Arminda, Charles F. Jr., Anna and Evaline. The complete clan lines are as follows:

- A. Irwin, clergyman in North Ireland. Had three children.
- B. Irwin, son of above. Came to America about 1730.
- C. Archibald Irwin, son of above, B. 1. 25-1768, New Jersey, married Elizabeth Fletcher, Jan. 22, 1789; died August 14, 1846, in Pittsburg, Pa.

To Archibald and Elizabeth Irwin, ten children were born, as follows: 1 William Irwin, born Aug. 19, 1790; married Miss Graham; went west. All traces lost. 2 Charles Irwin, born Oct. 10, 1791. Had four sons and four daughters. Eliza J. Married David Moody, Pittsburg. William.

John G. married and father of twelve children: 1 John F., living in the West. 2 Louisa J., married to ——— Wilson, Clinton, Pa. 3 Joseph, married, and in California, father to: 4 George. 5 Jennie, married and in California, to Jacob Swartz. 6 W. Luther, living in



California. 7 Matilda, married Edward Hall, Clinton, Pa. 8 Archibald. 9 George W., 10 James. 11 Mary. 12, Isabel.

3. John Fletcher, born Aug. 26, 1793. Changed name to Erwin. Moved to Illinois.

Sarah Ann, married Henry Kirk, settled in Henry, Ill.

James Madison Kirk settled in Grinnell, Iowa.

Mary C., married C. C. Barnes, Henry, Illinois.

1 Matilda Ann Kirk. 2 Maria. 3 Matilda Pride, married Eli Barcken, Butler, Pa. 4 Martha. 5 Robert, Henry, Ill. 6 Charles B. Wichita, Kan. 7 Ellen, married Calvin Diehl, Wichita, Kan.

4. Matilda, daughter of Archibald; born Oct. 16, 1795; married David Pride, Pittsburg. Ann, married Jerome Quay, consul to Florence, Italy.

5. Pressly, son of Archibald; born April 15, 1800; settled in Pennsylvania.

(1) Charles Fletcher, married, settled in Steubenville, Ohio.

(2) Mary A., married Henry Kirkpatrick, Pittsburg, Pa.

(3) Elizabeth, married Alonzo Buckley, Nashville, Tenn.

(4) John A., married Margaret Colvin, Pittsburg, Pa.

a Orzilla, married Charles Shaver, Butler, Pa. b George.

c Sarah. d Robert. e Margaret F., Evans City, Pa.

(5) Jane, married William Corbett, Nashville, Tenn.

(6) George W.

(7) Orzilla.

(8) Elvira.

(9) Ellen, married J. M. Walker, Cincinnati, Ohio.

(10) James B.

(11) Oliver II.

(7) Crawford, son of Archibald, born June 17, 1802.

(8) Marcus Fayette, son of Archibald, born Aug. 21, 1805, Pittsburg, Pa., married Mary J. McNaughton, and had seven children.

a Archibald. b James Ross. c Agnes. d Thomas. e George, married Martha A. Morse, Pittsburg, Pa. Three children. f Ada J. g Arminda B., married Edward Stez, Ingram, Pa. h Charles Fayette, married Emma Muncie, Washington, Pa. Six children:

i Martha E. ii Mary E. iii Arminda B. iv Charles F., Jr.

v Anna M. vi Evaline R.

John married Mary Carlin, Pittsburg, Pa.

Mary A., daughter of Archibald, born Nov. 8, 1807; married Andrew Bogg, Evans City, Pa.

Thomas, son of Archibald; born July 5, 1812; changed name to Erwin. Married Ann Howard, of Baltimore, Md.

Addison, married Elizabeth Barelay, Sioux City, Iowa.

Josephine, married Elliot Davis, Pittsburg, Pa.





## DAVID IRWIN.

David Irwin, son of Christopher Irvine, born in Wilkes County; died at Marietta on Nov. 24, 1885; married at Madison to Miss Sarah Royston; died at Marietta, October, 1884.

Children of above: 1 Marcus J., born at Madison, Morgan County. 2 Mary Elizabeth, born in Benton County. 3 Margaret Isabella, born in Benton County. 4 Julia Catherine, born in Benton County. 5 Mariah Echols, born in Cobb County. 6 Robert C., born in Cobb County. 7 Thomas B., born in Marietta, Cobb County. 8 David Jr., born in Marietta, Cobb County.

Margaret Isabella, married Geo. N. Lester, near Marietta, Cobb County. Julia Catherine, married Greenlee Butler, at Marietta, Cobb County. Robert C., married Mary W. Lane, at Marietta, Nov. 14, 1867. Thomas B., married Lillie Atkinson, in Cobb County.

## R. C. Irwin's Children.

1. Julia Greenlee, born in Cobb County, Ga., July 31, 1868; died June 24, 1898. 2 Mark Anthony, born in Cobb County, Aug. 3, 1869; died Jan. 18, 1900. 3 Sarah Irwin, Jr., born in Cobb County, July 8, 1873; died Jan. 27, 1875. 4 Hope, born in Cobb County, Sept. 9, 1875. 5 Mary Lucy, born in Cobb County, Feb. 12, 1878. 6 Margaret, born in Cobb County, March 11, 1880; died April 19, 1881.

## Grandchildren of Robert C. Irwin:

Sarah Louise Irwin, born Feb. 23, 1893; Robert Crawford Irwin, born March 3, 1896; Milton Willis Irwin, born Sept. 15, 1899; Harry Alexander Irwin, born June 22, 1902.

## THE IRWIN FAMILY.

By Colonel Robert Irwin, of Atlanta, Ga.

The Irwin family in America began from John and William Irwin, who emigrated from Ireland to Virginia, about the middle of the seventeenth century.

These brothers raised families whose descendants are to be found in many of the States, viz: Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky and Pennsylvania. Among the descendants of John Irwin was Christopher Irwin, who, after serving the Virginia troops, through the Revolutionary War, settled in Wilkes County, Ga. Christopher Irwin had born to him a family of eight sons and one daughter, John, Charles, Isaiah T., Christopher, Smith, Heflin, Catherine and David. Of these John settled in Alabama, Charles in Tennessee and Mississippi; Christopher, Jr., lived in Wilkes County, reared a large family; I. T., remained in Wilkes and also reared a large family, among them the late Rev. C. M. Irwin, and the late Hon. I. T. Irwin, who was drowned out West, while Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives, both of them learned men.

I. T. Irwin, Sr., had also four daughters, Mrs. Favor, Mrs.



Davis, Mrs. Callaway and Mrs. Battle. He commanded a battalion in the War of 1812. After peace was declared, he settled in Wilkes county, where he amassed a large fortune and was one of the leading men of his time, but was so occupied with his business affairs he seldom took an active part in politics, though he represented his county several times in both branches of the General Assembly. Charles lived in Tennessee and Mississippi and accumulated considerable property. You will learn more of him from his descendants around Jackson, Tenn. Smith was a lieutenant in the U. S. Army, and killed in the war of 1812. Heflin was accidentally killed by a young man, named Jones. Catherine died when about grown. David Irwin, the youngest of Christopher Irwin's family, was left an orphan with his widowed mother, when seven years old, in 1815. He struggled with adversities from the beginning. His father having devoted the greater part of his life to service in the army, died without being able to make any provision for his family, consequently the youthful energies of young David were very early taxed to enable his widowed mother and young sister to live. Thus he was brought up and only enabled to receive the meager advantages of occasional attendance of an old field school. When about 19 years old he established a boot and shoe shop at Bushead, in Morgan County, which gained quite a reputation for superior quality of its work. By this means he was not only able to support his mother (who was a Miss Prudence Echols) and his sister, but also furnished the means of tuition of himself and sister. When twenty years old he was elected clerk of Morgan County. Doing his incumbency of this position he undertook the long cherished design of reading law. He read law under the Hon. E. A. Nisbit, and after admission to the bar he opened a law office in Madison, Ga. He rose rapidly in a circuit that numbered such men as Thomas W. Cobb, Wm. E. Dawson, Lumpkin and Cone, and a host of other lights. At the age of twenty he ran against Edward Y. Hill for solicitor general, of the circuit, and was defeated by one vote. He married Miss Sarah Baldwin Royston, who came of a Virginia family. The present Hon. Thomas Baldwin, of Morgan County belongs to her family. He removed from Morgan to Cass, and represented Cass County in the State Senate. He was a partner in law there of Major T. F. Barrow, also of Hon. Wm. H. Underwood. While there he was appointed by the president as one of the commissioners for the removal of the Indians from this State. He then moved to Marietta, Ga., on account of his health, in 1834. In 1852 he was elected Judge of the Blue Ridge Circuit. The W. & A. R. R. was chartered and he was appointed by the Governor as one of the commissioners of construction. He was a partner here of Hon. W. T. Winn and Judge Noel B. Knight. He and Hon. H. V. Johnson and A. H. Stevens were elected by the Legislature in 1860 to codify the Georgia laws. Mr. Johnson and Stevens resigned and were succeeded by Hon. T. R.



R. Cobb and Hon. Richard H. Clark. After the work was finished Judge Irwin was appointed to supervise and publish it. Before the work was completed the war between the States was declared. An election for President and Vice President came on. Judge Irwin was chosen an elector for the State at large, and presided over the electoral college, which cast the vote of the State for Jefferson Davis and Alexander Stephens.

In 1865 Judge Irwin was elected to the convention to re-establish Federal Statutes of the State.

In 1866 he was again elected Judge of the Blue Ridge Circuit by a handsome majority over the Hon. George D. Rice, and held the position until removed by the Federal bayonets.

In 1868 he was nominated by the Democratic party for Governor, and declined to run, because General Mead, who was in command, intimated that he would not permit him to qualify if elected.

When the Legislature met he was solicited by Hon. Joshua Hill (who was elected to the U. S. Senate at that time, 1868) to make the race, as Mr. Hill said he was certain he could be elected much easier than himself, but declined because he thought Mr. Hill could be of more service to the Senate than himself.

Judge Irwin had born to him eight children, Marcus, Jr., who died in 1853, at the age of twenty-three; Mary Elizabeth, who died in childhood; Margaret J., who married Hon. George N. Lester, late Attorney General of the State, and also a member of the Confederate Congress; Julia C., who married Hon. Greenlee Butler; Mara E., who is still living and never married; Robert C., still living, now a clerk in the Comptroller General's office. Thomas B., lawyer at Marietta.

Gov. Jared Irwin's family always claimed that we were the same family, but what the relation is we do not know. There is another branch of the family in Wilkes County now, who spell their name Irvin.

#### IRVINES OF CANADA.

Family Data of Jean Irvine MacLachlan, Vet-Quoay Guelph, Ont., Canada.

Jessie Irvine, youngest daughter of John Irvine, Houan Manor, Parish of Sandwick, Orkney, Scotland, born Sept. 26, 1833. Married David Tulloch Garson, of Neugar, Parish of Sandwick, Orkney, Scotland, Nov. 28, 1855.

Jean Irvine MacLachlan, eldest daughter of Jessie Irvine and David Tulloch Garson, born at Houan Manor, Orkney, Scotland, November 4, 1856. Married Alexander Campbell MacLachlan of "Brecklet," Appin Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1878.

Children of Jean Irvine and Alexander Campbell MacLachlan: Edna Irvine, married Edward Frowde Segram; Donald Campbell;



William Watt Graham; Ian Alistair; James Sill (killed in action in France on Oct. 14, 1916).

### IRVINE GENEALOGY.

#### Agnew Line.

David White Agnew was born in Shenango County, Pa., was married to Martha A. Clash, in 1830, Nov. 3, 1851. Martha A. Clash was born in Washington, Guernay, County. Died in Mt. Oerman, Oct. 6, 1890. David W. Agnew, died in Mt. Vernon, O., Sept. 28, 1902. To them were born: Mary A. Agnew, married to Gersham Plimpton Kirk (son of Hon. R. C. Kirk), May 12, 1878. S. Plimpton Kirk, died at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Aug. 25, 1903. Mrs. Plimpton Kirk lives in Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Children of David and Martha Agnew. 1 Sarah A. Agnew. 2 E. John Agnew. 3 Marie Q. Agnew, married E. A. Atkins, in 1852. To E. A. Atkins and Marie Q. Agnew were born: 1 Laura A. Atkins, married D. S. Layer. 2 Frank, married Grace Daniels. 3 Cora D., married W. J. Wildman.

### WILLIAM CLAIBORNE AND MASTIN LINE.

XVI. William Claiborne, born 1587; died 1676. Came to Virginia 1621. Was Colonial Secretary, and was appointed Surveyor General through the influence of his cousin, Anne, Countess of Pembroke, sister of Sir Philip Sidney; married 1638, Jane Buller of England; married 2nd, Elizabeth ———, of Virginia.

XVII. Colonel Thomas Claiborne, born 1647. Killed by Indians, 1686; married Sarah, daughter of Captain Sam Fenn.

XVIII. Thomas Claiborne, born 1683; died 1732; married three times, and had 27 children. Married, 1st, (said to be Dandridge) 2nd, ———, 3rd, Anne, daughter of Henry and Anne West Fox; born 1684, of King William County. He lived at Romaneocke.

XIX. Augustine Claiborne, born 1721; died 1787; married Mary, daughter of Buller Herbert, of Dinwiddie County, and Mary Stith of Brunswick. Buller Herbert of "Puddledock" Dinwiddie County.

XX. Susanna, born Nov. 29, 1751; married Frederick Jones.

XXI. Mary Herbert Jones, born 1773, married John Withers about 1794; died 1848.

XXII. Priscilla Wright Withers, born in Dinwiddie County, Va., Feb. 5, 1804; died March 1, 1877. Married Feb. 27, 1828. William McDowell, born in Green Brier County, Va., Oct. 21, 1801; died June 9, 1865, in Huntsville, Ala.

XXIII. Mary Eliza McDowell, born in Huntsville, Ala., Aug. 6, 1829; died July 31, 1910; married Sept. 20, 1849; Claudius Henry Mastin (Huntsville, Ala.), born in Huntsville, Ala., June 4, 1876; died Oct. 4, 1898. Their issue:





XXIV. Caroline Levert Mastin, born in Huntsville, Ala., married July, 1887, to Captain Charles J. Mastin, her cousin; born in Huntsville, Ala., in 1835; died March, 1895. Issue:

All born in Mobile, Ala.:

William McDowell Mastin; married Nov. 28, 1882, Margaret Crawford, born in Mobile, Ala. Issue.

Claudius Henry Strachey, born Oct. 1883; died Dec. 1892.

Zemula Crawford, born December, 1884.

Mary Margaret, born Aug. 1, 1887; died July 30, 1893.

Mary Herbert Mastin, born at Mobile, Ala., March 10, 1861; married Dec. 26, 1888, Frank Stovall Roberts, born in Macon, Ga., March 31, 1846. Issue.

Mary Louise, born in Mobile, Ala., April 18, 1890.

Claudius Henry Mastin, born in Mobile, Ala., Sept. 5, 1894.

Claudius Henry Mastin, Jr., born in Huntsville, Ala.

XXIII. Susanna Clay McDowell, daughter of William and Priscilla Withers McDowell, born in Huntsville, Ala., Oct. 21, 1832; died Aug. 21, 1866; married about 1855. Charles Hopkins. Issue: Charles Hopkins.

Maria Withers McDowell, daughter of William and Priscilla Withers McDowell, born in Huntsville, Ala., Nov. 18, 1839; died Sept. 29, 1844.

Claudius Henry Mastin, M. D., LL. D., born in Huntsville, Ala., June 4, 1826, was the son of Capt. Francis Turner Mastin, aide to General Andrew Jackson, in the war of 1812. He was the son of Thomas Bryan Mastin, a native of Wales, who came to America with his uncle, Lord Fairfax, and settled in Maryland.

The mother of Dr. C. H. Mastin was Ann Elizabeth Caroline Levert, a native of King William County, Virginia, who died in Huntsville, Ala., in February, 1889, at the age of 90 years. Her father was Claudius Levert; a native of Lyons, France, and a physician by profession. He was chief surgeon of the fleet commanded by Comte Rochambeau, which came to America during the Revolutionary War to assist the colonies in securing their independence.

His wife was Ann Lee Metcalfe, great niece of Admiral Edward Vernon, after whom Mount Vernon, the home of Washington, was named. Dr. Mastin received his education at the Universities of Virginia and Pennsylvania. In 1850 he went abroad and attended lectures in the University of France, the Royal College of Surgeons of England and the University of Edinburgh. Returning to the United States he located in Mobile, Ala., in 1854, and entered upon the practice of his profession and became one of the best known surgeons in the South. In 1861 he entered the service of the Confederate States as a volunteer surgeon of the staff of General Bragg, but was immediately commissioned as surgeon of the Confederate States army, and ordered to Manassas Junction, Va., as surgeon of that post. In 1862 he was transferred to the staff of General Polk



as his corps surgeon, until after the battle of Shiloh, and was then transferred to the staff of General Beauregard, as medical inspector of the army of the Mississippi, in which position he served until the end of the war, when he returned to his practice in Mobile. Dr. Mastin was a member of many medical societies and associations, including the Boston Gynecological Society, American Association of Audocologists and Syphitologists and the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association. He was the founder of the congress of the American Physicians and Surgeons, and was one of the organizers of the American Surgical Association in 1880. He had served this association as its second vice president in 1883-4, as its first president in 1890, and as a member of its council in 1891-92. He was one of the trustees of the Pan-American Medical Congress and was a member of the International Medical Congress of 1896. As a member of the Central Council of the University of Pennsylvania, he was medical examiner of the University of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

Dr. Mastin invented several instruments and contributed to medical journals, especially on genito-urinary surgery. The last public function that he attended was the unveiling of the Gross statue, located in the Smithsonian grounds in Washington, where from the surgeons of the entire country he was chosen to deliver the address. This record of Dr. Mastin is found largely in "The Memorial Record of Alabama."

#### EPPES.

Thomas Epps settled at City Point, Prince George County, in 1635; was member of Council of Virginia and company lieutenant. Issue:

2 Francis Eppes. Issue. 3 Col. Francis Eppes, married 1724, Sarah Hamlin. 4 Elizabeth, married Frederick Jones, born 1719. 5 Frederick Jones, born 1749, married Susanna Claiborne, born 1751. 6 Mary Herbert, born 1773, married about 1794, John S. Withers. 7 Priscilla, born 1804; died 1877; married 1828 Wm. McDowell. 8 Mary Eliza (McDowell) born 1829; died 1910; married 1849, Dr. C. H. Mastin, born 1826; died 1898. 9 Mary Herbert Mastin, born 1861; married 1880, Frank R. Roberts. 10 Mary Louise, born April 18, 1890; Claudius Henry Mastin, born Sept. 11, 1894.

#### JONES.

Richard Jones (Welsh) married Lady Jeffries of Ley. Settled in Devonshire, England. Issue, Abram Jones (2) died before 1689 (Henrico papers) Major Peter Jones (3) married Mary Wood, died 1728. Petersburg (Va.), was named for him. Mary (4) married Capt. Peter Jones (her cousin) and founder of Petersburg, Va. Frederic (5) born 1719; married Betsy Eppes. Mary Herbert (7)



married about 1794, John Withers. Priscilla (8) born 1804; died 1877; married William McDowell, 1828. Mary Herbert Mastin (10) born 1851; married Frank S. Roberts, December, 1888. Mary Louise, born April 18, 1890; Claudius Henry Mastin, born Sept. 11, 1894.

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#### WOOD.

Gen. Abram Wood represented Appomache County (as it was then called) in 1644-45-46-56. Was member of Council of Virginia 1637. Issue:

2 Mary, married Major Peter Jones, who died 1728. 3 Mary, married Capt. Peter Jones (Henrico County Papers, 1647). 4 Frederic Jones, born December, 1719; married Betsy Eppes. 5 Frederic, of Dinwiddie County, born 1749; married Susanna Claiborne; born, 1751. 8 Mary Eliza (McDowell) born 1829; died 1910; married, 1849, Dr. C. H. Mastin; died 1898.

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#### STITH.

1. Colonel John Stith. Burgess, 1689-93.  
 2. Colonel Drury Stith. Married 1680, Susanna Bathurst.  
 3. John Stith, born 1683 or 4. Burgess, 1718.  
 4. Mary, married Buller Herbert, 1722.  
 5. Mary, married Augustine Claiborne, 1743.  
 6. Susanna Claiborne, born 1751; married Frederick Jones, born 1749.

7. Mary Herbert, born 1773; married, about 1794-5, John Withers.

8. Priscilla Wright, born 1804; died 1877; married, 1828, William McDowell.

9. Mary Eliza (McDowell), born 1829; died 1910; married, 1849, Dr. C. H. Mastin, born 1826, died 1898.

10. Mary Herbert (Mastin), born 1861; married, 1888, Frank S. Roberts, born 1846.

11. Mary Louise Roberts, born April 18, 1890; married, 1894, Claudius Henry Mastin Roberts, born Sept. 11, 1894.

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#### WITHERS.

(From Henning Statutes, Vol. VI.



Suit of William Withers and Augustine Washington, May, 1755. John Withers of the County of Stafford, Colony of Virginia, dying without male issue, left a certain tract of land by his will, bearing date 29th of August, 1698, to Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

1 Thomas Withers of Lancaster, in Great Britain; issue; 2 Edmond, died childless, and his heir (2) William; 3 Thomas; 4 William, born in England 22 Feb., 1732, came to Virginia 1748, died in Dinwiddie County, Va., 1817, married, 1761, Priscilla Wright (Prin-



ness Anne County, Va.), marriage bonds 1761, was private secretary to Governor Dinwiddie, issue; 5 Thomas married Elizabeth Walker, John married Mary Herbert Jones; 6 Dr. R. W. Withers married, 1833, Mary D. Withers, (6) Priscilla W. married William McDowell, (6) Mary D. married R. W. Withers, John (5) had a number of other children, a daughter, Susanna Claiborne, marrying Clement Comer Clay, who was a governor of Alabama and United States Senator from Alabama; his son, C. C. Clay, succeeded him in the United States Senate; a son, General Jones M. Withers, C. S. A., was a prominent officer during the war between the states. 7 Mary Eliza McDowell, born 1829, died 1910, married, 1829, Dr. C. H. Mastin, born 1826, died 1898. 8 Mary Herbert Mastin, born 1861, married Frank S. Roberts, born 1846. 9 Mary Louise Roberts, born April 18, 1890; Claudius Henry Mastin Roberts, born Sept. 11, 1894.

### JOHN IRWIN AND DESCENDANTS.

Carlisle, Pa.

By Irwin Mahon.

The old records at Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pa., show transfers of lands by Irwins, Irvins and Irvines, which may be guides to connecting links with their descendants, kindly furnished by Irwin Mahon.

Regarding the transfer of John Irwin, as it appears of record in Vol. 1., Book E, page 40, I find that on May 31, 1776, John Irwin conveyed to Thomas Shirley sixty-three acres and one hundred and seven perches of land, in what was then the Hamilton Township, in the County of Cumberland, State of Pennsylvania, for 150 pounds sterling.

I further find that on the 29th day of January, 1771, William Irwin and Margaret, his wife, conveyed to Robert Irwin, his son, for the sum of 100 pounds sterling, two hundred acres and ninety perches of land in Antrim Township, Cumberland County, Pa. This two hundred acres constituted part of three hundred and seventy-five acres and ninety perches which the proprietors of the Province of Penn, by patent dated at Philadelphia, Pa., the 13th day of December, 1776, granted and confirmed to William Irwin, his heirs and assigns. Patent recorded in Patent Book "AA," Vol. VIII., page 146, and of record in Vol. I., Book F, page 72, Recorder's Office, Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pa. Date of this record, Jan. 29, 1771.

I find further grants from various Irvines as follows:

Andrew Irvin to Margaret Armstrong, 1779.

Andrew Irvine to Ann Reacke et al., 1783.

Andrew Irvine to James Semple et al., 1783.

Andrew Irvine to John Hoge et al., 1783.

Andrew Irvine to Mary Campbell, 1783.

Andrew Irvine to Mary Armstrong, 1783.





- Andrew Irvine to John Williamson, 1791.  
 Armstrong Irvine et al. to Robert Leyburn, 1805.  
 Armstrong Irvine et al. to Andrew Irvine, 1800.  
 Armstrong Irvine to John Irvine et al., 1820.  
 Alexander L. Irvine et al. to James Montgomery and wife, 1842.  
 Andrew Irvine to Armstrong Irvine, 1851.  
 Andrew Irvine to Frances Eckles, trustee, et al. 1862.  
 A. L. Irvine to George A. Best, 1868.  
 A. L. Irvine, Sr., to Jacob B. Doek, 1869.  
 A. L. Irvine to Borough of Newville, 1873.  
 Alvin G. Irvine to Robert T. Paine, trustee, 1902.  
 Robert Irvine to Valentine Egolf, April, 1826.  
 Robert Irvine to H. W. Physicks, Admr., August, 1828.  
 Robert Irvine to Henry Steckler, April, 1830.  
 Robert Irvine to Matthew Miller, Admr., February, 1825.  
 Robert Irvine to David Bowman's heirs, April, 1834.  
 Robert Irwin to George Singizer, August, 1834.  
 Robert Irvine to Michael Hoffleman, March, 1839.  
 Robert Irvine to Elias John, March, 1843.  
 Robert Irvine to Andrew Catman, February, 1843.  
 Robert Irvine to Carlisle Bank, April, 1850.  
 Ruth Irvine to Mary Docks, Admx., April, 1850.  
 Robert Irvine to Carlisle Bank, December, 1851.  
 Robert H. Irvine, assignee, to Robert H. Irvine, November, 1886.  
 Robert H. Irvine to Samuel I. Irvine, 1883.  
 James Irwin to John Elder, 1763.  
 Joseph Irwin to James Irwin, Sr., May, 1775.  
 John Irwin, trustee, et al. to James Brandon, August, 1790.  
 James Irwin to Andrew Erwin, August, 1789.  
 James Irwin to William Lamonds, Extr., January, 1775.  
 James Irwin to William Lamonds, Extr., May, 1777.  
 John Irvine et al. to Andrew Irvine, November, 1800.  
 James Irvine to Alexander Blaine, Extr., September, 1803.  
 John Irvine to Mordecai McKinney, April, 1814.  
 James Irvine to Alexander Leckey, Extr., April, 1817.  
 John Irvine to William Irvine et al., Vol. I., Book EE, page 466, April, 1820.  
 Joseph Irvine to Willam Reynolds et al., Vol. I., Book PP, page 430, October, 1834.  
 Jane E. Irwin et al. to William Harkness, Vol. I., Book TT, page 301, March, 1842.  
 James Irvine to C. V. R. R. Co., Vol. I., Book VV, page 549, April, 1845.  
 Dr. James R. Irvine to Peter A. Ahl et al., Vol. II., Book D, page 117, April, 1852.



- Joseph S. K. Irvine to John B. Leidig, Vol. II., Book O, page 346, December, 1863.
- James Irwin to John Shireman, Vol. II., Book P, page 98, January, 1864.
- John Irvine to Peter N. Tritt, Vol. III., Book N, page 125, September, 1868.
- James Irvine, assignee, to James Irvine, Vol. III., Book N, page 379, February, 1878.
- John Irvine to Joseph Jackson, Vol. V., Book Z, page 563, March, 1866.
- Lillian V. Irvine to Lewis Bobbs' heirs, Vol. V., Book D, page 208, March, 1894.
- Matthew Irwin to Philip Wolf, May, 1806.
- Matthew Irwin to John London, April, 1806.
- Matthew Irwin to Ann London, April, 1806.
- Matthew Irwin to John Walker, March, 1806.
- Matthew Irvine to John Logue, February, 1811.
- Matthew Irvine to Jonathan Hoge, April, 1811.
- Matthew Irvine to David Walker, September, 1818.
- Margaret Irvine et al. to John Irwin, Extr., July, 1827.
- Margaret Irvine to Joseph Stuart et al., August, 1852.
- Mary Irvine to Eve Irvine, April, 1854.
- Mary A. Irvine to David J. Brougher, April, 1861.
- Margaretta Irwin, trustee, to Samuel J. Irvine, December, 1866.
- Margaretta Irvine to Robert M. Hays, December, 1866.
- Esther Irwin and heirs to Thomas Wilson, December, 1773.
- Elizabeth Irvin to Abraham Swartz, April, 1870.
- Elizabeth Irwin to William O. Rhodes, March, 1871.
- Francis Irwin to James Moore, January, 1793.
- George Irwin to Neal McCaskey, August, 1768.
- George Irwin to Catherine Wairdley, April, 1885.
- George Irwin to Mary McCaskey, December, 1768.
- George Irwin to Catherine Wairdley, April, 1885.
- George Irwin to Sannel Bitner, Extr., March, 1896.
- Henry W. Irwin to George Emarieh, June, 1849.
- Harry S. Irwin to Augustus Hilis Est., 1890.
- William Irwin and wife to Thomas Wilson, December, 1776.
- William Irvine, Esq., to George Logue, Esq., October, 1812.
- William Irvine to John Irvine et al., 1820.
- William Irvine, Esq., to Samuel Lairds, Extr., October, 1833.
- William Irvine et al. to William Harkness, March, 1842.
- William Irwin to Philip Wainmaker's agent, December, 1838.
- William Irwin to Samuel Irwin's heirs, September, 1828.
- William G. Irving to Salome K. Coover's heirs, March, 1889.
- William G. Irvine to John Umberger's heirs, March, 1895.
- Samuel Irwin to William Little, March, 1779.
- Samuel Irwin, Esq., to John Fleming, April, 1788.



- Samuel Irwin to James Irwin, August, 1797.  
Samuel Irwin to Eleanor Roseberg, March, 1800.  
Samuel Irvin, Esq., to James Irvin, March, 1804.  
Samuel Irvin to James Brown, April, 1810.  
Samuel Irwin to William Bleau, April, 1827.  
Samuel Irwin to John Bleau, October, 1827.  
Sarah Irvine et al. to John Irvine's Extrs., July, 1827.  
Samuel Irwin to William N. Dunbar, December, 1834.  
Samuel J. Irvine to Samuel Byers, April, 1864.  
Samuel J. Irvine to Michael Zeigler, April, 1865.  
Sarah A. Irwin to Jane E. G. Snively, May, 1898.



.COL. JEFF WILSON



## BEN HART YANDELL

(See Portrait, page 314)

Ben Hart Yandell was the son of Dr. W. W. Yandell and Martha Avent (Sandeford) and was born in Gibson County, Tennessee, Oct. 26, 1868. He died in Independence, Cal., Jan. 7, 1913. At the age of twelve he removed from Tennessee to California. At the age of eighteen he began teaching school at Warm Springs, and taught there for four years. In 1890 he went to Sylvania, where he was bookkeeper for a mining company. In 1894 he went to Independence, where he acted as Deputy County Clerk under his brother, John H. Yandell. All of his spare time was devoted to the study of law, and in 1895 he was admitted to the bar and continued the practice of law until his death. He rose rapidly in his profession, and at the time of his death he was regarded as one of the ablest lawyers in Northern California.

On the 3rd of May, 1893, he was married to Miss Birdie Levy, daughter of H. Levy. The issue of this marriage was one son, Fred Yandell.

Mr. B. H. Yandell's mother was the daughter of Nathan Davis Sandeford and Frances Martha or Fannie (Avent) Sandeford, and the sister of Mary Emma Sandeford, wife of John Hugh McDowell (see page 321). Frances Martha or Fannie Avent was the daughter of Thomas Ward Avent.

Dr. W. W. Yandell was born in 1821, and died at his residence in Milan, Tenn., Jan. 31, 1875.

## WILLIAM OSBORNE McDOWELL

(See Portrait, page 308)

William Osborne McDowell, son of Col. Augustus W. and Anna M. (Osborne) McDowell, was born in New Jersey, April 10, 1848. He received a common school education and went into business at an early age in New York City. He married, Nov. 17, 1873, Josephine R. Timanus, daughter of Col. Henry Timanus, of Fernandina, Fla. He was for a long time engaged in the reorganization of railroads in the North. Later he became prominent in various civic and philanthropic movements and gained for himself the title of "The Peacemaker." The Degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him in 1902.

## WILLIAM B. WINBRAY LINE

William B. Winbray, a native of England, came to America in the early part of the Nineteenth Century. He was a Baptist minister in Barnesville, Ga.

Record of deed, Upson, Ga., 1828, page 334; bought 100 acres of lot 14. The lawyer who drew the deed spelled the name wrong,





spelling the name Wimbrey. It should have been Winbray, as the correct spelling of the family name.

Wiliam B. Winbray married Guillea Moody. Of this union five children were born, John A. being the third child (see sketch of John A).

Thomas Moody, father of Guillea Moody, bought lot No. 176, Upson County, Georgia (see records of deeds, 1827, page 306).

Benjamin Moody, father of Thomas Moody, a native of England.

John A. Winbray, son of William B. Winbray and Guillea Moody, was born in Upson County, Georgia, in 1825; died Dec. 16, 1890, in Wynuewood, Indian Territory, and was buried with Masonic honors.

John A. Winbray was twice married. First, to Mary Ann Susan McDowell, of which union there was issue, two children, namely, Charles and Susan A. Second, to Elizabeth Neel, and of this issue seven children, Alleyne being the fifth child.

John A. Winbray spent the latter part of his life alternately farming and merchandising. He owned a large plantation in Hopkins County, Texas. In the year 1861 he enlisted in the Civil War, Company C, 10th Texas Cavalry; was appointed quarter-master, and served until the close of the war, doing duty in Georgia, Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas, under Col. M. F. Locke.

Charles William Winbray, son of John A. and Mary Ann Susan McDowell Winbray, was born in Griffin, Ga., Sept. 29, 1849, and died Jan. 13, 1916, in Wynuewood, Garvin County, Oklahoma, at the home of his sister, Alleyne W. Leewright.

He received his high school education at Gilmer, Texas, Looney Academy; Morgan H. Looney, president. He entered Harvard University, graduating therefrom in 1872 with degree M. LL. He practiced law in Greenville, Texas, for a number of years, and from there he went to St. Louis, where he became closely associated with Judge Nathaniel Holmes. He was a member of the Second Baptist Church of St. Louis.

Charles William Winbray was a consistent Christian. There was no truer, better, manlier man. He always used his great intellect for the promotion of the Master's cause. Pure in thought and deed, true to God and his fellow-man, he endeared himself to all who knew him.

Charles William Winbray is the author of the Bacon-Shakespeare Cipher Keys, Hints and Translations, now ready for publication.

Mary Ann Susan McDowell Winbray, mother of Charles William Winbray, was a daughter of Charles McDowell and Elizabeth Crain. There were ten children of this union, viz: Henry, Charles, Jefferson, Dr. George, Emily, Amanda, Mary Ann Susan, Elizabeth, Marcia and Francis.



## CHARLES McDOWELL

(See page 567)

Charles McDowell was born 1743, died 1815. Was State Senator of North Carolina, 1782-8, and a member of the Lower House in 1809-11.

William McDowell came from Scotland in 1754; married Miss McDade. Of this marriage came Charles McDowell, William James, Henry, Jane, Martha—eight children. Charles was C. W. Winbray's grandfather.

Elizabeth Crain McDowell is a daughter of Thomas and Susan Heard.

Thomas Heard, Captain in the Revolutionary War, was a son of Gov. Stephen Heard and Elizabeth Darden. Elizabeth Darden was a grandniece of George Washington. Gov. Stephen Heard was a son of John Heard, of Ireland.

Alleyne Winbray and Jacob H. Leewright were married in 1886. Of this union there were five children, viz: Humphrey Winbray, now deceased; Dyall H., 22 years; Elizabeth, deceased; Melba Wilhelmina, 13 years, and John Weltner, aged 10 years.

Alleyne W. Leewright is a graduate of the Weltner Conservatory of Music, St. Louis, Mo.

Dyall H. Leewright and Virginia Tucker were married March 10, 1813. Of this union one child, viz: Twilight Leewright. Virginia departed this life Feb. 7, 1916. (See illustration, page 560.)

## McDOWELL GENEALOGY

By Samuel R. McDowell

## Grandfather:

William McDowell, born near Ballymony County, Antrim, about 1780; died at Ballycastle about 1840; married at Ballycastle to Elizabeth Cunningham.

## Children of Grandfather:

1. James. 2. William. 3. Archibald, born at County Antrim, Ireland, Sept. 7, 1807; died May 31, 1873. 4. Margaret, born at County Antrim; died at Glenriddle, Pa. 5. Elizabeth. 6. John. 7. Samuel. 8. Robert. 9. Alexander. 10. Thomas (Thomas was a lieutenant in an Illinois regiment in the Mexican War, and died soon after the war.

## Father and Mother:

Samuel R. McDowell, born near Belfast on Sept. 4, 1807; died at Glenriddle, Pa., May 31, 1873; married at Philadelphia Jan. 21, 1832, to Mary Ann Riddle, born near Belfast, 1806, died at Glenriddle, Pa., Sept. 26, 1879.

## Children of Above:

1. Mary Ann, born at Parkmount, Pa., Nov. 8, 1832; died Dec. 25, 1835. 2. Elizabeth, born at Parkmount, Pa., June 26, 1834; died May





MELBA WILHELMINA LEEWRIGHT  
Age 13. Violinist and Pianist  
Wynnewood, Okla.



12, 1904. 3. Samuel R., born at Parkmount, Pa., Feb. 11, 1837, living. 4. Rebecca, born at Parkmount, Pa., March 5, 1839; died July 15, 1899. 5. William L., born at Glenriddle, Pa., Nov. 26, 1843; died July 16, 1913. 6. James R., born at Glenriddle, Pa., Sept. 21, 1841, living.

Marriages:

2. To Joseph Miller, at Glenriddle, Pa., 1856. 3. To Anna M. Thompson, at Brandywine, Jan. 10, 1867. 4. To Thomas H. Thompson, at Glenriddle, 1879. 5. To Annie R. Sewell, at Vienna, Md., Jan. 7, 1869. 6. To Mary J. Ivison, at Lima, Pa., May 25, 1878.

Grandchildren:

Children of Dr. William McDowell: 1. Owen W. McDowell, born at Scarnton, Pa., Nov. 1, 1900. 2. Ellen K. McDowell, born at Scarnton, Pa., Dec. 7, 1908.

Children of Samuel R. McDowell, of Media, Pa.: 1. Jennie R. McDowell (Dec. 31, 1891); married to Dr. Frederick W. Lange, of Scarnton, Pa. 2. Dr. Joseph McDowell, Media, Pa. 3. Dr. William A. McDowell, Scarnton, Pa.; married April 28, 1900, to Florence Owen. 4. Mary Ann McDowell, Media, Pa.; married Oct. 18, 1910, to Kaspar Otto Kawarick. 5. Sara H. McDowell, Media, Pa.; married Sept. 2, 1914, to Isaac W. Swinchart. 6. Samuel Wilson McDowell, Media, Pa.

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### JAMES DOAK IRVIN

(See page 333)

The subject of this sketch was born Sept. 2, 1823, in Bloomington, Ind.

He was a son of Samuel Williamson Irvin, born in Madison County, Kentucky, April 16, 1789, and married Feb. 1, 1821, in Jessamine County, Kentucky, Jane Doak.

He was a grandson of Samuel Irvin, born February, 1760, near Miller's Iron Works, on Mossy Creek, Augusta County, Virginia, and married Sept. 12, 1788, in Rockingham County, Virginia, Jennett Jane Brewster (see page 331).

He was a descendant of a large family of Erwins (or Irvines), who settled on Long Glade, Augusta County, Virginia, about 1730. This fact is established by positive proof left in our family.

He died in Corydon, Ind., Oct. 23, 1913, at the age of 90 years.

As a citizen his honesty and uprightness were never questioned. In his family he was gentle and indulgent; ruled by the strong power of love. In his home he sought to make happy everything that came within its domain. Notwithstanding his gentle qualities, he was brave, courageous and portrayed the characteristics of the Irvines, who, it is said, "were second to none on any battlefield." And when at the breaking out of the war between the States, and a call was made for recruits, he raised and took to camp at North Madison,







CAPT. JAMES DOAK IRVIN  
Corydon, Indiana



Ind., one hundred men and horses at his own expense, until mustered into service. For this service he never asked or received from the government any remuneration. After being mustered in and commissioned Captain of Company B, Third Indiana Cavalry, he was ordered to Washington, D. C. Afterwards he served in the Army of the Potomac.

He was raised to the high order of Masonry in 1853, and served a number of times as Master of Pisgah Lodge No. 32, F. & A. M., of Corydon, Ind.

"Dr. Irvin's life was a model in many ways. He never 'did things by halves,' and was never content with anything but the best. This striving for the truth and the right was manifested as aman, as a citizen, as a soldier, as a dentist, as a carpenter, as a companion and friend. Therefore, in truth he is not dead, but his worthy and splendid life still lives and stands forth as a beacon light to guide and ennoble all who came in contact with him."

The following additions are to be made to the records of the Erwin family, found on page 276:

Erwin Collins Merck, son of Hubert N. and Mary Eliza (Erwin) Merck, born in Gainesville, Ga., Aug. 11, 1904.

The following children born to William Campbell Lanier and Charlie Belle (Collins) Lanier:

Belle Erwin Lanier, August 12, 1903.

Susan Cherry Lanier, Feb. 11, 1906.

Mary Frances Lanier, June 30, 1912.

Mary Frances Schutze, daughter of Philip Trammell and Sarah Lee (Erwin) Schutze was married to Albin Bingham Cates, Oct. 28, 1913.

Alvin Bingham Cates, Jr., son of Alvin Bingham and Mary Frances (Schutze) Cates, was born Nov. 15, 1915.

Thomas Erwin Schutze, son of Philip Trammell and Sarah Lee (Erwin) Schutze, was married to Edna Augusta Underwood Dec. 31, 1916. Their son, Thomas Erwin Schutze, Jr., was born Jan. 26, 1918.

To accompany group picture on page 554 . . . . .

Levin Handy Harris Irving, born in Salisbury, Md., Dec. 19, 1834. Removed to Irvington, Va., a place named for him. Married Mary Jane George of Irvington, Va., and died Aug. 28, 1907.

The children of this marriage are as follows:

1. Zipporah Hooper Irving, born in Baltimore, Md., July 17, 1862; married Joseph Franklin Bussells (see portrait, page 552). 2. Adelaide Irving, married Capt. W. L. Messick. 3. Levin Monroe Irving, M.D., living in Chicago.

The children of Joseph Franklin and Zipporah Hooper (Irving) Bussells are as follows: 1. Addie Bussells, married ——— Jones. 2.



Irving Bonner Bussells. 3. Laura Hooper Bussells. 4. Mary Virginia Bussells. 5. Franklin Page Bussells.

The children of Capt. W. L. and Adelaide (Irving) Messick are as follows: 1. Mrs. A. P. Rowe, Fredericksburg, Md. 2. Irving Messick, Norfolk, Va. 3. Gilbert Messick, Wilmington, N. C. 4. Mrs. Holmes Sherman, Wilmington, N. C. 5. Paul Messick.

The group on page 554 represents four generations.

Genealogy to accompany portraits on pages 500 and 501.

William E. McElroy, born in Virginia, 1776, died near Lebanon, Ky., 1875 (see portrait, page —); married (second wife) Mary Kirk.

Lucy Ann McElroy, daughter of William E. McElroy; born near Lebanon, Ky., Nov. 25, 1827; married Samuel T. Ray, Aug. 17, 1852.

Children of the above marriage: 1. Samuel McElroy Ray, born Nov. 5, 1853. 2. Susan Margaret Ray, born Jan. 12, 1855. 3. Joseph Ray, born May 8, 1856; died Oct. 17, 1866. 4. Paul Franklin Ray, born March 2, 1860. 5. Lee Davis Ray, born July 14, 1861. 6. Kate Ray, born April 22, 1867; died Sept. 20, 1868. 7. Charles Taylor Ray, born April 3, 1870.

Samuel McElroy Ray married Mary Lou Miller, at Belton, Texas, May 3, 1877.

Children of the above marriage: 1. Samuel Taylor Ray, born Dec. 17, 1879; died May 17, 1881. 2. Daisy Ray, born April 6, 1881. 3. Cora Miller Ray, born Oct. 30, 1882. 4. William Addison Ray, born Sept. 24, 1884. 5. Samuel McElroy Ray, Jr., born Sept. 13, 1886. 6. Paul Franklin Ray, Jr., born July 23, 1894 (see portrait, page 500). 7. Charles Newton Ray, born Dec. 28, 1899 (see portrait, page 501).

Samuel McElroy Ray, Jr., married May Glass, June 17, 1913.

The following additions are made to the record of the children of Nathan Davis and Mabel Southworth (Wetmore) McDowell, page 97, viz:

3. Nathan Heath McDowell. 4. Lausing Wetmore McDowell.

To the record of the children of Horace and Stella (Sherrer) McDowell, on page 97, should be added the names:

2. Stella McDowell. 3. Fredericka McDowell.

To the sketch of Lieut.-Gov. W. W. McDowell, of Montana, should be added the following:

“He was married to Mrs. Mary Lee Sturges of Chicago, Dec. 2, 1911.”



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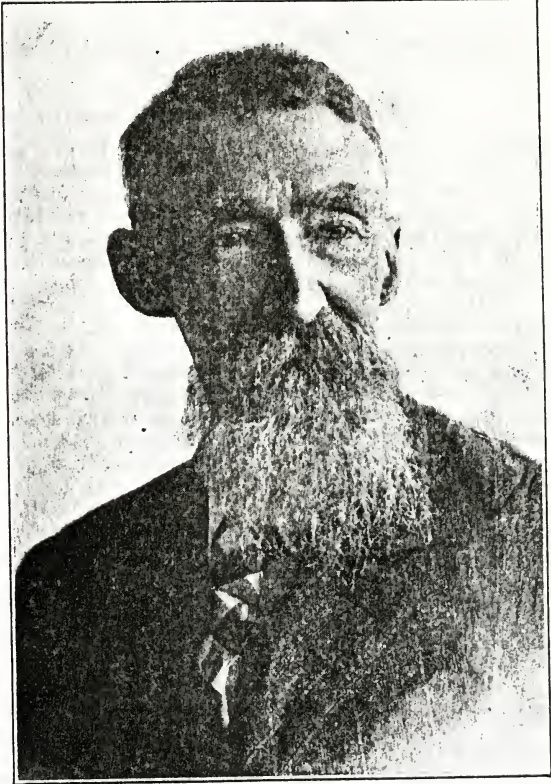
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## A D D E N D U M

### ERWINS (OR ERVINS) OF AUGUSTA COUNTY, VA., WHO MOVED TO OHIO, ILLINOIS, IOWA, MISSOURI AND KENTUCKY.

By Margaret Emily Ervin, of Hillsboro, Ohio.

John Ervin (or Erwin) and wife, Mary, and brothers, Edward, William and Francis, came from the North of Ireland about the year 1761 to America and settled first in Pennsylvania, which is now New Castle County, Delaware. They lived in New Castle County six or eight years and moved from there to Augusta County, Virginia, and settled near Staunton. The Erwins and Bells built six stone houses, one of which was used as a block house during the Indian raid.

John Ervin and his relatives were Scotch Presbyterians and worshiped at the old Stone Church, located about ten miles from Staunton. He served in the Revolutionary War as a civil officer and as a soldier. Records of Augusta County show that he was a constable in the year 1777, and that he was out on the expedition in 1779. John Ervin was born about the year 1735, and died in 1814, as his son Edward qualifies as executor of his will March 23, 1814. Mary Ervin, wife of John Ervin died in 1815, as the will was proved July 24, 1815.

The wills of John Ervin and his wife, Mary Ervin, show they had the following issue: 1. Edward; 2. Margaret; 3. Mary; 4. Thomas; 5. John; 6. Jean; 7. James.

Edward Ervin, eldest son of John and Mary Ervin, was born after they came to America and died 1834 near Hillsboro, Highland County, Ohio. Edward Ervin and his second wife, Mary Broughton Ervin, and twelve children moved from Augusta County, Va., to Highland County, Ohio, in 1830, and settled on a tract of land three miles east of Hillsboro—one-half of this tract of land is now owned by W. S. Ervin and his sister, Margaret E. Ervin.

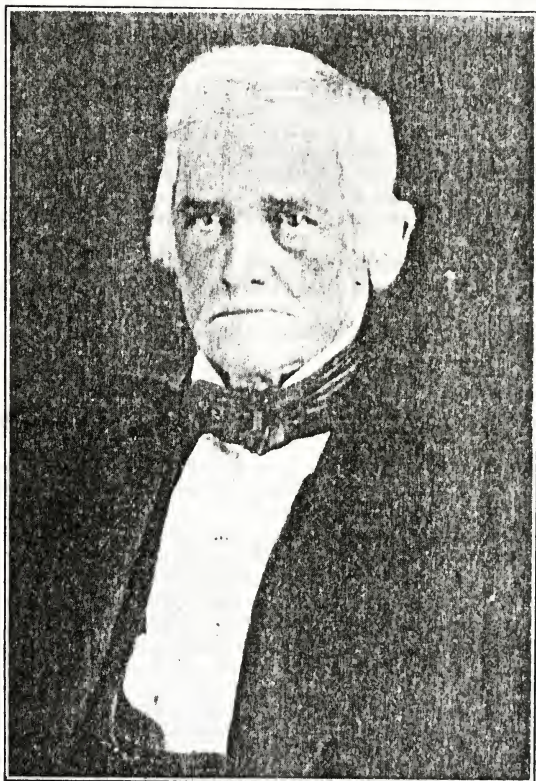
Edward Ervin was married twice. His first wife was Mary Stewart. His second wife was Mary Broughton.

Margaret Ervin, eldest daughter of John Ervin and his wife Mary, married Bethuel Herring.

Mary or Polly Ervin, second daughter, married Francis Bell, son of James Bell and his wife, Agnes Hogshead, who came from Ireland and settled in Long Glade, Augusta County, 1840. They were married in 1802, as records show that John Ervin signed the marriage bond. They had no children.

Issue of Edward Ervin and his first wife, Mary Stewart: 1.





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John, born April 6, 1800; 2. Mary, born April —, 1802; 3. James Stewart, born April 4, 1804.

Issue of Edward Ervin and his second wife, Mary Broughton: 1. Reuben Broughton, born Nov. 4, 1806; 2. Thomas, born March 11, 1808; 3. Newton Scott, born May 6, 1809; 4. Marguerite Bell, born Feb. 18, 1911; 5. Peyton, born May 26, 1812; 6. Hannah Jane, born Oct. 12, 1814; 7. Francis Bell, born Nov. 22, 1816; 8. Harriet Elizabeth, born Dec. 28, 1819; 9. Peachy Harrison, born Feb. 28, 1821; 10. Frank Ervin, born April 5, 1878.

William A. Ervin married Myrtle Barr, Feb. 2, 1897; Minnie M. Ervin married W. A. McClure, Dec. 31, 1889; Plenny Frank Ervin married Floretta Wheeler Dec. 12, 19000.

John Fielden Ervin married the second time to Sarah Kaiser Jones, Jan. 19, 1911. He served in Company C, 50th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, from Aug. 7, 1862, to June 2, 1865.

Thomas N. Ervin married Martha J. Ervin. He died May 12, 1911.

James Harvey Ervin married Mary F. Kirkpatrick April 24, 1890. Issue: Paul, born Aug. 13, 1891, died Aug. 17, 1891; Ruth, born Dec. 3, 1892.

Harriet J. Ervin married Raper Christman. She died November, 1915.

Hannah J. Ervin married Thomas Hogsett in 1831. Issue: 1. John Newton, born Nov. 25, 1832; 2. James Francis, born Feb. 9, 1836; 3. Mary Margaret, born July 21, 1838; 4. Thomas Ervin, born Feb. 28, 1841.

Thomas Ervin Hogsett married Mary McCoppin, June 1, 1865. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary June 1, 1915.

John Newton Hogsett married Hannah Ellen Hughes April 22, 1857. Issue: Thomas Hamer, born May 17, 1858; Frank Hughes, born June 30, 1860; John V., born Nov. 6, 1862; Margaret Adelia, born February 14, 1865; Jennie Kate, born April 19, 1867; Anna Elizabeth, born October, 1869; James Edward, born Feb. 15, 1872.

Thomas Hamer Hogsett is a prominent attorney in Cleveland, O. He was married to Rebecca Jones, daughter of Robert and Rebecca Jones, born in Humeville, Bucks County, Pa., Aug. 9, 1861; married June 8, 1882. To their union two children were born: Edith, born at Hillsboro, Ohio, Aug. 19, 1885; graduated from Vassar College, 1908, married Howard K. Williams, of Cleveland, Ohio, May 10, 1910; Robert Newton, born at Hillsboro, Ohio, Aug. 5, 1892, graduated from Dartmouth College, 1914, located in business at Binghampton, N. Y.

Frank Hughes Hogsett married Iva Roush, who was born July 2, 1865; married Oct. 21, 1886. To this union one daughter was born: Gladys, born April 5, 1895, married to Glenn Farris Jan. 26, 1914. Issue: One son, John Franklin, born Feb. 17, 1915.

John V. Hogsett married Mary Mosher Nov. 29, 1887. Issue: 1. Harry L., born Feb. 7, 1889, died May 7, 1907; 2. John F., born







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Oct. 31, 1882, married July 26, 1915, to Pauline Held.

Margaret Adelia Hogsett married Jacob White.

Jennie Kate Hogsett married Michael Rice May 17, 1888. Issue: John Edward, born Dec. 31, 1889; Thomas Hamer, born Feb. 8, 1891.

John Edward Rice was married to Fannie May Richards of Huntingdon, W. Va., Nov. 27, 1914.

Thomas Hamer Rice was married to Clara Newland, of Sabina, Ohio, Nov. 25, 1914. Issue: Robert Franklin, born Nov. 20, 1915.

Anna Elizabeth Hogsett married Mood Mosier March 21, 1888. Issue: One son and one daughter, Harold G, born July 24, 1889; Helen, born March 18, 1891.

Helen Mosier married Frank B. Reibold Aug. 11, 1900. Harold G. Mosier graduated from Dartmouth College June, 1912, and from Harvard Law School June, 1915, and is practicing law with his uncle, Thomas Hamer Hogsett, in Cleveland, Ohio.

James Edward Hogsett married Lilly Edith Filtro Oct. 16, 1900. To this union one daughter was born, Elizabeth Helen, Sept. 17, 1914.

James Frances Hogsett was married to Elizabeth Filtro Aug. 26, 1858, and died March 14, 1865; married second time to Maria Orange Oct. 21, 1868. James T. Hogsett died April 21, 1892. Maria Orange Hogsett died Feb. 26, 1898. Issue by first marriage: 1. Joseph H., born Aug. 7, 1859; 2. Ida, born Aug. 18, 1863. Issue, second marriage: 1. Edwina D., 2. William Gray, born Dec. 13, 1877

Joseph H., married Alice Shaw Feb. 12, 1884. Issue: 1. Lillie May, born June 20, 1886; 2. Nettie Blanche, born Feb. 31, 1889; 3. Lois B., born May 21, 1896.

Lillie May Hogsett married J. A. Henser Dec. 20, 1908.

Nettie Blanche Hogsett married C. H. Berryman Dec. 21, 1909.

Ida Hogsett married Bunch C. Bragg Sept. 14, 1882; died June 14, 1915. Issue: 1. Carrie, born July 14, 1883; 2. Grace, born March 26, 1885; married Gurney C. Wright Sept. 1, 1903; married William Lockner April 20, 1905.

Edwina D. Hogsett married Elmer E. Kendall June 2, 1897. To this union four children were born.

William Guy Hogsett married Lillian Anise Berryman Dec. 30, 1908.

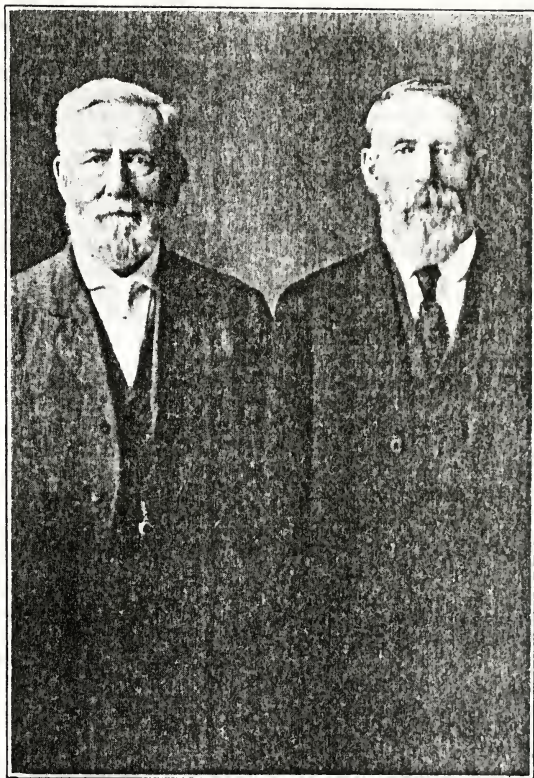
Mary Margaret Hogsett was married to James M. Filtro April 10, 1856. She died Aug. 3, 1873. Three daughters were born to this union: 1. Laura Alice, born March 10, 1857; 2. Anna, born Oct. 13, 1862; 3. Stella Florence, born Feb. 22, 1864.

Laura Alice Filtro was married to Cyrus Pennington April 3, 1884; died Oct. 26, 1889. She married the second time Charley F. Russell, Jan. 26, 1892.

Anna Filtro was married to Henry Newton Miller Oct. 31, 1881. Issue: 1. Florence May, born Aug. 12, 1882; 2. Grace Elizabeth, born June 22, 1886; 3. Roy Newton, born Dec. 19, 1889.

Florence May Miller married John Coolidge Davenport June 25,





### JOHN NEWTON HOGSETT, THOMAS ERVIN HOGSETT

John Newton Hogsett and Thomas Ervin Hogsett were the sons of Thomas and Hannah Ervin Hogsett. Their father and mother came to Ohio as a bride and groom—coming over the mountains from near Staunton, Va., on horseback—and settled on a farm near Hillsboro, nearby where her father, Edward Ervin, and his family settled.

John Newton Hogsett married Hannah Ellen Hughes, April 22, 1857. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary April 22, 1907.





1907. Issue: Florence Coolidge, born July 17, 1908; Matilda Jane, born Aug. 18, 1813.

Roy Newton Miller married Etta Emery Aug. 11, 1910. Issue: Emery Newton, born March 15, 1912.

Stella Florence Filtro married John F. Link, who was born Aug. 25, 1852; married Oct. 6, 1886.

Thomas E. Hogsett married Mary E. McCoffin June 1, 1865. Issue: Ollie Jane, born Feb. 24, 1868; Clara Frances, born May 6, 1869; Cora Belle, born Aug. 14, 1871; Myrtle May, born May 23, 1875; Bessie Elizabeth, born June 7, 1878.

Clara Frances Hogsett and William C. Hughes were married Feb. 10, 1889. Issue: Roy and Lawrence.

Cora Belle Hogsett and John Scott were married April 2, 1896.

Myrtle May Hogsett married Nathaniel D. Spruance Sept. 11, 1894. Issue: One daughter, Cora.

Thomas E. Hogsett and Mary McCoffin Hogsett celebrated their golden wedding anniversary June 1, 1915.

Francis Bell Ervin married Mary Houp Oct. 17, 1839. Issue: 1. John Wesley, born July 17, 1840, died April 8, 1843; 2. Hannah Jane, born Aug. 24, 1841; 3. James Reuben, born April 25, 1843; 4. Sarah Katherine, born Oct. 6, 1844; 5. Mary Martha Bell, born Sept. 26, 1846; 6. Andrew Newton, born Sept. 23, 1848; 7. Harriet Amanda, born Sept. 14, 1850; 8. Winfield Scott, born July 25, 1852; 9. Ellen Elizabeth, born Aug. 8, 1854; 10. Margaret Emily, born April 24, 1856; 11. Francis Gatch, born June 21, 1858, died Sept. 4, 1862; 12. Sophia Victoria, born June 24, 1860.

Francis Bell Ervin died Dec. 25, 1881; Mary Houp Ervin died Nov. 15, 1893; Hannah Jane Ervin married Frederick Parrett Ware May 26, 1880. She died in 1897.

James Reuben Ervin married Margaret M. Wright May 20, 1872. Issue: 1. Frank Callahan, born March 7, 1874; 2. Anna Ross, born Feb. 15, 1882; 3. William Isaac Fulton, born Dec. 15, 1884.

Frank Callahan Ervin married Emma Armstrong. He is president of the Denver Pressed Brick Company of Denver, Colo., and William I. F. Ervin is secretary of the same company. William I. T. Ervin is a graduate of the School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance of the University of Denver.

Anna Ross Ervin attended college at Oxford, Ohio, and is a kindergarten teacher at Norwood, Ohio.

Sarah Katherine Ervin married Thomas Madison Young Jan. 25, 1877. She died July, 1911. Issue: 1. Mary Margaret, born Sept. 16, 1878; 2. Anna Belle, died in infancy; 3. Jennie Victoria, born July 24, 1882; 4. Mildred Rosetta Young, born Dec. 27, 1884; 5. Lucy, born April 13, 1888.

Mary Martha Belle Ervin married Calvin Hadley Hazard.

Andrew Newton Ervin married Susanna Hickle Oct. 10, 1872. He died August 1882. Issue: 1. Charles Hickle, born June 1, 1874; 2.







**DR. HUMPHREY NEWTON ERVIN**

Graduated from Wooster College, 1901, and from Miami College, 1912. After receiving his Degree in Medicine he spent some time in the Soldiers' Home at Dayton, Ohio, and was transferred from there to the Soldiers' Home at Hampton Roads, Va. When war was declared by the United States in 1917, he was sent to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and was located there until August, 1918, when he was sent overseas.



Frederick Lee, born May 17, 1876; 3. Mary Katheryn, born Aug. 4, 1878.

Dr. Charles Hiekle Ervin graduated from the School of Osteopathy, of Des Moines, Iowa, also the Medical College of Los Angeles, California.

Frederick Lee Ervin married Emma Houston, Aug. 15, 1898. Issue: 1. Harold Lee, born March 20, 1900; 2. Kenneth Frederick, born April 29, 1901; 3. Francis Newton, born June 26, 1903; 4. Leland James, born Sept. 13, 1905; Emma Houston Ervin died in 1914.

Mary Katherine Ervin married George Frederick Shields Dec. 27, 1911; living in Los Angeles. Harriet Amanda A. Ervin died April 3, 1910.

Ellen Elizabeth M. Ervin married John Coyner Grove May 13, 1875. Issue. 1. Noah Ervin, born Aug. 19, 1897; 2. Mary Eleanor, born April 1, 1883.

Noah Ervin Grove married Mary Louise Walker Nov. 13, 1919; living at Enid, Okla.

Mary Eleanor Grove married Forest Edgar Moomaw Oct. 25, 1913. Issue: Eleanor Elizabeth, born July 17, 1814.

Mary Eleanor Grove Moomaw graduated from Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio.

Sophia Victoria Ervin married James Howard Moody Hollyday May 4, 1881. He died Jan. 24, 1908.

Harriet Elizabeth Ervin married John Walker Lyle Sept. 5, 1839. Issue: 1. Peachy Harrison, born June 24, 1840; 2. William E, born July 29, 1842; 3. Sarah E., born Oct. 26, 1844; 4. Francis Newton, born May 12, 1847; 5. Margaret Belle, born Aug. 25, 1849; 6. Hannah Jane, born March 1, 1852; 7. John Rankin, born March 2, 1857. Harriet Elizabeth Ervin Lyle died Jan. 19, 1897.

Peachy H. Lyle married Mary E. Fling Nov. 16, 1865. Issue: 1. Frank; 2. Joseph; 3. one daughter; 4. Charles.

Francis Newton Lyle married Mary Campbell Feb. 18, 1875.

Sarah E. Lyle married James Davis Sept. 9, 1878. Issue: Nora B., born Feb. 9, 1880.

Hannah Jane Lyle married Andrew Porter March 9, 1881.

John Rankin Lyle married Addie Jackman Aug. 10, 1876. Issue: 1. Owen Peachy, born Oct. 17, 1877; 2. Alva Galbraith, born Jan. 2, 1879; 3. Cora Esther, born March 11, 1883; 4. son born Feb. 27, 1902, died March 2, 1902.

Owen Peachy Lyle married Margaret Ethel Shaw April 17, 1901. Issue: 1. Oscar Lawrence, born March 7, 1904; 2. Ester May, born April 15, 1906; died Aug. 20, 1907.

Alva G. Lyle married Leota May Shaw Jan. 26, 1905. Issue: Son born and died 1914; daughter, Jennie Margaret, born February, 1915.

Peachy Harrison Ervin married Nancy Lyle Nov. 10, 1842. Issue: Harriet, born March 1, 1845, died Aug. 30, 1850; William Addison, born April 15, 1847; John Newton, born April 23, 1853; Frank



P., born April 13, 1836. Peachy Harrison and his wife, Nancy Lyle Ervin, lived to celebrate their golden wedding Nov. 10, 1893. He died June 4, 1899, and his wife died Oct. 3, 1908.

William A. Ervin married Clara Morton. Issue: 1. Agnes; 2. Helen; 3. Morton; 4. Merle. Agnes Ervin died just as she grew into young womanhood. Morton Ervin graduated from the Dental College in Cincinnati, and after returning to his home in Tennessee was stricken with fever and died.

Helen Elaine Ervin married William Edward Roberts April 3, 1912, who served in the Philippine War and was raised to first lieutenant. He was seriously wounded and retired from the service. Merle Ervin, the youngest son, was educated at Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio; now living on a fruit ranch in New Mexico.

Rev. William Addison Ervin graduated from Salem Academy, Salem, Ohio; Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio, and from Lane Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio. He was pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Aurora, Ind.; is now pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Socorro, N. M.

Rev. John Newton Ervin married Lizzie F. Mollyneau June, 1881. Issue: Humphrey Newton Ervin, born March 1883.

Dwight Mollyneau Ervin, born March, 1885; graduated from Wooster College, 1910, and for two years was civil engineer on the Ohio River, surveying for construction of dams for furtherance of navigation. He is at present a student in the Medical College of Cincinnati.

Gladys Dee Ervin, born February, 1887; graduated from the University of Cincinnati, the Art Academy and College of Music, and is Supervisor of Art and Music in the Cincinnati Schools.

Morris Donaldson Ervin, born February, 1894; graduated from Woodward High School of Cincinnati, 1912. The three years following was reporter on the Commercial Tribune, Cincinnati. At present is a student of Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio.

Frank P. Ervin married Rusia A. Price Nov. 2, 1876. Issue: 1. Floyd D., born Aug. 29, 1877; 2. Charles K., born Aug. 7, 1879; 3. Clyde P., born Jan. 6, 1881; 4. Harley F., born July 29, 1884; 5. Lora Ruth, born May 7, 1891.

Floyd D. Ervin married Sarah C. Crawford Oct. 10, 1906. Issue: 1. James Crawford, born Oct. 24, 1908; 2. Margaret Price, born April 18, 1910; 3. Mary Lavinia, born Jan. 4, 1914.

Floyd D. Ervin served in the Cuban War.

Charles K. Ervin married Florence Youngblut Nov. 27, 1813. He graduated from the Miami Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio, and is practicing medicine in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Harley F. Ervin married Maude F. Rogers Dec. 7, 1909. Issue: 1. Frances Maude, born Jan. 6, 1912; 2. Helen Latta, born March 27, 1914; 3. daughter, born June 3, 1916.

Lora Ruth Ervin married George Woodburn Nov. 6, 1913. Issue: 1. Susan Gace, born Nov. 1, 1914; 2. Virginia Ruth, born Feb. 29, 1916.





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