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OF THE
FREED FAMILY
and CONNECTING FAMILIES

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INTRODUCTORY

To My Family and Relatives:

I AM DEDICATING this little volume of mixed genealogies and histories of the different ancestors of my family and branches connected with the Freed Family of both male and female; of the causes that induced them to emigrate to America; of the great cause for thankfulness of their descendants to God, that they were planted in a country where they were free from persecutions, beyond having the finger of scorn, and ridicule, at times by unthinking persons, pointed at them, for their simplicity and plainness, and where they could serve their God according to the dictates of their conscience; of their religious beliefs; the dire persecutions they suffered on account of it; and of the origin of the Menno-nite Church. I have no doubt but this little volume will be of interest to you in the future, as a retrospect, as well as a perspective glass in which you can depict your early ancestors in this primitive country in their struggles to gain a livelihood and raise their families with the simple and imperfect tools and a lack of all the modern conveniences we now possess.

It was my design to give you a record, not only of the Freed Family, but of all the differ-

ent branches of which all our relatives are composed. Altogether, they make a happy and pleasant union. I am happy to state that all of our ancestors, both male and female, without one exception as far as I was able to ascertain, were Mennonites. But I am sorry to note that many persons that were reared in Mennonite families chose to unite themselves to other denominations. Some perhaps to have an easier way to Heaven; others again thought that even the Mennonites were not strict enough for them. And even at times large numbers left the Old Mennonite Church in a block, and started up new denominations; but, almost invariably, they tenaciously stuck to the word "Mennonite" as one of the prefixes, or affixes, as a nomenclature for their denomination. But are not willing to conform to the Old Mennonite confession of faith. But we have no ill will or malice toward any person or denomination. We have nothing but charity and love for all.

The Mennonite Church is the oldest Christian denomination in existence, with one or two exceptions. The confession of faith of the Mennonites did not originate, or have its inception, at the time of the Reformation when Luther, Zwingli, Calvin, Wesley, and others formed and promulgated their confession of faith; nor even when Menno Simons made his advent and aligned himself with the Anna-Baptists or Waldenses, and became their preacher and reorganizer; but their confession of faith had its inception many centuries before, even if not in Apostolic times. The people conforming to that confession of faith, in different localities

and known by different names, suffered greater persecutions and martyrdoms than any other people ever did. At times the fanatical priesthood thought they had them entirely annihilated. But they were always mistaken. While they killed and massacred large numbers yet always many escaped, and were scattered like fire brands from a great conflagration, to the four winds of the earth, and wherever they landed they started anew the religious fire to combat against the fanatical priesthood.

The Mennonites suffered persecutions long after the other reformers had conquered the power of the Catholic State Churches, in their different States and Principalities, who, quite likely, while they were yet under the Catholic persecutions, prayed with their Mennonite neighbors to have Church and State separated. Yet, history tells us that, in some States even the most prominent Protestant reformers, soon after they obtained full control and wrested the power from the Catholic State Churches, they in their place established Protestant State Churches. Then, like the Catholics before them, demanded that all persons were to conform to the mandates of the established State Church. But the Mennonites refused to worship in Churches that did not conform with their ideas of the Scriptures.

So less than ten years after the Catholic persecutions ceased, the persecutions of the Mennonites by the other Protestants was almost as severe as it had formerly been by the Catholics. Especially was that true in Switzerland, where it is claimed that men aided to per-

secute and maltreat the Mennonites who themselves still carried the marks of persecutions on their bodies received less than ten years before from the Catholics.

It was my desire to secure data and have compiled a history of interesting events that took place among our forefathers, as well as a genealogical record of all our relatives. I have been a long time gathering documents and materials for this little volume; some of them were written in the German language and required translation but it is still far from as perfect as I would have desired to have it. So I beg you to excuse all errors and shortcomings and accept it as it is. I found I was advancing in years, and that it was time to employ some one to do the writing and compose copy, compile and translate my German documents into English. But all I approached declined. So in my predicament I remembered that my school teacher in 1865, A. S. Rosenberger, of Hatfield, Pa., was still living, still of a sound mind and possessed a good memory. So I solicited him to undertake the task. While he pleaded inexperience, he promised to undertake it and do the best he could. So through him I succeeded to get the material in shape for the printer.

And I feel very thankful to all those who aided me in my undertaking, and I feel especially thankful to Judge and ex-Governor Pennypacker (now deceased) for the aid and assistance he gave me in this work.

(Deacon) JACOB A. FREED.

Elroy, Montgomery County, Pa.

July 1st, 1923.

Why Hither

It is but natural that we inquire into the cause of the removal of our ancestors from their fixed abode, their home and all that that implies, into the new home in the unknown Country beyond the great sea. The fact that William Penn told them about this goodly land where peace and plenty prevailed and personally invited and urged them to come hither is not, nor was then, a sufficient answer. The wiles of the real estate boomers and promoters were known even then, even there. We must look elsewhere. Conditions at home were not agreeable, they were unbearable. The causes, remote and immediate: Christendom, or rather Civilization, was being "born again" out of a long death, the "Dark Ages". Births are usually painful; this was no exception. John Huss and his followers had sounded the alarum. More recently and locally the birth of twins in Germany in 1485 (Martin Luther and the Printing Press) aided the travail. In 1492, another twin factor was discovered, viz.: America and Menno Simons, both of which proclaimed hope through tribulation.

The 30-year war, 1618-1648, wrought great havoc in Protestant countries of Europe and the war of 1684-1713, which followed the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, which had guar-

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anteed Protestant tolerance, was very disastrous to that country which our ancestors then called their home.

The Freedts undoubtedly came either directly or indirectly from the Principality or State of the Palatinate, or Pfaltz, in Germany. It comprised then a territory lying on both sides of the River Rhine and included territory since 1820 belonging to Bavaria, Baden, France. There was an Upper Bavarian Pfaltz and Lower or Rhine Pfaltz. The Capital Heidelberg, till 1720, then Manheim. The high German (Pennsylvania Dutch) language prevailed. The Pfaltz is now a county of Bavaria.

The Palatinate existed as an independent country from 1300 to 1812 and was intended as its successors and neighbors as "buffers" between hostile countries, Germany and France. The story of the rape of the Belgians in 1914 is to us Palatinates but the repetition of numerous older ones.

Wars were frequent, whilst generally neither disastrous nor decisive, were unbearable to the Palatinates as at present to the Belgians.

In 1559, the State embraced Calvinism. The greatest harmony existed between the followers of Calvin, Luther and Menno, and in fact she became a rendezvous for the persecuted Protestants of all Europe.

Lutheran Prince frequently succeeded Reformed Prince, but in 1690 Prince John William tried to bring it back to Rome. Two wars, lasting almost continually from 1684 to 1713,

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made the Pfaltz an unhappy country. First Catholic France vs. Protestant Germany overran the fertile fields and vine clad hills of the Palatinate; not once but continually for ten years. See Belgium of today.

Second, Wm. of Orange, etc., vs. France, again sorely overran the fields of these now unhappy people; nor was this all, France declared that on account of the Pfaltzers having permitted the French Huguenots (Protestants) to escape through their country, they would be held accountable therefor.

The decreed punishment was that the entire Lower Pfaltz be laid waste as a desert. One winter's day the French Commander announced to the Palatinates, who in 1600 numbered about 500,000 souls, that they had three days' time to flee for their lives. A deep snow prevailed; many died of hardships and exposure, enough survived, says Judge Pennypacker, to fill the cities of Europe with beggars, recently thriving farmers and shopkeepers of Heidelberg and Manheim. Every Pfaltz city was taken, sacked, and generally laid in ashes. Many were carried to France to recant, many martyred, some eked out miserable existences in hiding places like unto the Jews of old, or our ancestors of the Piedmont Alps, less than ten per cent. of the population of 500,000 in 1600, 100 years before, remained at the end of these wars, 1713, says Prof. Sachse.

The winter of 1708-9 was an extreme one. Not only as to climate but otherwise, says Pastor Weiser, an American writer of that period.

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Thirty thousand Germans, mostly Palatinates, left their homes in the Rhine land, on invitation of Queen Ann, for London, many of these, for the time being, took the place of the English soldier on the farm and in the shop. Many changed their diet from sauer kraut to potatoes, having been sent to Ireland. Most of these later found their way to America; mostly to Pennsylvania.

You will surmise that religious persecution and its resulting industrial conditions were the main cause of this unprecedented migration. A minor incentive undoubtedly was the stories of great opportunity in the New World which from time to time reached the home folks. Says Hans to Jacob: "In America hoere ich ist zeit geld wert". Says Jacob: "Oi lieber Hans, da lass uns schnell hin fahren, da haben wir im uberfluss", and they went to Pennsylvania. Another Hans and his son, Jacob, having heard of the much gold to be had in America, went in search of it. On leaving the ship after a five-months' sail, Jacob spied a small gold piece lying on the wharf, called the father's attention to it; says Hans: "Lass es nurren lei, younger, wir werden schon grosseren brocken finden,—nimmer weider".

We believe that our ancestors were of Bavarian nationality, but when we remember that their country was a sojourn, and probably to them was "kein bleibende statte" as they were beyond a doubt Mennonites, may we not surmise that they descended from the much persecuted "Tanfgesinda" of an earlier period, driven

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from country to country, of whom Wm. E. Gladstone, of England, once said: "They were Christians when our ancestors were barbarians".

When we remember conditions in their late home, little do we wonder that we can get no records of them or their departure; there are none; they all went up in smoke.

Since 1729 only, have we any official records of the arrivals of immigrants and these were imperfectly and perfunctorily kept; their nationality, rather than their name, was desired by Gov. Keith; he feared a German invasion.

That the work of our historians is not an easy task will appear from the fact that our ancestors, on account of past persecution, rather opposed than encouraged publicity as to their history. Their early documents were not generally preserved, not on account of ignorance, but from a religious principle. For the same reason Church or Congregational records are of little use in unraveling the past. Court records, tombstones, traditions and guess work must be depended upon largely. As to the present, some of us fail to cooperate on account of religious policy, these we respect; others fail us on account of a constitutional impedimenta, commonly called laziness. Others see nothing substantial coming out of it for them, these have our sympathy. Others again are not interested because of the humble though honorable position their ancestors held. They try to forget it, and would have their neighbors do the same. Those we hold in the same esteem a Jew held

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and now holds his brother who despises the memory of his father and mother.

In conclusion, let us note that our ancestors were men among men of their generation, looked well ahead in civil as well as religious life, and considered no sacrifice of personal convenience that would redound to the well-being of us, their descendants. Let us study them more closely and we shall appreciate this fact more fully. May we emulate their virtues and disremember their shortcomings.

—I. K. FREED, 1916.

Souderton, Pa.

JOHANNES FRIED

The following is a biography or partial history of the Freed and other Families, and the known occurrences and traditions and the known parts taken by them in public, as well as in religious affairs, who are in direct lineage of Jacob A. Freed, of Elroy (formerly Franconiaville), Pa., a Deacon in the Franconia Mennonite Congregation, and his descendants up to 1922 and part of 1923, of Johannes Fried.

Johannes Fried, the earliest progenitor of the aforementioned Jacob A. Freed. Of the date of his arrival in America we have no record. The earliest we have is a deed from Van Bebber and Hermavina, his wife, to Johannes Fried, April 8th, 1724, for 123 acres of land in Van Bebber, now Skippack Township, in the vicinity of Lucon, later or now owned by Sylvanus Kratz.

Johannes Fried, now John Freed, had five children—Henry, Peter, John, Catharine and Mary.

He was a Mennonite. He died December 21st, 1744, aged 62 years, and is buried at the Lower Skippack Mennonite Meetinghouse. He left a lengthy will, and named his son, John, as executor. The widow and the following heirs are mentioned in it. A copy of the will of John Freed, the 1st, follows:

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Copy of Will (1744) of John Freed (Ancestor)

In the name of God Amen,: The Seventh day of May 1744, I John Freed living in the township of Skippack, in the province Pennsylvania in the County of Philadelphia, being very Sick, and weak in Body. But of perfect mind & memory. Thanks be given unto God therefore—Calling unto mind the martality of my body and Knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain this my last Will, and Testament that is to say Principally & first of All I give & Recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it & for my body I Recomend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like & deacent manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God.

And as touching Sutch wordly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless mee in this life I give devise & dispose of the Same in the following manner & form. Impromice it is my will & I do order that in the first place, all my just debts & funeral charges be paid & satisfied.—Item: I give & bequeath unto Christina Freed my dearly beloved wife the Sum of Sixty Pounds in Bond & good lawful monies.—

Item: I give to my said wife in money the Sum of 50 Pounds.

Further I bequeth in following condition unto my dearly beloved Wife in good Lawfull Money the Sum of Fourty Pounds, which said

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Sum She has in Power for herself to do profit with it as long as she is my Widow—, and if it should come with her in variety to manage them it is my Will & Testament the above mentioned Sum fourty Pounds shall be ordered to Restitution to my children after my wifes death.

It is further my last will & Testament that my dear wife Christina Freed shall have a full Dwell and widow hit within the house as long as She is my widow.

Further I do give to my aforsaid wife the half fruit in wheat who stands this year in the field.

Item: by this my last will and Testament I give these ordinance pelonging Christina Freeds my dear wife as long as she is my widow. She shall have a part of the Orchard at the west Side till to the path under the guarden, & the half part in the guarden,—

Item: I bequeath & give the half part in the Cellar as long She is my widow,—

Item: I give a Cow to my well beloved wife for her own, to have & to hold, and She shall have liberty to take the best under our Cows,— and my will and order is to my well beloved Son John Freed as my Executor, that he shall do well and truly, and truly Keep & feed his mothers Cow as well as his own,—

Item: I bequeath to Christina Freeds my Beloved wife, one great cloths schonk as long as She is my widow.—

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Belonging our bead I bequeath it to my dear wife Such to have and to hold for her own with all what belongs to it.

Belonging our Kitchen goods it is my will that my wife shall have the Sixth part of it.—

Belonging my Servant maid named Barbara, I ordain in this my last that She Shall Stand to my wifes Service till her Serve time is out.

Belonging my last will and Testament to my dearly and well beloved Children named as follows—Henry Freed,—Peter Freed,—Catharine Freed,—Maria Freed,—& John Freed, I give my last will and order to you together,—*Depart from Evil & do Good. Seek, peace, and pursue it, and Honor your Mother.*

Further belonging this my bequeathed Estate whereof I you in this my will and Testament every one willingly bequeth as following:

First I have for my beloved Son Henry Freed given & paid, for his land the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, with Condition that the 50 Pounds, I say Fifty Pounds, must he give again to his Sister Maria, which he willingly promised to do, any time.—

Further I have paid to my dear Son Peter, Fifty Pounds. Further I have paid to my Beloved daughter Catharine the Sum of Fifty Pounds. These above named four of my beloved Childrens, every one of them have received or an order to receive Fifty Pounds, for Land in good Lawful Moneys.

Belonging further my well beloved Son John Freed whom I likewise Constitute make and ordain my only Sale Executor of this my last

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will and Testament all & Singular the Lands Messuage & Tenements to him his heirs and assigns forever. This my Beloved Son John Freed my only Executor I give my Land to him his heirs and assigns for ever. Containing 130 Acres, with all that belongs to it in Building with Rights and titles for the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds in good Lawfull Moneys. The Condition of the aforesaid Sums following I give by this my last will & Testament to my well beloved Son John Freed my Executor, from the above mentioned Sum One Hundred Pounds for his own out of the plantation & he shall give every one of his four Sisters 50 Pounds out of the plantation.

Further it is my order in this my last will & Testament while I have given mine above named four Children every one of them Fifty Pounds in monies for Land above named my dear Children Shall to furst in het begin. N. L. Brother be. Therefore I have Consider this thing & found it good to Set a time. I say my dear Son John Freed my Executor shall have the plantation four years free, without Interest. —If he can pay some what in this time,—is well.—

In this my last will & Testament I give my Son John Freed my *Brundewein Kettles*, to have & to hold it with all that belongs to it.—

Item: I give a *mare* to my Son, John Freed, —But as he likes it rather to have the Servent boy *Alexander Stockslager* it is in his free liberty.

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Further I give my beloved Son John Freed my waggon in the Pergain.

Further I give Twenty Shillings in the Alms.

It is further my will to my dear beloved friends Jacob Crader & Paul Freed, I conferm you to be Administrators over this my last Will & Testament.

(Signed) JOHN FRIED. [Seal]

Witness to the Will,

Christopher Dock

George Smith

Martin Kulp

The will was proved before one of his Mases-tres Justice of the peace in Salford Feb 5 1744. Recorded in Philaa in Will Book G, Page 160, and will No 132.

Henry Freed

Peter Freed

John Freed

Maria Freed

Catharine Freed

} Children of the above estate. Their parents wer John Freed & Christina Freed.

We are satisfied that the John Freed who made the above will in 1744 is the *Stam-Vatter* of the Freeds of Upper & Lower Salford, and that the John Freed named in his will as his Beloved Son John, and whom he made his Ex-ecutor,—is the same Freed to whom the tomb stone is erected in the grave yard at the Fran-conia Church,—who died Dec. 8, 1777.

From JUDGE F. W. BECHTEL, SR.,
Schuylkill County, Pa.

October 20th, 1903.

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We find that upon examining the history of the Township in which John Freed settled, it was conveyed by William Penn to two different persons who afterwards sold the land now located in Germantown, to Mathias VanBebber, a Dutch merchant, who came to Germantown in 1687. Deed was confirmed May 18th, 1698. VanBebber had the land located on the Skip-pack Creek. The tract upon more accurate survey contained six thousand one hundred and sixty-six acres; which then took the name of Bebber's Township, and it bore that name as late as 1759. On June 2nd, 1713, a petition, by the people of the Township, was presented to the County Court, which resulted in laying out of the Skippack Road.

On the 8th of June, 1717, VanBebber and his wife, in consideration of "the true love and singular affection they bore to those people", conveyed one hundred acres of land to various named trustees, for the purpose of a burying place, for schoolhouse, for meetinghouse and for charities. Considered by Judge Pennypacker as a singular provision, and without precedent in our annals.

All of the trustees were members of the Mennonite Church. It appears that upon the acknowledgment of the deed to John Freed, a peculiar seal, formerly used by Pastorius, was used. He being dead seven years. Evidently the seal must have been in the possession of some one living in Skippack. Upon a petition, numerously signed by residents of the Township, the name of John Freed appears as one of

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the signers praying the Court of Quarter Sessions of Philadelphia County to have the Township surveyed. By order of the said Court the Township was regularly laid out and surveyed in 1725 and given the name of "Skippack and Perkiomen" and thereafter the earlier name of Bebbber began to fade and disappear.

We quote from Pennypacker's History an account of what happened in the first and only war that took place near Philadelphia, between the new settlers and the Indians,—

In the Spring of 1728, horrid war raised its grizzly front almost in the midst of this scene of quiet and peace, causing untold agitation throughout the settlement, and terror to the inhabitants. During the month of April, there were repeated rumors of threatened attacks by bodies of hostile Indians. On the 25th a communication was sent to Philadelphia to Governor Patrick Gordon, signed by a number of people living on what was then the frontier, mostly Germans and Welsh, informing him "That the Indians are consulting against us"; that the people were so disturbed that "Several families have left their plantations with what effects they could possibly carry away. Women in childbed being forced to expose themselves to the coldness of ye air whereby their lives are in danger"; and asking him to take such measures with respect to the situation that they might be freed from these alarms. This warning does not appear to have aroused the Governor to the necessity for action. A few days later eleven Indians in their

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war paint, fully armed, and under the command of a "Spanish Indian", appeared only five miles beyond the borders of Bebbler's Township, and, going from house to house, compelled the people to supply them with victuals and drink. Twenty men gathered together for defence, some of them armed with guns, and some with swords, started in pursuit of the Indians, and, overtaking them, sent two of their number to parley with the leader. He refused to receive the messengers and, raising a sword, ordered his braves to fire. They obeyed, and two of the settlers were wounded. The latter returned the fire, the doughty Spanish Indian was hit and fell, but arising, "run into the woods after his party, having left his gun and watch coat behind him". As was to be expected, the affair was much exaggerated. It was widely reported that there was a general uprising of the savages, that this band was only the advance guard of the host with which the forests were filled, and that already several of the German settlers at Tulpehocken and elsewhere had been killed. The whole country was aroused, and in a state of commotion. The waters of the Skippack and the Perkiomen seemed to take a tinge of red and to murmur of disaster.

There was living at that time on the East side of the Easternmost of the three roads which ran Northwestward from Philadelphia through Philadelphia, now Montgomery County, near where the road crossed the Skippack Creek, and three or four miles further up the stream than Pannebecker, a man named John

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Roberts, who was evidently thrown into a state of mental excitement by the stirring events occurring around him. On the 10th of May he wrote a petition to the Governor. It is headed "VanBebber's Township and Ye Adjacencies Belonging", and proceeds:

"We think It fit to address your Excellency for Relief for your Excellency must Know That we have Sufered and Is Like to Sufer By the Ingians they have fell upon ye Back Inhabitots about falkner's Swamp & New Coshahopin. Therefore We the humble Petitioners, with our poor Wives and Children do humbly beg of your Excellency To Take It into Consideration and Relieve us the Petitioners hereof whose Lives Lies at Stake with us and our Poor Wives & Children that Is more to us than Life".

The first signature to the paper is that of John Roberts, the second John Pawling, who lived on the East Bank of the Perkiomen about a mile below Pennypacker's Mills, and was a Warden of St. James Episcopal Church; the third, Hendrick Pannebecker; the fourth, William Lane, who gave forty acres of glebe land still retained, to that Church, and then follow:—

John Jacobs, Isaac Dubois, Israel Morris, Benjamin Fry, Jacob Op den Graeff, Johannes Scholl, Richard Adams, George Poger, Adam Sellen, Dielman Kolb, Martin Kolb, Gabriel Shouler, Anthony Halman, John Isaac Klein, Hans Detweiler, William Bitts, Heinrich Ruth, Hubert Kassel, Henry Teutlinger, Christian Weber, Gerhard In da Hoffen, Lorentz Binga-

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man, Richard Jacob, Hermanus Kuster, Peter Bun, Jacob Engers, Hans Weierman, Conrad Custer, Jacob Marieke, Christian Neuswanger, Conrad Reiff, Jacob Kolb, Hans Ulrich Bergey, John Myer, Henrich Kolb, John Fried, Paul Freed, William Smith, Peter Rambo, David Young, Christopher Schmidt, Garrett Clemens, Johonnes Reichardt, Matthias Tyson, Peter Johnson, Hans Joest Heijt, Christian Allebach, Hans Reiff, Daniel Stauffer, Abraham Schwartz, Johann Valentine Kratz, John Johnson, Ulrich Heffelfinger, Nicholas Holdeman, Michael Ziegler, Christian Stoner, Johannes Garber, John Holdeman, Claus Jansen, Nicholas Hicks, Johannes Leisher, Jacob Sheimer, Michael Krause, Peter Reiff, George Meyer, Bastian Smith, Edward In de Hoffen, Christian Kroll, Jacob Grater, Jacob Stauffer, Henry Stauffer, and Paul Fried, Jr. Forty-four of these seventy-seven names were written by Roberts himself, and it is probably a fairly complete list of the residents at that time.

A man upon horseback rode "with speed" into Philadelphia, bearing this pathetic message to the Governor, who the same day, accompanied by Andrew Hamilton and several others, hastened to Manatawny, where he remained until the 14th. He found the country in a very great disorder, many of the houses deserted, a number of Germans "gathered together at a mill near New Hanover Township in order to defend themselves", and a man who had been "wounded in the Belly". An angry feeling was rife, indicating a purpose to kill

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whatever Indians could be found. He issued a commission to John Pawling, of Bebbler's Township; Marcus Huling and Mordecai Lincoln, ancestor of the President, authorizing these persons to organize the settlers for defence and protection, and he distributed some powder and lead among them. The hostile Indians were a band of Shawanese on their way, as their Chief afterward alleged, to aid the Delawares in a war with the flatfeet. Altogether five of the settlers and several of the Indians had been wounded more or less seriously, but notwithstanding the wild rumors, none were killed. It is interesting as the only engagement with the savages which ever occurred in the vicinity of Philadelphia.

JOHN FREED 2d

(Died October 8th, 1777.)

John Freed, the great-great-grandfather of Jacob A. Freed, of Elroy, Pa., on the 10th day of June, 1769, bought of Jacob Grove and Frances Grove, his wife, 130 acres of land and the hotel at what is now Franconia Square, for 700 pounds. They kept the hotel there during the Revolutionary War. After the Battle of Germantown, the wounded were taken on wagons to the hospital in Bethlehem;—in this battle the Americans lost more than 1,000 in killed, wounded, prisoners and missing. The battle took place on the third day of October, 1777, and the wounded were most likely moved the next day. Going up the Allentown road they stayed all night at Freed's hotel, leaving the wounded on the wagons. The next morning puddles of blood were under the wagons, and the groaning of the sufferers was heartrending.

John Freed 2d, date of birth unknown, married Susan Detweiler. They were Mennonites; died October 8th, 1777. Buried Franconia Mennonite burying place. They had seven children—John, Jacob, Abraham, Joseph, Catharine, Susanna and Mary. From here on we will trace up only the descendants of Jacob D. Freed, son of John Freed 2d. From I. G. Freed's His-

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tory of the Freeds, Jacob D. Freed, son of John and Susanna (Detweiler) Freed, was born July 7th, 1768. On the 10th day of June, 1769, his father bought the farm of 130 acres and hotel of Jacob Grove and his wife, Frances Grove, for 700 pounds, at what is now Franconia Square; where they lived before is unknown to me. I think they lived there before they bought it. The deed states of Franconia. Therefore, I think my grandfather, Jacob D. Freed, was born there. On March 31st, 1789, he married Anna Fry, daughter of Henry and Mary (Hendrich) Fry, of Hatfield Township, Montgomery County, a son of John Fry, of Franconia, who died October 23rd, 1766, and his wife, Mary, who died August 31st, 1766. Both buried at Franconia Mennonite Meetinghouse. My grandmother, Anna (Fry) Freed, born 1766, died in 1821, aged 55 years. In 1822, grandfather married Susan Oberholtzer, maiden name Moyer; she died December 22nd, 1864, aged 86 years, 9 months. He died in 1847, aged 79 years. He served as Deacon 37 years in the Franconia Meeting.

In 1806, he sold his farm, near Franconia Square, to his brother, Joseph, for 800 pounds, and bought the John Oberholtzer farm, on the North Branch of the Perkiomen Creek, where he spent the rest of his life. The house was of a peculiar structure; one end was stone, built in the hillside, one and a half story high; the other end was first built, first story stone, the second story logs, the same length as the first story, but narrower, the deficiency in width was

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covered over like a porch roof. The main roof of the house was the same height over both. The farm was rather productive, and stayed in the Freed Family for more than sixty years. The farm is now small, the greater part has been sold to adjoining neighbors. The homestead has reverted to the Oberholtzer Family. William, a grandson of John Oberholtzer, owns it now (1910). This farm had been our playground when I was a boy; will refer to this later on.

Names of the children of Jacob and Anna (Fry) Freed:

Susanna F. Freed, born November 8th, 1790.

John F. Freed, born October 21st, 1792.

Mary F. Freed, born September 29th, 1794.

Jacob F. Freed, born December 14th, 1796, died single in 1819; aged about 23 years.

Anna F. Freed, born December 30th, 1799.

Joseph F. Freed, born June 17th, 1803.

Abraham F. Freed, born February 13th, 1806.

Catharine F. Freed, born February 8th, 1809.

Susanna F. Freed, oldest daughter of Jacob D. and Anna F. Freed, born November 8th, 1790; married Abraham Yoder about 1814. They lived West of Souderton, on a lot later owned by Jonas Freed. They had two sons and five daughters. She died July 18th, 1874, aged 83 years, 8 months and 10 days. He died February 15th, 1864, aged 74 years and 14 days. Children: Jacob, David, Mary, Anna, Cath-

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arine, Susan and Sallie—the latter two were twins.

Jacob F. Yothers, born April 1st, 1815, in Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pa., son of Abraham and Susan F. Yoder. Married Lydia Gordon, of Montgomery Township, Montgomery County, Pa., daughter of Robert and Mary (Hoxworth) Gordon. Gordon died June 17th, 1864, aged 72 years, 2 months and 16 days. She died January 4th, 1870, aged 55 years, 10 months and 8 days.

Jacob F. Yothers lived in different places and had eight children, only two of them living (1912)—Algernon and a sister. Lydia (Gordon) Yothers, born April 18th, 1816, and died February 26th, 1872, aged 55 years, 10 months and 8 days.

In course of time Mr. Yothers married Mrs. Anna Springer. They kept a hotel in Dublin, Bucks County, Pa. She died there, and he discontinued the business and moved to Philadelphia, where he died January 17th, 1872, aged 72 years, 2 months and 16 days. The Gordons and Yothers are all buried at the Montgomery Baptist Church.

Children of Jacob F. and Mary (Gordon) Yothers (no issue by the second wife): Virginia G. Yothers, Jacob G. Yothers, Winfield G. Yothers, Mary Ann G. Yothers, died January 19th, 1862, aged 19 years; Hilary G. Yothers, born June 5th, 1842, died November 5th, 1842, aged 5 months; Robert G. Yothers, died August 7th, 1852, aged 7 years; Edwin G. Yothers, Algernon G. Yothers was left till last because I am

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better informed of his business, etc. He entered the arena of life while yet young, surmounting the difficulties and trials in his way to manhood, when he selected by marrying Elizabeth Burgess; they have no children.

They have, for some years, been keeping the William Penn hotel, in Gwynedd Township, opposite the Friends Meetinghouse. The hotel is noted as a popular Summer boarding house and as a stopping place for tourists. It is putting it mildly to say that they are overcrowded in Summer time. The hotel is well kept by Mr. and Mrs. Yothers. She is a business woman, knowing how to manage a full house to the satisfaction of their guests. Algernon Yothers died in 1922.

David F. Yothers, born about 1827, died November 28th, 1895, aged 71 years. Married Sallie Sperry, born September 12th, 1827, died March 20th, 1898, aged 70 years, 6 months and 13 days. Carpenter by trade. Reformed Church connection. Lived at Prospectville, Montgomery County, Pa. They were active workers in the Church and Sunday School. Buried at Eureka Reformed Church. No issue.

Anna F. Yoder, born in Franconia, Montgomery County, Pa., married Ephraim Fry, carpenter by trade, about 1842; their married life was short. He was born August 8th, 1817. They lived in Horsham, Montgomery County, Pa. Died July 25th, 1897, buried July 28th, 1897. She died ——. They had one daughter.

Mary Y. Fry, born October 18th, 1843, in Horsham, Pa.; in 1873 she married David Bar-

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low, a carpenter, also of Horsham. They had four children: James Barlow, died aged 1 year; Elmer J. Barlow, Irvin L. Barlow, Friend F. Barlow.

Ephraim Fry married Mary F. Yoder, a sister of his first wife, as his second life companion; she was born October 26th, 1815. They had three daughters: Susan Y. Fry, married Mr. Jacoby; Hannah Y. Fry, married Mr. Holde-
man; Sallie Y. Fry, married Mr. Orton.

Catharine F. Yoder, born about 1825, died 1910, aged 85 years. Married Samuel White; they lived at Horshamville. I know very little about them. They had the children named below: Lydia Y. White, married and went West; William Y. White, George Y. White, Thomas Y. White, went West.

Susan F. Yoder, born September 12th, 1828, in Franconia. Married Joseph Fry, a carpenter by trade, September 8th, 1855, Rev. John Price officiated. Mr. Fry was born July 1st, 1831, died December 8th, 1911, aged 80 years, 5 months and 7 days. Lived at Souderton. Buried Franconia Meetinghouse. Children:

Charles J. F. Frey, born May 22nd, 1858.

Abraham Y. Frey, born June 29th, 1860.

Hannah Ella Y. Frey, born October 11th, 1862, died December 10th, 1882, aged 20 years, 1 month and 29 days.

John Y. Fry, born August 18th, 1866, Souderton, Pa., married Elizabeth Cressman, of Telford, September 15th, 1888, by Rev. F. P. Cassel, at Lansdale, Pa.; farmer. Reformed Church.

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Children: Anna C. Fry, born June 24th, 1890, married Percival Barndt, December 30th, 1911. He was born June 7th, 1888.

Ella C. Fry, born January 15th, 1893.

Elmer C. Fry, born February 11th, 1895.

John C. Fry, born May 1st, 1897.

Sallie F. Yoder, born September 12th, 1828, died August 10th, 1884, aged 55 years, 10 months and 29 days. Buried at the Franconia Mennonite Meetinghouse. She and Susan were twins. She died single.

John F. Freed, born Franconia Square, October 21st, 1792, died near Harleysville, September 22nd, 1881, aged 88 years. Married Catharine, daughter of Preacher Henry Kolb, of Salford. Both members of Salford Meeting, and buried there. Four children:

Henry Kolb Freed, born 1818, died 1879. Married 1844, Sabilla Bechtel, of New Britain. She died 1889, buried Franconia Meeting. Lived near Souderton. Eight children:

Ephraim Bechtel Freed, born 1845, died 1916; married Hannah Gottshall Clemens, of Lederach. Four children:

Henry C. Freed, born March 14th, 1874. Died December 26th, 1876. Aged 2 years, 9 months, 12 days.

Mary C. Freed, born November 14th, 1877. Married Allen A. Alderfer, April 7th, 1897. He was born January 11th, 1876. Mennonites. Souderton. No issue.

Harvey C. Freed, born April 16th, 1879. Married March 23rd, 1901, Sallie K. Clemmer,

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daughter of Henry M. Clemmer. She was born September 30th, 1880. Old homestead. Mennonites. Six children:

Edna, born September 20th, 1903. Died April 22nd, 1904. Aged 7 months, 2 days.

Infant, born February 10th, 1905. Died same day.

Mary, born December 31st, 1905.

Sarah, born August 14th, 1908.

Harvey, born March 20th, 1912.

Henry, born September 1st, 1915.

Katie C. Freed, born February 19th, 1884. Married Harvey Derstein, December 19th, 1903. He was born June 14th, 1882. Mennonites. Hatfield Township. Six children:

Hannah, born January 24th, 1905.

Blanche, born August 2nd, 1906.

Mamie, born April 22nd, 1908.

Irene, born June 11th, 1912.

Katie, born April 20th, 1915.

Naomi, born February 26th, 1921.

Catharine B. Freed, born 1849; married George R. Rittenhouse, 1869. Franconia Square. Three children:

Henry, 1871; married Lizzie Bergey; two children, Laaden and Harvey.

Mary, 1880, died 1886.

Hiram, 1883, died 1885.

John Bechtel Freed, born 1851, died 1853.

Mary Bechtel Freed, born 1853; married Jonas R. Landis, Skippack, 1875. Mingo and now Souderton. Mennonites. Five children:

Sarah, 1871, married John Troutman. Three children, John, Harry, Mary.

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Henry F. Landis, born 1878, died 1883.

Sabilla F. Landis, born 1881; married Edwin Keeler. Three children, Pearl, Martha, Florence.

Martha Landis, 1887.

Katie Landis, 1889, married Charles Jones; no children.

Annie Bechtel Freed, born 1857, died 1902, married John Yoder, of Franconia. Ten children. Mennonite Brethren in Christ.

Henry, 1878.

Mary, 1880.

Reuben, 1882, died 1884.

Sabilla, 1883; married Charles Gentsch. Four children, Ralph, Lester, Harold, Grace.

Hiram, 1885.

Katie, 1888.

John, 1889.

Lizzie, 1891.

George Paul.

John Bechtel Freed (2d), born 1860, died 1861.

Henry B. Freed, born 1862, died 1913; married Mary Bergey, died 1917. Souderton. One child:

Katie Bergey Freed, born 1897, married Frank Cassidy, Philadelphia.

Elias B. Freed, born 1865; married Annie Clemmer, of Harleysville. Three children. Souderton. Mennonites.

Rein C. Freed, born 1886, married Katie Wimmer, 1910. One child, Nelda, born 1918.

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Katie C. Freed, born 1892; married Robert E. Albright. Two children: Emory Glenn, born 1911; Robert Miles, died 1913.

Henry C. Freed, born 1896; married Bertha Gehman, 1917. One child, Virginia.

Jacob Kolb Freed, born at Gehmans, Upper Franconia, 1825; married Eliza Fretz Kratz, 1854; lived near Salfordville. Mennonite Meeting. Buried Salford, 1890.

Catharine, born 1855, died 1856.

Abram, born 1855, died 1918. Seven children:

Elizabeth Boorse, 1877.

Rhine, born 1880, died 1918.

Henry, 1883; Bertha Shelly, 1886; Harrison died; Vincent Z. Freed; Katie.

Mary K. Freed, born 1858. Norristown.

Isaac K. Freed, born 1859; married Elizabeth A. Allebach, of Salford. Schwenksville and Philadelphia. One child:

Bertha, married Weston K. Hartzell, Souderton. One son, Willard F. Hartzell, 1909.

John K. Freed, born 1861; married Mary Thompson, of Tennessee, Kansas. Disciple Church. Two children: John T., born 1890, died 1915; Tillie, 1894.

Elizabeth K. Freed, born 1863; married John Clemmer in 1882. Spring Mount. Mennonites. Three children, Elmer, born 1883; Jacob Howard, born 1887, died 1888; Martha, deceased.

Joseph K. Freed, born 1865; married Ida May Hendrickson. Preacher Presbyterian Church, Bernice, Pa. Six children: Wm., born

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1891, died 1897; Elsie May, born 1893; Edw. B. Hodge Freed, born 1895, died 1918; Amelia, born 1896; Joseph Wallace, born 1899; Mary Beatrice, born 1903.

Anna K. Freed, born 1869; married George Hartranft, of Pottsgrove. Lederach, Pa. German Reformed. Five children, John Edgar, 1889; married Miss Cassel, of Providence, 1914, one child; George, born 1891, died 1896; Jacob, born 1895; C. Henry, born 1898; Jos. Ezra, born 1901.

Henry K. Freed, born 1872, married Kate Earney, of Zionville. Philadelphia. One child, Dorothy, 1901.

Jacob K. Freed, born 1877; married Sadie Moser, of Schwenksville, Pa. Philadelphia. No children.

Abram Kolb Freed, married Catharine Allebach, of Hilltown; buried Salford. Five children. Also, Catharine Houck, Frederick. No children with second wife.

Allen A. Freed, married Elizabeth Reiff Landis, of Lederach, Pa. Salford and Telford.

Abram L. Freed, married Hannah Landis, 1895. Five children, Lizzie L., 1896; Hannah, 1900; Elverda, 1904; Irvin, 1910; William, 1912.

Mary L. Freed, 1875; married Calvin Musselman. Telford, Pa. Five children, Lizzie, 1897; Norman, 1902; Amanda, 1906; Martha, 1913; Amanda, 1913.

John L. Freed, born 1878, died 1914; married Lizzie Halteman, 1899. Three children, Allen, 1901; Titus, 1905; Ella May, 1908.

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Allen L. Freed, born 1888; married Kate Freed. Telford, Pa. Three children, Lizzie, 1908; Marvin, 1911; Lloyd, 1913. Mennonites.

Frank A. Freed, born 1856; married Catharine Houck, of Frederick, Pa. Souderton. Four children:

Katie H. Freed, born 1883; married Allen R. Alderfer. Souderton. Six children, Alice, 1901; Eva, 1902; Mary Ann, 1904; Frank, 1907; Titus, 1910; Aspah.

Oswin H. Freed, 1885; married Mary Ann Hackman. Franconia. Four children, Norman, John, Melvin, Stella.

Henrietta H. Freed, 1895; married John F. Musselman. Souderton. One child, Grace, 1917.

Elmer H. Freed, born 1901. Souderton. Mennonite.

Henry A. Freed, born 1858; married Aquilla Gottshall, of Morwood, Pa. Rockhill and Telford. Six children:

John G. Freed, 1881; married Annie Nyce. Six children.

Preston G., 1883; married Florence Hoff. Two children. Second wife, Elsie Moyer.

Katie G., 1884; married Abel Detweiler. Three children.

Henry G., 1885; married Emma Freed and Emma Dettra. Four children.

William G., 1892; married Mamie Gottshall. Two children.

Allen G., 1894; married Alverda Benner. One child.

Paul G., 1899. All Telford, Pa.

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Eleazer A. Freed, 1860; married Susie Nyce, Lancaster. Harleysville. Three children:

Maggie, 1886; married Morris Hackman.

Susie, 1892; married Abram Heebner. Two children, Earl Heebner, 1915; Steward Heebner, 1917.

Eleazer Russel Freed, born 1899.

Enos A. Freed, 1863; married Ida Souder. Souderton. Six children:

Rhine Russel Freed, 1886; married Lizzie P. Nyce. Three children, Mae, 1913; Howard, 1915; Ruth, 1917.

Sarah S. Freed, 1888; married Hiram Erb. One child, Verda, 1910.

Mabel S. Freed, 1890; married Frank Hunsberger.

Herbert S. Freed, 1893; married Evelyn Shutt. One child, 1917.

Harry S., 1899; Ralph S., 1904. All Souderton.

John A. Freed, 1867; married Katie Moyer. One child, Orpha M. Freed, 1903; married Wilson Overdorf. Four children, three living. Lansdale.

End of Abram Kolb Freed's family.

Elias K. Freed, born July 1st, 1830, died May 28th, 1912. He was married to Elizabeth K. Shutt, who was born July 18th, 1833, and died January 18th, 1883. They had three children, Sarahann Freed, born November 10th, 1859; Rhine Russell Freed, born November 17th, 1863; Weston Dodson Freed, born January 23rd, 1876, died July 25th, 1876.

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Sarah Ann Freed married Franklin S. Kriebel, son of Septimus Kriebel, November 9th, 1878. They had four children, Russel Harper Kriebel, born December 16th, 1881; Iona F. Kriebel, born July 10th, 1884, died October 17th, 1884; Mabel Frances Kriebel, born November 18th, 1886; Irma Freed Kriebel, born February 28th, 1891. Mabel Frances Kriebel, daughter of Franklin S. and Sarah Ann (Freed) Kriebel, was married to Angus Winter, son of William and Ann Winter, June 16th, 1917. They had one child, Ann Kriebel Winter, born October 11th, 1918. Sarah Ann (Freed) Kriebel died in 1923.

Rhine Russell Freed married Eunice Andrews, daughter of Andrew and Eliza Andrews, September 22nd, 1885. They have six children, Estella Freed, born August 21st, 1886, died February 18th, 1888; Evelyn A. Freed, born November 6th, 1887; Florence Lesley Freed, born November 22nd, 1889, died December 17th, 1890; Elias K. Freed, born November 26th, 1891; Corrinne Freed, born June 4th, 1898; Newton Andrews Freed, born August 20th, 1900.

Elias K. Freed, son of Rhine Russell and Eunice (Andrews) Freed, was married to Maria Rupp Hughes, daughter of John W. and Kate E. Hughes, September 12th, 1917. All North Wales.

John K. Freed, born 1836, died 1903; married Mary Alderfer, of Salford, Pa.; born 1835, died 1864. One child:

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Kate Freed, born 1863, died 1890; married Josiah Cassel. Three children, Mamie, Mina, William Cassel. Married second wife, Sarah Faust, Frederick, Pa., 1876.

John Garfield Freed, 1883; married Edna Marlin, died 1913. Two children, Marlin Freed, Marion Freed; married Cora Kneedles Moore, 1916.

Emanuel Faust Freed, 1887. All Norristown.

Mary F. Freed, daughter of Jacob D. and Anna F. Freed, was born in Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pa., September 29th, 1794. Married Benjamin Harley, a shoemaker by trade and a preacher by profession of the Brethren denomination. He was born December 5th, 1801. They lived in Upper Salford Township, Montgomery County, Pa., more than thirty years, where he followed his trade in connection with a small farm and his profession. Then they moved to Upper Providence, in the neighborhood of Royersford, where she died July 15th, 1865, buried at the Klein Meeting-house, East of Harleysville. Two children:

Anna F. Harley was born in Upper Salford Township, Montgomery County, Pa., October 19th, 1832, and died in Upper Providence, August 21st, 1884, aged 51 years, 10 months and 1 day, and is buried at the Klein Meeting-house beside her mother.

Abraham F. Harley, their son of whom I have no record, was born in Upper Salford Township, Montgomery County, Pa., about the

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year 1828 or 1830. He was a cigarmaker by trade. Married and lived at Harleysville for some time; raised a family.

Housekeeping was then abandoned. Harley then made his home with Mrs. Nice, near the Indian Creek Meetinghouse, where he died March 14th, 1890, aged 88 years, 3 months and 9 days, buried beside his family.

Jacob F. Freed, son of Jacob D. and Anna F. Freed, born December 23rd, 1796, has a short history. He died single in 1819, aged about 23 years. Is buried at the Franconia Mennonite Meetinghouse.

Anna F. Freed, daughter of Jacob D. and Anna F. Freed, was born in Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pa., December 30th, 1799, and married Eleazer Russell, probably about 1834. They bought a farm in Hilltown Township, Bucks County, Pa., where they followed farming during life. They were thrifty and industrious, and saving in their habits, by which means they saved about \$18,000 during their natural married life. They left no issue and no will, consequently the estate went to his relatives; the Freeds were left out. I will state here to his honor that he had intended to make a will, dividing the estate in two equal parts—one part to the Russel Family, and the other part to the Freeds. Delays are dangerous; he delayed too long. A stroke of paralysis disqualified him from executing the document. He rallied for some time until April 3rd, 1874,

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when death relieved him of his sufferings. Mrs. Russell died first; she was born December 30th, 1799, died January 25th, 1868, aged 68 years and 25 days. He was born about 1796, died April 3rd, 1874. Aged 78 years. They are buried at the Blooming Glen Mennonite Meetinghouse, where they held membership. Their graves are near the East end gate.

Joseph F. Freed, son of Jacob D. and Anna F. Freed, born in Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pa., June 17th, 1803. Worked on his father's farm, and I suppose helped his brother, John, weaving until 1827 when he bought part of his father's farm and built on it, and on December 18th, 1827, he married Anna Anglemoyer. She was born September 2nd, 1808. He had now a farm of his own, which he worked in connection with running a commission wagon to Philadelphia. Some years later he added a small country store, dealing in dry goods and groceries. After his son, John, was grown he took the commission wagon, and went to Philadelphia for a while, but was taken sick and died June 15th, 1854. I think the marketing business was discontinued, and also the store some years later, when they moved to the old homestead which he bought after his father's death. "Uncle Joe", as they used to call him, was one of those persons one meets only occasionally. He was strong, both physically and mentally, which prepared him for the severe trials of life; besides, he was of a reconciled disposition which enabled him to

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bear trials with patience and manly courage, which might have been beyond endurance by a weaker disposition. His wife, Anna, was of a melancholy nature. Her remains were laid to rest in the familiar cemetery at the Mennonite Meetinghouse in Franconia. She was born September 2nd, 1808, and died August 28th, 1862, aged 52 years, 11 months and 26 days. On December 31st, 1863, father married Mrs. Mary Fly, maiden name Godshalk, daughter of William and Anna (Freed) Godshalk, of New Britain Township, Bucks County, Pa. My father had six children with the first wife, and one with the second wife. As stated he was born June 17th, 1803, and died of kidney disease, July 28th, 1876, aged 73 years, 1 month and 11 days. His second wife died September 10th, 1907. Six children:

John A. Freed, born December 27th, 1829, in Franconia township, Montgomery County, Pa.; died single, June 15th, 1854, aged 24 years, 5 months and 18 days.

Anna A. Freed, born December 25th, 1831; married Franklin H. Hendricks, of Kulpville, Montgomery County, Pa.; died January 11th, 1857, aged 25 years and 17 days. Mr. Hendricks, born August 19th, 1827, died April 29th, 1859, aged 31 years, 8 months and 10 days. One child. They are all buried at Towamencin Mennonite Meetinghouse, above Kulpville, Montgomery County, Pa., a little way South of the monument erected in memory of General Nash, of North Carolina; Col. Boyd and Maj. White, of Philadelphia, and Lieut. Smith, of

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Vermont, American Officers who died in the Battle of Germantown, Pa., are buried Southward of Gen. Nash in order of the names given, on the fourth day of October, 1777. The monument was erected by generous citizens of Germantown, Pa.

Mary A. Freed, born July 3rd, 1834, in Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pa.; married Philip Hartman, who was born August 27th, 1828, died in Philadelphia and was buried May 30th, 1911, in the cemetery at Lansdale, Pa. Aged 76 years, 9 months and 6 days. She died May 26th, 1911, aged 76 years, 10 months and 23 days, buried at Lansdale, Pa. They had two children, Frank F. Hartman and Emma F. Hartman.

Henry A. Freed, son of Joseph F. and Anna A. Freed, born March 29th, 1838, died September 28th, 1846, aged 8 years, 5 months and 29 days.

Joseph A. Freed, born October 29th, 1842, died September 11th, 1847, aged 5 years, 10 months and 12 days.

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JACOB A. FREED.

Jacob Anglemoyer Freed, son of Joseph and Anna (Anglemoyer) Freed, was also born on the famous old, and often mentioned, Oberholtzer-Freed homestead in the Freed Family history, situated mostly in Franconia Township and partly on both sides of the North Branch of the Perkiomen Creek, on July 5th, 1851. When he was in his fourth year his father moved to Kulpsville to enter into the general store business, with his son-in-law, Frank Hendricks. He remained in that business only about two years when he moved back on the farm again when his son, Jacob, was in his sixth year. He remained with his father on the farm and attended the public schools, and availed himself of the opportunity to obtain an education as well as the public provided for it at that time, until he was nearly 15 years old. He was an ordinary obedient, as well as an ordinary bright scholar, as the writer of this sketch is able to testify, as I was his last or one of his last public school teachers. But he was more inclined to do work on the farm than to pursue his studies further. So he hired himself to his uncle, Eleazar Russel, who resided on the Fretz farm, in Hilltown Township, Bucks County, Pa., once the residence of Martin Fretz, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, and afterwards to other persons while he was single.

In the Winter of 1865, he attended the public school at what was then called Bergey's

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school, a little South of Morwood, when on the 2nd of February, soon after noon, a memorable incident occurred, which is very vividly remembered by the teacher, and I believe also by the pupils that are still living, which, I think, is of interest enough to give it a place in this sketch. On the aforesaid day I was busy attending to a class, and all the pupils were busy studying their lessons when, all at once, the windows and the shutters, and not only the windows and the shutters, but the whole house was shaken and trembled as if it was struck by an earthquake wave. After which everything became quiet, and every head was raised, every neck craned, and every eye turned toward me, seeking for an explanation. My first thought was of an earthquake. But on second thought, I concluded the shock was too sudden, and of too short duration for that. So I told them that it was either the explosion of a locomotive engine or of a powdermill. But I had little thought, at the time, that at that very moment several of my acquaintances were scattered in different directions by that awful explosion, and were lying dead, disfigured beyond recognition, and others so scalded and burned by the steam, red-hot coal and cinders, forced into their flesh, were writhing in agony in their death struggle whom only death could relieve from their sufferings. But we soon afterwards learned that the familiar, noble and powerful locomotive "Cheltenham" exploded at or near the crossing where now is Orvilla Station, on the North Penn Branch of the Philadelphia and Reading Rail-

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way, midway between Hatfield and Lansdale, Montgomery County, Pa., and quite near my Uncle's residence, where the dead and wounded were carried until other provisions could be made for them. The explosion was the most terrific in my experience. What made it more terrible was the fact that the boiler exploded above the large fireplace forcing all the remaining hot water and steam from that overheated caldron into the terrible bed of fire beneath, making the explosion many times more frightful. There were five men killed outright and two badly burned, but both recovered, excepting the conductor never regained his eyesight.

After Mr. Freed was married they farmed his father's farm as long as he lived. After the father's death, in 1876, Jacob bought the farm. But soon sold it again. Then bought a small home and moved in it on what is now Vine street, Hatfield Borough, Montgomery County, Pa. Remained only about five months, when he went into the butcher business at Morwood, and bought the Henry Frederick farm, near that place. In 1884, he bought the old Clemmer farm, on the Allentown Road, North of Elroy, Montgomery County, Pa., and fitted it out to carry on the butcher business in conjunction with farming. He carried on both until 1910 when he turned over the farm and butchering business to his son-in-law, Abraham F. Moyer, and moved to Elroy. In the meantime he was also extensively engaged in the chopping of wood and sawing it up into salable lumber.

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He and his wife were taken in the Mennonite Church in the year 1874. When some years later it was deemed necessary to have another Deacon the following persons were put in nomination as suitable persons, viz: Elihue Clemmer, Reuben L. Gehman, Abraham C. Moyer, Abraham F. Moyer, Abraham M. Moyer, Elias Bechtel, Abraham F. Derstein, Henry S. Kulp, John Mack, Jonas Hagey, Christian Moyer, and Jacob A. Freed. When the lot was cast it fell on Jacob A. Freed and he was ordained a Deacon of the Mennonite Congregation of Franconia on October 30th, 1884. The same position was held by his grandfather 75 years earlier. In this capacity he served faithfully ever since, and we hope he will have many more useful years. (It is somewhat a remarkable incident that Jacob A. Freed, himself in his 72nd year, could have the opportunity, 58 years after leaving the Franconia schools, to ask his old teacher, Abraham S. Rosenberger, who is in his 80th year, then of New Harper P. O., later Souderton, but now of Hatfield Borough, Montgomery County, Pa., to write his biography.)

Jacob A. Freed, the subject of this sketch, took to himself for his wife and helpmate, Lydia Lewis, and was married on January 4th, 1873. She died August 20th, 1918, aged 63 years, 8 months and 11 days. She was the daughter of Aaron Lewis, of Franconia Township. The children of Jacob A. and Lydia Freed were Joseph, Lizzie, Annie, Emma, Mary, Lydia, Susan.

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Joseph L. Freed, born November 8th, 1874, in Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pa. He had the misfortune of running a nail into his knee while he was yet a boy, the effect of it was lockjaw, from which he slowly recovered. He learned the saddler's trade, which he is still following. Lived with his parents in Franconia until he married Susan Hackman, January 29th, 1898; then they built a new house and shop on the same farm fronting the Allentown Road. His wife died October 30th, 1918, aged 40 years, 3 months and 1 day. She and her daughter, Erma, were buried in one grave at the Franconia Mennonite Meeting-house. Children, Sophia, Lydia, Blanche, Jacob, Susan, Joseph, twins born January 5th, 1916, boy and a girl, one lived one hour, the other five hours.

Sophia H. Freed, born April 2nd, 1902, married Jonas Hagey, May 10th, 1919. Died May 16th, 1923. Aged 21 years, 1 month, 14 days. Three children:

Beatrice F. Hagey, born September 10th, 1919.

Mary F. Hagey, born February 7th, 1921, died December 27th, 1921.

Velma F. Hagey, born December 25th, 1921.

Lydia H. Freed, born December 11th, 1904.

Blanche H. Freed, born June 26th, 1907.

Jacob H. Freed, born November 26th, 1909.

Susan H. Freed, born August 1st, 1911.

Joseph H. Freed, born August 2nd, 1913.

Erma H. Freed, born June 23rd, 1917, died October 30th, 1918, aged 1 year, 4 months and

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7 days, and was buried with her mother in her arm.

Lizzie L. Freed, born January 29th, 1876, in Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pa.; married Allen M. Nice. She died December 8th, 1898, aged 22 years, 10 months and 8 days. Buried at Franconia. One child, Vincent F. Nice, born July 8th, 1895.

Annie L. Freed, born August 28th, 1877, died March 23rd, 1895, aged 17 years, 6 months and 23 days.

Emma L. Freed, born August 22nd, 1881; married Henry M. Nyce, farmer and carpenter, Elroy, Pa. Died July 10th, 1919, aged 37 years, 10 months and 18 days. Five children:

Jacob F. Nyce, born September 22nd, 1902.

Norman F. Nyce, born February 24th, 1909.

Emma F. Nyce, born February 2nd, 1911.

Mary Ellen F. Nyce, born July 7th, 1916.

Miriam F. Nyce, born May 7th, 1919, died July 6th, 1919, aged 1 month and 29 days.

Mary L. Freed, born April 9th, 1879, died September 14th, 1879, aged 5 months and 5 days.

Lydia L. Freed, born May 3rd, 1883; married March 15th, 1902, to Abraham F. Moyer, born February 25th, 1881. He bought her father's farm and follows farming and butchering. Four children:

Nelson F. Moyer, born February 15th, 1904.

Jacob F. Moyer, born September 5th, 1908.

Abraham F. Moyer, born May 22nd, 1912.

Curtis F. Moyer, born September 12th, 1923.

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Susan L. Freed, born May 6th, 1885; married Irwin C. Kulp. Two children:

Lizzie F. Kulp, born February 2nd, 1909; died January 12th, 1910, aged 7 months and 10 days.

Eva F. Kulp, born October 19th, 1911.-

William G. Freed, son of Joseph F. and Mary (Godshalk) Freed, born June 22nd, 1867, in Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pa. This is a son of the second wife of my father and married Amelia Linsenbigler, January 4th, 1890; she was born October 24th, 1873. They live at Souderton, Pa. Six children:

Mary L. Freed, born February 27th, 1891, in Franconia; married William K. Hockman. They live in Souderton, Pa. One child:

Walter, born December, 1911.

Alvin L. Freed, born April 23rd, 1892.

Jacob L. Freed, born May 3rd, 1894.

William L. Freed, born January 17th, 1900.

Lloyd L. Freed, born October 31st, 1903.

Anna L. Freed, born December 17th, 1909.

Abraham F. Freed, son of Jacob D. and Anna (Fry) Freed, born February 13th, 1806, in Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pa., on part of the old Hans Freed homestead, which his father bought of his brother, John, on August 13th, 1791, (40 acres for 275 pounds) and built thereon.

Children of Abraham F. Freed and Mary K. Godshalk Freed:

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Elizabeth G. Freed, born April 29th, 1830, married Charles Hallman, died October 15th, 1853, aged 23 years, 5 months and 16 days.

Enos G. Freed, born May 17th, 1832, married Elizabeth Bealer, died February 21st, 1854, aged 21 years, 9 months and 4 days.

Isaac G. Freed, born January 2nd, 1834, married Miranda L. Seese, died July 2nd, 1918.

William G. Freed, born September 8th, 1835, married Lydia Moyer, died September 23rd, 1913, aged 78 years and 15 days.

Abraham G. Freed, born September 16th, 1837, married Catharine Hepler, died March 10th, 1912, aged 74 years, 5 months and 25 days.

Mary G. Freed, born October 27th, 1839, married George Hartzell, died March 26th, 1859, aged 19 years, 5 months and 2 days.

John G. Freed, born October 29th, 1841, married Mary or Polly Holliday, they had one child, a girl. They are both dead, wife and child. He was married again to Delila Wiegnes. Died December 4th, 1914, aged 73 years, 1 month and 6 days.

Jacob G. Freed, born February 5th, 1844, married Emaline Bauman, died February 20th, 1905, aged 61 years and 15 days.

Elizabeth G. Freed, oldest daughter, born April 29th, 1830. She remained with her father or, perhaps I should say, at home till after grandfather died, and the farm was sold, and moved to Harleysville, where she remained. Married Charles Hallman on Saturday, September 11th, 1853, and five weeks after, Saturday,

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October 15th, 1853, she died of typhoid fever, aged 23 years, 5 months and 16 days. Buried at the Franconia Mennonite Meetinghouse.

Enos G. Freed, born May 17th, 1832, stayed on the homestead till about 16 years old when he went to Samuel Kriebel's to learn the wheelwright trade; after completing his apprenticeship he came to Harleysville and started a shop there, carrying on carriage building until the Spring of 1853, when he went to Green Lane, where he stayed till in the Fall of the same year. On Tuesday, July 5th, 1853, he married Elizabeth Bealer, daughter of Abraham Bealer. They never went to housekeeping. In the Fall he was weakened by the ravages of tuberculosis to disable him to work, and he came home to Harleysville, where he died, Tuesday, February 21st, 1854, aged 21 years, 9 months and 4 days, buried at Franconia. No issue. His widow afterward married Samuel Fluck, in Philadelphia. He died some years ago. She lives with her daughter.

Isaac G. Freed, born January 2nd, 1834; raised to manhood nearby; a shoemaker, surveyor, school teacher, inventor, business man, historian. Lived most of his life at North Wales. Baptist. In 1859 he married Miranda L. Seese, of Plumstead, Bucks County, died 1893. Children: Ida May Freed, born February 24th, 1862, married Joseph S. Morris, of North Wales, died October 4th, 1913; one child, John Freed Morris, born June 9th, 1902. Isaac G. Freed died July 2nd, 1918. Buried in Wales Junction Cemetery.

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William G. Freed, born September 8th, 1835. When he was about 13 years old he went to William Moyer's to help to do a boy's work on the farm; he stayed there about two years, then he came home to learn the wheelwright trade with his brother Enos. After Enos went to Green Lane he took charge of the shop at home. On Sunday, March 16th, 1862, he married Lydia Moyer, of Worcester, Montgomery County, Pa. He then built a house and a wheelwright shop on the opposite side of the street of his father; there he carried on the trade for a number of years, till he tired of the business and chose the farm as the most agreeable. He sold out his business and moved on his father-in-law's farm, where they stayed several years; then bought a neighbor's farm, in Worcester Township, Montgomery County, Pa., where they abode until his demise, September 23rd, 1913, aged 78 years and 15 days. He is buried at the Towamencin Mennonite Meetinghouse, above Kulpsville, Montgomery County, Pa. The heirs then disposed at public sale the real estate and personal property, Hiram Kriebel buying the farm. The widow moved to Souderton, living with Abraham C. Kulp, her son-in-law, until she died. They were greeted by seven children, two of them died in infancy.

Mary was born in Harleysville, April 26th, 1863, and died August 27th, 1865, aged 2 years, 4 months and 1 day.

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Jemima, born May 31st, 1864, and died November 18th, 1864, aged 5 months and 17 days.

Both buried at the Franconia Mennonite Meetinghouse.

The following named children are living:

Lizzie M. Freed, born December 24th, 1865, in Harleysville, Montgomery County. Moved with her parents to Worcester where she stayed with her parents on the farm till February 26th, 1887, when she married Herman G. Delp. He was born January 7th, 1863, in Franconia. Farmers. Mennonites. Reside in the North corner of Towamencin. Children: William F. Delp, born October 14th, 1895, in Towamencin; Abraham F. Delp, born October 26th, 1897, died October 30th, 1898, aged 1 year and 4 days; Esther F. Delp, born October 8th, 1899, in Towamencin.

Anna M. Freed, born September 17th, 1867, married Abraham C. Kulp, painter and paper-hanger by trade, January 7th, 1888. He was born May 7th, 1865. She died February 6th, 1923, aged 55 years, 4 months, 19 days. Buried at Franconia Mennonite Meetinghouse. Four children:

Mattie F. Kulp, born November 22nd, 1888. Married Allen M. Landis, June 3rd, 1905. Seven children:

Marvin K. Landis, born October 7th, 1905.

Abram K. Landis, born February 17th, 1908.

Henry K. Landis, born October 17th, 1910, died May 31st, 1911.

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Verna K. Landis, born December 10th, 1912.
Miriam K. Landis, born December 5th, 1915.
Earnest K. Landis, born September 26th, 1918.

Allen K. Landis, born October 27th, 1920.

Alvin F. Kulp, born January 12th, 1890.
Married Mamie D. Derstein, August 6th, 1910.
She was born October 2nd, 1891. He died October 29th, 1923. Buried at Franconia Mennonite Meetinghouse. Farmers. Lived a short distance West of Souderton. Six children:

Pearl D. Kulp, born February 28th, 1912.

Linneaus D. Kulp, born April 30th, 1913.

Rowland D. Kulp, born August 22nd, 1917.

Abram D. Kulp, born April 1st, 1919, died July 5th, 1921.

Anna D. and Alma D. Kulp, twins, born June 19th, 1922.

Linneus F. Kulp, born October 19th, 1893.
Married Katie D. Moyer, October 24th, 1915.
Three children:

Ruth M. Kulp, born June 11th, 1917.

Stanley M. Kulp, born November 17th, 1919.

J. Wesley M. Kulp, born March 29th, 1923.

William F. Kulp, born October 31st, 1895.
Married Elsie D. Clemens, June 18th, 1916.
Two children:

Homer C. Kulp, born December 28th, 1916.

Robert C. Kulp, born September 9th, 1920.

Mattie F. (Moyer) Freed, daughter of William G. and Lydia (Moyer) Freed, born September 29th, 1870, in Worcester Township, Montgomery County, Pa., and married Henry

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K. Nice, February 21st, 1891, a grocer and provision merchant in Norristown, who died February 4th, 1908, aged 41 years, 3 months and 24 days. Interred at the Plain Mennonite Meetinghouse. She with the children moved to Souderton, Pa. Children: Bessie F. Nice, born September 9th, 1892, in Franconia, married Jesse Underkoffler; twin sons, one still born, the other Harry F. Nice, born October 31st, 1895, married Sara P. Corey, of Troy, Pa., April 14th, 1917, now living in North Carolina; Leroy F. Nice, born January 12th, 1903; Eva F. Nice and Ada F., twin sisters, born August 3rd, 1905, in Norristown, Pa.

Lydia M. Freed, born August 8th, 1871, in Worcester, married Henry A. Alderfer, November 14th, 1901, son of Abraham B. and Helena (Allebach) Alderfer, born March 8th, 1874, in Lower Salford Township, Montgomery County, Pa. He was with his brother, Christian, in partnership in men's shoes and furnishing goods, in Souderton, Pa.; their place of residence is now at Bluffton, O. They had four children:

Harold F. Alderfer, born February 1st, 1903.

Pearl F. Alderfer, born August 19th, 1904, died September 20th, 1904, interment September 25th, in the Hillside cemetery, Souderton, Pa.

Henry Walton F. Alderfer, born January 27th, 1908.

Everett Gordon F. Alderfer, born September 27th, 1915.

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William M. Freed, born October 7th, 1874. Married Ella May Z. Kriebel, March 8th, 1911. She was born October 23rd, 1876.

Abraham G. Freed, son of Abraham F. and Mary Freed, born in Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pa., September 16th, 1837; he was but 6 years old when his mother died. A mischievous, lively little boy. The family moved to Harleysville, then my father took him. He stayed there till he was 16 years old, then he went to learn the shoemaker trade with John Landis, at Freeland, now Collegeville. After serving his apprenticeship, he went to Philadelphia to work at his trade a year or two, then left the city and came to Kulpsville and went in partnership with Mr. Romig in the general merchandise business and running a produce wagon to Philadelphia once a week. After retiring from the store, he rented the upper hotel in Kulpsville; while at hotel he married Catharine Hepler, of Frederick Township, Montgomery County, Pa.; this was on the 15th day of June, 1860. They stayed at the hotel a few years; while there Alice was born, March 18th, 1861, and died the same year, buried at Lansdale Cemetery. From the hotel they moved a little farther up the street. There they started a cigar factory. The business was remunerative until the close of the Civil War with the South in 1865, when there was a general failure in the tobacco trade. After getting out of that business, they moved to Philadelphia to engage again in the hotel business, at Third

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and Vine streets. After changing business around for several years in the city, they bought a hotel in Lansdale, Pa. They kept the hotel many years, sold it and built another and made many improvements. June 7th, 1880, he bought ground and started the Lansdale Cemetery, which he afterward sold to a company. It is now a well known burying place. Children:

A daughter, born March 20th, 1862, and died July 26th, 1862, aged 4 months and 6 days, buried at Lansdale.

Emma H. Freed, born in 1863, in Kulpville, Pa., married Joseph W. Moyer; they live in Washington, D. C. In the real estate business. They have three girls living. A son, 14 years old, was accidentally shot by a comrade, March 12th, 1898, and instantly killed, on the bank of the Potomac; buried at Lansdale, Pa.

Lillie H. Freed, born in 1866, grew up rather delicate into womanhood, never very strong. Married Henry F. Sheetz, a Director of the Presbyterian Publishing Co., of Philadelphia. They have four boys living. Also had a daughter, Dorothy, born January 7th, 1893, died February 19th, 1894, aged 1 year, 1 month and 7 days, buried at Lansdale, Pa. Residence, Wyncote, Montgomery County, Pa.

Mary G. Freed, daughter of Abraham F. and Mary Freed, born in Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pa., October 24th, 1839, and moved with the family to Harleysville, where she grew to womanhood and married George Hartzell, January 13th, 1858. They

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moved to Philadelphia, where he followed his trade, wheelwright. She was tubercular, but might have lived some time on that account; to this physical weakness, confinement was added, a child was still born. The complication was too much for her weak condition. She died March 26th, 1859, buried at the Franconia Mennonite Meetinghouse, aged 19 years, 5 months and 2 days. He died October 3rd, 1909, aged 77 years, 6 months and 26 days. Buried at the Indian Creek Reformed Church.

John G. Freed, son of Abraham F. and Mary Freed, born in Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pa., October 29th, 1841. His mother died when he was 2 years old. He went to Uncle John Freed till 16 years old when he returned home to learn wheelwrighting with his brother, William. Worked at his trade in Philadelphia and in 1861 started in carriage business in North Wales, Pa. After the death of his father he closed his business and took a short course in dentistry. Went to Huntingdon to practice, married there Polly Holliday. After living in North Wales a short time, Polly and the baby went to Huntingdon and he to war. After the battle of Petersburg he was sent to the rear and engaged in dentistry as his part of military duties. After his discharge he settled in Luzerne County, Pa. His first wife died, and then married Delila J. Weignes and raised a family. The day before Thanksgiving Day he did some work in his shop, then went to Glen Lyon to spend the holiday with his

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daughters. On his way there, his leaking heart became worse; they took him home and on the 4th day of December he died, aged 73 years, 1 month and 6 days, buried in the Shickshinny Cemetery, on the mountain. He left a widow, two sons and five daughters, all married as follows:

Lillian Freed, born September 17th, 1872, in Shickshinny, Luzerne County, Pa., married Stephen D. Stackhouse, December 29th, 1891. He was born July 11th, 1866. Residence, Glen Lyon, Pa. Children:

Clyde F. Stackhouse, born March 11th, 1893.

Lester F. Stackhouse, born August 11th, 1894.

Marie F. Stackhouse, born September 26th, 1896.

Hazel F. Stackhouse, born February 16th, 1899.

Audrey F. Stackhouse, born September, 1902.

Zerbyn F. Stackhouse, born June 22nd, 1907.

Anna V. Freed, born January 14th, 1875, married Jacob Cease, January 1st, 1895. He was born April 7th, 1873. Residence, Nanticoke, Pa. Children:

John Henry F. Cease, born October 19th, 1898, died January 10th, 1902. Shickshinny, Pa.

Beatrice Alberta F. Cease, born August 16th, 1900.

Violetta Freeda F. Cease, born August 21st, 1902.

Jacob Leroy F. Cease, born April 6th, 1904.

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Vincent Arthur F. Cease, born September 21st, 1905.

Florence Thelua F. Cease, born December 21st, 1909.

Virgie Freed, married John Freeby. Residence, Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, Pa. He died April 28th, 1913.

Fannie W. Freed, born July 17th, 1881, married William F. Nagle on June 12th, 1901. He was born April 10th, 1877. Superintendent of the coal breaker at Glen Lyon, Luzerne County, Pa. They had one child named Leatha Fannie F. Nagle, born June 13th, 1909.

Myrtle W. Freed, born July 27th, 1881. When grown to womanhood she married Fred Brown, 1903. Residence, Buffalo, N. Y. Children:

Clades F. Brown, born 1904.

Philis F. Brown, born 1908.

Fred F. Brown, born 1910.

Beulah F. Brown, born 1913.

Charles Vincent W. Freed, born May 5th, 1884. Business, confectionery. Married Lydia R. Jones, December 12th, 1905. She was born February 3rd, 1885. Residence, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Children:

Verne Elizabeth J. Freed, born November 25th, 1903, in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Donald Clayton J. Freed, born February 5th, 1908.

John Carl W. Freed, an electrician, born August 22nd, 1889, married Belle Snyder, February 15th, 1913. She was born July 7th, 1889. No issue.

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Violetta W. Freed, the youngest daughter of John G. and Delila J. (Weignes) Freed, born March 12th, 1892, married Oster Becker, November 23rd, 1910. He was born July 13th, 1881. Residence, Glen Lyon, Luzerne County, Pa. Children:

Earl F. Becker, born January 10th, 1912.

Gilbert F. Becker, born March 8th, 1914.

Eva Lula W. Freed, born December 5th, 1886, died December 17th, 1887, aged 1 year and 12 days, buried at Shickshinny, Pa.

Jacob G. Freed, the youngest son of Abraham F. and Mary (Godshalk) Freed, born February 5th, 1844, in Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pa., on the old homestead. His mother died on the 11th of the same month. He was but 6 days old then. After the funeral Mrs. Benjamin Harley, father's sister, took him home with her. They kept him till he was 16 years old, then he came home to Harleysville, where he learned cigar making with his cousin, Abraham F. Harley. When his father's health failed, he stayed at home to attend the lumber yard and the work generally at home. After the death of his father he went to work at his trade. Grown into manhood he married Ema-line Bauman, October 11th, 1864. They lived in different places prior to their settlement in Boyertown, Berks County, Pa., their present home. They had nine children, only three are living, viz.: Vincent, Walter and Mary.

Vincent B. Freed, born November 11th, 1869. Occupation, cigar maker. Married Minerva Ely. They built themselves a com-

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modious house in Boyertown, Pa.; they are both industrious and saving. Everything is kept neat and tidy at their home. No issue.

Walter B. Freed, born September 18th, 1875. By profession, Attorney-at-Law, with office in Reading, Pa., where he has a good practice. He owns a house and lot in Boyertown. He gathers up a good deal of practice in his home town. He lived in his house with his mother and sister till January 3rd, 1917, when he married Mrs. E. Laura Berger, and they went to housekeeping in Boyertown, Pa.

Mary B. Freed, born October 3rd, 1881. Single, Notary Public, stenographer and typist in an insurance office in Boyertown, Pa. She lives with her mother, a pious and devoted Christian.

Dead of the family:

Jacob G. Freed, the father, died February 20th, 1905, aged 61 years and 15 days.

Alice B. Freed, born September 3rd, 1863, died November 15th, 1869, aged 6 years, 2 months and 12 days.

Sallie B. Freed, born October 13th, 1867, died September 9th, 1880, aged 12 years, 11 months and 26 days.

Emma B. Freed, born February 16th, 1873, died August 3rd, 1873, aged 5 months and 18 days.

Katie B. Freed, born February 1877, died December 1st, 1881, aged 3 years, 9 months and 25 days.

Rufus B. Freed, born March 4th, 1880, died August 3rd, 1880, aged 5 months and 1 day.

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Lottie B. Freed, born December 24th, 1883, died February 18th, 1885, aged 1 year, 2 months and 22 days.

They are all buried in the Boyertown Union Cemetery and their graves marked with headstones.

Catharine F. Freed, daughter of Jacob D. and Anna F. Freed, was born in Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pa., February 8th, 1809, on the old homestead on the North branch of the Perkiomen. While yet young she married John O. Shutt, of Lower Salford Township, Montgomery County, Pa., carpenter by trade. They lived along the North branch of the Perkiomen near the meetinghouse, where they followed farming in connection with his trade. When aged and infirm they moved to Kulpsville to live with their daughter, Catharine (Mrs. Joseph Eisenhart), where she died April 21st, 1882, aged 73 years, 2 months and 13 days. His demise followed soon after on December 28th, 1883, aged 81 years, 4 months and 18 days. They were buried at the Lower Salford Mennonite Meetinghouse. They had six children, four boys and two girls, Jacob, Francis, Abraham, Isaiah, Mary and Catharine.

Jacob F. Shutt, born September 22nd, 1829, in Lower Salford Township, Montgomery County, Pa., on the Shutt homestead, here to spend his boyhood days. Learned the shoemaker trade, started a shoeshop, established himself in business, then married Carolina Boorse,

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daughter of Jonas and Elizabeth Boorse, October 14th, 1852. They lived near the Lower Salford Meetinghouse where he followed his trade till 1861, when they moved to Norristown, Pa., where he engaged in the coal business, opposite the Farmers' Hotel, on Main street; died April 7th, 1893, aged 63 years, 7 months and 15 days. Interment at Lower Salford Meetinghouse. Their oldest daughter, born in Lower Salford Township, Montgomery County, Pa., July 18th, 1853, and married Frank Baucher, of Reading, Berks County, Pa., in 1872. He left her and the children.

Isadora, another daughter, born April 18th, 1856, died at the age of 3 years, 3 months and 25 days.

Francis F. Shutt, born February, 1832, in the Shutt homestead. He had no special trade. Married Ellen Bersher in 1864. They lived first in Norristown, Pa., then moved to Philadelphia, where his wife died, leaving a boy and a girl. Some time after he married Sallie Reed, of Green Lane, Pa., his second wife.

Mary F. Shutt, born in Lower Salford, Montgomery County, Pa., October 5th, 1833. While yet young, she married Joseph Rosenberger, 1851. They lived near Hockertown, Pa., during their short married life. She died there, May 5th, 1854, aged 20 years and 7 months. No issue. Buried at the Lower Salford Mennonite Meetinghouse, in the lot with her parents.

Catharine F. Shutt, born on the Shutt homestead, 1836, and stayed with her parents till grown, when she married Joseph Eisenhart.

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He was born 1837. They lived and owned his father's place in Kulpsville, Pa. He ran a commission wagon to Philadelphia in his younger years, but later engaged in the red brick burning business. They remained on the homestead till separated by death. He died in 1899, aged 62 years. She died in 1907, aged 71 years. Children:

Irvin S. Eisenhart, born in Kulpsville, Pa., died June 4th, 1910. He and his parents are buried in the Union Cemetery at the Reformed Church, above Kulpsville, Pa.

The following named children are buried at the Lower Salford Mennonite Meetinghouse: Almira S. Eisenhart, born July 29th, 1855, died August 18th, 1859, aged 4 years and 20 days; Isaiah S. Eisenhart, born April 8th, 1864, died July 17th, 1869, aged 5 years, 3 months and 9 days; Minerva S. Eisenhart, born November 25th, 1857, died October 15th, 1870, aged 12 years, 10 months and 22 days.

Isaiah F. Shutt, born March 17th, 1852, in Lower Salford Township, Montgomery County, Pa. Learned the wheelwright trade, worked at different places, lived for a time in Norristown, Pa., but absented himself there without leaving any information as to his destination. He later turned up in New Pittsburg, Wayne County, O., where he married Sophia Wile, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Wile, late of Pennsylvania, on April 21st, 1877. She was born September 29th, 1854, and died March 21st, 1906, buried in New Pittsburg Cemetery, O. He died in 1919. They have one child:

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Olive M. Shutt, born February 7th, 1878, in New Pittsburg, O. She married Franklin R. Snader, October 18th, 1900. They have two children:

Lois Adelaide Snader, born November 1st, 1902.

Wynton Shutt Snader, born November 27th, 1907.

Abraham F. Shutt, born October 19th, 1841, and died November 17th, 1848, aged 7 years and 29 days, buried at the Lower Salford Mennonite Meetinghouse. Rev. J. Bergey and H. Nice preached the funeral sermons.

OMISSION

Lydia F. Nyce, oldest child of Henry M. Nyce and Emma L. Freed, was born November 1st, 1899. Married Jonas F. Freed April 21st, 1918. He was born April 11th, 1896.

FREY FAMILY

Heinrich Frey came from Holland to America as an adventurer, about the year 1675, settled himself near Germantown, Pa., bought some ground lots in the vicinity when everything was yet in a wild state, and the ground covered with huckleberry bushes. Two other men arrived with him at the same time. One was a married man, who had left a wife and children in the old country, until they were prepared for them. Then the aforesaid man went to Holland and brought his wife and children to America. He had a grown-up daughter, whom Heinrich Frey took as his common law wife by a written agreement and witnesses as there was no minister or other constituted authority to perform the ceremony. Heinrich Frey was a bachelor old enough to be the father of his wife. Yet there were nine children born to them during their wedlock. They resided for a time in the original settlement. Then at a certain time they went on a hunting and exploring trip with the object to become more familiar with the surrounding country. They went North until they came to the Towamencin Creek, in Towamencin Township, Montgomery County, Pa., where they were delighted and charmed with the beauties of the scenery. The valley of the creek was decorated with flowers

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and inhabited by Indians, and studded with their tents. So they decided to move there. In 1709, they moved to the place now owned and occupied by Erwin L. Kulp (1922) where he builded himself a cabin on the South side of the Towamencin Creek. And later, according to the date of the deed, March 26th, 1713, 200 acres of land was deeded to him in Towamencin Township for 33 pounds. On the other side of the creek lived an Indian Chief with whom the Frey family soon became very friendly. Frey soon learned the Indian language so that he could converse with them. The Indians supplied the Freys with meat and fish in exchange for flour and potatoes. One night Frey stayed late with the Indian Chief and his wife. The squaw withdrew early in the evening without any suspicion on Frey's part. Early the next morning the squaw came barefooted wading through the Towamencin Creek, the water reaching to her knees, to show her new-born babe. Frey was a turner by trade, but handy in all kinds of woodwork—a genius. He made the first plow and imported the first span of horses from Sweden, with it he turned the first furrow in Towamencin Township. Frey was a personal friend of John Kelpius, who was at that time engaged in teaching school, and pretending to be very pious; and a poet. He preferred to live the life of a hermit which he partly accomplished in a cave at the Schuylkill River. He pretended to be the possessor of the magician or philosophers stone. At the decline of life, he left the cave and came into the

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neighborhood of the Freys, where he applied at the house of a poor woman, to stay all night. The woman replied that she was poor and had but one bed. Kelpius answered that he would sleep on the floor. His request was granted. And at the proper time they retired for the night. At about midnight the poor woman was aroused by a noise of hammering in the house. She arose and found Kelpius had cut her little copper kettle all in strips. For this the woman accused him for rendering her evil for the good she had extended to him. He replied that she should go to rest, assuring her that in the morning all should be changed into pure gold. Then she should sell this and pay her debts, and she should or would have enough left to supply all her needs as long as she lived. We have no record of what became of the scraps. Mr. Frey took Mr. Kelpius and builded a hut for him, which he occupied until his death. But previous to his death he said to Mr. Frey, "The time of my departure is at hand. And I have one request to make to you which I wish you would grant to me. It is this: will you take the magician stone and throw it in the Schuylkill River?" Mr. Frey promised to do so, thinking that would satisfy him. But when Mr. Frey came to the hut again, Kelpius said to him, "Did you throw the stone into the Schuylkill River?" To this Mr. Frey answered affirmatively. Kelpius said, "What was the result?" "Result!" said Mr. Frey, "There was no more result than from any other stone." To this Kelpius said, "You did not throw the stone

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in the river. Now go and do it, it will do you no good to keep it." Not wishing to try further deception Mr. Frey went and did as he was bidden to do by Mr. Kelpius. This time when he returned to the hut and was asked again, "What was the result?" Mr. Frey replied, "Like a distant thunderbolt." "Now I believe it," said Mr. Kelpius. He predicted the day on which he would die; true to the day he died.

John Frey, who lived in Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pa., was the son of Heinrich Frey, the subject of the foregoing biography. He died October 23rd, 1766, and his wife, Mary, died August 31st, 1766; both are buried at the Franconia Mennonite Meeting-house.

Henry Frey, a son of John Frey, of Franconia, married Mary Hendrich and lived in Hatfield Township, Montgomery County, Pa., who had a daughter, Ann, born 1766, who married Jacob Freed, son of John and Susanna (Detweiler) Freed on March 31st, 1789, and died 1821, aged 55 years. (For her descendants refer to the Freed lineage).

FRETZ FAMILY

A portion of the history of the Fretz Family as far as it relates to the ancestors and descendants of the grandmother of Jacob A. Freed, of Elroy, follows:

John Fretz, one of the pioneer ancestors of the numerous family of that name, who settled in Bucks County, Pa., married Barbara Meyer who was born about 1710, soon after the first quarter of the 18th Century, and who emigrated with his brother, Christian Fretz, and a third brother (name unknown, who died on the voyage) from near the City of Manheim, in the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, formerly known as the Palatinate, or Rhenish Prussia.

It is quite evident that the Fretz brothers landed at the Port of Philadelphia, and in all probability arrived there some time between the years 1700 and 1720. It is said that they came to this country during what was known as "the last persecution." They were given the alternative of connecting themselves with the State Church or leave the country, and with many others of their countrymen they chose, rather than to give up their religious liberty, to leave the "Fatherland," the land of their birth, the homes of their kindred and friends, the graves of their ancestors, and all the hallowed associations of the home and country of their nativity,

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and found for themselves a home in a strange and far-off land where they could worship God "under their own vine and fig tree," according to the dictates of their own conscience without fear or molestation. They came about 30 or 40 years before the French and Indian War, when the country was but sparsely settled, the inconveniences great, and the equally dangerous Red Man infested the land. They were still living during the period when some of the great subjects, which eventually led to the War of the Revolution were being agitated, and their children were settled with families during the bloody struggle for independence.

It is not known where they at first settled. It is said that they came with the Meyer ancestors, and they, no doubt, settled somewhere in Montgomery County, Pa., for a time, and later permanently settled in Bucks County. John Fretz located in what was then Plumstead Township, but now Bedminster, on what is known as the old Fretz homestead, one mile Northeast of Bedminsterville, now owned by Ely Fretz and occupied by his son, Mahlon M. Fretz. The homestead originally consisted of 230 acres of land, which John Fretz purchased of Bartholomew Longstreth in 1737 or 1738, for which he paid 106 pounds, the release being given in the latter year in the month of May. The tract had a house, barn and other buildings, but was surrounded on all sides by vacant and unimproved wild land.

John Fretz was a weaver by trade and was known as "Weaver John." Of his public ser-

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vices nothing is known of especial interest, further than that he was one of the committee to form the new Township of Bedminster in 1741.

John Fretz and wife, Barbara, and their immediate descendants were Mennonites and worshipped at Deep Run, first in the old log Church, built about 1746, and later in the old stone Church, built about 1766, and which stood for over 100 years. They no doubt aided in erecting these Churches, both by contributing of their means and labor, and from the latter their remains were carried to their last earthly resting place in the cemetery adjoining.

John Fretz died in 1772, probably in February. His last will and testament was dated January 20th, 1772, and was probated on March 3rd of the same year, which shows he died between the two dates given. The provisions of the will were that his son, Christian, should have the farm and pay 800 pounds and each of the children were to have equal shares, except the sum of 60 pounds which was to be distributed among the children of his first wife, and which came from their grandfather (on the mother's side). To the widow, Maria, his second wife, was willed 100 pounds, of which she was to receive the interest as long as she remained his widow. She was to have the house in which George White lived at that time.

The children of John and Barbara Fretz were John, Jacob, Christian, Abraham, Elizabeth.

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Christian Fretz, born in 1734, married Barbara Overholt in 1757. She was born November 20th, 1737. Their married life ran through a course of 46 years. He died May 1st, 1803. His wife survived him 20 years, and died May 8th, 1823. It is a noteworthy fact that at the time of her death she was the mother of 12 children, had 109 grandchildren and 103 great-grandchildren.

Previous to his father's death, Christian lived on what is known as the Isaac Fretz homestead, in Tinicum Township, Bucks County, Pa. He was one of the executors of his father's estate, and inherited the old homestead, in Bedminster, under the conditions mentioned in the will, and where he subsequently lived and died. To the homestead he added, in 1793, by purchase from his son, John, the tract known as "Poor Fields," which consisted of about 30 acres.

In his day the Indians were yet quite numerous and often quite troublesome. It is related that he had a very fine horse, to which the Indians took a particular fancy and wanted to buy it, but he would not sell the animal. The Indians, however, determined to have the horse, came by night and stole it. Some time after he ascertained where the horse was, he went to the Indian camp. Arriving at evening, and seeing the horse turned out to pasture, he concealed himself until slumber had fallen upon the inhabitants of the wigwam. The Indians had a custom of just before retiring for the

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night to go outside of their wigwams, shout and make a great noise to frighten away the wild beast. Knowing this to be the signal for retiring he waited until he thought they were sound asleep, then entered the lot, secured the horse and returned home with it.

He and his wife were members of the Mennonite Church and worshipped in the ever-memorable old stone Church at Deep Run, which was the oldest Mennonite edifice in Bucks County. Children: John, Agnes, Joseph, Henry (Martin), Jacob, Abraham, Isaac, Barbara, Christian, Mary and Elizabeth.

Martin Fretz, born in Bedminster Township, Bucks County, Pa., August 9th, 1764, died September 26th, 1835. His wife was the great-great-grandmother of the author of this history. Farmer and linseed oil manufacturer. Lived in Hilltown Township, Bucks County, Pa., near Yost's mill, on a farm now occupied by Jacob Smith. He was an honest, upright man, and held in high esteem. As a Christian he endeavored faithfully to discharge his religious duties in all of which he was conscientiously strict. He never allowed any member of his family to leave the Church before the benediction was pronounced. An adage of his was: "Wer naus geht vor dem seggen, geht dem fluch entgegen." He was twice married. His first wife was Anna Kratz. She was born September 11th, 1768, died June 24th, 1816. Mennonites. Had 15 children: Barbara, Mary, Agnes, Betsey, Betsey, Nancy,

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Veronica, Martin, Martin, Susanna, Silas, Veronica, Catharine, Leah, Rachel. Martin married second wife, Anna Licy. No issue.

Mary Fretz, born February 1788, died February 9th, 1859, married Henry Anglemoyer, October, 1807. Died March 23rd, 1865. Farmer. Mennonite. Children: Ann, Elizabeth, Mary, Susan, Leah, Martin, Rachel, Barbara, Catharine, Henry, Samuel. Of which number Anna Anglemoyer married Joseph F. Freed, of Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pa., on December 18th, 1827. Her descendants can be traced in the Freed History.

MOYER FAMILY

(As related to the Author.)

Rudolph Moyer, born April 16th, 1785, died November 23rd, 1871. Married Barbara Fretz in 1807.

Of the descendants of the first child, Mary, we record under "Fretz Family."

Martin Moyer, the second child, was born October 3rd, 1809. Married Catharine Hunsicker on September 27th, 1835. She died January 9th, 1839. Farmers. Mennonites. One child from this union, Rudolph. Martin Moyer married for his second wife Elizabeth Moyer on November 26th, 1839. Children: Catharine, Hannah, Barbara, Jacob, Enos, Abraham, William, Isaiah.

Rudolph H. Moyer, born December 25th, 1836, married Anna Kulp, December 25th, 1862. She died March 11th, 1875. He married for his second wife, Mary Ann Kulp, October 31st, 1875. Farmer. Mennonites. Children, all by first wife:

Emma K. Moyer, born March 9th, 1866, died February 11th, 1889, married Milton Stover. Children: Katie, died in infancy; Arthur.

Allen K. Moyer, born January 25th, 1868, died June 20th, 1884.

Elizabeth K. Moyer, born August 4th, 1869, married Samuel Rohr, June 15th, 1889.

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Ellen K. Moyer, born December 9th, 1870.

Leidy K. Moyer, born July 26th, 1872, died July 8th, 1873.

Catharine M. Moyer, born in New Britain Township, Bucks County, Pa., December 14th, 1840, married Isaiah Summers, December 22nd, 1861. Liveryman. Lutherans. Children:

Harvey M. Summers, born March 2nd, 1867. Employed in sawmill at Mt. Tabor, Columbia County, N. C. Lutheran.

Lizzie M. Summers, born September 2nd, 1864, died March 19th, 1865.

Edwin M. Summers, born November 30th, 1868. Employed brass foundry. Lutheran.

Willie M. Summers, born March 18th, 1870, died August 24th, 1870.

Ellie M. Summers, born April 1st, 1871. Lutheran.

Martha M. Summers, born January 11th, 1879.

Hannah M. Moyer, born Bucks County, Pa., May 12th, 1843, married John W. Lapp, September 2nd, 1871. He died September 27th, 1873. Mrs. Lapp married Rev. David L. Gehman, November 30th, 1878. Farmer. Mennonites. One child:

Abraham Gehman, born March 14th, 1883.

Barbara M. Moyer, born March 10th, 1845, died 1863.

Jacob M. Moyer (deceased), born August 24th, 1847.

Enos M. Moyer (deceased), born August 9th, 1849.

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Abraham M. Moyer, born August 6th, 1861, married Mary Fly, September 21st, 1872. She died February 16th, 1875. Butchers. Mennonites. Children:

Jannetta F. Moyer, born June 5th, 1873.

Mary F. Moyer, born February 16th, 1875.

Abraham, married second wife, Anna Fly. Children:

Magdalena F. Moyer, born December 21st, 1877.

Henry Rodman Moyer, born July 28th, 1881.

Theodore F. Moyer, born October 9th, 1883.

William M. Moyer (deceased), born November 1st, 1853.

Isaiah M. Moyer, born June 5th, 1856, married Mary Ida Fisher, of Doylestown, Bucks County, Pa., September 1st, 1877. Salesman of the Singer Mfg. Co., of Philadelphia. Baptist. Children:

William Henry Moyer, born May 27th, 1878.

Cyrenus Moyer, born October 14th, 1880, died April 8th, 1884.

Anna F. Moyer, born in Montgomery County, Pa., October 11th, 1811, married Henry G. Alderfer, March 17th, 1833. Turner and spinning-wheel maker, in Upper Salford, Montgomery County, Pa. Mennonites. Children:

Isaac M. Alderfer, born February 18th, 1834, died March 20th, 1873, married Catharine Souder, of Souderton, Pa., October 29th, 1859. Farmer. Mennonites. Children:

Elizabeth S. Alderfer, born November 10th, 1860, died June 22nd, 1866.

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Anna S. Alderfer, born June 21st, 1862, married Jonas M. Horning, February 2nd, 1884. Butcher. Mennonites. Children:

Frank Horning.

Jerome Horning.

Ellis Horning.

Ella Horning, born in 1885. Deceased.

Katie Horning, born July 12th, 1886, died June 1st, 1887.

Mark Horning. Deceased.

Lizzie Horning. Deceased.

Abel Horning. Deceased.

Malinda S. Alderfer, born August 28th, 1864, died June 17th, 1866.

Henry S. Alderfer, born January 5th, 1867. Tinsmith in Lansdale.

Samuel S. Alderfer, born June 23rd, 1868. Carpenter.

Emaline S. Alderfer, single.

Abraham M. Alderfer, born in Upper Salford Township, Montgomery County, Pa., November 29th, 1839, married Mary C. Godshall, of Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pa., November 21st, 1863. P. O. Telford, Pa. Dealer in feed, coal, etc. Children:

Anna G. Alderfer, born February 1st, 1865, died July 15th, 1865.

Kate G. Alderfer, born March 17th, 1866, married Abraham O. Roth, June 16th, 1886. Two days after their marriage, June 18th, Mr. Roth took his newly made wife back to her parents from the Roth homestead, and as he was returning to his home with a friend, Peter Roth, in the carriage with him, they were

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caught by a wreck train at Clymer's crossing, Sellersville, Pa., and the newly made husband was instantly killed, while Peter Roth escaped serious injury. Thus the young couple were married only two days when separated by death. Kate married second husband, Tobias K. Moyer, of Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pa.

Mahlon G. Alderfer, born July 12th, 1867, married Mary Amelia, daughter of Abraham Slotter, January 4th, 1890. She was born October 3rd, 1868. Salesman at Telford, Pa. One child:

Wilmer Alderfer, born September 27th, 1890.

Mary Ann Alderfer, born March 30th, 1871, married Noah B., son of Noah G. Derstine, of Rockhill Township, Bucks County, Pa., September 7th, 1889. Deceased.

Estella A. Derstine, born March 5th, 1890. Married Ellsworth Drissel.

Norman A. Derstine.

Willis A. Derstine.

Alvin A. Derstine.

Linford A. Derstine.

Mary Etta Derstine.

Barbara G. Alderfer, born August 25th, 1876, died December 12th, 1878.

Barbara M. Alderfer, born in Montgomery County, Pa., December 7th, 1850, died March 28th, 1888, married Jacob M. Price, December 23rd, 1871. He died April 7th, 1874. One child:

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Anna A. Price, born May 11th, 1873. Married Charles B. Delp.

Barbara married for her second husband, Enos Z. Wambold, September 25th, 1880. Farmer. Mennonites. Children:

Katie P. Wambold, born July 2nd, 1881.

Abraham P. Wambold, born April 23rd, 1883.

Enos P. Wambold, born January 7th, 1885.

Henry P. Wambold, born April 25th, 1887.

Catharine F. Moyer, born December 3rd, 1813, married Simeon Kratz.

Enos F. Moyer, born March 8th, 1816, died March 15th, 1883, married Leah Hunsicker, January 23rd, 1841. Farmer. Mennonites. Children:

Barbara H. Moyer, born August 10th, 1841, married Jacob Godshall.

Lydia H. Moyer, born August 17th, 1846, died September 4th, 1846.

Mary H. Moyer, born May 28th, 1848, married Samuel M. Moyer.

Lizzie H. Moyer, born December 9th, 1851, married Jacob Yoder.

Isaac and Rudolph Moyer (twins), born June 4th, 1856, died in infancy.

Leah H. Moyer, born March 4th, 1857, died October 10th, 1862.

Annie H. Moyer, born November 26th, 1859, married John Anglemoyer.

Christian F. Moyer, born in Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pa., December 2nd, 1818, married Mary Clymer, January 15th, 1844. Mennonites. Children: Six died in in-

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fancy, the living, born in Hilltown Township, Bucks County, Pa., are:

William C. Moyer, born March 5th, 1854, married Mary Ann Moyer, March 9th, 1876. P. O. Blooming Glen, Bucks County, Pa. Farmer. Mennonites. Children:

Elmer Moyer, born December 19th, 1876.

Della Moyer, born March 7th, 1879.

Eugene Moyer, born April 2nd, 1880.

Clara Moyer, born May 22nd, 1884.

Selena Moyer, born August 11th, 1886.

Norman Moyer, born June 17th, 1892.

Abraham C. Moyer, born April 28th, 1856, married Saloma Fulmer, January 25th, 1879. Machine agent. Mennonites. Children:

Lillie Moyer, born April 20th, 1880.

Mary Jane Moyer, born August 6th, 1887.

Henry C. Moyer, born March 20th, 1858, married Celina Toon, February 17th, 1880. Proprietor of a bakery. Lutherans. Children:

Alfred (deceased), Mary, Elizabeth, Florence.

John C. Moyer, born December 31st, 1860, died April 26th, 1888, married Lizzie Herman, of Kutztown, Pa., November 20th, 1883. Creameryman. Reformed. No issue.

Enos C. Moyer, born July 10th, 1862, married Mary Keeler, of Upper Providence, Montgomery County, Pa., December 24th, 1885. Owns and operates a creamery. Lutherans. One child:

Worman K. Moyer, born February 3rd, 1887.

Christian C. Moyer, born March 28th, 1867, married Alice Deily, of Perkasio, Pa., March

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20th, 1887. Station Agent at Downingtown, Chester County, Pa. One child:

Elva D. Moyer, born November 1887.

Abraham F. Moyer, born in Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pa., October 24th, 1820, married Elizabeth Kolb, March 16th, 1847. She died July 28th, 1864. Farmer. Mennonites. Mr. Moyer married second wife Elizabeth Alderfer, August 19th, 1865. First cousin to his first wife. Children from first wife:

Tobias K. Moyer, born November 1st, 1849, married on March 7th, 1866, Kate G. Roth (nee Alderfer), April 7th, 1888. Farmer. Mennonites. One child:

Abraham A. Moyer, born April 5th, 1889. Married Katie Freed. Children:

Russel F. Moyer, born September 28th, 1916.

Preston F. Moyer, born July 10th, 1919.

Abraham F. Moyer, born March 15th, 1921.

Harold F. Moyer, born December 14th, 1922.

Nelson A. Moyer, born November 2nd, 1890.

Mary A. Moyer, born July 28th, 1892.

Lizzie A. Moyer, born August 19th, 1894.

Katie and Sadie, born April 15th, 1896. Sadie died when 12 days old.

Raymond A. Moyer, born September 25th, 1897.

William A. Moyer, born March 1st, 1900. Died February 20th, 1901.

Laaden A. Moyer, born February 25th, 1902.

Vincent A. Moyer, born September 2nd, 1904.

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Wilmer A. Moyer, born March 16th, 1908.

Mary K. Moyer, born June 9th, 1851, married George H. Ruth in 1873. He was born June 10th, 1851. Mennonites. Children:

Elizabeth M. Ruth, born May 26th, 1875, died March 26th, 1876.

Henry M. Ruth, born February 26th, 1877.

Abraham M. Ruth, born December 27th, 1879.

Vincent M. Ruth, born April 17th, 1885.

Emma Ruth, born September 3rd, 1886.

William K. Moyer, born January 11th, 1853, married Mary T. Moyer, January 1st, 1876. Farmer. Mennonites. Children:

Sallie M. Moyer, born February 4th, 1878.

Lizzie M. Moyer, born February 10th, 1882.

Abraham K. Moyer, born December 1st, 1854, married Mary, daughter of Daniel G. Nice, November 11th, 1876. Farmer. Mennonites. One child:

Lizzie Moyer, born September 25th, 1877.

Elizabeth K. Moyer, born September 1st, 1857, married Henry M. Nice, January 20th, 1877. Farmer. Mennonites. Children:

Ellen M. Nice, born April 21st, 1878.

Abraham M. Nice, born April 7th, 1881.

Katie M. Nice, born October 23rd, 1886.

Emaline K. Moyer, born February 23rd, 1860, married Hiram Clemmer, January 23rd, 1880. Farmer. Mennonites. Children:

Lizzie Clemmer, born January 29th, 1881.

Abraham Clemmer, born November 22nd, 1883, died December 3rd, 1883.

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Laadan Clemmer, born December 15th, 1886.

Hiram Clemmer, born March 10th, 1889.

Esther Clemmer, born November 24th, 1891.

Emma Clemmer, born March 18th, 1897.

Catharine K. Moyer, born October 9th, 1861, married Abraham A. Groff, December 8th, 1883. Miller. Mennonites. Children:

Annie Groff, born June 6th, 1885.

Alice Groff, born September 2nd, 1887.

Jacob Groff.

Clayton Groff.

Benjamin Groff (deceased).

LEWIS FAMILY

Of the old Lewis Family all the information we have is from a few old documents. The family register of Jesse Lewis, grandfather of Aaron Lewis, and a marriage certificate of Harman Lewis, his father, but no family register from Harman.

Jesse Lewis, born May 14th, 1776, married Susanna Boorse, February 19th, 1799. She was born February 25th, 1779. Children:

Margaret Lewis, born January 26th, 1800.

Harman Lewis, born October 21st, 1801, married Lydia Oberholtzer, August 26th, 1823.

Elizabeth Lewis, born July 18th, 1803.

Jesse Lewis, born July 12th, 1810.

John Lewis, born September 16th, 1819.

Marriage Certificate of Harman Lewis:

I herewith certify, that Harman Lewis, son of Jesse Lewis, of Towamencin Township, Montgomery County, and Lydia Oberholtzer, daughter of Joseph Oberholtzer, of Hatfield Township, Montgomery County, State of Pennsylvania, were legally married on the 26th day of August in the year A. D. 1823.

Witness my hand.

John Weiand,
Evangelical Preacher.

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Aaron Lewis, son of Harman Lewis, was born October 2nd, 1830, died August 24th, 1913, aged 82 years, 10 months and 22 days, married Eliza Musselman, September 19th, 1852. She was born February 19th, 1833, died January 12th, 1917, aged 83 years, 10 months and 23 days. Mennonites. Buried at Salford Mennonite Cemetery. Children: Catharine Ann, Lydia, William, Elizabeth, Anna, Susanna, Sarah, Mary, Henry, Aaron.

Catharine Ann Lewis, born September 2nd, 1853, died February 24th, 1923, aged 69 years, 5 months and 22 days, married October 24th, 1874, Nathaniel Willouer, born October 15th, 1856. Children: Sallie, Lizzie, Emma, Henry, Aaron.

Sallie Willouer, born January 7th, 1877; married Amandus H. Auchy. One child: Abraham L. Auchy.

Lizzie Willouer, born October 5th, 1878, married Jonas B. Bergey, March 5th, 1898. Children: Nathaniel, died young; Raymond, Amandus, Mabel, Jonas, Katie, Irene, Abraham, Elizabeth.

Emma L. Willouer, born January 25th, 1882, married Elmer B. Mininger, October 7th, 1905. Children: Katie May, Earl, Sallie, Nathaniel, Emma.

Henry L. Willouer, born May 4th, 1884, married Elsie B. Mininger, February 10th, 1907. Children: Howard, Katie, Edith, Florence, Leroy.

Aaron L. Willouer, born June 15th, 1887, married Elsie Fauser, June 11th, 1919.

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Lydia Lewis, born December 9th, 1854, died August 20th, 1918, aged 63 years, 8 months and 11 days, married Jacob A. Freed. For children refer to Freeds.

William Lewis, born September 10th, 1856, married Emma Souder, September 23rd, 1876, died April 23rd, 1896. Children: Frank, Lizzie, Allen, Martha, Katie, Emma, Rosa, Mamie. William Lewis married second time Mary Ann Moyer, daughter of Christian D. Moyer, January 1st, 1900. No issue.

Elizabeth Lewis, born September 24th, 1858, married Christian G. Souder, September 6th, 1879. He was born March 15th, 1853, died June 8th, 1917, aged 64 years, 2 months and 23 days. Children:

Minerva L. Souder, born January 20th, 1881, married September 20th, 1902, Horace H. Rosenberger, born September 13th, 1881. Children:

Norman Rosenberger, born July 23rd, 1903, died October 1st, 1905, aged 2 years, 2 months and 8 days.

Jacob Rosenberger, born December 6th, 1906.

Lizzie Rosenberger, born September 24th, 1909.

Lewis L. Souder, born September 6th, 1882, married June 10th, 1905, Lillian C. Moyer, born June 11th, 1885, died June 22nd, 1914, aged 29 years, 11 days. Children:

Raymond M. Souder, born October 6th, 1905, died October 7th, 1905.

Bertrand M. Souder, born March 29th, 1907.

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Hilda M. Souder, born February 17th, 1909, died December 18th, 1918.

Verna M. Souder, born December 2nd, 1910.

Ralph M. Souder, born June 7th, 1914.

Anna Lewis, born April 10th, 1861, died June 14th, 1863.

Susanna Lewis, born September 25th, 1864, married Abraham Detweiler. No issue.

Sarah Lewis, born on same date, September 25th, 1864, died March 11th, 1920. Married John Freed, born July 5th, 1865, died February 4th, 1908. Children:

Sylvanus L. Freed, born June 21st, 1886, married September 22nd, 1909, Maggie Houck, born January, 1891. Children: Violet, Isaac, Eugene and Irene (twins), Elsie, Emma.

Katie L. Freed, born January 18th, 1895, married September 26th, 1914, Abraham A. Moyer, born April 5th, 1889. Children: Russel, Preston, Abram, Harold.

Lizzie L. Freed, born June 23rd, 1893, married November 23rd, 1912, Fred Heckler, born November 1st, 1889. Child: Rolland L. Heckler, born October 7th, 1917.

Melvin L. Freed, married October 15th, 1910, married Miss Keeler, daughter of Jesse Keeler. Children: Curtis, Sarah, Melvin, Lillian.

Mary Lewis, born October 17th, 1866, married June 13th, 1890, Jacob Springer, born July 12th, 1863. Children:

Lizzie L. Springer, born June 2nd, 1892, married September 25th, 1917, Clayton G. Alderfer. One child: Verna S. Alderfer.

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Lewis L. Springer, born September 20th, 1893, married June 12th, 1917, Miss Landis. No issue.

Susan L. Springer, born June 7th, 1896, married May 25th, 1916, Alvin Godshall. Children:

Henry S. Godshall, born November 30th, 1916.

Norman S. Godshall, born July 5th, 1918.

Edith S. Godshall, born February 9th, 1920.

Neoma S. Godshall, born February 23rd, 1923.

Lester L. Springer, born December 31st, 1897, married January 24th, 1920, Mamie Nyce. No issue.

Eva L. Springer, born May 24th, 1900, married June 4th, 1922, Benj. Young. One child: Irene S. Young, born February 28th, 1923.

Mary L. Springer, born November 14th, 1903, died March 10th, 1905.

Jacob L. Springer, born July 30th, 1905.

Henry L. Springer, born June 24th, 1907.

Edna L. Springer, born February 24th, 1910.

Henry Lewis, born July 22nd, 1870, died September 3rd, 1870.

Aaron M. Lewis, born November 26th, 1871, married March 10th, 1894, Annie K. Weigner, born December 31st, 1867. Children:

Ada W. Lewis, born July 8th, 1894, married September 26th, 1914, Weston N. Landis.

Sophia W. Lewis, born July 1st, 1902, married October 23rd, 1921, Abraham H. Moyer.

Lizzie W. Lewis, born May 21st, 1904, married Clatus N. Bechtel, September 23rd, 1922. One child.

MUSSELMAN FAMILY

In the year 1743 Jacob Musselman, the progenitor of the mother of Lydia Lewis, wife of Jacob A. Freed, and others, came over from Germany, and purchased a tract of land from William Allen, on which tract the first Mennonite Meetinghouse building of the Swamp, in Milford Township, Bucks County, Pa., was erected. Jacob Musselman was either a preacher when he emigrated, or was soon after called to that office.

Michael Musselman, son of the above named Jacob Musselman, like his father, was a Minister of this congregation, so was Samuel Musselman, the father of John Musselman the 4th. John Musselman, born in Saucon Township, Lehigh County, Pa., died at a comparatively early age, leaving a large family. He married Anna Moyer, daughter of Samuel Moyer, of Saucon Township, Lehigh County, Pa. Children:

Eliza Moyer Musselman, married Aaron Lewis. (Refer to Lewis.)

Lena M. Musselman, married John Clemmer. Children:

Henry M. Clemmer, married Mary L. Kulp. He is a Mennonite Preacher.

Isaac M. Clemmer, married Miss Moyer. He is a Mennonite Deacon.

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John M. Clemmer, married Miss Riter.

Anna M. Clemmer, married Frank Nyce.

Olive M. Musselman, married Joseph Fretz.

Children:

Harry M. Fretz, Station Agent for Reading Railroad Company for many years, married Lizzie Landis.

Allen M. Fretz.

Erasmus M. Fretz, married Tillie Reed.

Joseph M. Fretz, married Miss Kratz.

Mary M. Fretz, married Erwin Schwartz.

Lizzie M. Fretz, married Henry Price.

Henry M. Musselman, married Sallie Young.

Children:

Eliza Y. Musselman, married Jacob C. Moyer, Mennonite Preacher.

Samuel Y. Musselman, married Sarah Moyer.

Samuel M. Musselman, married Miss Young.

Katie M. Musselman, married Henry Moyer.

Aaron M. Musselman, married Miss Landis.

Anna M. Musselman, married Benjamin Moyer.

Barbara Fretz, married Rudolph Moyer, of Franconia, in 1807. He was born April 16th, 1785, died November 23rd, 1871. She was born September 11th, 1787, died June 23rd, 1874, from the effects of a broken limb occasioned by a fall. Farmer. Mennonite.

Children:

Mary F. Moyer, born February 11th, 1808, married Abraham O. Alderfer, November 14th, 1826. He died April 19th, 1868. Farmer.

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Lived one mile South of Harleysville, Montgomery County, Pa. Mennonite. Children:

Isaac M. Alderfer, born October 19th, 1828, died February 14th, 1830.

Rudolph M. Alderfer, born November 16th, 1830, died October 2nd, 1859, married Catharine Bean, September 17th, 1853. Farmer. Children:

Abraham B. Alderfer, born August 11th, 1854, married Maggie Reiff, December 31st, 1881. Engineer. Deceased. Children:

Jacob Linwood Alderfer, born September 4th, 1884, married Lizzie Nice. He died July 1st, 1923. Three children: Florence, Linwood, Jr., and Margaret, wife of Mr. Wimpel.

Mary Lizzie Alderfer, born October 17th, 1885, married William S. Alderfer. Three children: Grace, Lola, Verna.

Henry Alderfer, married Sallie Buchenauer. Child: Henry.

Jeremiah B. Alderfer, born May 31st, 1858, married Amanda H. Price, January 7th, 1882. Salesman. Children:

Henry P. Alderfer, born January 14th, 1884.

Susan P. Alderfer, born February 11th, 1886, married John B. Allem, June 14th, 1903. Children: Mildred, Harold, Marion, Warren, Price, Sarah, Gertrude, Henry.

Price P. Alderfer, born August 26th, 1889.

Lizzie B. Alderfer, born March 14th, 1860, married Newton P. Kern, March 28th, 1885. Knitter by trade and farmer near Greensborough, Md. One child:

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Clarence Joseph Kern, born September 7th, 1889.

Abraham M. Alderfer, born October 22nd, 1832, died February 16th, 1838.

Elizabeth M. Alderfer, born January 29th, 1838 (deceased), married Jacob H. Allebach (deceased) in 1855. Farmer in Lower Salford Township, Montgomery County, Pa. Children:

Mary A. Allebach, born September 27th, 1863, married James D. Swartley in 1883. Farmer. Mennonites. One child:

Lizzie Swartley, born August 15th, 1888.

Romanus A. Allebach, born August 14th, 1869, married Lizzie Alderfer.

Henry M. Alderfer, born February 26th, 1839, married Barbara H. Tyson, March 1st, 1863. For a time proprietor Perkiomen Bridge Hotel, Collegeville, Pa., and various other occupations. Mennonites. Both are dead. No issue. She burned to death, by accidentally setting her clothes on fire by a light she had on the garret of the house they lived in, to hunt something.

Mary M. Alderfer, born January 26th, 1841, married Samuel K. Cassel, January 24th, 1866. Farmer in Montgomery County, Pa. Mennonites. Children:

Lizzie Ann Cassel, born August 24th, 1868.

Rachel A. Cassel, born April 23rd, 1871.

Isaiah A. Cassel, born July 31st, 1875.

An Exhortation of Joseph F. Freed To His Little Son, Jacob

Kulpsville, Pa., December 11th, 1856.

My Dear Son Jacob:

While I am yet in my usual health, yet life is very uncertain and I do not know how long God will bless me with a sound mind, so I feel the seriousness of life, and fully comprehend the dangers of evil lurking in your path, if you grow up to manhood, and the many enticements and allurements you will meet with during your life. So I feel constrained to take the present opportunity to write to give you advice as to your conduct, my beloved son.

First, my son, if God should prolong your life that you will grow up and come to years and understanding in this dangerous and enticing world, then keep God in your mind and heart, and beware that you will not commit sin or transgress the commands of the Lord. And if mischievous boys try to entice you into mischief do not follow them; and beware of all secret organizations. Secret organizations and pride will lead to the ruination and the downfall of the world. The Prophet Jeremiah, Chapter 17:5, saith: "Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and whose heart departeth from the Lord". And so it is with all these secret and worldly societies where persons combine

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outside the teachings of Christ and his Apostles and put their faith and trust in the arts of man, the faith and the trust in God will fade and become weakened and finally will vanish altogether. But this is evident to every follower of Christ that it is a duty to give alms, and to aid and help his fellow man whenever it is possible to do so. Tobias said to his son: "That, if he was prosperous he should give plentiful, and if he had but little he should yet give that little with a true and open heart". If it should happen to you that you would meet with a loss of worldly goods, even if that loss appears heavy to you, do not permit your faith and trust in God thereby to be weakened. Believe it was the will of God to put you to a test. And that perhaps God knew that it would be better for you if you did not possess so much wealth, and were richer in God. So humble yourself and be obedient to the will of the Lord. And give your will in honesty, piety and humility to the will of God, and you will earn the crown of everlasting life.

Further, my beloved son, exert yourself to become proficient in your mother language, in reading and writing. Yet it is also good and desirable to become familiar with the English language. But the mother language has the most influence on the mind and conveys nearer the true meaning even if another language is ordinarily well understood. The Apostle saith: "That, if the trumpet gives a strange sound, who can prepare himself for the fight". So it is, even if you can read the Scripture in the

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English language and do not fully understand it you can not be so certain to prepare yourself for everlasting life. The patient Job said: "Must not man be ever in the fight". And Paul saith: "Guide yourself as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, and if you fight the good fight and keep faith, so will the crown of everlasting life be your part". So, my beloved son, let it be your serious ambition to become a true servant of God, and prepare yourself for the contest. If you serve God, He will accept you as his child, and if we are children so we are also heirs. So exert yourself in your youth to become a true follower of the Lord, so that you will be prepared when Christ cometh, and makes his last glorious appearance with many thousands of angels to render judgment, and make the great rendering; and there as a sheep be placed to the right hand of Christ, and hear the blessed words, "Enter into the glory of the Lord". Oh! what joy and pleasure, that no eye has ever seen, no ear has ever heard, and never came into the heart of a human being. Yes, beloved son, after a little time I hope it will be better with God before the throne of the Lamb. I hope that you, beloved son, will love your brothers that departed this world before us, and many other members, and with the greatest of pleasure meet them and embrace them and forever rejoice. Amen.

Your Humble Father, Joseph Freed.

Birthday Felicitations and Exhortations

The following verses or rhymes were written by A. K. Bean, of Ironbridge, Montgomery County, Pa., on different occasions and presented to Jacob A. Freed, of Elroy. By perusing them they will all explain themselves.

In the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and
fifty-one,
The fifth day of July, you was born in this
world, they had to say it is a son;
And you are known by your friends and relatives
as Jacob A. Freed;
May your path through life be a noble one, in
word and in deed.

Fifty and nine years you now have lived in this
world;
Different were the experiences, and many
things to you were unfurled;
Many of your old friends and relatives have
passed away,
And you are yet here, for a wise purpose a little
longer to stay.

I am not able to mention much of your boy-
hood days of ago;
I suppose you were not different from other
boys, but your wild oats did sow;

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Those many Scripture passages which your
father tried to learn you by heart;
What we learn in our young years will not from
our memory so soon part.

And when you reached the years of manhood
you were not satisfied;
You saw it was not good for man to be alone
without a bride;
So you looked for a help-meet, and found one,
so you looked not in vain;
She is your beloved wife — Lewis was her
maiden name.

God blessed your family with children, with the
number seven;
Death has claimed three, and are waiting to
meet you all in Heaven;
It is hard to part with children, but God is able
to give us sufficient grace;
For the promises are to the faithful, they shall
again see each other face to face.

The time came that a Deacon in your Church
was needed;
The lot was cast and it fell on you, and you
were ordained, and it was completed;
Now for a good many years you have served in
your office faithful and true;
May the reward be many stars in your crown,
is my wish as a brother to you.

It was always a pleasure to be in your com-
pany, since I learned you to know;

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You may have lost confidence in us, by not
coming our love to you to show;
I hope we will find an opportunity that we can
come and once more together meet;
And with love the token of the Bible again
each other greet.

No doubt you see with me the sun of our time
is sinking fast;
May you and I and all be found faithful to our
very, very last;
Then each one can lay down his cross at Jesus'
feet;
And with all the saints our God and Saviour
forever greet.

And as we see our years are passing by, and
our heads are turning gray;
Short may be our time yet in this world to stay;
By the Grace of God let us keep ready, to enter
the Pearly Gates by and by;
And join to sing the Song of the Redeemed far
above the starry sky.

Out of love I have composed your Sixtieth
Birthday Anniversary in a rhyme;
Wishing you and yours Heaven's richest bless-
ings your remaining time;
I now have expressed my thoughts and wishes
for you, and yet for the last I say:
I wish you yet many happy returns of the day.

A. K. Bean.

Ironbridge, Pa., November 14th, 1910.

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GERMAN RHYME IN ENGLISH LETTERS,
BY THE SAME AUTHOR.

Kommt Bruder, last uns gehen, Der Vater
gehet mit;
Er selbst will by uns stehen, In jedem saurem
tritt;
Er will uns machen muth, Mit süssen sonnen,
blicken;
Uns locken und erquicken; Ach ja, wir hobens
gut.

Kommt, last uns munter wandern, Der weg
kurtz immer al;
Ein tag der folgt dem andern, Bald das fleisz
ins grab;
Nur noch ein wenig muth, nur noch ein wenig
traue;
Von allen dingen freyer, Gewandt zum ewigen
gut.

Es wird nicht langmehr wahren, Halt noch ein
wenig aus;
Es wird nicht lang mehr wahren, So kommen
wir zu haus;
Da wird man ewig ruhn, Wann wir mit allan
frommen;
Daheim beim Vater Kommen; ; Wie wohl: wie
wohl wirds thun.

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The following was presented to Bro. Jacob
A. Freed, by A. K. Bean:

Ironbridge, Pa., August 26th, 1918.

"MY ABSENT WIFE."

A dear wife from my side is gone,
A voice I loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in my heart,
That never can be filled.

There are thoughts that never perish,
Bright unfading through many years;
So thy memory which I cherish,
Shrined in hope, embalmed in tears.

But there is a home above the skies,
And I long to reach its shore;
For I know I shall find my treasure there,
My dear wife and loved ones gone before.

A wife whom I dearly loved,
The Lord has called away;
It seemed it was His will that she
Could here with me no longer stay.

I know she is sweetly resting now,
Her sufferings are all o'er;
I hope to meet her "by and by",
Upon the Golden Shore.

I think of her as "gone before",
Waiting for me to come;
Lord, help me then to faithful be,
To meet her in that beautiful home.

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NEARER HOME.

O'er the hills the sun is setting,
And the eve is drawing on;
Slowly drops the gentile twilight,
For another day is gone.
Gone for aye its race is over,
Soon the darker shades will come;
Still its sweet to know at even,
We are one day nearer home.

Worn and weary oft the pilgrim,
Hails the setting of the sun;
For the goal is one day nearer,
And his journey nearly done.
Thus we feel, when o'er life's desert,
Heart and sandal worn, we roam;
As the twilight gathers o'er us,
We are one day nearer home.

Nearer home! Yes, one day nearer,
To our Father's house on high;
To the green fields and the fountains,
Of the land beyond the sky.
For the heavens grow brighter o'er us,
And the lamps hang in the dome;
And our tents are pitched still closer,
For we're one day nearer home.

THE GREATEST GIFT.

If I could speak with men and angel tongues,
And could sing all spiritual and angelic songs;
It would like a tinkling cymbal and a sounding
brass it would be,
If not done with a heart guided with charity.

And if I had the gift of prophecy and all mysteries understand,
Without charity it would be like sinking sand;
And have all faith, so I could remove mountains,
Without charity would all be like empty
fountains.

If I would give my body to be burned at the
stake,
Without charity Jesus would me forsake;
If I would give all my goods to feed the poor,
Without charity it would not my passport safe
insure.

Charity suffereth long, and is very kind,
And insures a home in heaven to find;
Charity envieth not, vaunteth not itself, is not
puffed up,
Stoops so low down, as to wash each other feet
in a little tub.

Does not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not
her own,
It not easily provoked, thinketh no evil of none;
Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the
truth,
Like Boas rejoiced in the kindness of Ruth.

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Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth
all things,
Endureth all things, and much joy in our soul
it brings;
Charity never faileth, but whether prophecies
they shall fail,
Whether there be tongues they shall cease,
whether there be knowledge it will not
prevail.

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part,
But when that which is perfect is come, it re-
joiceth the heart;
When I was a child, I spake as a child, I thought
as a child,
But when I became a man, I put away what was
childish and wild.

Now we see through a glass darkly, but then
face to face,
Now I know in part, then I shall know, as I am
known, at the end of the race;
And now abideth faith, hope, and charity, these
three,
But the greatest of these is love or charity.

Written and presented by A. K. Bean, of
Ironbridge, Pa., to Jacob A. Freed, of Elroy,
Pa., March 4th, 1920.

God is Love.