

A BRIEF HISTORY
OF THE
DEAVOR FAMILY
IN AMERICA,

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PREFACE.

A history of the Deavor race has long been desired. Several have began the task only to lay it aside. This little book represents five years of patient investigation without a cent of remuneration. To lessen the expense and bring the book within the reach of all, only essential facts have been published. I regret that some have withheld dates that would have made this book a perfect record. I hope some day to revise it, and include our history in Europe.

Abbreviations are frequently used. B—born; bap—baptized; m—married; d—died; bd—buried; ch—church. Read Pa. where no state is mentioned.

I have done my best; still there will be mistakes. Some will think I have said too much, others, not enough. Before you pronounce the sentence of condemnation, get on your knees and read these lines:

FORGIVENESS.

My heart was heavy, for its trust had been
Abused, its kindness answered with foul wrong.
So, turning gloomily from my fellow men,
One summer Sabbath day, I strolled among
The green mounds of the village burial place,
Where, pondering how all human love and hate
Find one sad level, and how soon or late
Wronged and wrong-doer, each with meek, ned face
And cold hands folded over a still heart,
Pass the green threshold of our common grave,
Whither all footsteps tend, whence none depart,—
Awd for myself, and pitying my race,
Our common sorrow, like a mighty wave,
Swept all my pride away, and trembling, I forgave.
—Whittier.

W. T. S. D.

INTRODUCTION.

II. The Object of this Book :

Remember, I am not advertising. The persons whose names I here record need no crutches. Some are dead, and have entered upon their reward; and those living will share in the victory that attends a just conflict in life.

Our family commands respect, and the service they have rendered will justify even more than I shall say. To keep no record of our loved ones, would be an act of which a heathen would be ashamed. The carved monument will retain the deeds of their heroes till the day of judgment.

Shall my ancestors fall unhonored and unknown? God forbid. Impelled by a sense of duty, I propose to consolidate all available records, and add such other matter as may seem pertinent and useful. I shall try to be accurate and brief.

III. Difficulties in the Way.

Some families have no records, others, through ignorance or indifference, have not given me what they had, and most records are brief or imperfect. Those who could relate the early history are gone, except a few with impaired memory, who still linger like the last leaf upon the tree. Then the limited sale and large expense

of such a book enforce brevity. If the book is not perfect, please do not blame the author, but thank him for what he has done under these unfavorable conditions.

IV. The Importance of Family History.

Whatever value is attached to history in general applies also to the history of a race or family. "Posthumous influences like shadows project themselves into the present" to cheer our fainting hearts. Friends long departed seem to meet us again on the field of conflict. What monument more worthy than history shall perpetuate their memory?

We need history to supplement our treacherous human memories,—it is our only guide when memory fails. Family history is of financial importance. Fortunes have been lost or misappropriated for the want of sufficient records. I trust this book will bring to light a long-hidden legacy. Finally, definite knowledge of our ancestry is a mark of intelligence for which there is no apology. We need to remember that "blood is thicker than water," and often more precious.

V. Nationality.

Tradition on this point is very strong. Some claim that the original stock were Huguenots banished from France to England and Ireland from whence they emigrated to America at an early and unknown date. The Devores came from New Jersey, and as this state was settled by Sweeds and Finns such extraction might be urged. If this should be true Devere, the famous Swedish mathematician, may be a relative.

All this conjecture must antedate the life of Joseph

Daver, the author's great-grand-father. He was born in Scotland. Mary, daughter of Jesse Daver, heard him often relate the story of his voyage, and talked with friends who came from Scotland to visit him shortly before his death. This witness is yet alive, and her memory is unimpaired. Whom Joseph Daver first married is unknown, but that she was Irish is not doubted, yet she may have been German or French. All may be clear when I write our history in Europe.

VI. Our Name in History.

Trying to write the name like it was spoken has resulted in many forms of spelling. The name alone is no guide to our nationality. The changes were made in an age when our language was changing, and when nobody knew how to spell.

The earliest name I can find is Joseph Daver. Jesse Daver's children used Devor, but his tombstone of 1824 contains Jesse Deavor. His brother James used Devor and DeVor, while Jacob's children adopted Dayvor and Deavor. My father still uses Dayvor. I also find these forms: Dever, Devere, Deaver, Deeever, Deavour and Devore.

Those who use Devore, Dever and Deaver will form a separate chapter, in which I will condense such definite information as has been secured.

Paternal Genealogy.

The history of the Deavor family began with the writer's great-grand-father Joseph Daver and wife who lived and died at Spring Run, Franklin Co., Pa. He was born in Scotland; married there and emigrated to

America. Friends of his native home visited him within the memory of living witnesses. They attained a great age before they fell asleep. They are buried at Spring Run.

It was my privilege, July 17, 1894, to visit this place, and view in ruins the work of my forefathers. Every step thronged with contending interests. I drank from a spring shaped in Colonial days, and rested 'neath the shade of trees planted by hands long folded in death. The house has yielded to decay, but the old stone chimney, like "the image upon the plain," still stands like a sentinel, a silent witness to the ravages of time. The tansy in the garden, planted by immortal hands, refuses to die. In the old stony orchard stand apple trees planted 50 yr. before the American Revolution. With a grape vine I measured an English Redstreak which was $8\frac{1}{2}$ ft. in circumference. To me it was a blessed day. Every leaf had a tongue, every tree whispered love, and the birds seemed to sing: "Home Sweet Home."

Though everything has changed, many families still live in the vicinity of the patrimonial estate, while others have gone fourth into almost every state in the Union. I am glad I am able to present an abstract of Joseph Daver's deed and will.

Abstract of Great-Grand-Father Joseph Daver's Deed.

William Bingham and Mordacai Lewis laid a warrant on 129 A. of woodland in Path Valley, Fannett Township, Franklin Co., Pa. This they deeded to Joseph Daver for 1690 pounds sterling, Oct. 21, 1795. This deed was recorded by John Findlay. Jacob J. Devor, who patented the land in 1884, now holds the deed.

Abstract of Joseph Daver's Will.

In the name of God, Amen. Apprised of my mortality, and being of sound mind, I make this my last will and testament.

To my wife Sarah Ellen Roles—Ragan Daver, I give her choice of cows, sheep, hogs, bed and bedding; also the dough trough, flour barrel and contents, pots, dishes, plates, kettles, the things now growing in the garden, and as much fruit as she can use; this to be brought to her by Joseph who is also to keep for her one hog, one cow, and 2 sheep.

To James and Jacob, \$1 each if they come after it.

To Eleanor Hallinsworth I relinquish all claims against her husband, Joseph.

To Esther and Albina, \$1 each, if they come after it.

To Jesse I give the farm and all that pertaineth thereto.

This will was written by Rev. Amos McGinley, and witnessed by James McCartney, April 26, 1824. It is now in the possession of Jacob J. Devor at Spring Run. Joseph Daver was aged and in his last days childish. This will account for the large gift to Jesse who so patiently took care of him to the end.

Joseph Daver had to his first wife 8 children either foreign or native born: James, Jacob, Jesse, Ellen, Esther, Mary, Elizabeth and Nancy; and to his second wife, Sarah Ellen Roles—Ragan Daver, he had one daughter, Albina, who married a Mr. Robinson.

Nothing is known of Mary, Elizabeth and Nancy. Ellen married a Hallinsworth from whom the Petersons

are descended. Her son, Jesse Hollinsworth, lived in Shirleysburg, where in 1885 was found a Bible of the age of King James. Unfortunately the last two figures of every date were destroyed. This record was written beyond the sea.

Esther Daver married David Neal and raised 9 chil.
(1) Henry married Margaret Rhine. Their children are John who married Elizabeth McMullan—Isaac went South and married—Ann married David Gracey.

To his 2d wife, Rebecca Varner, Henry Neal had one child, Ellen, and to his 3d wife, Bell McMullan, 2 children: Mary and Calvin.

(2) David married and lived in Hancock, Md.

(3) Nancy married George Wander. They had 3 children: Amy married and lives in Altoona. Ruth and David are married, and the latter lives in Pittsburgh.

To her 2d husband, James Harman, Nancy Neal had one child, Belle, who before she died, married Daniel Piper and had 7 children: John, William, James, Ruben, Mattie, Josephine and Mary.

(4) Elizabeth married Michael Kem and raised a family.

(5) Mary married Mr. Baker and raised children.

(6) Ruth married Mr. Claver, but had no children.

(7) William married Catherine Miller and before she died raised 9 children: Michael, Sarah, Amos, one dead, Simon, Martha, Margaret, George and David.

(8) Amy married William Shearer. They had 8 children: Elias, Elizabeth, David and Samuel are dead. Denton married Mary Ann Elder, afterward Lavina Wolf and had one child. Margaret married William Kolb.

Their children are Maude, Frank, deceased, and Harry. Susan married Daniel Wolf, a merchant and postmaster in Spring Run, and has 7 children: William, Elizabeth, Shearer, Mary, Edith, Daniel and Bruce. Shearer will graduate at Shippensburg State Normal in 1896, and some of the others have attended the same school. John married Laura Harvey and has one child.

(9) Esther Neal married Jacob Miller and raised 10 children: 1. Amelia, now a widow. 2. Catherine, married John, son of Robert Peterson and lives in Glasgow. 3. Amos, married Rose Campbell and lives in Loudon. 4. David, married Hettie Gray and lives at home. 5. John, married Belle Jones, have 2 children and lives in Fannettsburg. 6. Hannah, married Mr. Stauffer and lives in Altoona. 7. Robert. 8. Mary Agnes, are single and live at home. 9, Gibson, married a Seilhammer. 10. Infant, deceased.

Joseph Daver's boys will form three chapters. I will trace my paternal and maternal genealogies to my parents, and close this volume with a sketch of their children.

CHAPTER I.

JAMES DEVOR.

James Devor was a member of the U. B. Church, lived and died at Spring Run, aged 87 years. He was of German descent, a Tory in the American Revolution and hauled provisions for the English army. He was married to (Mary Ann Elizabeth Taylor?) and later to Lydia, a sister to Sarah Ellen Roles, to whom he had 11 children.

I. Joseph Devor married Ann Marrow in 1813, and died in 1823. His children William, Bathsheba, Catherine and Agnes live in the West.

II. John Devor married Ann Thompson, afterward Mary Barr. He lived near Chambersburg, and to his first wife had 6 children:

(1) Mary Thompson Devor married James Peterson; a farmer, in the fall of '45. They lived in Shade Gap, where she died, Sept. 18, '79, and is buried in Pine Grove cemetery. To them were born 6 children:

Almira Jane, b. Dec. 30, 1846; married Dec. 8, 1870, to J. Allen McClain.

Annie Elizabeth, b. Aug. 24, 1848; married Feb. 1873, to W. M. Appleby, M. D., once our family physician.

Mary Agnes, b. April 24, 1850; married Aug. 1876,

to Robert Harper; died Sept. 12, 1892, buried in Shade Gap.

Theodore Calvin, M. D., b. Nov. 8, 1851; married Feb. 24, 1881, to Annie E. Davis.

Alfred Shade, b. Sept. 27, 1853; married Sept. 16, '79, to Emma Swan.

Amanda Bell, b. Sept. 5, 1855; married Aug. 10, 1881, to Walter Clark.

All are Presbyterians except Mrs. McClain, who is a Methodist. The father has been an Elder for 40 yr., and his son Theodore for 6 yr. All were educated in the public schools and the Milnwood Academy, Shade Gap. Jane, Annie, Alfred and Theodore were successful teachers. The latter graduated from Shippensburg State Normal, with my Bro. J. D. W. Deavor, in 1875, and from the Med. Dep. of the University of Michigan in 1880. He is a physician and surgeon of wide reputation. Our family was never better served than by him. He now owns the large practice of the late Dr. Jesse Deavor of Warrior's Mark.

(2) Jacob Porter Devor married Mary Ann Hossler, near Chambersburg, to whom he had 7 children: Charles, Alice Ann, (who is a most successful teacher and to whom I am much indebted for parts of this book); Jacob Porter, of Kanapolis, Kansas; Mary Agnes married Harry Downs and has 2 children: Helen and Edgar, they live in Bellevue, O.; William Thompson, James Edgar married Mary Eshelman, and has one child, Paul Edgar; David Harry, a graduate of Wooster University, in 1895.

(3) David Hermon Devor married, lived and died in

Cowden, Ill.; being once a Free Methodist preacher, and a worker in the Salvation Army.

(4) Thompson John White Devor joined the Union army at Ashley, O., and in some battle fell a martyr to his country. He married Rachel Keckler to whom he had 4 children: (1) Jane, who married David Naftsgar and had one little girl, and died in West Salem, O.; (2) Lucilla married L. B. Fox and has 2 children: Stella who married Herbert Young, and Earl Fox 14 yrs. old; (3) Joshua LaFayette, of Ashland, O.; (4) John, of Cardington, O.

(5) Agnes Ann Devor, died in early womanhood.

(6) Elizabeth Devor married Elias Rose and went to Wis.

III. Richard Devor married and lived in Newburg, Pa. In 1864 he visited Joseph Defrees Devor, of Elkhart, Ind. In 1840 a cousin visited Joseph Defrees Devor, of Elkhart, Ind., and then went on further west. In 1859 another cousin visited him, entered the Union army and, was killed in the battle of Chicamauga.

IV. Joshua Devor was a U. B. preacher and from Bed. Co., Pa., went south to Md. or Va. about 1860, and never returned. He probably fell in battle, "uncoffined and unknown," but not "unhonored," if he died for his country and was true to his God. He probably married Rachel Clarke.

V. Rolland Devor was born 1800 in Cumberland Co., Pa. In 1818 he took Horace Greeley's advice and "Went West." As a teacher of that day he stood among the best. His penmanship was superior.

After working some time for John Johnson in

Piqua, O.; in 1836 he moved to Elkhart, Ind., bought a section of land from the government and opened a farm of 100 A. In 1864, his wife having died, he sold his farm and lived with his daughter in Lagrange, Ind., until his death in 1876. He was a member of the Pres. church, an abstainer from intoxicants and tobacco, honest in all his transactions and enjoyed the confidence of all who knew him. In 1824, he was married to Elizabeth M. Defrees, to whom he had 7 children:

(1) Emma Rebecca Devore was born in Greenville, O., in 1826. At the age of 19 she was married to John Cotton, by whom she had 5 children, all of whom died in childhood, except Willis Cotton, who is a merchant in Walkerton, Ind. The mother was a most consistent member of the M. E. church, and died in 1877, aged 51 years.

(2) Joseph Defrees Devor was born in Piqua, O., in 1828. He worked on his father's farm in Ind. until 1848, when he became a clerk in a drug store in Peru, Ind. In 1851 he married Martha H. Starr, who died in 1886. They had 4 children:

Emma O. Devor was born 1852 in Goshen, Ind. In 1870 she married Charles D. Bibtins, a conductor on the L. S. & M. S. Ry. He was a Union soldier and a victim in the famous Libby Prison at Richmond. Having severed his connection with the Ry. he began mercantile life in Omaha, Neb. She is a member of the Presbyterian church, and has no children.

Milton V. Devor was born in Goshen, Ind., in 1854. At the age of 16 he learned the printer's trade, which he has since followed with marked success. In 1878 he

married Frances Merrifield, who died in 1880. Both were members of the M. E. Ch. He now lives in Leadville, Col.

Flora Ellen Devor was born in 1856 in Syracuse, Ind. She is a member of the Pres. Ch., and lives at home. She is also skilled in the art of needle work.

Frank Starr Devor was born in 1861, near Elkhart, Ind. He early acquired the art of printing, and is now superintendent of the presses in a large printing house in Omaha, Neb. He married Sadie Boyer, and has two children. She is a member of the Lutheran church.

Marianette Devor was born in 1864 in Elkhart, Ind. In 1884 she married Thomas Pritchard. After living 5 yrs. in Chicago they moved to Minneapolis, Minn., where he is employed by a wholesale mercantile house. They are both members of the Baptist church, and have 2 children, Edith and Millie 10 and 8 yrs. old respectively.

Victoria V. Devor was born in Elkhart, Ind., 1867. In 1890 she went to live with her sister, Mrs. Bibbins, in Omaha. She is a Presbyterian, and a stenographer and typewriter of marked ability.

Joseph Defrees Devor has had large experience in drug and other mercantile business. For some time he was station agent for the L. S. & M. S. Ry., but for 25 years has been book-keeper of the First National Bank, of Elkhart, Ind. He owns a comfortable home and other valuable real estate in this city. He married again to Sophia M. Funk, a physician of the Homeopathic school, and a graduate of the Halmeman Med. Col., of Chicago. From early life he and his wife have been members of the Pres. Ch. The positions he has so ably filled confer

no little honor upon him as a self-educated man. He is an amateur in music and astronomy, continuing to study them even at the age of 66 yrs. This is pre eminently a Devor characteristic. He has helped me much. Without his assistance this section would have been blank.

(3) Mary Annette Devor was born in 1831, near Troy, O. In 1856 she married John H. Rerick, a physician in Elkhart, Ind. During the Civil War he was surgeon of the 44th Reg. Ind. Vol. He has served two terms as clerk of Lagrange Co., Ind., and is now editor and proprietor of the "Lagrange Standard." They have 3 children: Rolland H. and John D., both printers and editors, and now engaged in making and printing county maps and histories; and Carl H., who is junior editor of the "Lagrange Standard." The mother and children are members of the Methodist church.

(4) James Rolland Devor was born in 1833 in Troy, O. He possesses remarkable inventive genius and is the inventor of several machines. In the Civil War he was Asst. Surgeon and Post Commander. In 1873 he married Tillie McKibben, who died in 1888. She was a member of the Pres. church in Goshen, Ind., where he still lives. They had no children.

(5) John D. Devor was born in 1836 in Troy, O. After practicing law for several years, he entered the field of journalism, publishing papers in Lagrange, Elkhart, Goshen and Plymouth, Ind.; Wauseon, O.; Galesburg, Ill., and Elkhart, Wis. He is now a banker and dealer in commercial paper. In 1862 he married Fanny Mattingly, of Plymouth, Ind., who died 6 mo. after marriage. Later on he married Cornelia M. Lusk, of Day-

ton, O., by whom he had 4 children: William is a composing printer, married and lives in Wis.; Cornelia is married and lives in Milwaukee, Wis.; Fannie and John are still at home. Their parents are members of the Pres. church, and live in Reedsburg, Wis.

(6) Elizabeth Lavina Devor was born in 1839, near Elkhart, Ind. In 1864 she married Dwight Leavitt, and in 1868, moved to Geneva, Kan., where she died in 1892, leaving a husband and 3 children: Carrie, Newman and Arthur. She and her family were Presbyterians.

(7) Victoria V. Devor was born in 1844, near Elkhart, Ind. In 1875 she married L. L. Merrifield, and moved to Northern Iowa. He pre-empted a farm at Deadwood, Dak., but, dissatisfied with frontier life, returned to Lagrange, Ind. They have one child, Hubert.

VI. James Devor was by trade a mason and contractor, and was born about 1801. He learned his trade with Thomas Fagan. Houses which he built in Path Valley are still in use and well preserved. He married Rebecca Fleck, and died in Three Springs, May 7, '81. She, Aug. 11, '70, aged 68, both buried in Three Springs. They were exemplary members of the Meth. Ch., and had 9 children:

(1) Prof. J. Edward Devor married Lizzie Shope, of Mt. Pleasant. He was educated in the Public schools, Mittenwood Academy and Mt. Pleasant College, and is now a distinguished teacher in Harrisburg and a most active worker in Fifth St. M. E. S. S., of which church he is a member. His son, Harry C., a grocer, is married and lives there also.

(2) Basil J. Devor, educated in the Public school,

Mittenwood Academy and Mt Pleasant College, was for years a successful teacher. He is a practical surveyor and civil engineer, and once read medicine. He is also a member of the Flint Glass Sand Co., Mt Union, and was admitted to the Hunt. Co. Bar in 1878. He was married to Jennie Faust and has 3 children: Gerald L., a book-keeper in Chicago; married Nellie Coleman and has two boys, Roy 8 and Earl 5 yrs. old. Emma Lease, married Nov. 2, '94, to L. B. Mentzer, a commission merchant in Baltimore. He was born Sept, 11, 1866. Both are members of the Luth. church. Lizzie Ida is still with the parents in Mt. Union.

(3) Elizabeth Devor married a Swope.

(4) Mary Devor married Harrison Wagner.

(5) Hannah Devor married Geo. S. Miller.

(6) Maggie Devor married Samuel Willet, who is dead and buried at Three Springs.

(7) Jennie Devor died and is buried in Three Springs.

(8) A son 3 yrs. old, buried in Three Springs.

(9) A son 5 yrs. old, buried in Path Valley.

NOTE—There appears to be a John H. Devor a full cousin to James. He was a bachelor and very rich; a member of the Cumb. Co. bar and once land commissioner of Pa. At one time he related to Basil J. Devor our history in France before the persecution. He died in 1887 in Perry Co., aged 82 yrs.

VII. Hannah Devor married Barney Fagan.

VIII. Jemima Devor married William French. Lived in a log cabin not 1 mi. from Spring Run. Moved to Amberson Valley where both perhaps died and are

buried. Some think they moved to Rock Island, Ill. They had 2 children: Robert and Nancy.

IX. Ann Devor married Robert Graham.

X. Lydia Devor married Jno. Graham, a brother to her sister's husband.

XI. Kate Devor married Joseph Evitts, or perhaps [Everetts].

CHAPTER II.

JACOB DEAVOR.

Jacob, 2d son of Joseph Deavor, was my grand father, and was born 1779, died Apr. 3, 1840, at the home of Vincent Stevens, and is buried in Winegardner's cemetery, Taylor township, Fulton Co., Pa.; Rev. Solomon L. Consor preached the funeral. He was raised a Quaker Presbyterian, but died a Methodist. His piety was never questioned. As a school teacher he stood in the front rank, nor have his descendants retreated from this position.

His wife, Hannah Piles, was a model wife and mother. Home was never graced by a truer woman. Of her death we have this statement:

"Hannah Piles Deavor died Sat., Oct. 8, 1836, and was buried Oct. 10, Rev. T. McEnally preaching the funeral in Mt. Pleasant church at 11 o'clock. Wed., Oct. 12, I went to Broad Top and returned to Winegardners' for meeting in the evening, conducted by Revs. Thos. McEnally and B. F. Nixon. Fri. Oct. 17, 1836, I returned home.

(Signed)

ADAM B. DEAVOR.

This is an abstract of Joseph Davor's will:

1. To Martha Stevens, \$9.00 schooling against Vincent Stevens; one umbrella; 1 quilting-wheel at \$1.50.

2. To Joseph, 1 hog in Adam's possession.
3. To Mary, 1 loom; 1 flat-iron; 1 cow; 1 bed and bedding after my decease.
4. To James, 1 gun; 1 shovel; 1 axe; 1 sheep in Adam's possession, and James to be my executor.
5. To Annie Lamberson, 1 cow in her possession.
6. To Adam, \$3.50; shoe tools at \$1.00; cooper tools at \$5.00; 1 yoke of oxen at \$40; 1 watch; 1 cow, and Adam to pay five or seven dollar debts in Trough Creek Valley.
7. To Hannah, 1 heifer; 1 flat iron.

[Two children died before this will was made]. The will was written by James Salkield and attested by Wm. McClain, Feb. 25, 1840, Dublin Twp., Bed. Co., Pa., the home of Joseph Deavor.

They had 9 children: Martha, Philip, Joseph, Mary, James, Annie, Jesse, Adam and Hannah. These will form separate groups. Adam being the last.

I. Stevens' Family.

Martha Deavor was born at John Henry's place, Taylor Twp., Pa., Dec. 1, 1800. Was a faithful member of the M. E. church from early life. Was married to Vincent Stevens, Jan. 8, 1824, by Rev. Tommy Larkin. Her husband was born May 5, 1797. In his 19th year, in a school house at Hustontown, he was converted and joined the M. E. Ch. He was a licensed exhorter and for most of his life a class leader. The home was noted for its piety. A daughter writes: "The class meeting 3 mi. away was never missed except in time of sickness."

A son says: "I never knew the home without the family altar."

He was married a 2d time to Mrs. Eliz. J. Linn, Jan. 23, 1866, to whom he had 2 children: Sadie Hunter, b. June 12, 1871, d. Aug. 7, 1871. Olive Geary, b. Nov. 3, 1866, married to Harry Dawney, Feb. 4, 1884, by Rev. Lewis Chambers, d. Dec. 19, 1892, buried at Clear Ridge, Pa., Rev. O. Hicks conducting the funeral.

She was a devoted Methodist, and left 2 children: Nellie, b. Sept. 28, 1887, and Roy, b. Dec. 12, 1889.

Martha Deavor Stevens died Aug. 28, 1865, and her husband Oct. 25, 1886; both buried at Clear Ridge. To his 1st wife he had 9 children whose lives I am proud to sketch.

1. James Lane Stevens, b. Dec. 12, 1824, a druggist in Ill. Was married to Rebecca, daughter of Major Sipes and had 7 children: Johu Scott, a lawyer in Chicago; George, a druggist; William; Olive, who married Dr. Brown, of Montana; Missouri, who married a minister; one died in infancy.

2. Philip Deavor Stevens, b. in Bed. Co., May 1, 1826. His grand father, b. in Va., came to Bed. Co. early in the history of Pa., and died at the age of 108 yrs., 4 mo. and 7 da. Philip married Susana Green, of Cassville, Feb. 29, 1828. They had 10 chil: (a) James Vincent, b. Sept. 1848, married Eliz. Holland, of Clear Ridge, Jan. 4, 1869, and lived at Selia, Hunt. Co. (b) Mary Jane' b. Nov. 1850; married John Berkstresser, son of Lewis Berkstresser, live in Waterfall, Pa. He is a first-class wheelwright, and for years has been associated with my Bro. J. E. E. Deavor. They have 3 chil-

dren: Jessie Blanche; one dead, and Mary Ethel (c) Juniatta Amanda, b. Mar. 13, 1853, died 1854. (d) Florence Lavina, b. Sept. 1855; married Wm. Robinson, of Altoona, and have 8 children: Merrill, b. Feb. 9, 1876; Homer, Maud, Lillian, Charles, Ivey, John, one dead. (e) Lemuel Green, b. July 26, 1859. Single, lives with James. (f) Eliz. Alice, b. Apr. 24, 1862; married Danl. Benler, of Altoona. (g) Theodore Taylor, b. Sept. 1863. Single, lives in Bransville, W. Va. (h) Martha Belle, b. Nov. 1866; married Harry Smith, of Baltimore. (i) Edmond Luther, b. Jan. 20, 1869; died 1869. (j) Emory Clark, b. Dec. 1870. Single, lives with James.

3. Joseph Davor Stevens, b. Sept. 26, 1827; joined M. E. Ch. at Clear Ridge when 13 yrs. old, Married by Rev. C. Graham, Dec. 26, 1848, to Hannah Holland, who united with the same church. In this happy union were born 9 children, all the boys but 2, James and Thomas were school teachers: (a) Thomas B. Stevens, b. Nov. 28, 1849; married, 1871, by Rev. Hugh Linn to Ellen Henry. As a carpenter and painter has more than a local reputation. They have 4 children: Nathan H., Benjamin Edmonson, Hannah Elizabeth, Hester Olive. All the family are Methodists. (b) James Dyke Stevens, b. Apr. 19, 1851. Married Mar. 1879 to Phoebe Kerlin by Rev. Jno. R. Croft. He is an aggressive farmer, and blessed with 2 children: Sarah Alberda, Mertie Emma. (c) Vincent C. Stevens, b. Nov. 26, 1852. Succeeded well as a teacher; was married to Ada Cobert by Rev. Shoemaker. Both are members of the M. E. Ch. in Three Springs. (d) Isaac Watson Stevens was born Mar. 18, 1854; died May 13, 1854. (e) John F. Stev-

ens, M. D., b. Mar. 7, 1855, was for years a successful teacher. Mar., 1894, he graduated from Louisville Med. Col. and is practicing in Kansas. Was married June 27, 1894, by Rev. Scott F. Stevens, of South Kansas Conference, to Gertrude C. Wright, who with Lyman, Mary and Carrie, were students of mine. (f) Rev. George Washington Stevens, A. B., was b. Mar. 5, 1857, and married by Rev. Dr. S. C. Swallow, Feb. 22, 1883, to Clara Ramsey. They have 5 children: Nellie Belle, Mary Ray, Bessie May and Carlton. The last and one younger are dead. Much could and ought to be said of this brother, but a brief summary of his ministerial career must suffice. Like all Fulton Co. preachers, his education was heroic, and excelled in the art of teaching. He was graduated from Dickinson Seminary, 1881, and admitted on trial in the Cent. Pa. Conf. the same year at York. He was ordained Deacon Mar. 19, 1882, at Lock Haven by Bishop Hurst, and Elder Mar. 15, 1885, at Huntingdon by Bishop Foss. His appointments have been: '81, Kedron; '82-'83, York, Princes street; '84, Buckhorn; '85-'86, Selinsgrove; '87-'90, Trinity, Danville; '90-'95, Fifth street, Harrisburg; '95, Mulberry, Williamsport. Few men have reached the best appoints. in the Conference in so short a time. His labors are abundant: Five churches built or repaired at a cost of \$35,000; 1 parsonage built at a cost of \$2,000; upwards of \$4,000 raised for benevolent purposes, and over 1,000 souls have been converted. As a financier, preacher and pastor he has few superiors. (g) Emma Francis Stevens, b. Sept. 8, 1859; married to John Shafer by Eli Shore in 1894. He is an industrious smith and farmer in Clay Twp. Hunt.

Co. She has been a member of the M. E. Ch. from childhood. (h) Albert S. Stevens, M. D., b. May 2, 1861, and taught school for years with marked success. May, 1891, was graduated from the University of Pa., and is practicing medicine in Shelby, Iowa. On Sept. 1, 1892, he was married to Lula Linn. (i) Franklin K. Stevens, D.D. S., b. Nov. 26, 1863. Won no little renown as a teacher. In May, 1893, was graduated from the University of Pa., and is now a leading dentist in McConnellsburg, Pa. He was married, 1892, to Myra Henry by Rev. O. Hicks. They have 1 child, Russell Lowell.

Hannah Holland Stevens, the model mother, faithful christian and esteemed friend, trained this large family for high and holy work, and then fell asleep in Jesus, Mar. 26, 1878, and is buried at Clear Ridge. When the dust shall wake to life she will shine with the redeemed.

The home still needing a mothers' hand, Dec. 2, 1879, Joseph D. Stevens was married (2d time) to Ellen Frances Elias by Rev. John R. Croft. This union is blessed with 2 children: Edward Gray, Mar. 14, '81, and Charles Escocoe, Dec. 27, '83.

On Aug. 10, 1891, this family held its first reunion. All the children were present and greatly surprised their father and his new wife. Dr. Hill and wife, Thos. Huston and wife, and Mrs. S. G. Wright were present and helped to make the day pleasant and memorable.

4. Jacob Taylor Stevens, b. Apr. 24, 1829, and married to Sarah A. Rutherford, May 2, 1850, by Elisha Butler. She was born Sept. 26, 1827, died June 29, '86, and buried at Bellefonte, Pa. Of ten children, 2 died in

infancy. (a) Rebecca V., born Feb. 2, '51; died 1860; buried in Jeff. Co., Ill. (b) Mary E., b. Jan. 5, '53; married to Wm. Krist, a machinist in Williamsport, Pa. (c) Margaret J., b. Apr. 11, '55; died Feb. 17, 1884, buried in Bellefonte, leaving one child, Ira Fletcher. (d) Wm. T., b. Oct. 23, '57, and married to Mary Snare. She and one child buried in Bellefonte. He married 2d time to Annie Hartzel. He is a smith by trade and has 3 children. (No record). (e) Elizabeth S., born May 12, '60, and married to Jas. Potter, who, being unworthy of her, left her with 2 children. She married second time to Albert Krepts and has 3 children, the eldest named Charlie. (f) Charlie E., born Sept. 6, '62; married to Annie Armstrong and have 4 children, one dead. He is a brakeman on P. R. R. at Altoona. (g) Ida M., b. Dec. 4, '64; married to Geo. Carolous, a machinist, and have 2 children, Curtis and Millard. (h) Samuel Mc., b. May 4, '67; died Mar. 28, '68; buried at Billy Chestnuts' place near Hustontown, Pa.

Jacob Taylor Stevens was married second time by Rev. J. B. Stine, Feb. 6, '89, to Mrs. (Enyart) Houseman, and have one child, Lillie Belle, born Jan. 18, '90. He is a finished shoemaker, though a cripple for many years, and runs a small notion store in Altoona, Pa.

5. Rev. Benjamin Fletcher Stevens was born Mar. 26, '31; converted in his 18th year at Taylor Camp Ground, Trougn Creek, Pa., and united with M. E. Ch. His education was largely self acquired. Attended select school in Wells' Valley and Cassville Seminary. His call to preach came early in life. He entered the old Baltimore Conference in 1855, and at its divis-

ion resided in the Cent. Pa. Conf. He was ordained Deacon in '57, and Elder in '59. His appointments have been: 1855, Frostburg Circuit, Md.; '57, Westernport, Md.; '58-'59, Rainsburg, Pa., '60-'61, Greencastle, Pa.; '62, Shomakin, Pa.; '63-'64, White Haven, Pa.; '65-'66, Ashland, Pa.; '67-69, Jersey Shore, Pa.; '70-72, Northumberland, Pa.; '73-74, Third St., Williamsport, Pa.; '75-'76, Clearfield, Pa.; '77, Danville, Pa.; '78-'80, Mifflinburg, Pa.; '81-'82, Stewartstown, Pa.; '83-'85, Duncannon, Pa.; '86-'88, Mechanicsburg, Pa.; '89-'90, 13th St., Harrisburg, Pa.; '91, Supernumerary. This table shows 35 yrs. of heroic toil in some of the best appointments in his Conference. Over 1,000 souls converted, and a revival in every charge. Few preachers display greater fidelity. His work is well done and will abide the Master's coming. Upwards of \$4,000 were raised for benevolences and an equal amount for Church improvements. Apr. 17, 1861, he was married to Harriet G., daughter of the late Rev. John Rhoads. They had five children: Clubine R., b. in Greencastle; John C., b. in White Haven; Annie M. and William F., both born in Jersey Shore, and Nellie B., b. in Northumberland. The 1st and 4th died in infancy. The others live with parents in Harrisburg, Pa. The son is a physician of great promise.

6. Rev. I. C. Stevens was b. Feb. 15, 1833, and died in Jersey Shore, after 3 yrs. illness, Nov. 29, '69. He also attended the Cassville Seminary, and taught several years in Washington, D. C. He responded to God's call in early life, and entered the old Baltimore Conference in 1857. At the early age of 35 he bade farewell to earth

and went to live with his God. His body is buried at Jersey Shore.

7. Mary J. Stevens was born Feb. 2, '35; con. in her 16th yr. and joined the M. E. Ch., a vow which she has ever kept. She married Wilson Cutchall, a leading farmer and had 8 children: 1. Laura Emma Cutchall, b. Nov. 23, '59; married to Nathan McClaine, brother to my brother-in-law, by Rev. P. F. Eyer. He is a member of M. E. Ch., and conductor on P. R. R. at Conamaugh, at which place he barely saved his life in the great Johnstown flood. They have 3 children: Albert Ellsworth, (died, bur. at Clear Ridge); Curtis Lee and Harry Lee. 2. Collins Ellsworth Cutchall was born Nov. 24, 1862, and married to Mary Dunn, a cousin to Mrs. Rev. G. W. Stevens, by the Rev. Howe. She is accomplished in art and music. They have one child, Ray, and live in Anthon, Ia. 3. John Dyke Cutchall, born Feb. 14, 1864; married by Rev. R. H. Gilbert to Emma, daughter of Jacob Bollinger. He is a farmer and has 2 children: Charles Wilson, deceased, and Jessie Blanche, 4. Mary Elizabeth Cutchall, b. Aug. 24, 1866; died a member of M. E. Ch., July 15, '88, buried at Clear Ridge. 5. Harry Wilson Cutchall, b. May 12, '69; still single. 6. Franklin Chal. Cutchall, b. July 12, '72; died June 21, '92; buried at Clear Ridge. 7. Sadie Margaret Cutchall, b. Feb. 28, '75; married by Rev. A. S. Baldwin to George, son of Abe Brown, July, 1891. The last 4 of these children were students of mine in 1884.

8. Martha Mirtilda Stevens, born 1837; was converted and joined the M. E. Ch. when only a small girl. She was married to Daniel Heaton, who won no little success

as a teacher and shoemaker. They had 10 children: Georgia Ann, Collins, Emma, Will, Mollie, Carrie, Guss, Hattie, James and Charlie. The last 7 went to school to me. All were born in Cassville but 5: Will in Coal Mt.; Harriet and Carrie, Dublin Mills; James, Meadow Gap, and Charlie, Clear Ridge. Emma married Thomas Crummel and lives in Va.; Collins, James and Charlie live in Ill.; Georgia Ann, b. Mar. 1857, was married Nov. 29, '93, by Rev. O. Hicks, to John C. Norman, a brakeman on P. R. R. in Altoona. They have 2 children: Dallas and Howard Glenn.

Daniel Heaton died Apr., '88; his wife Aug. '88; their son Will, Dec., '87; and daughters Mollie, '79; Carrie, '70. The last 2 are buried at Hustontown, and the others at Clear Ridge, Pa. In this family, consumption was the fell destroyer. I am glad to record that all were prepared to meet their God. We hope to see them again.

9. John Wesley Stevens was born at the old peach-orchard place on Wooden Bridge, Fulton Co., on Ground Hog Day, Feb. 2, 1839. Was raised a farmer boy and largely self-educated, walking $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi. to school when the term was only 3 mos. When 18 he attended a select school at Rainsburg, Pa., conducted by Elijah Osborn and wife, W. A. Points, Jas. Miller, W. A. Stevens and W. P. Totten. Afterward he taught at Bloody Run and Bunker Hill with great acceptability. Oct 19, 1862, in company with W. A. Spear, S. F. Keepers, J. W. Speck, B. Salkield, John Baker, John E. Horton, John Fisher, Capt. Thos. Sipes, and Corporal Ott, he reported for duty in the Civil War, joining Co. H, 158th Reg. Pa. In-

fantry, commanded by Col. McGibben, the regiment numbering 1000 men. They were sent to Suffolk, Va., thence to Norfolk; after swimming the creek, landed at Newberne, N. C.; transferred to Little Washington; reached Baltimore via. Beaufort and Fortress Monore; on to Harper's Ferry; camped at Frederick City and was discharged. In 1864 he re-inlisted with B. A. Deavor and others, camping at Chapin's Farm, and enforced 58th Reg. Pa. Inf. Associated with James Doran, Beatty and Baker; detailed Feb. '65 to 32d Div., Pioneer Corps to construct fortifications.

Mar. 17, Army reviewed by Gen. Grant and on 26th by Pres. Lincoln. Apr. 3, entered Richmond, and army of Gen. Sherman reviewed by Col. Clay and Maj. Edmond Apr. 12. Crossed the river to Manchester; June 12, '65, discharged, reaching home via. Huntingdon and Broad Top, prostrated with fever until Sept. After recovering he farmed 2 yrs. for his father, then at Saxton and Dublin Mills learned the shoe trade with Jacob Stevens and Daniel Heaton. Again he farmed 2 yrs. and then for 3 yrs. followed his trade in Holland house, Clear Ridge, after which he moves to Ft. Littleton, and 2 yrs. later to North Madison, Ind., the home of his wife and present residence.

His wife, Margaret Jane, is a daughter of Jas. and Jane McKean. A sister to her father married the father of Rev. Memminger, of the Cent. Pa. Conf., and her mother was a sister to Hon. Andrew Davis. Alice Chestnut and Mrs. Alex. Richardson, all well known in Fulton Co. They were married 29 Sept. 1874, by Rev. W. H. Burton, and have 3 children: Andrew McKean, b. at

old homestead 30 June, 1875; (twins) Vincent Curtis and Marion Landers, b. 10 Oct., 1877. The latter died 17 Oct., 1877, and is buried at Clear Ridge.

II. Philip Piles Deavor was born at John Henry's place, Taylor Twp. Fulton Co., and died 2 mi. north of Cassville; aged 22 yrs. and is buried in Martin's cemetery, near Mt. Pleasant. There are over 60 graves in the yard, but it having been farmed for over ten years, no trace of the graves can now be found. It is a pity that land is so scarce that graveyards must be farmed.

III. Joseph Deavor was a shoemaker and spent most of his life in Hunt. Co. He married Mary Houck, who survived him 10 yrs. They had no children. Under the preaching of Rev. Tommy Larkin in 1826, both were converted and joined the M. E. Ch. He died, Jan., 1877, aged 77 yrs., Rev. W. H. Stevens conducted the funeral. She died, 1887, aged 75 yrs. Both are buried at Clear Ridge.

IV. Mary Deavor was born in Springfield, Pa., Oct. 22, 1806, and having never wedded, made her home with her sister, Hannah. Converted in 1824, her subsequent life was a powerful example of perfect submission to God. Her beneficent influence on Adams' boys is not easily estimated. After years of affliction patiently endured she departed this life Sept. 14, 1877, aged 70 yrs., 10 mo. and 22 days. Her body was laid to rest in Clear Ridge cemetery, Rev. T. H. Fobbs preaching the funeral.

V. James Deavor was born in 1811, and made his home on old State Road, near Fairview Ch., Fulton Co. He farmed some, but followed the trade of cooper and tinner, at which he displayed no little skill. "I don't

say much, but I think a great deal," was sufficient ground for his opinion. Having a vivid moral sense, his integrity was never impeached. Converted in 1826, he was loyal to the M. E. Ch. until his death in 1888. He married Hannah Stevens, who was born in 1814. She was a Methodist wife and mother, and a friend whom all loved that knew her. She died in 1890 and lies by his side in Fairview cemetery. Rev. Louis Chambers preached his, and Rev. A. S. Baldwin her funeral. They had 7 children:

1. Elizabeth Deavor died in 1864 of typhoid fever, in Mt. Carroll, Ill., while visiting relatives of her grandmother.

2. Jesse Allen Deavor, M. D., served his term in the Union Army. His success as a physician in Warrior's Mark, Pa., secured for him undying fame. In 1866 he was married to Elizabeth Miller by her brother, Rev. A. R. Miller, D. D., of the Cent. Pa. Conf. They had 2 chil., both born in Franklinville, Hunt. Co., Pa: (a) Olive, born about 1868, and died of consumption at her Uncle John Miller's in Kansas, and is buried there. (b) Ida Carey, b. about 1870; graduated from Dickinson Seminary, 1887, and is now preparing for mission work in India. Dr. Jesse Deavor died of consumption in 1883, and is buried in Warrior's Mark, Pa.

3. Mary Ellen Deavor, b. Mar. 16, 1838, was married to Jacob F. Salkield, Mar. 4, 1858. He was a Union soldiers, and a manly man. While lumbering in Clearfield, Pa., he cut his foot, returned home and died Mar. 11, 1872, in John Berkstresser's little house at the Cross Roads. He is buried in Centre cemetery. I at-

tended the funeral and will never forget the day. The immanence of God was never more vividly felt. He left a widow and 6 children:

(1) Alice P. Salkield, b. Sept. 4, 1858, near Dublin Mills, Pa. Married to Hiram Clevenger, one of the most aggressive farmers of his native Co., May 20, '86, by Rev. J. F. Glass, at the home of Samuel Glass. Both are loyal members of the M. E. Ch., and have 3 children: Sadie Ellen, b. Aug. 30, '88; Harvey Hiram, b. Mar. 8, 1890; Margie Beryl, b. May 11, 1892.

(2) Albert Ross Salkield, b. Feb. 6, 1860, near Dublin Mills, Pa. Married Jennie Griffith, of Trough Creek, Mar. 20, '81. Both members of the M. E. Ch., and have 5 children: John Preston, Goldie Argella, Mary Eliz., Vernon Buhama and Roy. They live in Galitzin.

(3) Serah L. Salkield, b. near Dublin Mills, Pa., Dec. 1, 1861; was married to Calvin W. Beuson, Sept. 10, '85, at her home by Rev. J. F. Glass. Both are Methodists; live in Newberg, Pa., and have 3 children: Elva, born Nov. 8, '92; 2 girls died in infancy.

(4) John Grant Salkield, b. May 20, '63; died Aug. 6, '68; buried in Centre cemetery.

(5) Hannah Elizabeth Salkield, b. in Fulton Co., Ill., Sept. 20, '66; was married to Martin L. Laidig, Jan. 20, '90, in Fairview M. E. Ch. by Rev. J. F. Glass. Both are Methodists, and have 2 boys: Ralph McKendree, Mar. 8, '92, and Clinton, Oct. 11, '94.

(6) Franklin McKendree Salkield, b. Jan. 18, '69. Served 5 yrs. in U. S. Army, as private in 108th Reg., Co. C, and was stationed at Ft. Donalson, Neb. He was in the Pine Ridge Agency and took part in the Indian

contest in which Sitting Bull was killed. Is still single.

Sarah Ellen Deavor-Salkield was married the 2d time to Elijah French, Apr. 20, '75. He is a teacher of wide experience. They have 2 chil.: James Emmerson, b. Feb. 19, '76; Cavinia Belle, b. Feb. 16, '78. They live in Trough Creek.

4. Martha Rebecca Deavor, b. at West Dublin, Dec. 13, '40; was married at her home, Thurs., Aug. 7, '62, to Samuel Wesley Salkield, who was born in Ft. Littleton, June 2, '39, by W. C. Stewart, of the M. E. Ch. In May, '61, he enlisted for 3 mos. as a private in the Civil War, and on Aug. 4, '62, re-inlisted in Co. B, 126th Reg., P. V. Being wounded at Chancellorsville, May 3, he was discharged May 20, '63. On June 2, '63, he was drafted and assigned to Co. E, 49th Reg., P. V. For faithful service rendered he was sent as Provo guard to Gen. Weaton's headquarters, and with him witnessed the capture of Petersburg, and the surrender of Lee. After the troops were reviewed by the Presl., he was mustered out July 15, '65, receiving his discharge in Harrisburg, July 21, '65. He adds another to the long list of eminent teachers, having taught before and since the war. In 1880 he moved to Six Mile Run, where, on account of ill-health caused by his wound, he followed the occupation of contractor and builder. Since 1857, both have been members of M. E. Ch. and champions of the temperance cause. They have 6 devoted children:

(1) Addison Burke Salkield was b. in Fulton Co., Feb. 28, '63. He is well educated in the Pub. schools; skilled as carpenter, but is now a builder and contractor in Praire City, Ill.

(2) Emma Francis Salkield was born at West Dublin, July 22, '64. Received good education in the Pub. schools and is a most active member of the M. E. Ch. in Six Mile Run.

(3) Louise Carey Ellis Salkield was born in Fulton Co., Sept. 1, '66; was married to Richard William Buckley, at her home, Thurs. Oct. 21, '86, by Rev. C. L. Benscoter. They live at Six Mile Run, and have 4 children: Martha Blanche, Oct. 1, '87; Alice Vernon, Aug. 15, '89; Sarah Jane, Apr. 28, '91; Samuel Garfield, Oct. 29, '93.

(4) Ada Stevens Salkield was b. in Fulton Co., Sept. 13, '68. She was married at her home Sept. 13, '88, to William A. Parks, by Rev. I. N. Moorhead. Both are members of Fifth Ave. M. E. Ch., Altoona. Their children are: Ethel Rebecca, b. Sept. 7, '89; Ada Vere, b. Nov. 28, '91; one son, b. Sept. 4, '94.

(5) Martha Vernon Deavor Salkield was born in Fulton Co., Jan. 14, '73. She began teaching when 15 yrs. of age, and has prepared herself for the work in the Pub. schools, county Normals, and at the California State Normal. She is no less active in the Methodist church, of which she is a member.

(6) Ralph Waldo Emerson Salkield was born in Fulton Co., June 9, '75. He received a good education in the Pub. schools; learned the carpenter trade, and is now engaged as an engineer. He is also a loyal member of the M. E. Ch. and an earnest temperance advocate.

5. John Minnich Deavor was born ———. Married to Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel Lamberson, Sr., Feb. 14, '70, by Rev. ———, and died Feb. 22, '72. He is buried at Fairview; Rev. R. H.

Wharton preached the funeral. They had one child, Bertha, born Mar. '71. She is a graduate of Shippensburg State Normal school, and a teacher of rare ability. The whole family are members of the M. E. Ch.

6. Sarah Ann Deavor, b. ———; died ——— of consumption, and is buried at Fairview. The funeral was preached by Rev. R. H. Gilbert. She was a loyal Methodist and a teacher of remarkable talent.

7. Josiah Vincent Deavor was born ——— and was married June 27, '76, to Mary E. Laidig, by ———. He farms the old homestead. They are members of the M. E. Ch., and for years he has been Justice of the Peace, and takes great interest in public education. They have 8 children, some of whom will certainly be preachers: (1) John Newel, b. Oct. 8, '77; now a student in Millersville State Normal. (2) Charles Webster, b. 1979. (3) Frances Rebecca, b. Oct. 25, '80; now a student in Millersville State Normal. (4) Samuel Elmer, b. March, '83. (5) Sarah Elizabeth, b. June 7, '88. (6) Ernest Grant, b. Mar. 2, '90. (7) Josiah Allen, b. Sept. '92. (8) Russell Ellsworth, b. Nov. '94.

VI. Annie Deavor was born Mar. 17, 1814, in Trough Creek, Pa. Converted in Childhood; she lived faithful to the M. E. Ch. till her death. She was married to Jacob Lamberson, a descendant of the Bosler family in Md., May, 1837, by Rev. E. E. Allen. He was a smith by trade and made large money, but never acquired wealth. We called him the story teller, not because he falsified, but because he could relate more jokes than anybody else we ever knew. Even now, on hearing a remarkable tale, we say "it is one of Uncle Jake's."

He died Apr. 10, '79, and she June, 1868. He was a member of the M. E. Ch., and survived her many years. Both buried at Hartman Chapel. Rev. J. R. King preached her funeral. They had 3 children:

1. Samuel served in Civil War, and died in the woods of hemorrhage. Is buried by side of his parents.

2. Daniel Lamberson was born Feb. 14. 1838. Is a superior smith by trade, in Everett. Entered the Civil War for 3 mo.—then for 9 mo.—then for 1 year. Was married to Clara Wells, Aug. 16. '65, and has 6 children: (1) Agness, born May 12, '66; married to David Dodson and has 4 children: Henry, Charles, Frank and one infant Clara, buried in Everett. (2) James, b. Feb. 18, '68, dead and buried in Steelton. (3-4) twins, Samuel and Jane, Aug. 11, '69. (5) Steward, Aug. 18, '73. (6) Jacob, aged 3 yrs.; buried at Steelton.

3. Ellen Lamberson was born May 17, '46. Jesse Woodcock, her husband, was born in Baltimore, Md., Sept. 5, '40. They were married at her home by James Fields, Esq., Feb. 14, '69. He enlisted in the Civil War, Aug., 1861, and re-inlisted June 1, '64, at Blain's X Roads, Tenn., as private in Co. F, 2d Reg., Md. Vol. Infantry, and was lawfully mustered out at the close of the close of the war. They have 10 children: (1) Anna Bennett, born Apr. 7, '69. Married to David Bradnick by Rev. John Vrooman, Aug. 9, 87, and has one child, Zelda Lenora. (2) William b. May 20, '73; deceased. (3) Eliza Rebecca, b. May 20, '75. (4) Arthur Vincent, b. Feb. 28, '78. (5) Augusta Lillie—Deceased. (6) Elizabeth Juniatta, b. Jan. 9, '81. (7) John Henry Bland, b. July 31, '83. (8) Andrew, b. June 5, '86. (9) David

Thomas, b. Jan. 9, '88. (10) Infant—deceased. Those dead are buried at Hartman Chapel.

VII. Jesse Deavor, the first to die, was drowned in Trough Creek, near Cook's Station, at the age of 3 yrs, and is buried at Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

VIII. Hannah Deavor was born in Trough Creek, Pa., Feb. 27, 1819. Converted and joined Mt. Pleasant M. E. Ch. at the age of 7 years. Dec. 4, '45, she was married to Peter Dyke by Rev. J. M. Greene. He is a son of Philip and Elizabeth Dyke, who had 4 children: Mary, Sarah, Henry and Peter. The first is buried in the Cove; Sarah and Henry in Mt. Pleasant. To her second husband, Jacob Cromer, Mrs. Dyke had 8 children. Elisha, Elizabeth, who married her nephew, Philip Cromer, and Rachel who married Jacob Branthaver. They lived in Ia. and Ill.

Peter was born in Bellefonte, Pa., Nov. 18, 1818. He was converted and united with the M. E. Ch. in 1840, and has taken the *Christian Advocate* and maintained the family altar ever since. For most of this time he has been a class leader. The home is positively Christian and has ever been a "Wayside Inn" for preachers. His success as a farmer is far above the average, though he did most of this work with one horse. Both are domestic in habit and conserve in principle. They always retire at 9 p. m., and until 1890, did all their cooking in the old fire place. After a few years on the "Owl Hollow" place he bought land of Evan Huston; cleared it, and built his present home. For fruit it is not surpassed in the Co. Here they live and here they will die. The large place they fill in our hearts can not be determined until they are gone, when there is nothing to cheer the loneliness which will then be wellnigh intollerable:

CHAPTER III.

JESSE DEVOR.

Jesse, son of Joseph Deavor, married Amy Peterson; lived and died in Path Valley, aged 62 years, and is buried with his wife at Spring Run. His 8 children fell heir to his property.

Abstract of Jesse Deavor's Will :

In the name of God. Amen. I, Jesse Daver, being of sound mind, do make this my last will and testament.

To my wife I give and bequeath one-third of all I am worth; the remainder to be divided equally between the children when they shall become of age.

The will was written by Rev. Amos McGinley, June 12, 1833. Witnessed by John Ball and Robert Peterson, and recorded by David Oakes.

I. Jane Devor was born in 1816; died Dec. 24, 1893, and is buried at Spring Run, Rev. Mower conducted the funeral. She was married to David, son of James A. French, a cooper, by Rev. McGinley, to whom she had 8 children :

1. Joseph is a teacher of wide reputation. Entered the war for 9 mo., then for 3 yrs. and was in Libby Prison. He lives in Spring Run; is married to Maria Jane Hammond and has 2 children: Elizabeth and Miriam Grace. The former married Howard Love, and had 2 children; Grace B. and one infant, deceased.

2. William, died 1891. He served in the war; was married to Sarah Crouse, and had 7 children: Ulysses G., Alice, who married a Tice; Myrtle, George, Bessie, Sadie and Charlott.

3 Melvina, married James McClain, a farmer, in '81, and has one child, Sadie, born Sept. 1881.

4. Margaret, married Soloman Crouse, and raised 4 children: William, Bertha, Stella and Solomon.

5. Amy, married Wm. Richardson. She and her daughter Mabel are dead.

6. Lucinda, married John Sanno.

7. Mary, is still single.

8. Jemima Jane, died. aged 20 years.

II. Mary Devor was born in 1818, and married to Henry Shearer, a smith, by Rev. Amos McGinley. They lived in Spring Run, and had 8 children:

1. Amos, served in the Civil War. Was married to Margaret Hammond, and had 9 children: Ida, Mary, deceased; Philip, who married Mary McClain, and raised 3 children; David, who married Blanche Doyle, and had 2 children; William married Annie Baker, and has 1 child; John, Annie, Bessie, one dead.

2. Jane married Elisha Kling. He is a cabinet maker and lives in Mt. Joy. They have 9 children: Henry married Ora Swan and has 2 children; Robert married Mrs. Clarke; Jesse married Mary Kuhn and has one child; George, Charles, Elizabeth, Margaret, Jane and Martha are still single.

3. Jonathan served in the war and was married to Ellen Crouse and had 2 children: Mary and Hannah. The former married William Clarke, son of Robert's wife.

4. Jesse served 9 mos. in the war, and married Elizabeth Crouse and has 2 children: Ida, deceased, married and had 2 children, (Mary and Rennie); Margaret, married and has 1 child.

5. William, married Laura Fink, now deceased, and had 2 children, Lyman and Clara. He was married 2d time to Lucy Allen.

6. David, married Jane Clarke. His children are John, Maude, Mary and Ellen.

7. Emma, married John P. Nesbit and has 9 children: John, Mary, William, Shearer, Jesse, Amos, Etna, Jones and Thomas.

8. Michael, wedded Jane Campbell and raised 9 children: Mary, Grace, Jesse, deceased; Clarke, Jennie, Frank, Paul, Ruth and Margaret. The father froze to death on his way home from a shooting match. The mother married again to David Gambell.

III. Joseph Devor, a farmer, was born in 1820, died in 1892, and is buried in Spring Run. Was married to Maria Shetler by Rev. McGinley, and after her death to Elizabeth Piper. He had 4 children: Jane married a Yocum; Annie, a son of Frank Piper; Martin is crippled and lives in Spring Run; one child dead.

IV. James Devor, a cooper, was born in 1822, died 1887; buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Rev. Gordon conducted the funeral. He was married to Malinda Peterson. Their only daughter, Mary, married a Drake, a farmer, and exhorter in the U. B. church.

V. David Devor was born 1824, and married to Mary Ann Laird, by Rev. McGinley. They had 4 chil-

dren: John, Joseph, Amy and another one are dead. He married second time and lives in Lincoln, Neb.

VI. Jacob Devor was born in 1827, and farms on the old homestead at Spring Run. Mar. 1, 1849, he was married to Eliz. Brinley by Rev. Amos McGinley. She died in 1886, buried at Spring Run, and in 1890 he was married to Maria Lettice Work by Rev. Given. In this family the Devor characteristics are well defined both in appearance and disposition. I have no words to express my delight in this family. The home has a pecnliar fascination. Enter it and you are loath to depart. Thank God I visited my relatives in Path Valley in 1894. To his first wife Jacob Devor had 10 children, of whom I am proud to make this brief mention:

1. Margaret Ellen Devor was born Feb. 24, 1850, at Doylesburg. Rev. McGinley baptized her, and Jan. 19, 1875, at Middle Spring, Rev. S. S. Wylie married her to A. W. Walker, an industrious farmer, who was born Jan. 18, 1850. After 1 year in Path Valley, they lived 11 years on Rev. Alexander's farm in Shirleysburg, and then purchased 11 acres of orchard land on which they moved in 1887. He also owns 100 acres of fruit orchard. They have 9 childreu: (1) Mary Lydica, b. Nov. 3, '75, in Path Valley. (2) Ira Jacob, b. Jan. 21, '77, died Apr. 27, '81. Both baptized by Rev. W. A. West. (3) Nora Elizabeth, b. Jan. 20, '79, baptized by Rev. Sam'l Pomeroy, and died Feb. 23, '84. (4) Samuel Alexander, b. Aug. 22, '80; died Jan. 18, '81. (5) Jesse Winfield, b. Dec. 18, '82; baptized by Rev. S. C. Alexander; died of diphtheria, Apr. 11, '95. (6) Ola Belle, b. Jan. 11, '85. (7) John Brinly, b. Nov. 22, '87. (8) Charles Devor, b.

May 9, '89; died of diphtheria Apr. 2, '95. (9) Newton Hayes, b. Oct. 13, '94. The last three were baptized by Rev. D. H. Campbell. Those dead are buried in Shirleysburg.

2. Rev. William Mackey Devor, was b. Oct. 5, 1852, at Spring Run, and baptized by Rev. McGinley. His boyhood was spent on his father's farm. After leaving the pub. and sel't schools he pursued Latin in Dry Run Academy under Rev. S. C. Alexander. In 1877, he entered the University, of Wooster, O., and graduated from classical course in '81. In '84 he was graduated from the Western Theological Seminary, in Allegheny, Pa. June 10, 1884, in Centre Ch., Perry Co., he was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Carlisle. Since then he has successfully served Sandy Lake, Pa., for 3 yrs.; Carydon and Homeston, Ia., for 6 mos.; Perrysville, O., for 6 mos. He was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Presbytery of Wooster, at Fredericksburg, O., Oct. 22, '85, and installed Nov. 3, as pastor of Perrysville and Clear Fork. Afflicted with malaria, in '88, he came to Ind. Co., Pa., Presbytery of Kittanning, and was installed June 24, as pastor of Rockbridge, Gilgal and Mt. Pleasant, being relieved from Mt. Pleasant in '94. His ministry has been fruitful in large accessions to the Ch., and rich in spiritual blessings. In Allegheny, Sept. 10, '85, he married Lula L. Finney, of Leesville, O. They have 2 children: Wm. Jay Bruce, b. May 19, '88; Galen Leslie, Nov. 13, 1889.

3. Mary Elizabeth Devor was born Oct. 28, 1855, at Spring Run, and was baptized by Rev. McGinley. Amos McGinley Kirkpatric, born June 24, 1851, is her hus-

band. They were married Dec. 5, 1871, by Rev. W. A. West. Their children are: Lodemma A., b. May 29, '77; Locea D., b. Feb. 21, '80; Jacob M., b. Jan. 9, '82; Luetta May, b. July 26, '85. The father died in Path Valley, Sept. 13, '87, and is buried in Shirleysburg, where the family still lives.

4. Serepta Jane Devor was born Feb. 28, 1857, at Spring Run; baptized by Rev. I. N. Hayes; married to David W. Haynes, Feb. 22, '86, by Rev. S. C. Alexander; died Oct. 19, '86, and is buried in Haynesville, Kansas. He writes thus of her decease: "She did her work yesterday as usual, complaining in the evening of a headache, which led to violent convulsions at 11 o'clock, when God opened the gate and took her home." The press added: "He tended her with loving care, without the slightest intimation that death was lurking near. She received no warning that the end was near, but, [always ready] she heard the summons and obeyed the call." She was 29 yrs. old, and left no children. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Axline, of Iuka.

5. Doras McGinley Devor was born at Spring Run, Sept. 12, 1861; baptized by Rev. W. A. West, and married to Alice Hammond, Sept. 27, '82, by Rev. S. C. Alexander. Their children are: Sadie, Carrie, Martin, and one infant, the eldest, dead. He lives in Willow Hill, and is one of the most successful farmers of that valley.

6. John Elmer, born at Spring Run, Nov. 5, 1863; baptized by Rev. West, and died in Pawnee Co., Ind., Oct. 31, '86, at the home of his Uncle David's, aged, 23 yrs., lacking 4 days. "His sun went down while it was

yet day." In principle he was a Republican, and well versed in the history and government of his country. He took an active part in Jas. A. Beaver's campaign of '82, and cast his first vote in '84 for Jas. G. Blain. When a boy he sought the Savior and united with the Presbyterian Ch. in Path Valley, where he was S. S. Supt. In Kansas he joined the Lutheran Ch., it being the only one in the village. Such fidelity will have great reward in glory.

7. Anna Susan Devor was born at Spring Run, May 21, '66; baptized by Rev. West, and married to Arthur A. Johnson--a relative to her great-grand-father--May 22, '89, by Rev. Thos. Dobbin. He is a leading farmer at Spring Run. She makes all the better wife and mother because for years she was a successful teacher. They have 2 children: Jay Corwin, b. Mar. 23, '90; Lester Wendell, Oct. 27, '93.

8. Luetta May Devor was born in Spring Run, May 9, '68, and was baptized by Rev. W. A. West. Her affable manner and gentle disposition make her presence a benediction wherever she goes. She was married Dec. 23, '95, to Wm. T. Steele by Rev. Thomas Dobbin, at the Presbyterian parsonage in Path Valley.

9. Jesse Catherine Devor was born in Spring Run, Jan. 22, 1871; baptized by Rev. W. A. West, and married to Max Skinner, Mar. 30, '93, by Rev. D. McLeish. As a peusman and seamstress she is well accomplished. Their home is at Dry Run, where he farms with no little success.

10. Huldah Eleanor Devor was born in Spring Run, July 7, 1872, and baptized by Rev. S. C. Alexander.

She has made the best of her opportunities, and won an enviable reputation as a school teacher. Her cheerful nature bespeaks a happy life.

It affords me no little pleasure to say that of this large family, parents and children are devoted members of the Presbyterian church.

VII. Elizabeth Devor was born in 1829, and married to William Gill by Rev. Amos McGinley. He is an industrious farmer in Hunt. Co. Amos and Emma (now dead) are their children.

VIII. Amos McGinley Devor was born at Spring Run, Nov. 26, 1832. As a smith he has no superior in the valley. He came to Fannettsburg in 1861, and in addition to his trade, has taught music ever since with great success. Few families possess such rare musical talent. Nov. 14, '64, he entered Co. E, 82d Reg., Pa. Vol., in defense of his country, and was mustered out July 13, '65, by Lieut. Miller. He was engaged in the battles of Petersburg, Sailors' Creek and Appomatox; saw the entire army dressed in mixed uniform, and was duly honored by Petersburg surrendering to his own regiment. This too is a model home. My first visit in 1894, in company with Rev. W. J. Sheaffer, left lasting impressions of their true Devor generosity. I am proud to call them cousins. Margaret Brinley, sister to his brother Jacob's wife, was born Oct. 9, 1829. To her he was married, 1854, by Rev. W. A. West. Seven devoted children bless their home:

1. John Henderson Devor, M. D., born Aug. 15, 1855. In the Chambersburg Presbyterian parsonage, Apr. 11, '87, he was married to Ada B. Smith, by Rev.

Pomeroy. They have three children: Donald Smith, b. Jan. 24, '89; Jenuer Higbee, b. May 20, '91; William Eugene Henderson, b. May 26, '94. The mother is a member of the Lutheran church, and the children were baptized in that faith.

After completing the work in the public and the high school, he spent 3 yrs. in Shippensburg State Normal, and then taught for several years. He began the medical profession 1882, by reading 1 yr. with Dr. E. J. Zook. In the fall of '83 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Baltimore City, and was graduated in '85. He has won more than a local reputation in his 10 yrs. practice at Loudon, Pa. In the fall of '95 he began Post Graduate work in the Polyclinic Hospital, of Philadelphia. This thorough training bespeaks for him a bright and useful future.

2. Tirzah A. Devor, born May 25, 18—. She was once married to Mr. Hashinger, who died in Kansas City soon after their marriage, leaving no children. Holding a permanent certificate, she enjoys a prominent position among the teachers of Franklin Co., filling for years the position of her choice in the schools of her native town.

3. Nora E. Devor was born Apr. 30, 18—. and makes her home with her parents in Fannettsburg.

4. Margaret Susan Devor was born July 28, 18—. She is another loyal member of the great army of teachers. She holds a permanent certificate, and has an unsullied record as a lady and a teacher. Her talents qualify her for the best position.

5. Amos McGinley Devor was born Apr. 7, 18—. He is a competent smith and wagon maker. Is married

to Nettie Robinson, and have 2 children: Ethel and Ruth.

6. Cora Weldon Devor was born Mar. 10, 18—. She graduated from Wilson College June 14, '92, and is an adapt in vocal and instrumental music. Such talent never can be obscure. The world will yet hear of her.

7. James Devor was born Aug. 17, 18—. He is an accomplished smith in his native town.

I am glad to say that the parents and children of this family are loyal members of the Presbyterian Ch.

CHAPTER IV.

DEVORES.

Those who spell their name Devore claim to be descended from brothers of Joseph Devor. As the claims are well sustained I am much pleased to submit them in this chapter.

It is very probable that Joseph Devor, the writer's great-grand-father had several brothers who lived in New York or New Jersey. Their names were: I. Arnold; II. Daniel; III. Carnelius; IV. Jacob; V. James, VI. David, and perhaps VII. Nicholas. Each of them will form a section.

Section I. Arnold Devore.

It appears that Arnold Devore lived on Long Island, N. Y.; owned a large estate in Burlington Co., N. J., and at death, left it to Henry Devore, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and in the battle of Springfield under George Washington. Henry Devore had 6 children:

1. Ruloff, who married and a grand-son, George H. Devore, a real estate broker in Newark, N. J.

2. Arnold, who had 7 children: Aaron, b. May 21, 1770, and lived in Allegheny Co., Pa., near Monongahela City; Jesse, b. Jan. 5, 1792; John, b. Apr. 4, 1794; Tunis, b. Apr. 4, 1798; Henry, b. Nov. 30, 1803; Mary, b. Mar. 26,

1806; Temperance, b. Jan. 19, 1808. David Devore, of Philadelphia, is a grand-son of Arnold Devore.

3. John Devore, born in 1777, was an Orderly Sergeant in N. J. Regiment in War of 1812. He married a wife in N. J., who died in 1807. Eight years later he married in N. Y., and after her death married Miss Allfree, of Penna. To his second wife he had 8 children: Nancy, Lydia, John, of Pontiac, Mich.; James, A. Hopkins, of Port Byron, N. Y.; Jacob, of same place, who has a son, John M.; William, of Englishville, Mich., and Samuel, of Port Byron, N. Y.

To his third wife he had 4 children: Two died young; Harriet Jane, married Wm. G. Harry, died 1850, leaving a son and a daughter. Abraham Allfree, born June 29, 1831, in Carroll township, Wash. Co., Pa., 3 miles from the birth-place of the Hon. Jas. G. Blaine. He lived in the vicinity of Pittsburgh until 1878, when he moved to Chicago, and was married in 1882 to Rachel J. Long, of Coal Centre, Pa. They have 5 children: Romania E., died, aged 3 mos.; Anna Bella, married to W. J. Lafferty, of Chicago; Emma Wilretta, married to W. M. Clarke, of Pittsburgh; John Abraham and Ulysses Stanton are both married, and with their father conduct one of the largest tailoring establishments in Chicago.

A. A. Devore was prominent in the late rebellion. In California, Pa., Apr. 19, 1861, a volunteer Co., was organized, of which he was made 1st Lieut. by Gov. Pierpont. It was called "the McKennan Infantry," in honor of Judge McKennan of the Supreme Court of Western Pa. Major Oaks mustered them into 3 yr. ser-

vice at Wheeling, but having tendered their service to Gov. Pierpont, they were credited to Pa. as volunteers.

Mr. Devore's service in Co. I., 2d Reg., under Col. Moss was heroic. He was detailed as a scout to the bridle paths of Mt. passes to intercept spies and secret mail in the most hazzardous hours of the war, for which W. Va. gave him a medal, even though sickness compelled his resignation after 6 months' service. He is self-educated, thrifty and above all a Christian gentleman. He is a devoted advocate of our public school system, and for years has been a director and stockholder of the S. W. Normal College, California, Pa.

The three daughters of Arnold Devore, 4, Rachel; 5, Jane, and 6, Ibbe, married and lived in Ohio.

David Devore, Phila.; William H. Devore, an undertaker, Pittsburgh, and others in West Chester, and Meadville, Pa. Ind., Ohio and Mich., probably belong to this section.

Daniel Rial, who married a Devore, says the original home of this family was Mendon, N. J. A Moses Devore left by will 640 A. in Detroit, Mich.; 640 A. in Manhattan, O.; 200 A. in Toledo, O., and other small estates, and it is believed that Mr. Artley, who married a Devore, once had the will.

When John Devore (3) died he left his land warrant with his son Jacob. Back of these last documents lies an undivided fortune.

Section II. Daniel Devore:

Daniel Devore had ten children:

1. Luke, whose children were Sarah, Daniel, Betsey David and Gideon.

3. Aaron, whose children were Silas, Betsey, Sam'l, William and Hannah.

4. Daniel, whose children were Samuel, Mary-Atkinson, Narcissor-Stillwell, Elizabeth-Edie, Nancy-Harper, Sarah-Flowers, Lanard-Stillwell, and William T., who had a son William L., who had sons William C. and John E.

5. David, whose children were C. R., Frank, Steward and Taylor.

6. John, whose children were Edward, John, and Mary. Nothing is known of II. Daniel Devore's girls, Hannah, Mary, Sarah and Lamar.

2. William, had 10 children. Of Mary, Sarah, Eliza, and James nothing has been reported. The others will form separate groups.

(a) Anna married a Hall and had 10 children: 1. Sewell, whose children were Elmer and Lewella; 2. William, whose children were Lamartine A. and William; 3. Letitia-Beazell, whose children were Alice, Mary-Reed (whose children were Berdie, Bennie, Lila and Annie), Matthew, Anna-Seal (who has a son Paul) and Sallie-King (who has children Charlie and Clarence); 4. Jane-Farmer, whose children are Armintha and Ella-Carpenter; 5. Abel, whose children are Fannie-Hinds, Addie-Hutchinson, Bulah and Culla; 6. Ira's children: Mary White, Emma Stitson, Lizzie-Suters, Eva Williamson, Lula and James; 7. James's children, Ira, Clarence, Minnie Prince, Otis, James, Mollie and Zola; 8. Electa's children, Frank, Harry and William; 9. Susie-Mann's children, Ola, Adelbert, Pearl, Nellie, Escot, Chauncey and Orpha; 10. John's children, Armintha and Charles.

(b) Daniel, (whose sister about 1875, received a letter from France relative to expiration of a 100 yr. lease and distribution of a fortune. No heed was taken and the letter was lost), had 12 children: 1. Catherine-Cooper, had children, Brady I., Mary S.-Eaton, Albert A., Oscar L., Daniel R., John G., and Elmer S.; 2. Sarah A.-McConnell, had children, Josiah B., James W., William H., Winfield P., Mary C., John N. and Albert D.; 3. John Wesley, born in Carroll Co., O., 1838; had 6 children: James H., born in Monroe Co.; is a leading merchandize broker in Wheeling, W. Va. His children are Chauncey C., Leland S., and Helen H., Lieut. Daniel B., Prof. Math. at West Point; Estella M., Samuel G., Charles H., and Earl O.; 4. Luther R. is a missionary to the South Sea Islands; 5. Margaret, married a Beardmore, and has one child, Daisy I.; 6. Isaac W., had children, Mary E., Dora, Parry B., Martin L., Liley L., Carrie Y., and Forest G.; 7. Alexander B., had children, Mary, Hannah, Bertha A., and Wallace H.; 8. Samuel H., had children, Frances D. Bowley L., Andress, Rosa and Sylva; 9. David H., had children, Emma D., Alexander B., and James F.; 10. James W., had children, David D., and James; 11. Ida M., had one child, Lena; 12. Frances M.-Petty, children, Edith and Lloyd D.

(c) John had 6 children: James, Ruth, Cynthia, Robert, Maggie and John.

(e) David had 6 children: 1. Madison, whose children are David S., Leander L., Elizabeth, Letitia and James; 2. Margaret J.-Gatchell whose children are Geo. A., Minnie E., who married a Parry and has three children, Georgia, Roger and Ward; 3. Jerusha-Gray, had

children, Laura A., Mary A., Frank D., Albert H., Minnie G. and Roy C.; 4. Elizabeth A.-Kinsey, had children, Mahala J., Armintha, Clara, David, Mattie, Nellie, Archie, Emma and Hazel; 5. Catherine F.-Williams, had children, Herbert L., Levi T., Mary E., Minnie W., Sarepta J., David S., Arrena H., Laverma, and Jerusha F.; 6. Cordelia Mann, had children, Charley, Edith L., Bertha P. The mother married second time to Mr. Drum, and children, Herbert M., Charley and Myrtle M. J.

(d) William had 6 children: Sarah, Mary, Eliza, Christiana, Thomas and Augusta.

(f) Lucinda-Umpleby had 6 children: 1. William J., whose children are: Josephine G., Sarah S., Oscar, Emma, Lucinda M., James H., Jay G., Clemy S., Thomas R., Joseph G., and Mattie M.; 2. George S., had children, Joseph B., and Atsa M; 3. John H., had children, Mary S., Gay M., George I., Albert O. and Clifford R.; 4. Frances S.-Scarborough, had children, Maggie I., Harlam J., Edith B., and Watson D.; 5. Sarah E.-McHugh, had children, George J. H., Grace D., Pearl G., Earl R., Wiley T. and William C. W.; 6. Josephine is still single.

Section III. Jacob Devore:

He married Mary A. Stillwell, lived, died and are buried in Cumberland, Md. They had 10 children: James and Daniel were Methodist preachers, Joshua, Jacob, William, Hannah, Mary, Elizabeth, Charity and Naoma.

William was born in Cumberland, Md., Aug. 9, 1800. Moved to Bed. Co., Pa.; married Sarah Hareclerod and raised 3 children:

(1) Mary A., who married William Milborn, of Bed. Co., and have 7 children: Winfield S., Sarah E., John, Martha, Martin, George and Henry.

(2) John, married twice and raised 6 children: Rebecca, William, John B., Maggie, Mary and Kate, and died Dec. 14, 1863.

(3) Jacob lived in Bed. Co. Married Martha Eschleman, of Friends' Cove, and had 3 children: 1. David M., who married Susannah Noble, DeForest, and has one child, Mabel. He is a leading lawyer of Duluth, Minn. 2. Malissa M., still single, and is teaching in the public schools of Steelton, Pa. 3. Coleman. Both parents died in the faith and are buried in Three Springs, he Mar. 4, 1890, she Dec. 16, 1893.

David M. says he knew Basil Devore's father and that his grand-mother, Sarah Harcleroad Devore, was 102 years old at her death.

Section IV. Cornelius Devore :

Lived on the J. T. Mattingly farm in Bed. Co., Pa. The tombstones still show that his wife's name was Elizabeth. They had 9 children: Charity, Mary, Elizabeth, John, William, Isaac, Cornelius, James and Philip.

Philip had 10 children: Samuel, James and Lock, and seven girls. Samuel was married twice. To his first wife he had 3 boys: Philip, of Dawson, N. Dak.; William, of Cooks' Mills, Pa., and Squire. To his second wife he had 2 girls: Drucilla, married to C. T. Hays and lives in Sautsbury, Pa.; Delila, died when twelve years old.

Section V. Nicholas DeVore :

Three brothers came from Germany, one settled in

Burlington, N. J.; one in Washington, Pa., and one in Pittsburgh, Pa.

David, son of Nicholas, was born 1732; lived in Washington, Pa.; died, aged 87. His son David G. was born Mar. 31, 1808, and had 2 children: R. Jennie Devore, Pres. of College for Women, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Rev. E. A. Devore, of Sullivan Co., Indiana.

There are a few names whose status is yet in doubt, pending further information, I gladly submit the facts in the hope that the readers of this book may solve the problems which vexed the author.

John Deaver was a Quaker, a large land owner and in the year 17—? donated land for a cemetery. His son John served in the Old Md. Line in the Revolutionary War, and was a graduate of West Point.

[Mrs. E. Kent Holtzman, Baltimore, Md.]

Margaret B. Baird, of Solomon City, Kan., is a grand-daughter of John Devore, who died in 1863, from injuries received from being thrown from his carriage. He was born in Penna.; married Margaret Baileys; had 12 children; all are dead but the youngest, Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Van Winkle and lives in Eaton, Kan.

There is Hon John L. Dever, son of Neil, son of Patrick Dever, who is the alderman of Boston, and has long served the city in positions of highest trust and honor. He is also connected with the New England Piano Co., of that city.

There was an Abraham Devore, born in Pennsylvania; lived in Harrison Co., O., and had sons George, Jacob and John. George had 7 children: Gabriel, Abram A., John, Gideon, George, Ruth and Nancy.

Gabriel had 6 children: Mary, Samantha, George, Francis, Abram and Lavina.

Abraham A., was a Methodist preacher, and had 5 children: Albert, Edgar, Elizabeth, Lena and Lillian.

[D. M. Devore, Duluth, Minn.]

John Deaver had a son John who served in the Revolutionary War, and was a graduate of West Point, being Capt. in the 39th Battalion of Md. Militia. He evinced his patriotism by accepting no pay for his services. His second wife was Sarah Hunt, sister to Jesse Hunt, who was twice Mayor of Baltimore. A sister to Capt. Deavor married Mr. Cooper, of Baltimore. Capt. Deavor had 3 children: (1) Anna married Dr. Clark, of Georgetown, D. C. (2) Margaret married George Holtzman, of Baltimore. (3) Emanuel Kent married Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Shipley, and raised 5 daughters: (1) Sarah Jane married Wm. Reynolds. She is dead. One child, Cletus Oswell, lives at Atlanta, Ill. (2) Elizabeth married Abraham Stellwell. Both dead. Their daughter, Fannie E., married Dr. Albert P. Gore, a descendant of Michael Gore, who came to this country in 1745. Dr. Gore is an eminent physician of Baltimore.

[Mrs. Dr. Gore, Baltimore].

It appears that 7 Devore brothers came from France. A son John, a shoemaker, was born in N. J.; married Harriet Whitmack, of N. Y., and raised 6 children: (1) Julia married Leonard Eaton and died, leaving several boys in Wis. (2) Mary married Vastine Colville and lives in Oskalousa, Iowa. (3) Henry, a shoemaker (now past 70 yrs. of age) married ————? and has 5

children: Ellen Graham, of Ashland, O.; Charles, Alfred, Myrtle and John. (4) Hartley, a farmer, lives in Wis. (5) John, a brick-layer, lives in Newark, O. (6) Thomas, a shoemaker, lives in Columbus, O.

[Mrs. U. S., wife of Henry Devore].

No records have been received from Wm. Dever, Centerville, Md.; Dr. John Deaver, and John B. Deaver, Phila., James Dever, York; Hugh Dever, Hazleton, Pa., and others in the South and the West.

CHAPTER V.

MATERNAL GENEALOGY.

Yingling Family.

This family came from Germany to America, and settled at Reistertown, near Westminster, Md., shortly after the arrival of Wm. Penn. Peter Yingling and his wife Susanna (nee Coffersmith) were the writer's grandparents, and they were rich. But having lost all in an unfortunate enterprise, in 1833, the family of 11 persons, walked to Coles' Valley, Pa., a distance of over 100 miles; purchased land of his brother-in-law, Jacob Stumbach, and started life again at the bottom. Both were Methodists. He is buried in Coles' Valley, and she at Broad Top. They had 9 children:

I. Ephraim E. Yingling was born in 1804, and died 1880. He was married 1837 by Rev. Oldman, to Rachel Stumbach, who was born Aug 15, 1820. He was a leading farmer of Hunt. Co. Shrewd and economic, and gained affluence where many a man would have starved to death. They had 7 children: (1) Kimber Moor, b. July 1, '52; died Feb. 17, '74. (2) Susan Ann, b. Nov. 25, '53. (3) Benj. Alexander, b. Apr. 21, '55; died Apr. 24, '57. (4) Angeline D., b. Aug. 20, '56. Married by Rev. Color to Samuel Williamson, a machinist, who died leaving no children. (5) Sevilla Catherine, b. Apr. 28,

'58; died May 3, '74. (6) Sarah Ellen, b. Apr. 4, '61; married to Hicks Walls, 17 March, '81, by Rev. Strayer. She lived with us several years, creating pleasant memories. They have 8 children: Rachel, Emily Ann, Robert Franklin, Ephram Harrison, John Albert, Mary Susana, Josephine Rebecca and William Johnson. (7) Ephraim D., was born Feb. 4, '63; married by Rev. Smith, May 16, '88, to Josephine Rupert, who was born Nov. 23, '65. He cares for his mother and farms the old homestead. They have one child, Nellie May, b. July 5, '90. The parents and Kimber, Benjamin, Catherine, Ephraim and his wife are members of the M. P. Ch. Those who have died are buried on Wash Dunlap's place in Cole's Valley.

II. Elizabeth Yingling, a member of the M. P. Ch., was married to Jackson Black, a plain, humble, honest, uneducated man. Unable to keep his books, he put a long chalk mark on the door for one day and a short mark for a half a day. D. H. Miller taught him to read and write and to keep his books. He loved to read the Bible. Near the close of life he said to his teacher: "These eyes are growing dim, but I expect a better sight soon." We believe he got it. He and his wife died in the faith, and are buried in Cole's Valley. They had 10 children:

(1) James Black, married Phoebe, daughter of Samuel Beard, a veteran soldier and lives in Cassville.

(2) Sarah Black, married Simpson Parks and raised 12 children, some of whom are married.

(3) Planteena Black was b. Feb. 11, '39, and married to Isaac Chilcoat (brother to my sister's husband) Mar. 4, '60, by David Hamilton, Esq. Her husband was born in 1843. They live in Cole's Valley, and have 12

children: Rosa Belle, b. July 31, '61; died Nov. 27, '64. Mary Ann, b. Sept. 3, '63; died Dec; 27, '64. Franklin C., b. Apr. 1, '64; married to Anna Hoffman Nov. 1892, by Rev. W. Burrow. Luella Frances, b. June 4, '66; married to T. L. Watkins, Mar. 13, '88, by Rev. J. M. Mason. Laretta, b. Apr. 13, '68; married to Austin Curfman, Oct. 14, '89. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 8, '70; married to Lane Rupert, Nov. '89, by Rev. W. Burrow. Lillie Jane, b. July 18, '72. Amely E., b. Feb. 4, '73. Martin B., b. Oct. 20, '74. Flory D. C., b. Dec. 1, '76. Virginia May, b. July 17, '79; died Feb. 27, '81. Olive B., b. Mar. 13, '82. All the above family are members of the M. P. or U. B. church.

(4) Frank Black is married and has three girls who are married.

(5) Jane Black married Geo. Beard. He died, leaving two girls.

(6) Ephraim Black married a Norris. She is small but of sterling worth. He is a tanner by trade, and worked for years at Saltillo. They have three children.

(7) William. (8) Jesse. (9) Isaac. (10) Andrew. The last four are married, and the deceased are buried in Coles' Valley.

III. Sarah A. Yingling was born Feb. 4, 1825, 29 miles north of Baltimore, Md. Daniel H. Miller was born near Martinsburg, Va., Sept. 13, 1825. They were married at the bride's home in Hunt. Co., Nov. 6, 1844, by Rev. Benj. Speck. To this nuptial feast A. B. Deavor and wife walked 14 miles and carried their first boy. As a return compliment, the groom carried him home.

D. H. Miller has had a remarkable experience, and has been purified by many a sad and trying affliction. He is a smith and moulder of rare talent. At Eagle Foundry an explosion of hot metal resulted in the loss of one eye, and a lasting injury to the other; leaving his vision very imperfect. He was a Union soldier in the Civil War, and both have been members of the M. E. church from early life. They had 11 children :

(1) Mary Jane Rop, b. Feb. 4, 1846, at Lyons' place, West Dublin; was married to C. W. Scott, Nov. 1866, by Rev. J. M. Mason, at Casville, to whom he had 6 children : Mary Ann, b. Sept. 8, '69. She was married to Rev. W. W. Rothrock, of the Central Pa. Conference, June 2, 1895. She is a very able teacher. Martha Belle, b. Sept. 25, '71; married Apr. 29, '95, to F. M. Rummel. John William, b. Mar. 28, '73. James Walter, b. Jan. 14, '75. Elizabeth Curtis, b. Feb. 18, '79. Pearl Ruth, b. Sept. 25, '83.

(2) Frances Elizabeth, b. Aug. 14, 1848, at McAlls' on Race Town Branch, Bed. Co. Was married to Dr. C. H. Miller, of Lykens, Pa., in Philadelphia, Jan. 28, 1874, by Rev. S. A. Heilner, of Broad St. They have 5 children: Miriam, b. in Phila., Nov. 7, '75. Bertha, b. in Orwin, Pa., Sept. 18, '79. Jesse, b. in Peabody, Kan., Oct. 18, '81. Fannie, b. in same place, Dec. 16, '82. Terry DeKalb, b. in Terry, Kan., Oct. 7, '87, and died in Phila., Sept. 23, '89. There was great bereavement June 21, 1889, when Dr. Miller was found dead in a box car in Pittsburgh. The supposition is that he was murdered.

(3) Margaret Elenor, b. at Stallman's place, Fulton

Co., Apr. 26, 1850; died at Fleck's place, near Three Springs, July 5, 1851.

(4) George Franklin, b. at Kesselring's place, Hunt. Co., Oct. 22, 1851; was married to Mary Jane Arnold, of Reedsville, Pa., Mar. 24, 1874, at the bride's home, by Rev. A. W. Parker. They have 5 children: Bulah Maude b. at Reedsville, Dec. 20, '74. Rowland Lawrence, b. at Reedsville, Nov. 30, '76. Percy, b. at Reedsville, Aug. 23, '78, and died same place, Oct. 29, '80. Myrtle, b. Jan. 17, '82, and Edna, b. Dec. 24, '84, both in Phila.

(5) John Bonewell, b. at Dublin Mills, Mar. 1, 1853. On account of his fidelity, the P. R. R. has promoted him to the position of passenger conductor from Philadelphia to New York. On Apr. 15, 1895, he was married to Amelia J. Joslin, of Chestnut Hill, Phila.

(6) Elizabeth Ann, b. at Speck's place, near West Dublin, May 27, 1854, and d. Apr. 22, '72, at Cassville, after an affliction of 4 years.

(7) Clarence Piper, was b. at Piper's Run, Aug. 28, 1855. He was killed instantly, June 11, 1888, by falling from a bridge, 110 ft. high, in Carrington, Ky., and is buried in Spring Garden Cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio.

(8) Jacob William, b. in the new home, Coles' Valley, Aug. 29, 1858, is married to a Thompson, of Philadelphia, and is doing well.

(9) Lena Kate, b. at Three Springs, July 4, 1860, and is employed in the Land Office, San Francisco, Cal., at \$75 per month.

(10) Winfield Scott, b. Jan. 19, 1862, at Young's place, Broad Top City, and died of diphtheria at same place while his father was in the war. Jan. 8, 1865.

(11) Bulah May, b. at Ammerman's place, Broad Top, Apr. 29, 1863; was married to Prof. E. H. Fritch in Philadelphia, Dec. 16, 1886, by Rev. J. N. Pitner, of the Diamond Baptist church. They have one boy, Norton Giles, b. Sept. 19, 1887. He was once president of a large Business College in Wichita, Kansas, but lives now in St. Louis.

No one can impeach the character of any member of this large family. Few parents are blessed with so many good children. One link in this golden chain broke with its own weight of years in the death of Sarah A. Miller, in Philadelphia, July 14, 1893. Heart disease ended in dropsy. She is buried in the Odd Fellows' cemetery in Phila., Rev. D. R. Blackall of the Baptist church, preached the funeral. "She rests from her labors and her works do follow her." If faithful we shall see her again.

IV. Mary Ann Yingling was born Mar. 5, 1827, and was married to Jesse Matthews by Rev. Benj. Speck, Mar. 7, '48. She is almost a perfect likeness of the writer's mother. He was born Oct. 1, 1817, and died Jan. 6, 1885, and is buried at McVeytown. He was a farmer and tradesman of considerable ability; a good citizen and a Christian gentleman. They had 12 children:

(1) Joseph Walter, b. July 21, 1842, was married to Martha Secrist, Aug. 23, 1864, by Rev. Byrons. They live in Braddock, Pa.

(2) Sarah Catherine, b. Nov. 14, 1848, is a type of Christian patience amid prolonged affliction. She lives in Braddock.

(3) John Markley, b. May 1, 1850; was married to

Sarah C. Runk, Feb. 17, 1875, by Rev. Hamilton. He was killed, Dec. 24, 1889, by second section Day Express, E., while superintending some work at Lewistown depot. He was pushing a car to the wharf, when a passing freight train prevented his hearing the express which struck him in the head, breaking his neck and arms. As an engineer of the C. P. Dull sand works, he was sober, faithful and ingenious. Rev. J. J. Pierce, his pastor, conducted the funeral. The I. O. O. F. and many friends laid him to rest in McVeytown, where his ashes await the resurrection of the just. He was 37 years old, and left a wife and 6 children born in McVeytown: Annie Mary Oct. 2, '77; Edward Benton, Aug. 28, '79; Bulah Eliz., Aug. 15, '82; Hannah Jane, Mar. 31, '85; George Washington, Nov. 3, '87. The oldest lives with her aunt, Mary Gro, of Lewistown.

(4) Mary Matilda was born June 14, 1852, and married to John P. Gro, Oct. 22, 1874, by Rev. Meyers. He is a carpenter by trade, but in 1886 became a policeman in Lewistown, and in 1893 was appointed chief detective of Mifflin Co., Pa., a position in which he meets very great success. They have no children. It is a Methodist home for friends and preachers.

(5) Sarah Lucinda, born May 28, 1854; was married to M. G. Rutherford, Aug. 16, 1883, by Rev. A. S. Baldwin. He is a farmer at Lewistown, and has three children born in Newton Hamilton: Fa Della Gertrude, Apr. 27, '84; Nettie Alwilda, May 12, '86; Mary Jane, Oct. 30, '87.

(6) Frances Permelia was born Oct. 9, 1856, and married to Chas. A. Milder, Aug. 19, 1878, by Rev. J. S.

McMurray. He is P. R. R. yard master at Sunbury, and has 2 children born in Lewistown: Mary Maud, Sept. 1, '78; Samuel Miles, Jan. 1, '80.

(7) William Alfred was born Mar. 29, 1858; died Jan. 3, '79, and is buried at McVeytown.

(8) Ida May, born Feb. 28, 1861; was married to Darias Piper, Mar. 30, 1882, by Rev. J. F. Kerlin. He is a P. R. R. foreman at Petersburg, where 4 children were born: Russell, Aug. 20, '83; Mary Ester, Sept. 10, '84; Harry Oscar, July 16, '86; Violet Jane, Oct. 13, '88.

(9) Edward Benton, born Apr. 16, 1864; married to Nellie F. May, Feb. 25, 1890, by Rev. J. B. Fock. He is a P. R. R. foreman at Lewistown, and has 2 children born there: Mary Katherine, Aug. 29, '90; Maud Irwin, Jan. 19, '92.

(10) Samuel Miles, born Jan. 1, 1866; was married to Ella V. Young, Jan. 28, 1891, by Rev. E. Shoemaker. He is a machinist in Braddock, Pa. In this place 2 children were born: Kay Weber, July 29, '91; Hazel Grace, Apr. 1, '9

(11) Lillie Jane, born July 26, 1868; was married to Alfred C. Miller, Nov. 30, 1892, by Rev. Samuel Shaw. They live in DuQuesne, Pa., where one child was born: Ruth Vane, Sept. 22, '93.

(12) Nettie Cecelia, born Aug. 28, 1873; is still single, and lives in Braddock, Pa.

V. Maria Yingling married Amos Taylor, a smith, who died of consumption in 1889, in Saltillo. They had one child, Elizabeth Catherine, who married and lives in Philadelphia. One month after the birth of this child Mrs. Taylor did a big washing, and of course, died in 4

days. She is buried near the old brick church in Trough Creek. The family were Methodists.

VI. Kate Yingling, being deaf and dumb, as the result of small pox at the age of 3 weeks; never married. She teaches in a school for mutes in Philadelphia, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

VII. Sophia Yingling married Wash Dunlap, a farmer, at Ephraim Yingling's, when he lived on Isaac Chilcoat's place in Coles' Valley. She joined the M. E. church when 17 years old, and remained faithful till her death in 1886. She is buried in the cemetery on the old farm amid the scenes of her sacrifice and toil, Rev. J. M. Mason preached the funeral. She left 7 children:

1. Zane Bland, died, aged 3 years; buried at Waterfall.

2. James b. at Jonathan Barnett's place, Sept. 19, 1859; was married to Maggie E. Edwards, Mar. 5, '86, by Rev. C. T. Dunning. She had made her home at Sammy Houpp's, New Grenada. He is a day laborer and has 4 children: Clarence H., b. Mar. '87; died, aged 53 days; buried at New Grenada. Rhoda Josephine, b. Mar. '88. Emmanuel Obery, b. June '89. Zalda, b. Nov. '93. All born in New Grenada.

3. Scott, married Maggie Tice, and lives on the old homestead.

The other children, Wilson, Mertie, Mason and Lizzie, are single and live at home. Mertie made her home with Dellie McClain in 1895-6.

VIII Rachel Yingling was born May 6, 1840, in Coles' Valley. John Bollinger, a most successful miner,

was born Oct. 15, 1835, at Three Springs. They were married by 'Squire Kesselring, at the home of Adam Deavor, July 18, 1857. As the result of hard labor and economy, he owns a fine property in Barnettstown. They have 12 children:

1. Jacob Bear, b. Nov. 10, 1858, at Waterfall; is married and owns a valuable home in Cambria County.

2. Frances Arrebella, b. May 5, 1861; died Mar. 14, 1864; buried at Broad Top City.

3. Wm. McClellan, b. Mar. 7, 1863, in Coles' Valley.

4. John, b. July 7, 1866, at Broad Top; died and buried there July 19, '66.

5. Rebecca Catherine, b. Oct. 10, 1867, at Broad Top.

6. Malissa Belle, b. Feb. 27, 1870.

7. Robert Franklin, b. Sept. 17, 1872; was married, 1894, to Miss Mowery.

8. Edward Scott, b. Mar. 31, 1875.

9. Isaac Newton, b. Aug. 4, 1877. The last 4 were born in Hubblesville.

10. Emma Bertha, b. June 4, 1880, at Coaldale.

11. Charles K., b. Sept. 30, 1882, at Dudley.

12. Ora, b. May 23, 1886, at Dudley. The mother and some of the children joined the Methodist church in 1890. Some of the children are also married.

CHAPTER VI.

THE WRITER'S PARENTS.

Adam Beamer Deavor was born June 3, 1816, in Trough Creek Valley, Pa., near Cook's Station, in a log cabin erected during the Revolutionary War. He is a son of Jacob, the son of Joseph Devor, and at maturity was 6 feet tall, and had dark hair and eyes. He grew up in that age when circumstances limited education, there being no free schools, he attended Mt. Pleasant School, the only one in that country, when the term was but one to three months. His teachers were Giles Stevens, Billy Houck, Lazarus Houck and George Berkstresser. His entire attendance did not exceed six months; yet, self-educated as he is, he puts many to an open shame whose advantages have been far superior. He is still a student at eighty. He has shown marked ability along other lines. His quiet way of doing things unassisted, displays a native genius, which under more favorable circumstances would have given him first rank among the brightest of his age. As a carpenter, shoemaker, cooper and mason, he is a master.

In recent years most of his time has been spent in his little log shop, to which he seems much attached. It was our kindergarten, where we had access to all kinds of tools, plenty of good material, and license to use them as we pleased. Here we learned valuable trades, and

made sleds, wagons, boxes, bowguns, and all other things which only a boy can make. The shop was always comfortable, and neighbors resorted thither on stormy days.

Father taught honesty by precept and example. Often has he said: "I would rather work for nothing than bear the reproach of overcharging for my labor." Obedient to his conviction, times without number has he worked for nothing and boarded himself. No man ever did his work better and charged so little—neither has he collected debts by process of law. On his books stand hundreds of dollars which will never be collected. It is a good thing that labors' true reward is reserved for the life to come. In 1832 Rev. T. McAnally held a revival at Mt. Pleasant School House. Here father was convicted, and at the age of 16, in the solitude of his home he experienced pardon. He joined the M. E. church, and ever since has had a clear title to a mansion in the skies. I never knew my home without a family altar. In 1826 he signed the pledge to abstain from intoxicating liquors. The pledge has been sacredly kept, and never has he knowingly cast a ballot for an intemperate candidate. Let us pray for these principles to live forever in his children.

Angeline Yingling, my mother, was born in Westminster, Md., Dec. 12, 1822. She was small, of light complexion and never weighed over 108 pounds. In her home she was the queenliest of women, and the truest of the true. We can never think of her but as the ideal wife and mother.

Her education was limited, learning to speak English, read and write after she had grown to womanhood.

She was consecrated to her mission and gave herself for the support and comfort of her family. Being afflicted for 30 years, toil cost a sacrifice, but still "she toiled that the children might be glad." She was converted and joined the M. E. church when but a small girl, and never was her piety questioned. Her life was a saving force, and her children never grew too old to receive her pious counsel.

When her Master came, He found her house in order. Disease wrought its deadly work, and mortality triumphed Feb. 29, 1880. That to us was the saddest of days, as we laid her to rest in Centre Cemetery, Fulton Co., Pa. Her pastor, Rev. R. H. Gilbert, preached the funeral sermon from Deut. 31-16: "Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers." Dear mother, we miss you, but we will not sorrow as they who have no hope, for yet a little while and we shall join your company in that city where there is no death.

I Submit a Brief Memoir:

"The subject of this memoir was the child of German parents, and for 9 years her lot was a favored one, but an unfortunate business transaction caused the loss of the handsome fortune, which was the legitimate result of perseverance and industry. This necessitated the removal of the family from their comfortable Maryland residence to an obscure valley in Hunt. Co., Pa., the family of ten persons walking the entire distance. She is the mother of ten children, all of whom survive her. During her laborious life she was frequently afflicted; still she performed the duties of a Christian mother faithfully in the training of her children, and at her death, possessed

the consciousness that all at the age of accountability were converted. E. E. A., J. D. W., [and W. T. S. Deavor] are members of the Cent. Pa. Conference.

"She was converted and became a member of the M. E. church in early life, (8 years of age) a station she sustained till her death. During her Christian life of over forty years she was never heard to express a doubt as to her future, and when the messenger of death came whispering, 'thou shalt sleep with thy fathers,' she peacefully resigned herself to her Father's will, and fell asleep in the glorious hope of the resurrection."

R. H. GILBERT.

Marriage of Father and Mother :

Adam B. Deavor and Angeline Yingling were married Dec. 16, 1840, at the bride's home in Coles' Valley, where Isaac Chilcoat now lives. The ceremony was to occur on Sunday, Dec. 14, but was delayed by a snow 18 inches deep. On the 14th father walked from Dan'l Laidig's place on old State road, over Sidling Hill Mt. past Anderson's saw mill, to the bride's home and back again—a distance of 40 miles. As the trip had to be repeated on Tuesday, Dec. 16, James Stevens took him up in a sled drawn by 2 oxen. When they arrived Jack Black and Ephraim Yingling came dragging a deer home on the snow. They all pronounced it the prettiest thing they ever saw. This furnished the meat for the nuptial feast. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Jayred Young, who had been raised a Catholic, but was then pastor of the M. E. church. They were married at 10 a. m. After congratulations and a feast of venison, the

bride and groom returned in the ox sled to Laidig's place and began housekeeping.

Where the Home Has Been :

After three years at Laidig's place they go to Tommy Rose's place and stay four years. In 1847, the year of the great flood, they move to Waterfall; and attend church at Tub Mill Gap, now called New Grenada. After one year, they move up stream one-half mile, and stay two years. The next move is to Bunker Hill, near Waterfall, where they remain a year or more. Six years are then spent on Jimmy Edward's place, where Charley Corbin afterward lived. From here they go to Billy Edward's place and stay a year or more. Next they stop two years at David Hefner's place. Realizing that "three moves are as bad as a fire," in 1859 he purchased 3 acres of land of David Hefner, at \$18 per acre; and built the present home—the last he will need on earth. It was the last encampment in the earthly march of life, and from it mother, in 1880, ascended to her Father's house above.

Adam B. Deavor' Children :

They are ten in number, and whose lives I will briefly sketch in the order of their ages :

(1) Benjamin Alexander Lyon Deavor was born at Rose's place, Fulton Co., May 7, 1843. Converted, he united with the M. E. church at Clear Ridge in 1867. On Sept. 29, 1864, he answered the call to defend his country, enlisted in the 58th Reg., Co. A, Pa. Vol., and was honorably discharged June 12, 1865. On July 1,

1893, he joined the Gen Chas. Albright Post, 483, Dep. of Pa., G. A. R., at Three Springs.

He is a born mechanic as his work everywhere will show, and has won wide reputation as shoemaker, carpenter, and millwright. With education his genius and energy would have given him national reputation. His mill on Wooden Bridge Creek is not surpassed in the State. He is a Prohibitionist both in principle and practice, a fervent advocate of our public schools, and has honorably filled every office to which he has been elected.

His wife, Nancy Elizabeth King, was born near West Dublin, June 11, 1847. They were married at the bride's home, Nov. 13, 1866, by Rev. Andrew Spanogle.

They lived one year at Lyon's place, then moved to Vincent Stevens' place, and soon after purchased land and built a home at Clear Ridge. They have three children: Ida Frances, born at Lyon's place, Sept. 25, 1867; William Edward, born Sept. 7, 1877; John Franklin, born Oct. 3, 1886, both at Clear Ridge.

Ida F. Deavor was married to A. C. S. Heaton, Jan. 23, 1887, in Holidaysburg, by Rev. C. Leeseey. They have four children: One dead; Harvey Lloyd, b. July 19, '89; George Conrad, b. July 14, '91; Eugene Norman, b. Mar. 23, '93.

(2) Rev. Ephraim Edward (Evans) Allen Deavor, A. B., Ph. D., was born at Roses' place, Fulton Co., Dec. 31, 1845. His childhood ideas of being a school teacher and a preacher were soon realized. After leaving public schools, he taught with unusual success for several years. April 1, 1866, he entered Dickinson Seminary and was graduated in the Classical Course with the degree of A.

B., June 20, 1871. In Zion's church, near Waterfall, Oct. 1856, he was converted when only 11 years of age, and was licensed to preach by Shirleysburg Quarterly Conference in 1865. At Lock Haven, 1872, he entered the Central Pa. Conference, and was ordained Deacon at Altoona, Mar. 22, 1874, by Bishop Scott, and Elder at Harrisburg, Mar. 26, 1876, by Bishop Wiley. His appointments have been: '71-2, Shrewsbury; '73-5, Fairview and Marysville; '76-8, Wrightsville; '79, Mercersburg; '80-3, Newton Hamilton; '83-4, Birmingham; '84-5, Shrewsbury; '85-8, Newport; '88-'90, Wrightsville; '90-3, Newberry; '93-6, Emporium.

As a preacher he is preeminently original, possessing a genius of thought and delivery altogether his own. A Presiding Elder of more than average intelligence and honesty, said that for intellectual equipment and general preaching ability, Dr. Ed. Deavor had no superior in the Cent. Pa. Conference. No interest of the church declines under his ministry, and revivals attend his labors in every field. His promotion is gradual, being based upon merit that compels recognition, and not upon any friend in the Council.

In no other member of the family is the spirit of self-reliance so prominent. What many have gotten by the assistance of others, he has won by bold strokes of his own. He is justly called the pioneer of self-education in his native county.

Dec. 1884, he began a non-resident course of study in Illinois Wesleyan University, and was graduated in the College of Letters in 1885. The same year he matriculated in the Post Graduate Course in Modern His-

tory, and graduated with high grade, June, 1889, with the degree of Ph. D. It is proper here to say, that he was the first member of his Conference to take a university post graduate course in connection with pastoral work, and the first but one in the State of Penna. to obtain that honor and degree from that institution.

He was married Nov. 11, 1874, near Chewsville, Md., to Miss Sue Stotler, by Rev. Jacob L. Grimm. His esteemed wife was born near Williamsport, Md., July 21, 1849. Though for years afflicted, she graces her station in life with all the perfections of a refined Christian wife and mother.

They have been blessed with three children: Orlando Guy Livingstone, born in Wrightsville, Oct. 6, 1876, died Mar. 14, 1877, and is buried in Fairview Cemetery, Wrightsville; Elsie Ray, born in Wrightsville, Feb. 9, 1879; Josie Pearl, born in Newton Hamilton, June 8, 1882.

His unremitting toil has born abundant fruit. About 1,200 souls have been converted; three churches and two parsonages have been built or repaired at a cost of \$12,000, and nearly \$4,000 raised for missions and benevolences.

(3) Mary Ann Elizabeth Taylor Deavor was born at New Grenada, July 31, 1848. At Ephraim Yingling's, May 19, 1872, she was married to Andrew S. Chilcoat, by Rev. John Mason. Her husband is a farmer, and was born June 12, 1838. He served 21 months in the Civil War, and took active part in the battle of the Wilderness, as well as in many other engagements.

She was converted at twelve and he at twenty-one

years of age. Both joined the M. E. church, and later the U. B. church. Their lives are a powerful demonstration of Godliness. Many believe that he was called to preach. They live in Coles' Valley, and have four children: Jessie Allen, b. Jan. 12, 1875; Howard, b. July 25, '77, (While gunning in '80, he lost an arm); Dellie Elizabeth, Sept. 3, '80, and Joseph A., Aug. 2, '82.

(4) Sarah Ellen Roles Deavor was born at Bunker Hill, Apr. 5, 1851. She was married to Michael Laidig, at her home, May 8, '72, by Rev. Benjamin Speck, who came at her call amid torrents of rain. Her husband comes from a family noted for thrift and industry, and was born July 16, '52. Both were converted when young and are members of the M. E. church. In piety and evenness of disposition she resembles her mother. He farmed until the spring of '93, when he began mercantile business at Laidig, in which his success is very promising. They have three children: Andrew, who died in infancy, and is buried in cemetery on Daniel Rinehart's farm; Edward Arlington, b. July 16, '78; Elsie Del Ray, b. Dec. 18, 84. Arlie is faithfully seeking an education and will leave his mark in the world.

(5) Rev. Joseph Walter Dyke Deavor, A. B., Ph. D., was born at Jimmy Edwards' place, May 31, 1858. Like many others he pressed his way against strong difficulties, and won more than local success as a teacher. He was married at Birmingham, Mar. 9, '84, by Rev. Dr. E. E. A. Deavor, to Miss Laura Belle McDowell, of Newton Hamiltin. She is a daughter of Walter and Julia McDowell, and was born Oct. 9, '60, and joined the M. E. church in '79. She is an accomplished musician and

vocalist; a devoted wife and mother, and makes friends everywhere. They have two children: Verna Alice, b. Feb. 6, '85; Ruth Lee, b. May 29, '89.

He was graduated from Shippensburg State Normal School in '75, and from the classical course in Dickinson Seminary in '80, with the degree of A. B. In '89, after graduating in the College of Letters, he began a 4-year post graduate course in Christian Evidences in the Illinois Wesleyan University, and with highest grade was graduated, June, '93, with the degree of Ph. D.

Converted in early life, he was licensed to preach by the McConnellsburg Quarterly Conference in '77; received on trial in the Central Pa. Conference at Altoona, March '80, and appointed by Bishop Peck to Port Royal with Rev. G. W. Dunlap. He was ordained Deacon in York, March 20, 81, by Bishop Andrews, and Elder at Williamsport, March 23, 84, by Bishop Harris. His appointments have been: '81-'82, Robinsonville; '83-'84, Orbisonia; '85-'87, Mifflinville; '88-'90, Northumberland; '90-'92, Weatherly; '93-'95, Mt. Holly; '95, Second Church, Shamokin.

He is a superior preacher, an able pastor and his own evangelist. Every charge is left better than he found it. Under his ministry over 800 have professed conversion and over 700 have united with the M. E. church. As a financier he is second to none in his conference. At Robinsonville he repaired two churches; built one church at Orbisonia; built one and repaired two churches at Mifflinville; built a parsonage at Northumberland, and one at Weatherly, and repaired a parsonage and two churches at Mt. Holly, at a total cost of \$10,200,

besides paying off old debts. He is now erecting a church in Shamokin which, when finished, will cost \$20,000. In addition to all this he has raised over \$3,000 for missions and benevolences.

(6) Moleno Dell Ray Deavor, named after a Mexican battlefield, was born at Billy Edwards' place, Oct. 2, 1856. She has a common school education and has taught with merited success. On March 22, '87, she was married to William C. McClain, by Rev. Dr. J. D. W. Deavor, at the old homestead.

An attack of quinsy developed into nervous hysteria in which she lost for months her sight, hearing, and speech. To nurse this invalid was mother's last duty. In return Dellie not only attended mother in her last affliction, but has maintained the home for father ever since.

W. C. McClain was born May 5, 1853, and both were converted and united with the M. E. church in 1873. He is over 6 feet tall, weighs over 200 pounds, a remarkable singer, and like Abraham is rich in the treasures of faith. Though raised a farmer, he is able to succeed anywhere. To father he is all that any son could be. They have one child: Hazel Bird Alice, b. Aug. 25, '92, and baptized by Rev. Allen Deavor, Aug. 10, '93, assisted by his brothers Joseph and Sherman.

(7) James Asbury Collins Deavor was born at Hefner's place, Apr. 29, 1859. In 1872 he was converted and united with the M. E. church. Outgrowing affliction he is now hale and weighs 180 pounds. Few men have endured equal hardship and exposure. He is conscientious to the minutest detail, and is never satisfied until

he has done more than is expected of him. Had he supplemented his rare mechanical genius with college training the best positions would have sought for him.

The first twelve years of his life were spent at home. Beginning in 1872 he farmed five years for Peter Dyke; '77-'78, farmed for Jas. G. Lyon and peeled bark for Wm. Moseby; '78, went to school from home; '79, farmed nine months for J. B. Garver, of Harrisonville, and attended free school for the last year; Jan. '81, run a flouring mill for O. E. Cook, of Trough Creek; Aug. '81, with me, farmed for R. M. Cole, of Broad Top; following this engagement, he lumbered a while; in '84, he was a carpenter; '85, run a saw mill for B. A. Deavor; '87, drove team for Adam Black. His mechanical genius again asserts itself, and in '88 he assumed the duties of fireman for the Rock Hill Iron and Coal Company. As a reward of his fidelity in '91, he was promoted to the position of head engineer at Woodvale. We shall never forget our farming at Coles'. Our frugal fare of fitch and beans; our rustic health; hard work and the gay rides behind fast horses, are engraved in the memory. This was life, Jim, when we were boys, but "we shall henceforth return no more that way."

He was married at the home of Peter Dyke to Sadie E. Grove, Apr. 11, 1887, by Rev. Dr. J. D. W. Deavor. She was born at Ft. Littleton, May 12, '65. Having united with the M. E. church in childhood, her piety has never been doubted. Her staying qualities makes a devoted wife, a loving mother, and an enduring friend. They have three children: James Oscar Clarence, b.

Aug. 14, '88; Joseph William Warren, b. Apr. 23, '91; Amon Elton Lloyd, b. Dec. 24, '93.

(8) Jacob Elmer Emmerson Ellsworth Deavor was born at the old homestead, March 8, 1862. At the bride's home in Waterfall, Oct. 23, '83, by Rev. L. S. Crone, he was married to Maggie H. Berkstresser. Not inclined to education, he early learned the blacksmith trade with Geo. Reihart. With education he could have been a machinist of national reputation. Nothing leaves his hand without his mark of neatness and mechanical finish. His shop at Waterfall, like his work, is neat and perfect. I trust that time may yet place him in the position for which nature has fitted him.

His wife, long and severely afflicted, is a help-mate indeed. Her many virtues win and hold many friends. A look into her house reveals the presence and attention of a queenly house-wife. They have no children.

(9) Rev. William Tecumseh Sherman Deavor, B. S., Ph. D., the author of this book, was born at the old homestead, Monday, Dec. 8, 1864. My brother B. A. Deavor sent my name home in a letter while in the War, in honor of General Sherman.

1. EDUCATION:--After leaving public schools in 1882, I attended a select school at New Grenada, conducted by John Nicholson, and boarded at Waterfall with George Reihart with whom brother Jacob learned his trade. In the fall of the same year I attended the County Normal at Ft. Littleton, taught by Supt. J. F. Barton. This term is memorable because John Miller, Judson Madden, and I boarded ourselves in a lime-stone shanty, carrying our provisions from three to eight miles. The

same year we received our mandamus to teach. In 1883 under the same teacher I attended a county Normal at Wells' Tannery. Here brother James and I boarded ourselves in Mr. Wishart's house, carrying our provisions from home, over Sidling Hill Mt., a distance of 6 to 9 miles. This was James's last term. In 1884 I attended school at Orbisonia, conducted by Prof. Scheetz, and boarded with my brother, J. D. W. Deavor, then pastor there. In 1885 I again attended the county Normal in McConnellsburg, conducted by Profs. B. W. Peck and J. F. Barton. The next move was to Bloomsburg State Normal, where I graduated June 24, 1886. In view of the ministry, I entered Williamsport Dickinson Seminary and graduated in the Latin-Scientific course with the degree of B. S. in 1888. Feeling the need of a more extended course, in '89, after satisfying the under-graduate requirements in Allegheny College, I began a three years' Post Graduate course in "Theism and Christianity," and was graduated with the degree of Ph. D., June 30, '92.

2. TEACHING:—The labors in this profession bear the following record: '83, Clear Ridge, Dublin Township; '84, Clear Ridge, Taylor Township; '85, Principal of Mifflinville Schools, Columbia Co.; '86, Yost's School, Conyngham Township, Luzerne Co.; '92, Assistant Prof. Math., St. John's College, Annapolis, Md. During this time I read the four years' course required by the C. L. S. C., and earned two seals.

3. MINISTRY:—I was convicted at Hartman Chapel under the preaching of my brother, Rev. J. D. W. Deavor, Oct. '81. His theme was the parable of the pounds—"Occupy till I come"—I shall never forget it. The follo-

wing day while digging potatoes I experienced the consciousness of my sins forgiven.

I was licensed to preach by the Mifflinville Quarterly Conference, Feb. 19, '86, Rev. M. L. Smyser being the Presiding Elder. At Williamsport, Mar. '88, I was admitted on trial in the Annual Conference, and appointed by Bishop Merrill to Schloyerville Charge. Rev. G. B. Cooper, a fellow student, supplied my work until I graduated in June at the Seminary. In March, '89, at Shamokin, I was appointed to Nescopec by Bishop Bowman. Rev. Cooper was my predecessor. Amid powerful opposition we built a fine brick Church, costing \$7,000. It was dedicated by Rev. John Donahue, P. E., and Drs. E. J. Gray and E. H. Yocum.

In March, '90, at Carlisle I was ordained Deacon by Bishop Foster, and re-appointed to Nescopec where a great revival strengthened and unified the church. In Mar. '91, at Sunbury, I was appointed by Bishop Fowler to Silver Brook. In Mar. '92, at York, I was ordained Elder by Bishop Andrews, and re-appointed to Silver Brook.

During these years over 100 souls were converted; \$5,000 raised for church building and parsonage repairs and \$350 for missions and benevolences. After 18 weeks of revival services on my first charge, I was prostrated with pneumonia and sciatic rheumatism, the effects of which, in '92, compelled me to temporarily relinquish the pastorate and accept a professorship in St. John's College, Annapolis, Md., which position I hold at the present time. The conference year at Silver Brook was completed by Rev. H. W. Newman.

4. FAMILY:—I was married Jan. 22, 1891, at the Northumberland M. E. parsonage, to Katie Totten, by Rev. J. D. W. Deavor, assisted by Rev. E. E. A. Deavor. My wife is a daughter of Martha and Lewis Totten, and was born in Wapwallopen, Jan. 22, '71; bap. by Rev. R. L. Armstrong, converted in my first revival at Powder Glen, Oct. '88, and united with the M. E. church.

We have one child, Randolph Foster Deavor, born Monday, June 6, 1892, in Silver Brook, and baptized in Weatherly, by Rev. J. D. W. Deavor, Sept. 21, '92. He survived scarlet fever before he was three years old, and when only two years old he drew people, birds, animals and other objects with marvelous rapidity and accuracy. We predict a bright future, and keenly feel our responsibility. May God help us to train his boy.

(10) Tennyson Loraine Deavor was born at the old homestead, Jan. 10, 1869. He and I grew up together, and being the last to leave home our love for each other may well be imagined. We graduated at Pleasant Grove, learning our lessons by the light of pineknobs gathered on our way home from school. The last year thus spent under the tuition of S. W. Kirk, laid deep and wide the foundation for our education. When he was thirteen years I left home and the associations were not renewed till four years later, when we met as students in Dickinson Seminary.

In 1886 he attended a County Normal in McConnelsburg, conducted by Prof. B. W. Peck; in '88, spent one term at Dickinson Seminary; in '90 entered Bloomsburg State Normal School, and graduated with honors in

'92; in Sept. '94, entered the medical department of Syracuse University.

As would be expected, his teaching met with entire success. In 1887 he taught the Schweppenheiser School near Mifflinville, Col. Co.; in '88, at Powder Glen; in '92-'93, in Bloomsburg State Normal School, his Alma Mater; in '93, he was appointed by the Civil Service Commission as an instructor in the Carlisle Indian School, beginning his work after a year of well nigh fatal illness, caused by overwork in the State Normal.

He wrought with equal success along other lines. In 1889 he was an agent for the Grand Union Tea Company, and later was book-keeper for the Silver Brook Supply Company, Silver Brook, Pa.

He was converted at Centre, Ft Littleton charge, in 1886, and received into full membership by me at Powder Glen, Nov. 6, 1888. Like Enoch, he has a rich testimony.

As a teacher his success was already guaranteed. His talents predict high literary rank, and his writings exhibit remarkable poetical genius, as his poem read at the Reunion in 1893 will indicate. If his health is equal to his ambition, the world will hear of him, and invite him to sit with her honored men.

CHAPTER VII.

FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS.

1. *Affection*.—St. Paul says that faith, hope and love are three things that will abide. Without love no life is blessed, no home is crowned. Its absence is marked by discord, jealousy, revenge and crime indescribable. If for nothing else our family is noted for the unfeigned love existing among its members. Each feels responsible for the other, and all are happy because all are loved.

2. *Conviction*.—As far back as history throws its light, conviction has been the basis of all action and enterprise. The Deavors are neither ashamed nor afraid to place conviction above policy, and act upon it in business, politics or religion. Without a known exception, they are Prohibitionists, and stand by their convictions in everything that makes for truth and right.

3. *Industry*.—There is nothing to indicate that the Deavors have been idle or aimless. A noble purpose has governed their lives and shaped their destiny. Labor in some form has paid for all they possess, and they have acquitted themselves in every field of toil, from the most ignoble to the most exalted.

4. *Self-reliance*.—A spirit of self-conquest has inspired the Deavor race from the beginning of its history. Humanly speaking, "our own hand hath gotten us the

victory." Times without number have we staked everything on God and self-reliance. We have asked no man to be a crutch for us, neither have we inherited a fortune to lift us above the servitude of labor, but when others have reached the goal, some of us will be there to greet them.

5. *Education*:—The Deavors are pioneers of self-education in Fulton County. I am forced to say that no other family in history owes less to external circumstances. Financially we started with nothing, and were early thrown upon our own resources, and compelled to battle against adverse circumstances, but thus far we have been masters of our environment. Vacation meant slavish toil in the harvest field or on the mountain side to make another term of school possible. To some this course may seem parsimonious, but we would not change it if we could. We regard it no little fame to walk the path that great men have made.

FAMILY ECCENTRICITIES.

On this subject much might be said that would profit and amuse, but a few hints must suffice. It has been an unwritten law not to write to relatives often, and then only when business makes it necessary. Some of the older ones never wore an overcoat, because it looked extravagant, and because he who could not walk fast enough to keep warm deserved to perish. Some delighted so to walk, that they never rode horseback. I knew several who never wore a starched shirt or a paper collar. As many of them were shoemakers, they never wore

“store” shoes. It is said some never carried an umbrella or wore overshoes. I found a few who never owned a dog, ate ice cream, or had their pictures taken.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

1. *Religious Status*:—Few reported on this essential matter, which I most seriously regret. Still I rejoice that every family has been identified with some branch of the Christian church. Our entire progress has been marked by a deep and controlling religious sentiment. Thus far I have found nearly two thousand relatives. Nearly four hundred reported that they were Christians, over two hundred of whom are Methodists. There are sixteen preachers, two missionaries, and over a dozen exhorters.

2. *Vocations*:—A century has served to settle this great family in twelve states, where they have won recognition in almost every field honored by human toil. Here is but a partial list of vocations: Preacher, missionary, teacher, doctor, lawyer, dentist, smith, carpenter, moulder, farmer, engineer, conductor, fireman, brakeman, foreman, yard-master, ticket agent, miner, merchant, machinist, undertaker, notary public, justice of the peace, editor, banker, taylor, commission merchant, policeman, insurance agent, printer, salesman, gardener, millwright, shoemaker, laborer, tinner, cooper, masou, tanner, wagon maker, everything but a saloonkeeper.

I have found 42 teachers, 12 physicians, and 6 lawyers. At least 35 have received college or classical training, 31 served in the Civil War, two in the American

Revolution, one in the war of 1812, and two were in the famous Libby prison.

They are also noted for physical and intellectual vigor. Two lived to be over one-hundred years old, and a score or more were hale at eighty years, having perfect memory and strength unabated. My father is past eighty, yet his mind never served him better, his physical energy seems inexhaustible, and at his trade he labors with as much skill as he did at forty. This alone is a great reward for thrift, industry and temperance.

CHAPTER VIII.

THE REUNION OF 1893.

With pleasure I submit an extract from the *Mount Union Times*, of Sept. 1, 1893, entitled: "A Noted Reunion."

"Few people are permitted to share in the joys of a family reunion. Death enters early in life and makes a reunion on earth forever impossible. All praise to the Great Master who, in wisdom and mercy, has spared the family of Adam B. Deavor, for the past half century. A reunion had been in mind for many years, but it seemed that providence never favored it till this year. It was held at the old homestead in Taylor township, Fulton Co., Pa., on Wednesday, Aug. 9, 1893.

"Great effort and sacrifice were made, and the family, as by order of the court, assembled from every point of the compass. Allen came from Emporium; Joseph, from Mt. Holly; Sherman, from Annapolis, Md.; Tennyson, from Carlisle; James, from Woodvale; Jacob, from Waterfall; Mollie, from Coles' Valley; Benjamin, from Clear Ridge; Sadie, from Laidig. All were guests of Dellie, the youngest daughter, and her husband, who serve the home and care for Father Deavor. Scores of people were in attendance, and all were comfortably cared for in the old home residence. The dinner was served in the grove of apple trees just below the house,

where tables and everything necessary were in readiness. Promptly at one o'clock, over fifty sat down to an elaborate dinner. At the head of the table sat Uncle Peter Dyke and wife, then followed Father Deavor and his children, in the order of their age. Benjamin, Jacob, and Sherman were accompanied by their wives and families. Lewis Begstresser invoked God's blessing upon the table so bountifully spread.

"Friends and neighbors responded to the kind invitations, even in the midst of harvest. Rev. Hicks, Dr. Stever, Dr. Hill and their wives, Catherine Duvall, Jerry Laidig, Daniel Rinehart and families, Miss Johnson, of Philadelphia; Lizzie Shaw, Lewis Bergstresser, Wilson Bergstresser, Josiah Deavor, David Laidig, Lee McClain, Porter and Cora Anderson, Mertie and Will Witter, and Wm. McElheny were present on the occasion, and many aided in the evening song service, which was attended by many more who could not be present during the day.

"After partaking of a sumptuous dinner, the following toast was served :

POST PRANDIUM.

Prof. T. L. Deavor, B. E., Toast Master
 "United, we stand, divided, we fall," . . . T. L. Deavor
 "And they watched him," . . . Rev. Owen Hicks
 "The whole need not a physician, but they that are sick,"

J. R. W. Hunter, M. D.

Music.

"Mid pleasures and palaces, though we may roam,
 Be it ever so humble, there is no place like home."

Rev. W. T. S. Deavor, Ph. D.

"Heal the siek," J. C. Stever, M. D.

"In him we live, and move, and have our being,"

Rev. J. D. W. Deavor, Ph. D.

Music.

"And yet he was kind, or if severe in aught,
The love he bore to learning was his fault,"

H. A. Thompson, [Ed. *Mt. Union Times*.]

"A wheel within a wheel," B. A. Deavor, M. M.

"Man is ever interesting to man,"

Rev. E. E. A. Deavor, Ph. D.

• Music.

[We would just here state that because of important business matters requiring our attention, it was impossible for us to be present at the reunion. The regret occasioned by our inability to attend this notable gathering is better felt than expressed by cold type.—Ed.]

"The toasts were responded to in a tasteful and forceful manner. Mrs. Rev. Hicks presided at the organ, and rendered an instrumental solo. Miss Johnson, of Philadelphia, gave a beautiful recitation. T. L. Deavor closed the toast by rendering 'Cleveland's Grand march,'

In the evening was a platform service of speech and song ending with a sermon on "The Sight of the Wagons"—Genesis 45:27—by Rev. Dr. Deavor, of Emporium. In every way the sermon was a masterpiece, and furnished the only appropriate closing of a day so wonderfully blessed of God. To this service the public was invited, and a large and attentive audience found seats beneath the apple grove. D. H. Miller and others gave reminiscences of their lives which interested every one present. The few moments that were devoted to

Christian testimony will never be forgotten. The people wept like children as one after another of this large family witnessed to the goodness and saving power of the great God. Just when the interest was at flood tide, T. L. Deavor ascended the platform and read the Family Poem, written by himself for the occasion, entitled: "The Old Man's Story, or When the Boys Come Home Again." It was lacking in nothing. It is doubtful if we could ever summon ourselves on a like occasion and even approximate the effect. All in all, it was the grandest day in the history of the Deavor family. Strangers regarded it as the finest treat of their lives. And, when we remember that back of this day stands fifty years of family history, and that during this time not one has fallen save the dear mother, who has been in Heaven for fourteen years, it becomes an occasion of thanksgiving to Almighty God.

"Congratulations are due father Deavor. He has raised a large family. They are all kind and good to him, and he has lived to see them grown up, educated and settled well in life.

"A number of old relics were displayed at the reunion, chief of which are the following: Great grandmother's night cap, 200 years old; her trunk in which she packed her wedding clothes, 175 years old; a skillet which baked the cakes that raised the Deavors, 100 years old; a tack hammer, 72 years old; a spinning wheel, 71 years old; a cream jug and tea pot each 50 years old; Benjamin's toy bell, 50 years old.

"I feel proud in stating that Adam Deavor's boys have gotten a superior education under circumstances

where many other families would have given up in despair. Adams' boys got no help from home. They began penniless. All things considered, they justly deserve the title of pioneers of self-education in their native county. Grand boys! A noble family! May God spare their lives yet many years for other reunions, and at last bring them all into that greater reunion around His throne in Heaven.

W. T. S.

An Old Man's Story, or When the Boys Come Home.

I had been out in the meadow lot fixing up my hay,
 Till I seemed to feel so curious like, I thought I would'n't
 stay
 No longer, but slip down to the office, once, and see
 About the mail, and so I found this letter there for me.
 It's from the boys, they're coming home this fall to
 celebrate
 Our first reunion. If you mind, they talked it over late
 One evening on the porch It's just five years ago, to-
 night;
 How things have changed! but, then, we can't always be
 young and bright
 Yesterday, I think it was, I's walking through the corn,
 And the rustle of the leaves together, made me feel
 forlorn
 To think the harvest time were comin', and were'n't far
 away
 For some of us, perhaps—which one, is pretty hard to
 say.
 They want the house up stairs and down fixed off sort o'
 queer, .
 As if your mother was about—you know she won't be
 here.

The old clock on the garret must be brought and set up
there,

Where it used to tick the time away, that was so free
from care;

Time I wish had never gone, It seems but yesterday
Since 'round the house, in thoughtlessness were children
small, at play.

Last year I took them 'round the farm and showed them
what I'd done,

And where I moved the old line fence, and built another
one,

And dug a spring out by the road, and planted trees
around

For shade—I guess there's no such water like it to be
found.

But it didn't make no difference, no matter where we
went,

They couldn't say enough, some way, about my work.
It sent

A kind of feeling through me, I'll not soon forget,
That though we're old and in the way, we're not forgot-
ten, yet.

And then I thought of how sometime, when everything
is green

And flowers come out, so delicate—just suited to be seen;
When days are full of promise, and fields are at their
best,

They'll gather 'round the homestead, when I am laid to
rest.

That year, the apple trees will blossom, just like they
have before,

And the birds will come and build their nest above the
kitchen door;

But when all things seem joyful, there'll be sadness,
even then,

For there'll be one less to greet them, when the boys
come home again.

• T. L. DEAVOR, B. E., M. D.

Composed and read by him before the family re-
union, August 9, 1893. [All rights reserved.]



APPENDIX.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES.

First—Paper.
Fifth—Wooden.
Tenth—Tin.
Twelfth—Leather.
Fifteenth—Crystal.
Twentieth—China.
Twenty-fifth—Silver.
Thirtieth—Ivory.
Thirty-fifth—Linen.
Fortieth—Woolen.
Forty-fifth—Silk.
Fiftieth—Golden.
Seventy-fifth—Diamond.

Family Record

BIRTHS.

(1) Full Name.	(2) Date of Birth.	(3) Place of Birth.
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Family Record.

MARRIAGES.

(1) Full Name of Parties. | (2) Date. | (3) Place. | (4) Ages. | Clergyman.

Family Record.

DEATHS.

(1) Full Name.	(2) Date of Death.	(3) Place of Burial.
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Family Record.

HISTORY.

Make all entries in ink. Note briefly and clearly leading facts of history of your family.

