

FURMAN HOMES AND SITES

A Record of Achievement

BY
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and
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ALFRED ANTOINE FURMAN'S HOME, CLIFTON, N. J.

The home of Alfred Antoine Furman, is 158 Second St Clifton, N. J. "Poet Laureate" of the Furman family, he was born April 30, 1856, in Kenosha, Wisc., son of Samuel Hand and Elizabeth Antoinette (Hebberd) Furman. Graduate of the College of the City of New York, he is author of lyrical dramas, collections of poems, and has contributed to magazines and newspapers for many years.

ARCHIBALD CHARLES FURMAN'S NEWSPAPER OFFICE

The newspaper office, & "What Not Shop" of A. C. Furman is located in Danbury, Nebraska. It is now used also for the Post Office, and Charles E. Furman is the Postmaster. The following article, written by Bess Furman, Correspondent for the Associated Press located at Washington, D. C., tells its own story. "Bess" is the daughter of Mr. A. C. Furman, who also has Nellie Lucille, Hazel W., Charles E., and Donald Archie. Mr. Furman, has two brothers, Fred and Olin E., who is Clerk of the City of Norcatur, Kansas. "3 in 1" means "Marion Enterprise," "Danbury News" & "Lebanon Leader," and it was in this building, Mr. Darnell, Secretary to Congressman Binderup was Baptized in a stock tank. The picture of Mr. Furman was taken a number of years ago.



The Enterprise

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By Bess Furman

This buildin' ain't so much fer looks, an' it ain't so much fer size, but you can' write it on yore books it's right well named, for every nook's plum full o' Enterprise. Yessir, I'll venture to maintain, pervide you'll hark awhile as I perceed fer to explain, you'll say with me, "It's very plain, this buildin's versa-tile." "

Now every business in a place, that's small as this one is, has side lines, for to fill up space, an' make the other merchants chase, an' likewise bring the biz. But in the Enterprise, I vow, the ventures congregate till no one has yet figgered how to tell which lines is side, or 'low which ones is main, at least to now, it's just that intri-cate.

Canaries, baskin' in the sun, sing in the barber shop; the old press on its weekly run is clankin' out the Three in One to the gas engine's pop; in the post-office, one by one, I see the letters drop; the water gurgles as it flows toward the public tub, an' by the splashin' I suppose some threshin' hand who, goodness knows, must need it, is in scrub; A door half opens to disclose a dark room where a red light glows all for the kodak club; Conglomeration? say net so. And don't express surprise that so much 'neath one roof can grow, one tarry roof, both small and low, for you can ne'er expect to know one half the Enterprise.

I don't suppose no place e'er had jest sech a mixed-up fillin' an' while I ain't writin' an add jest fer to advertise my dad, I 'low he would be willin' fer me to tell you what's in store, an' jest what he can order; there's fountain pens, post cards galore, hair tonic, fish food, an' what's more, a gui-tar—can you chord 'er?—bird-cages, banjos, school supplies—he'll do yore picture framin' an' guarantee it satisfies—but there's more in the Enterprise than I can think of namin'. Git birth announcements printed yes, er order a tombstone; insure fer accidents, I guess; er change yer post-office address; er buy a razor hone.

So, speakin' in a business way, this is some edi-fice, but take it at the close o'day, when little towns turn loose an' play, why, folks, it's twict as nice! It's then the orchestry come's in to play some old tunes o'er, an' the drum beats in a pleasant dir. to the steel guitar an' violin—Who said that dancin' was a sin? Come folks, Le's clear the floor!

Adaptable Well, I should smile, this building is, by thunder! Why once a man lived here a while, who thought the good old Baptist style, which is to go clear under, was what the Bible did advise; Twas like answer to prayer, there was no place for to Baptize, except the useful Enterprise, an' so they did it there.

Now all I've said is straightest fact. I'll swear it is not lies in any solemn legal pact, for dad does the no-tary act, right in the Enterprise!



A.C. FURMAN

BUILDINGS

Furman Building, 420 Peoples St., Corpus Christi, Texas, named for Edward Furman. There is also the Edward Furman School and Furman Ave. Edward Furman and most of the Texas Furmans are descendants of Rev. Richard Furman, of South Carolina, the Texas-Furmans are among the outstanding citizens of the State, past and present.

Furman Building, 1409 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. is named for George B. Furman. It is three stories high, very deep and has sufficient commercial quarters for office and banking facilities & is quite elaborately equipped on the inside. George Black-



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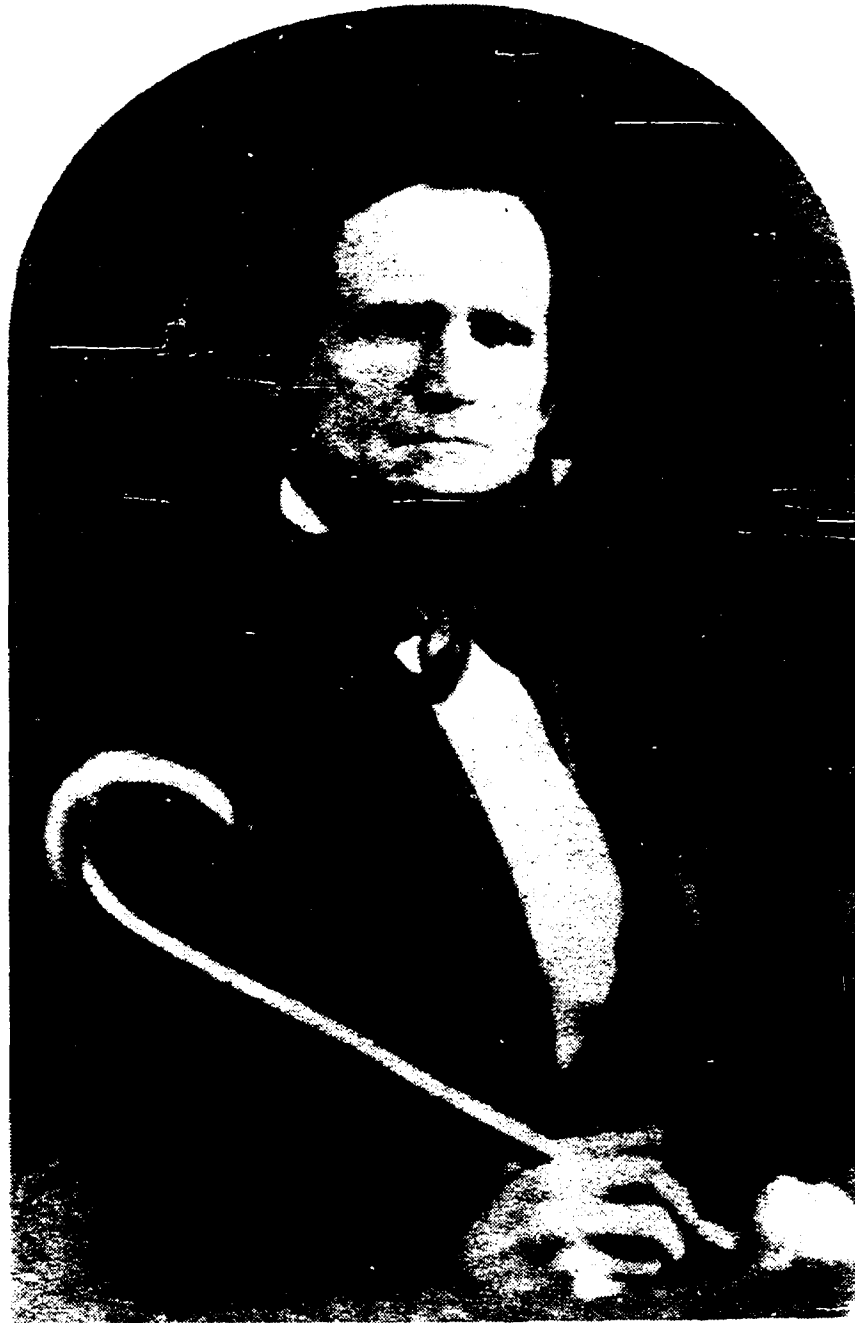
George B. Furman

nall Furman, son of Robert McKnight & Mollie (Mathewson) Furman, was educated at the A & M College, N. Carolina, and the Georgetown University of Law, at Washington, D.C. He is a Life Member of the Congressional Club, Washington, D.C., and has four children Francis J.; George B. Jr.; Robert B., and Austin W.



ELISHA BARTON FURMAN HOME, GREAT VALLEY, N. Y.

Elisha Barton Furman, was born Aug. 25, 1806, Shamokin, Pa., son of Jonathan and Sarah (Howe) Furman. He became a Millwright, and an important man in the construction of mills, following the ambition of his father which no doubt created the incentive to remove to the great grain growing state of Minnesota, where he built the first large flour mills in that State, at the time. He married in 1836, at Ellicottville, N. Y., Almira Searl, and on their wedding trip, drove a team from Ellicottville to Tioga County to visit Aaron Furman. He built in 1840 a house in the town of Great Valley, Catteraugus County, N. Y., and in 1849 he moved and built this one in Ellicottville, N. Y. They had the following children:—Mary Jane, Jerusha Ann, Sarah Ellen, Eliza Emeline William and Fayette, who served as a Drummer Boy, in the Civil War.



ELISHA BARTON FURMAN



ELISHA BARTON FURMAN HOME, ELLICOTTVILLE, N.Y.



EZRA FURMAN HOME, MEHOOPANY, PA.

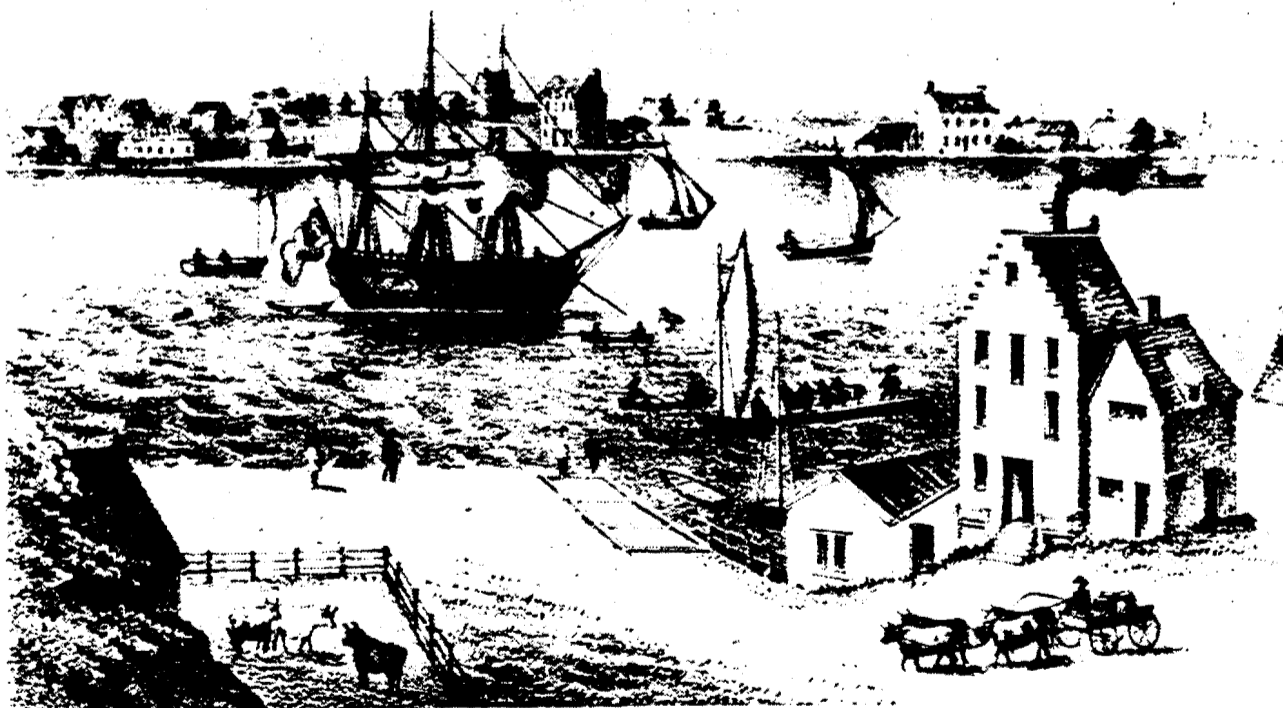
Ezra Furman, son of Ezra Furman, Sr., was born March 9, 1788, Rhode Island. When Ezra Jr., was but a boy his parents moved to Greenwich, N.Y. At the age of 22 he married Laura Adkins. In 1831, he was persuaded by his father-in-law, Isiah Adkins, to move to the township of Mehoopany, Pennsylvania. In Wyoming Co., now, but then called Windham, Luzerne County. There were 10 children, eight sons and two daughters. The eldest, Allen Foster Furman, was twenty years old and newly married to Jerusha Ticknor. That long journey through the wilderness, occupied six days,

and was their wedding trip. Out of the woods Ezra, and son Allen Foster Furman, cleared up a fine farm and built a comfortable and commodious house, (for those days), and lived to see his children grown, married, and well settled in life, and grandchildren gathered about him. This home, like Rome, was not built in a day, but added to as time, and necessity demanded. It is still in the possession of members of the family. (Sketch drawn by Olin E. Furman).

FERRY

The "New Ferry," Brooklyn, N.Y., or Catherine Street Ferry, as it was called, was established August 1, 1795. It was from the foot of Main Street, Brooklyn, to the foot of Catherine Street, New York; commonly called New Ferry, and it was established by Messrs William Furman and Theodosius Hunt, lessees from the Corporation of the City of New York. William's son Gabriel Furman, was the noted Historian.

First Kings Co. Judge Started a New Ferry



Ferry landing at the foot of Fulton St. as it looked in 1746
and for years after.

Henry Furman Also Kept an Oyster House Where You Could Eat Your Fill of Bivalves for 12½ Cents—Old Fulton Ferry

By MAURICE E. McLOUGHLIN

When Henry Furman came to Brooklyn soon after the War of the Revolution and began to figure out what he might be able to do to improve the village, he came to the conclusion that an extra ferry between Brooklyn and New York would be an excellent

thing. At once he began to interest his fellow citizens in the project, and the result was the establishment of the new or Catharine Ferry, named for Catharine St. in New York, at the foot of which was the ferry slip. The slip in Brooklyn was at the foot of Main St.

Up to the time of the establishment of Catharine Ferry the old Fulton Ferry was considered sufficient for the needs of Brooklynites. The above picture shows how Fulton Ferry looked in 1746 and for years after. In the background may be seen the buildings on the New York shore, which were replaced many years ago by more pretentious structures.

Furman, who was known as Judge Furman, took a lively interest in civic affairs. His name is perpetuated by Furman St., which runs along near the river front from Fulton Ferry to South Ferry and is lined on one side for the most part by the slanting, gray stone walls that support the gardens of the mansions on Brooklyn Heights.

First Kings County Judge

Furman was the first judge in Kings County, serving from 1808 to 1823. He was a village trustee in

1817 and was supervisor for several years. He served in the State Legislature in 1827 and was president of the Brooklyn Fire Insurance Company for years. His son, Gabriel Furman, noted as a lawyer and historian of Brooklyn, was born in 1800. Judge Furman died in 1852.

In his early days Furman lived in a large frame house at the lower end of Fulton St., about where Furman St. runs into Fulton now. In the basement nearest the stairs leading down to the ferry, Furman kept an oyster house, where for a charge of 12½ cents, a guest could eat as many of the fine roasted oysters provided by Mine Host Furman as he wished to devour.

Frequenters of Broadway lobster-palaces who read this cannot help heaving several sighs of regret that they did not live in those days of happy memory. And this recorder of past events will lay a wager of a shilling that those oysters were better than the ones that are now served on Broadway.

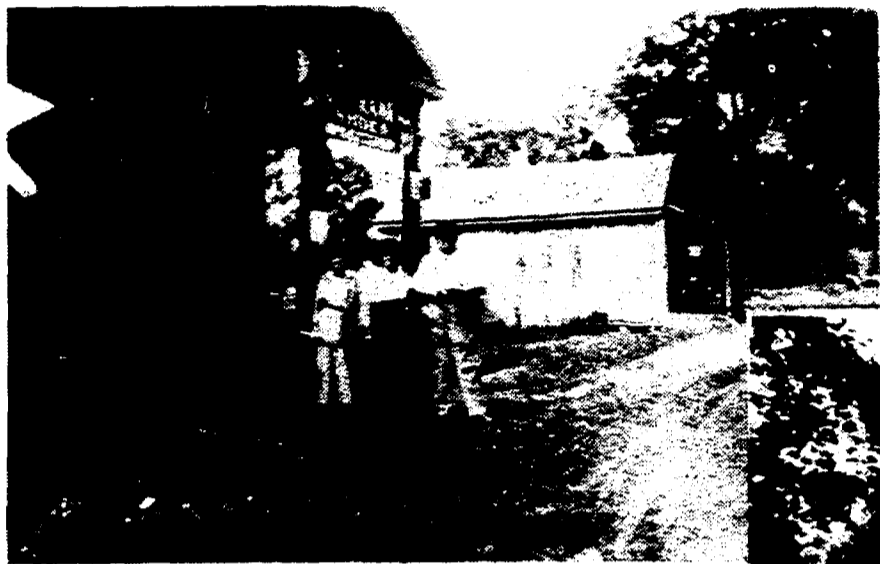
Lest the above statements may be regarded as "fishy," it may be added that right alongside the original Furman oyster house was a small shanty, run in feeble opposition as an oyster emporium, with the name Furman over the door. The Brooklyn public of a century ago, however, was not gullible. It knew its oysters.

Note:- The above should be William Furman and not Henry Furman. Reprinted from the Brooklyn Eagle of 1930, with permission.

FURMAN, WILCOX COUNTY, ALABAMA

Mr. Purefoy, the Postmaster, writes:- "Furman has

a population of about 300. There are two churches and the Furman Academy. We are surrounded with very fine farming and grazing lands, a large acreage is now devoted to cattle, in fact, our County, (Wilcox) is credited with more cattle than any other county in the State. The town was first named "Snow Hill!"



POST-OFFICE

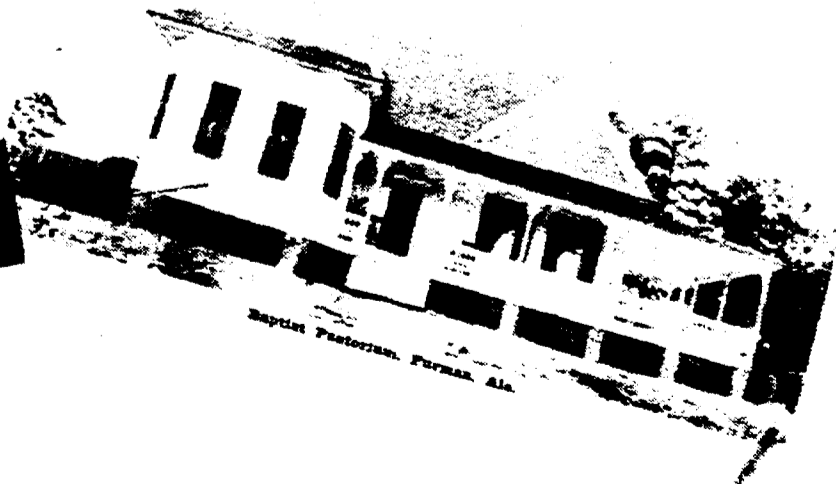


Street Scene, Furman, Ala.

The L and N Railroad Company built their line within $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles of it, named their station "Snow Hill." The Government established a Post-Office there, and wanted to name it after the Railroad Station, but we asked to change, someone in the community, being a great friend and admirer of Furman University, suggested the name of Furman, so it was readily adopted. Above, Mr. Purefoy and his mother standing beside him.



Bethsaida Baptist Church, Furman, Ala.



Baptist Pastorage, Furman, Ala.



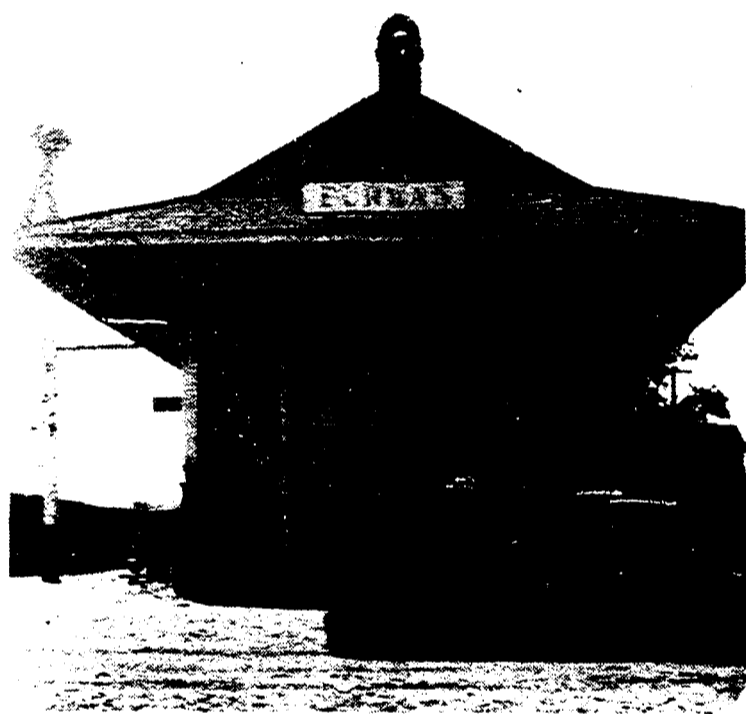
The Old Burson Store, left to right, bottom row:- G. W. Bender; E. Purefoy; J. Streit; R. O. Simpson; B. W. Watson; W. Watson; J. G. Cox-L. W. Simpson; J. E. Crook; H. N. Farrior; S. Purefoy; Jeff Thigpen; J. L. Harris, M. D.; Ira Skinner; John Watson; J. L. Handley; J. Holzman; Robert Hall; Robt. Bennett; J. R. Hughes and J. Wise. Thomas Lee and Mather Powell, taken in 1931, below.



Snow Hill, Pike Road, Furman, Ala.



Connected with Furman Academy, Furman, Alabama, were some of the foremost educators of the State. Prof. Joel C. Dubose, President, was one of the shining lights in education, his history of the State was adopted by the State as a standard text book. Miss Lula Rainer, another of the faculty taught in the State for several years, and Prof. Thomas W. Palmer who was born in Furman, received his elementary education at Furman Academy, and at the time of his death was President of the Alabama Women's College. Miss Anne Harkness was one of the State's finest Art and Music teachers. Judge Francis M. Caffee, of New York City, a Judge of the Federal Court, was one time principal of Furman Academy, Furman, Ala.



DEPOT



METHODIST CHURCH

FURMAN, HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Miss Mildred Ellis, daughter of Postmaster Ellis, writes:- "In 1900, the Southern Railroad extended their line from Allendale, to Hardesville, making a station here by setting off a box car on cross ties, which was their first depot. The old negro woman, who cooked for the officials, was named "Lizzie Furman, so when they were ready to name the Station, it was given the name of Furman, after her. W.P. Ellis, of Stafford, was the first white man to live in Furman. He was telegraph operator, and in 1901, was commissioned Postmaster, serving in that capacity ever since. The late E.A. Fripp, and G.M.

Folk, built the first store and dwelling. In 1908, the Stafford and several schools consolidated, and formed the Furman Graded School. This school is now the State Accredited High School. The Bank was organized in 1910. We have two churches, Methodist and Baptist. The population is about 300."

HIGH SCHOOL



FURMAN, S.C.

FURMAN'S CORNERS

Samuel, Josiah and Jonathan³ Furman, sons of Josiah and Alice Furman, of Newtown, L.I., moved to Hopewell, N.J., and built there a substantial stone house at a point subsequently known as "Furman's Corner." Samuel had son Jonathan who was father of Moore Furman, Deputy Quartermaster General under Washington. Josiah married Sarah Strickland, widow of Mr. Roberts, & had i. Josiah who married Sarah Wood and was father of Wood Furman & grandfather of the Rev. Richard. ii. Richard, who married Sarah Way, and established a large family in Hopewell, N.J. iii. Martha, who married May 17, 1712, Edward Hart, they were the parents of John Hart, the "Signer" and iv. Sarah Furman who married Major Ralph Hart, brother of Edward. Among the descendants of Ralph & Sarah (Furman) Hart, is Alexander Van Cleve Phillips, born Dubuque, Iowa, Feb. 24, 1868, son of John Van Cleve Phillips, born Jan. 14, 1819, at Hopewell, N.J. Mr. Phillips is Vice-President of Bemis Bros Bag Co., Dir., and Chairman, of The Angus Co., Ltd., Calcutta, India. He married Anna Davis Mills, and they have sons, Dr. Robert T. and Dr. Richard B. Phillips. Mr. Phillips now resides in Boston, Mass.



FURMAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SYRACUSE, N.Y.

The Furman Methodist Episcopal Church, 140 Furman Street, Syracuse, N.Y., was started previous to the year 1873, when the Methodist Meeting had been held occasionally, in dwellings in what was then Danforth. In 1869, steps were taken to organize the Society, and in October, of that year a Board of Trustees was appointed consisting of George Raynor, Selah Stoctung, Rev. Curtis Palmer, Calvin Frost & William R. Cleaveland. In the summer of 1870, Rev. Ebenezer Arnold began regular services and in the fall, a lot was purchased, which is a part of the present church site. Then a small wooden church was built and dedicated March 9, 1871. In 1874, Rev. Elijah Wood was appointed the first regular Pastor. The first building soon became inadequate for the rapidly growing Society, and in 1885, the subject of building a larger edifice was again discussed. A subscription was opened which soon reached \$10,000, additional land was purchased, and on Sept. 21, 1886, the Cornerstone of the present handsome brick church was laid. The building was dedicated in July 1887. The Society is now one of the most active and prosperous in the city.



FURMAN HALL, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE, TENN.

Furman Hall of Chemistry, at Vanderbilt University, was endowed as a Memorial, by Mrs. Mary J. Furman, wife of Francis Furman, a merchant, who spent most of his life in Nashville. Furman Hall is used by the Dept of Chemistry. It contains a large lecture theatre; class rooms; offices; and research rooms; laboratories, and Chemical Library. The building was erected in 1906/7, on the University Campus, & is a lasting Memorial to the Furman name in that State.

FURMAN'S ISLAND

Smith's Island, was later known as Maspeth, or Furman's Island, located Newtown Creek, Long Island.

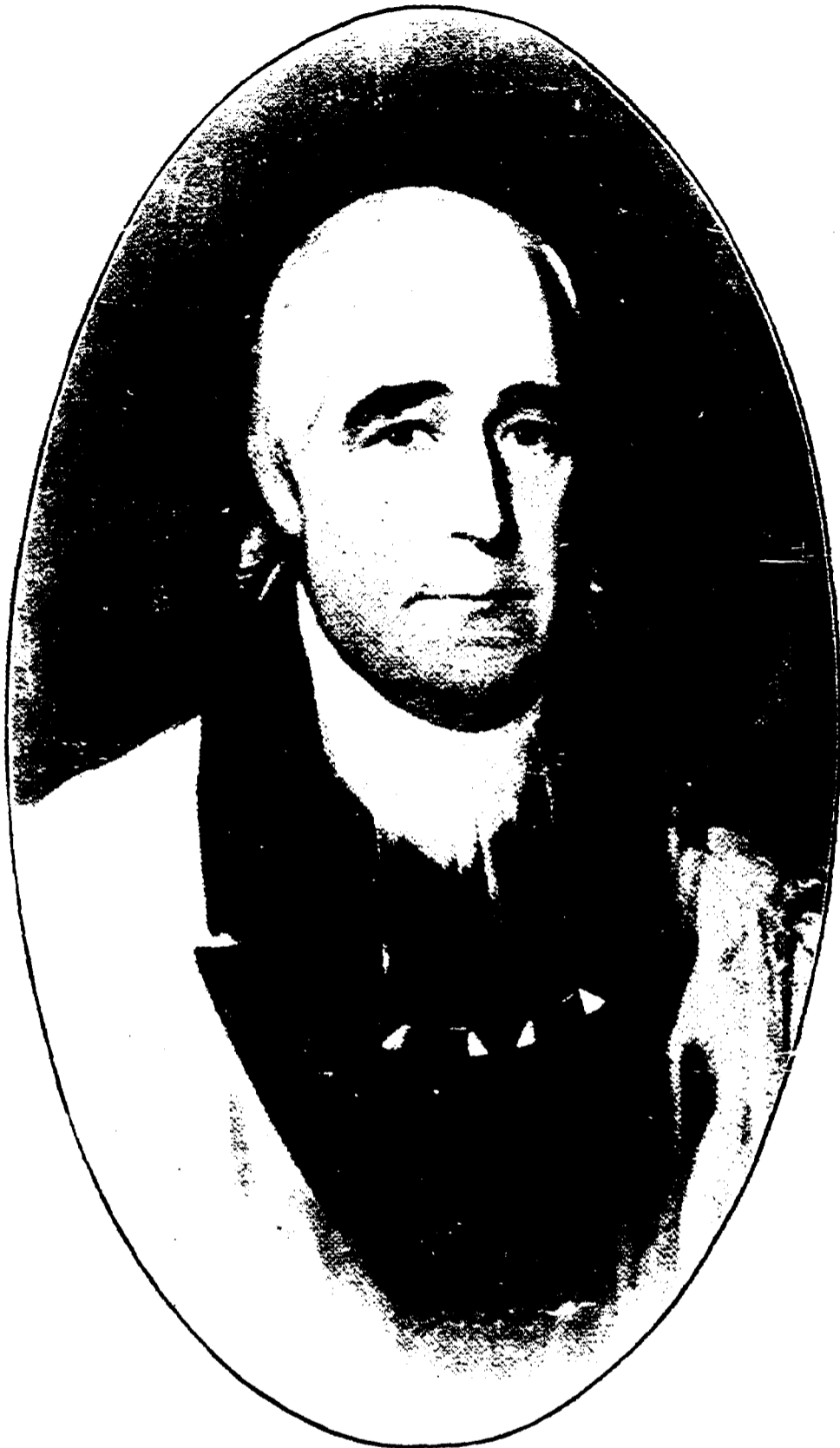
FURMAN UNIVERSITY, GREENVILLE, S.C.

Furman University is located at Greenville, S.C. a city of some 60,000 inhabitants, and is in the region known as the Piedmont Country, and the Blue Ridge is in full view on the Western horizon. Work on the Main building, now called the Richard Furman Hall, was begun before August, 1852. Little is known



RICHARD FURMAN HALL, FURMAN UNIVERSITY

concerning the construction of this building but it is generally regarded as the stateliest and most beautiful in that section of the country. Its tower is one of the striking architectural features of the city. The building stands on a hill, overlooking Reedy River, and the city of Greenville. It is named for the Rev. Richard Furman, as also the University, because Rev. Richard did so much to further the cause of Education in that State. He was born in Esopus, N.Y., Oct. 9, 1755, the son of Wood and Rachel (Brodhead) Furman. While still an infant he was brought by his parents to South Carolina. He early manifested sound mental ability and deep religious interest. He attended school very little, but was throughout the whole of his life a constant and earnest student, attaining a good knowledge of Latin, Greek, and Hebrew, as well as Theology and Medicine. He was converted at the early age of 16, and



RICHARD FURMAN

1755—1825

at 19 years of age, was ordained pastor of the High Hills Church. He was an earnest advocate of Freedom and exhibited great Patriotism during the Revolutionary War. He died Aug. 25, 1825, at Charleston, S.C. For 54 years he had been Pastor in the State, serving in the High Hills and Charleston Churches, for 50 years he never missed a meeting of the Charleston Baptist Association, filling every office in that body; again and again; and he was President of the General Committee of this Association from its organization to his death. A man of spotless char-

acter, considerable learning, sound practical wisdom, and great ability as a Preacher. He was ever the active and effective friend of all progressive movements as they arose. The Rev. Richard Furman had fifteen children, and numbers among his descendants, some of the most distinguished Furmans of today and yesterday. The Rev. James Clement Furman one of his children, is given a separate place in this work. Lucy Furman, great-great-granddaughter, author of novels about Kentucky Mountain Folk, was given the George Fort Milton Award as the Southern woman writer who accomplished the most for her sex in 1932.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Church Street
Charleston, S.C.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF
THE REV. RICHARD FURMAN, D.D.

FOR MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY
AN ABLE AND ELOQUENT PREACHER OF THE GOSPEL;
AND FOR THIRTY EIGHT YEARS
THE USEFUL BELOVED PASTOR OF THIS CHURCH.
PURITY OF LIFE AND ACTIVE BENEVOLENCE,
DISTINGUISHED HIM AS A MAN;
PATRIOTISM AND PUBLIC SPIRIT AS A CITIZEN,
FIDELITY AND SYMPATHY AS A FRIEND;
TENDERNESS AND AFFECTION AS A RELATIVE,
IN MANNERS, HE WAS SIMPLE UNASSUMING DIGNIFIED;
IN DISPOSITION, MEEK, THOUGHTFUL, PHILANTHROPIC;
IN UNDERSTANDING, ENLIGHTENED, COMPREHENSIVE, VARIOUS
AS A MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL,
PIOUS, PERSEVERING, CONSCIENTIOUS, DILIGENT, APOSTOLIC,
ACTUATED BY ARDENT ZEAL FOR THE WELFARE
OF HIS FELLOW MEN.
AND UNCOMPRISING JEALOUSLY FOR THE HONOUR
OF HIS GOD.
"HE PREACHED JESUS AND HIM CRUCIFIED."
AS A PASTOR,
HE WAS THE GUIDE, THE FATHER OF HIS FLOCK.
HAVING SPENT HIS STRENGTH IN PROMOTING THE
IMMORTAL INTERESTS OF MAN WITH EMINENT SUCCESS,
HE DIED IN THE EVENING OF LIFE BELOVED AND VENERATED,
WITH A HOPE FULL OF IMMORTALITY.
AS A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT TO HIS MEMORY
HIS MOURNING CONGREGATION
HAVE CAUSED THIS MARBLE TO BE ERECTED
OB'T 25 AUG 1825, AETAT LXX

MEMORIAL
Inside the First Baptist Church.

GABRIEL FURMAN HOME, WHITE POT, LONG ISLAND

Gabriel Furman, born 1690, died Sept. 23, 1768, at Newtown, L.I., son of John and Margaret (Lynch) Furman. He owned the farm at White Pot, later in possession of his great-grandson, Abraham Furman. It was located on Yellowstone Ave. (formerly White Pot Road, alias Old Crossway Road) in Hempstead Swamp. This farmhouse, was on the south side, gable end to the road, west of the Railroad tracks, about six blocks west of Queens Boulevard. John Furman, who died in 1726, owned this farm. His son was Gabriel, who died in 1768. This Gabriel was a Wheelwright and Commissioner of Highways, and on the Muster Roll of Capt. Daniel Stevenson's Company.



GEORGE BANGHART FURMAN HOME, SPRING VALLEY, N.Y.

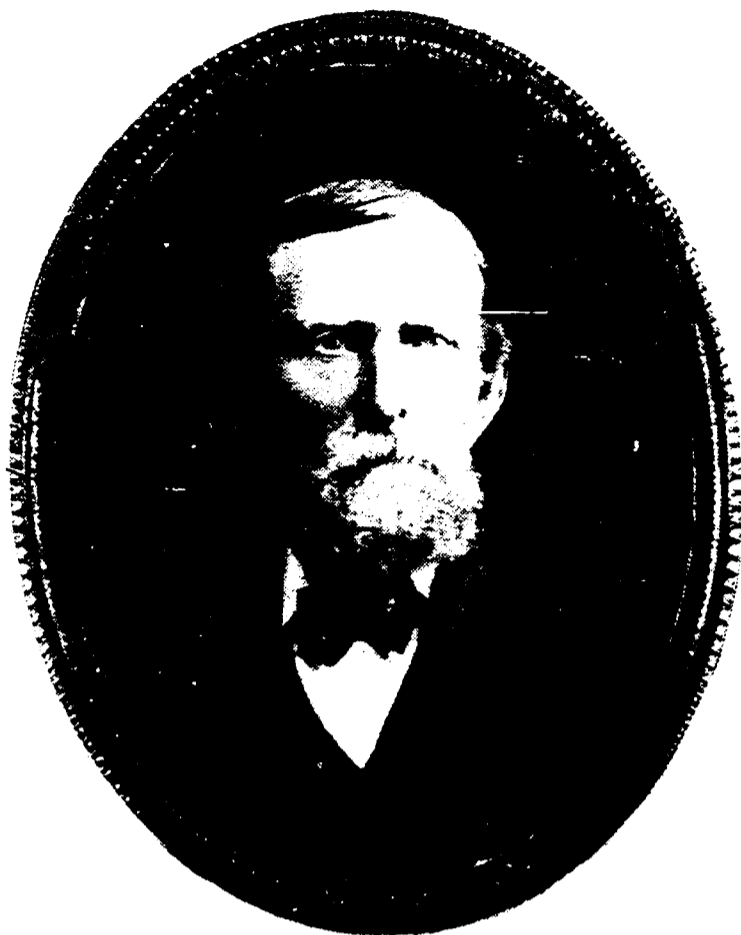
This stately mansion of George Banghart Furman was built in the outlying parts of Spring Valley, Rockland County, N.Y., in the 1860's. The section around this big house, was long known as Furmanville, N.Y. The founder of the family in Rockland County was Benjamin Furman, who was born in Newtown, L.I. His son William was born Feb. 21, 1771, in the town of Ramapo, and died Apr., 1822, having engaged in farming

He married Elizabeth Cooper, daughter of Gilbert Cooper. Their son George B. Furman was b. Oct. 3, 1820, Ramapo, N. Y., and married Amanda G. Wilkes, they had the following children, William H., Mary Elizabeth, Martha, Malinda, and John Lewis Furman who married Adelia C. DeRonda, having Nettie, George B., Ethel A., John Lewis and Prof. Franklin DeRonda Furman who has been Dean of Stevens Institute of Technology, since 1928. Author, and Editor of many technical works, Director of the Hoboken Academy, and one of the outstanding educators in America to-day.



GRANVILLE SPAULDING FURMAN HOME, OBERLIN, KANSAS

There is no more thoroughly characteristic alignment with the early settlement in the far West, than the home of Granville Spaulding Furman. He was the son of Allen Foster Furman, of Mehoopany, Pennsylvania. Granville and his two brothers, Jerome and Judson, enlisted in the Civil War. Granville was shot in the foot while carrying the colours in the Battle of Gettysburg. All were honorably discharged. In the Spring of 1880, imbued with the determination and spirit typical of pioneers, he removed from the affluence and safety of the older community, for the privations and dangers incidental to frontier life. He settled on this homestead, which he built, and lived in continuously for 33



GRANVILLE SPAULDING FURMAN

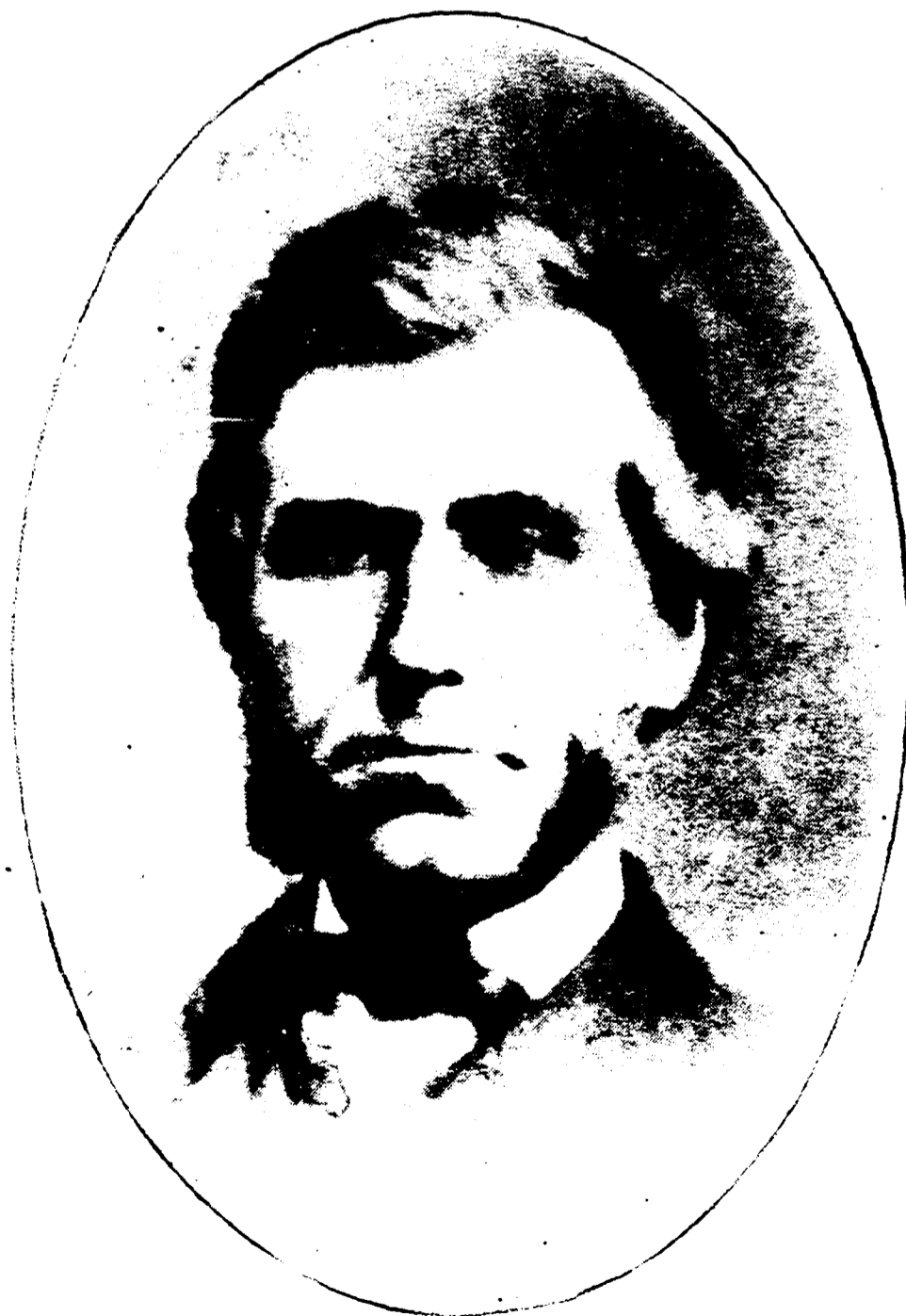
years. He was born Aug. 9, 1842, at Mehoopany, Pa., and married Wanda Jane Campbell, a lineal descendant of Duncan Campbell, and the Earls of Argyle. On July 18, 1917, he died at Marion, Nebraska. His grand-daughter, in the striped dress, picture p. 20, is "Bess" Furman Armstrong, of the Associated Press. Granville had Archibald Charles, Olin E., Fred Cord, and Mary Eudore Furman.

THE HARVEY FURMAN HOME, BOONVILLE, NEW YORK

This old home built on simple lines and solid proportions, is just such a simple structure the human heart yearns for when it feels the call of home. The home of one of the staunchest, and most determined of pioneers, is that of Harvey Furman, one of the oldest settlers on the East Side of the Black River, near Boonville, N.Y., it is located on the Brown's Tract Road, Lewis County. It was about 1855, that Harvey moved his family with a team of oxen, settling upon this place where he lived, and died. It was then in the midst of a wilderness. He built a home and "Saw-Mill," which he operated several years, until the surrounding country was cleared,



THE HARVEY FURMAN HOME, BOONVILLE, NEW YORK



HARVEY FURMAN

after which he engaged, with his two sons in strawberry and potato culture. His homestead covers 150 acres of land, with "Furman Dale," and "Furmandale-Brook" it is still widely known as "the Harvey Furman Homestead." He was born Feb. 15, 1818, in Ilion, N.Y., married Eliza Ann Timmerman. He died March 7, 1896, and his children were: Abigail, James Matthew, Harriet Maria, and Walter Olin Furman, who now occupies the old site, and is "carrying on." Walter, has one son, Ward Lynn Furman. Pictures of Harvey, Homestead, and Furman Church, taken by Fred R. Wolcott, photographer, of 273 Medford Road, Syracuse, N.Y. He married Harvey's daughter, Harriet Maria Furman, and has two children, Lula (Mrs. Carl Reasel), of Syracuse, N.Y., and Lee Frederick Wolcott, of Ysleta, Texas.

HENRY FURMAN, MILFORD, CONNECTICUT

Henry Furman, born in Morris, N.Y. Jan. 12, 1823, was a son of William & Rhoda (Thorp) Furman, and grandson of Russell and Sarah (Nicklen) Furman. Henry moved to Milford, Conn., when 29 years of age and married Charlotte Glenney, of Milford, who was a descendant of one of the oldest pioneer families in the State. The children of Henry and Charlotte (Glenney) Furman, were: Mary French; Susan Glenney; Sarah Peck and George Henry Furman, who was for many years superintendent of the N.A. Baldwin & Co's Works. He died Feb. 18, 1934, Milford, Conn., leaving Henry Mitchell, and Charlotte C., who married Harry V. Richards. Of Henry Mitchell Furman's children, there is, George Henry, Robert Woodbury and Rosewell Furman, who resides in Newton, Mass.

MEMORIAL TO JUDGE HENRY MARSHALL FURMAN

Henry Marshall Furman, son of Rev. Richard and Mary (McIver) Furman, Gr.- Grandson of Rev. Richard Furman of Greenville, S.C., was born June 20, 1850, married, Frances Virginia Hutcheson, and had Henry Marshall, II, and Florence, wife of Willard Hastings Campbell, West Hartford, Conn. Sept. 4, 1916, the Criminal Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court convened in joint session to hold Memorial services as follows: "We,

members of the Bar of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma, moved by our high regard for the character and public services of the late Henry Marshall Furman, Judge of the Criminal Court of Appeals, who departed this life on the 10th day of April, 1916, having met at Oklahoma City, for the purpose of discharging what we regard as a high public duty in honoring the memory and recording our estimate of one who as a man, a citizen, a jurist, and a judge has greatly honored our state, and with a desire to place upon record an expression of the respect and esteem in which Judge Furman was held & of regret for the loss which the Court, the Bar, and the people have suffered in his untimely death." Those taking part in the ceremonies were, Hon. W. A. Ledbetter, Hon. Stephen C. Treadwell, Prof. John H. Wigmore, of Northwestern University Law School, Judge D. A. Richardson, Judge Thomas H. Owen, Justice Summers Hardy, of the Supreme Court, Hon. Thomas D. McKeown, M. C., Hon. Clinton Orrin Bunn, Hon. William Franklin, Clerk of the Supreme Court & Criminal Court of Appeals, and the Hon. Thomas H. Doyle, Presiding Judge.

Another outstanding Judge, of the Furman family is Judge George Homan Furman, of Patchogue, L. I. Judge of the Supreme Court, State of New York. The son of Joel Nelson and Sarah Ann (Homan) Furman. Besides, Judge Furman, they had Charles Luff; Lila Carolina, married Samuel Seabury; Jeannette Mary married to Jacob Lewis Valentine; Dr. Isaac Wells, deceased and Joel Nelson Furman.

THE JAMES FURMAN FARM, ILION, N. Y.

The history of this old Homestead has not been preserved, but that it dates back to around 1847, is without question. It is on Barrington Road, just 3/4 of a mile out of the town of Ilion, (formerly known as German Flatts, a Palatine settlement) and is surrounded by 144 acres of land, with the old family burying ground nearby. It is standing to-day in beautiful preservation, amid scenes of rural beauty. Only memories dwell to remind one of Sergt. James Furman, born Jan. 13, 1793, at Schuyler's Lake, N. Y. who was son of Russell and Sarah (Nicklen) Furman.



THE JAMES FURMAN FARM, ILION, NEW YORK

He married Olive Earl, who was the 8th generation from Ralph Earle, who settled on Rhode Island, and her grandfather, Reuben Earl, a Quaker, served in the Revolutionary War, and answered the Lexington Alarm. James Furman was an Interpreter for the Federal Government with the Indians, served in the War of 1812, around Sackett's Harbor and the Northern Frontier. For 12 years he was Justice of the Peace had office of Assessor for a number of years thereafter. He was one of those firm, determined characters which nothing can deter, or discourage. Resolute and decided, he was nevertheless kind, of unimpeachable integrity, hard working, enterprising, and to these qualities was joined sound judgement of men and things. His memory was a treasure house, his mind a storehouse of historical lore, his companionship an education. Dr. Parkhurst, a local resident, stated at the time of his death: "He was a walking history, I never knew a man with such a memory." It is of special interest to note, here, that James who resided in a settlement of Dutch and German settlers, spelled the name Furman, whereas his older brother Russell who resided in sections with New England settlers, his name was spelled Fairman



JAMES FURMAN

and Firman, to this day, descendants of these two brothers spell the name differently. Pictures of the old farm taken by Mrs. Walter L. Trudeau, King's Park, L.I., daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Frank S. Tisdale. Prof. Tisdale served for 30 years as Superintendent of Schools, Watertown, N.Y. He married June 2, 1892, Mary Olive Devendorf, daughter of John F. &

Mary Louisa (Furman) Devendorf, and grand-daughter of James Furman.

JAMES FURMAN FARM
ILION, NEW YORK



REV. JAMES CLEMENT FURMAN HOME, GREENVILLE, S.C.

Rev. James Clement Furman, whose name was so intimately associated with Furman University, and the educational cause in South Carolina, was born Dec. 5, 1809, the son of Rev. Richard and Dorothea Maria, (Burn) Furman. Rev. James Furman was the most distinguished of all the Furmans as an educator. He was also a distinguished Baptist Clergyman of South Carolina. Five times he was Vice President of the Southern Baptist State Convention. A religious editor and a member of the famous "Succession" Convention of South Carolina, and for 30 years Presiding Officer as Chariman of the faculty, of Furman



REV. JAMES CLEMENT FURMAN HOME, GREENVILLE, S.C.

University, or as President. His residence was a two story brick building on the campus, known as President's House. In recent years this has been changed from a residence to an Administration Building. There have been many other buildings erected from time to time, but the original structure built in the 1850's is a very attractive building, from an architectural point of view. The original is quite intact and carefully preserved, both without and within. A venerable house, filled with associations that reach out far beyond the personal history of its erstwhile occupants. The President's House was something of a mansion for that day. The sight of the old worn steps calls to mind the worthies of past time who have trod them in their com-

ings and goings. There is history attached to the old walls. Rev. James Clement Furman died March 3, 1891, being over 80 years old. In a long editorial on his death a leading South Carolina Newspaper said: "Age did not diminish his mental faculties, and he was to the last a power in the pulpit, on the platform, through the press, and in council. He was loved as few men are. His memory will go down among those of the States greatest men." (We wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge the courtesy of Mr. Alester G. Furman, of Greenville, S.C., in making available to us pictures, and full data in connection with this branch of the family. Alester G. Furman is the grandson of Rev. James Clement Furman and great-grandson of Rev. Richard Furman).



James C. Furman

Watertown Honors Founders



Statue of Sir Richard Saltonstall Unveiled Today

WATERTOWN today gave to the public a tangible tribute to the men who settled the community 301 years ago when it unveiled and dedicated a founders' memorial, the central figure of which is a bronze statue of Sir Richard Saltonstall who, with Rev. George Phillips and other adventurous spirits, selected for their plantation, early in the summer of 1630, the place that became Watertown.

The memorial is placed on the bank of the Charles River, a short distance from Beacon square. It is of granite, twenty-six feet across, constructed in the form of an oval exedra. The statue that surmounts it is nine feet in height. At either side are bronze bas-reliefs, depicting dramatic scenes in the early history of the town. One shows the landing of Roger Clap, near the present site of the Perkins Institutions for the

Blind. in May, 1630, and the exchange with the Indians of bread for fish, which incident is cut in the seal of the town. The other is a representation of Rev. George Phillips and Elder Richard Browne addressing the freemen of Watertown on the question of the tax levied by the Assistants, without their consent, for the purpose of fortifying Newtowne (Cambridge). At either side of the bas-reliefs appear the names of the early settlers. Each panel measures seven by four feet. The exedra is carved in the form of a seat, with three steps leading to the ground.

Carved on the granite pedestal which supports the statue of Saltonstall is the following inscription as prepared by the historian, Samuel Elliot Morison

To the Founders of Watertown
Whose Protest Against
Taxation Without Representation
Struck the First Note
Of Civil Liberty
Heard in this Wilderness

Below this are these extracts from a letter sent by Saltonstall to the Boston ministers, Wilson and Cotton, a discussion of religious tolerance: "I hope you do not assume to yourselves infallibility of judgement when the most learned of the apostles confesseth that he knew but in parte and saw but darkely as through a glass.

"That the Lord would give you meeke and humble spirits, not to stryve so much for uniformity as to keep the spirit of unity in the bond of peace."

Today's dedicatory program included prayer by Rev. Edward C. Camp, pastor of the Phillips Congregational Church, Watertown, presentation of the memorial to the State by G. Frederick Robinson, chairman of the committee, acceptance for the Commonwealth by Gaspar G. Bacon, president of the Senate and an address by United States Senator Marcus Coolidge, a descendant of some of Watertown's early settlers. There was singing by the Perkins Institute choir of 100 voices. One panel was unveiled by Emmaile Mead Wright, granddaughter of the late George S. Wright, who was active in the affairs of the committee. The other relief was unveiled by Miss Anne C. Phillips, daughter of Hon. William Phillips, and the covering over the statue was drawn aside by Emily G. Saltonstall, daughter of Leverett Saltonstall, speaker of the House, who attended the exercises.

The remarks of Senator Coolidge were as follows:

"As we grow older and read the history and biographies of those pioneers, we appreciate the more the hardships of those who came here three hundred years ago. And yet it is not strange that those

men of ability and courage wisely knew that through education lay progress and the foundation for the sort of Government we now have, because many of those men and women were educators who came from the university towns of England. With our forefathers education, then as now, was a basic idea looking to good and stable Government.

"And so eight years later (in 1638) after the settlement here in Watertown, Harvard College, one of America's greatest institutions of learning, was founded.

"These founders, who came with Governor Winthrop in 1630, were selected from many for their force of character, background and high moral purpose. One student of these times has said: 'The cream of England was sought for this high purpose of founding a colony that should endure through high principles.'

"To these founders, to their wisdom, forethought and moral courage, we pay tribute today, and we pledge ourselves to carry forward their high ideals, which we honor and humbly hope we have inherited, and to strive midst the problems of this day and age to keep firm the foundations they have laid, and to teach all those who come to our shores the ideals which they have established.

"And let us pay further tribute to G. Frederick Robinson, and his associates, who had the vision and also the pioneer courage, through contributions by the town and individuals, to erect this beautiful and fitting memorial to the early settlers of Watertown."

Following are the names of Watertown's early settlers:

Daniel Abbott, John Ball, William Barsham, John Barnard, Thomas Bartlett, Richard Beers, Joseph Bemis, John Benjamin, John Bigelow, Nathaniel Biscoe, William Bond, Nathaniel Bowman, Thomas Boylston, Thomas Brigham, Henry Bright, Jr., Abraham Browne, Richard Browne, Charles Chadwick, Ephraim Child, Lambert Chinery, William Clarke, John Coolidge, Benjamin Crispe, Edward Dix, John Doggett, John Eaton, John Eddy, Simon Elre, John Elliot, Robert Feake, Daniel Finch, David Fiske, Nathan Fiske, John Firmin, Thomas Flagg, Samuel Freeman, Edward Garfield, John Gay, John Goss, Christopher Grant, Thomas Hastings, William Hammond, Justinian Holden, Samuel Hosler, Edward How, Miles Ives, Edmund James, William Jennison, Robert Keles, Richard Kimball, Nicholas Knapp, William Knapp, John Knight, Edward Lamb, John Lawrence, William Learned, Edmund Lewis, Richard Linton, John Livermore, Edmund Lockwood, Hugh Mason, John Masters, Thomas Mayhew, Isaac Mixer, Joseph Morse, George Munnings, Jeremiah Norcross, John Oldham, Francis Onge, John Page, William Paine, Daniel Patrick, Anthony Pierce, Brian Pendleton, Thomas Philbrick, Rev. George Phillips, John Pickeram, John Reynolds, George Richardson, Thomas Rogers, Sir Richard Saltonstall, Richard Saltonstall, Jr., Robert Sanderson, Robert Seely, Francis Smith, John Spring, Isaac Stearns, John Stimson, John Sherman, Gregory Stone, Simon Stone, John Strickland, Joseph Tainter, Gregory Taylor, John Thompson, John Traine, Martin Underwood, John Warren, Jonas Weede, Roger Wellington, Timothy Wheeler, John White, John Whitney, Barnabas Windes, Richard Woodward.

The committee which raised funds for the memorial and carried through the work, consists of G. Frederick Robinson as chairman, Mrs. Margaret W. Vahey, George M. Chamberlain, Charles F. Shaw, Fred E. Crawford, John F. Tufts, John A. Colbert and George S. Wright, deceased.

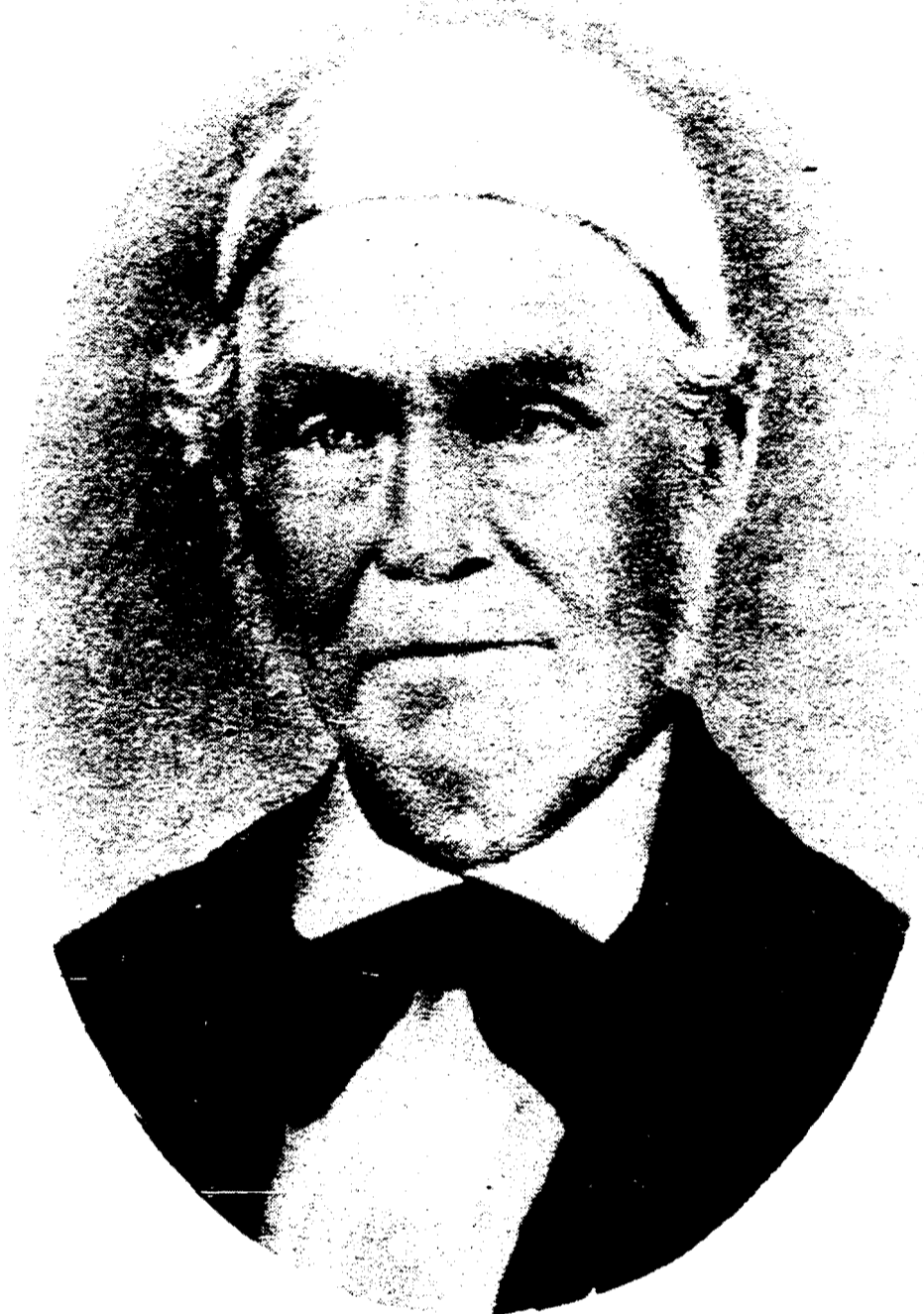
The memorial, which cost \$60,000, is the work of the American sculptor, Henry H. Kitson.

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John Firmin, or Firman was born in County Suffolk, England. Was a non-conformist coming over in Gov. Winthrop's Fleet, in 1630. Was one of the founders of Watertown, Mass. His sons John and Josias, moved to Newtown, Long Island, where in the third generation the name became "Furman," in the records.

JONATHAN FURMAN HOME, STRATTONVILLE, PA.

Jonathan Furman, lumberman and farmer, was born in New Jersey, Feb.25,1780, the son of William and Rachel (Woolverton) Furman. His father was serving, in the Revolutionary War, and his mother could hear the noise of battle from her home, and she wondered if William, his father would ever return to them. When Cornwallis laid down his arms, William returned to his family & saw for the first time, his son Jonathan. On Jan. 3, 1803, Jonathan married Sarah Howe. In 1818, he started, with his family, for Western Pennsylvania, or Ohio, through "the Wilderness Country," now known as Center and Clearfield Counties, with four horses, a wagon and two cows. He reached Armstrong County, (now Clarion County) and being attracted by the Virgin timber he purchased land and built a house, and Saw-Mill on Tobey-Creek (afterwards named Clarion River). This home of Jonathan's was burned to the ground one day, when he went to town, after his wife Sarah had died. He was a man of iron constitution and strong will. It was said that he accomplished more by hard labor and made more money by honest toil than most men. He served in the War of 1812, and Feb.2,1862, he died. The children of Jonathan & Sarah (Howe) Furman were: William Wallace; Nathan Howe; Elisha Barton; Hannah



JONATHAN FURMAN



JONATHAN FURMAN'S HEADSTONE

Cool Spring Cemetery, Mercer County, Pennsylvania.
Mrs. Thompson, standing left, Mrs. Crocker, right.

who married George Kelly; Elizabeth married Jacob Dunkle; Jane married Henry Fulton; Pamela; John who married Eunice Budd, and moved to Iowa; Sarah who married Henry Runkle, and had Mrs. Margaretta (Runkle) Thompson, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. Susanna Elizabeth (Runkle) Carnahan, life member of the New Eng. Hist. & Gen. Society, died June 5, 1935; Ambrose; & Clara who married Rev. Jacob Emery Dean, Baptist Minister, and Rev. Samuel Furman (1811-1892) who was a pioneer Baptist Minister, Indiana County, Pa., his son Rev. A. J. Furman was also a Baptist Minister, and wrote "The History of the Brandywine Baptist Church," his son, third in line in this family, is the Rev. Charles Furman, of Norristown, Pennsylvania.

175-YEAR-OLD QUEENS RELIC WHICH IS SOON TO GO



Jonathan T. Furman House in West Forest Hills Which Was Built in 1750

Jonathan T. Furman Home, West Forest Hills Relic, Built In 1750, to Be Razed

**Family Identified With First Schools of Queens, Also
Active In Cause of Revolution.**

One of the most charming types of early Dutch homes in old "Whitepot," now West Forest Hills, is the Jonathan T. Furman's house on Dry Harbor rd., erected in 1750. Although still standing and in an excellent state of preservation the house will be razed sometime next month, it is reported.

The structure formerly faced a large pond, long since filled in, and was surrounded by great black walnut trees now nearly all destroyed.

Many of Family on L. I.

A number of Furmans evidently brothers or close relatives of Judge Jonathan Furman, are mentioned in the early records of Queens County. The family, which exists in numbers on Long Island, are descendants of John Furman, a Welshman, who became a freeholder in Massachusetts in 1631 and later settled in "Whitepot" as this section of Queens was known in the early days.

Furmans are identified with the record of the first school in this section founded in 1739. According to Riker, Queens historian.

"The residents south of Newtown Village took measures in 1739 to build a schoolhouse a little west of 'Whitepot' on a plot of ground '20 feet square' given by Jacob Springsteen, who on April 21, of the above year, executed a deed for the same to his 'loving friends' Joseph Furman, Nowel Furman, Gabriel Furman, Daniel Stevenson, Benjamin

Coc, David Springsteen, Ezekiel Furman, William Van Duyn, Jeromus Remsen, Jacob Skillman, Rem Renssen, Abraham Morrell, Joseph Furman, Edward Titus and Dow Sow Suydam, who were all farmers residing thereabouts. A stone schoolhouse was first erected, which afterwards gave way to a wooden one and then a third one which burned down." This school was located on Yellowstone ave.

Espoused Cause of Revolution

Jonathan Furman is recorded as having been one of the voters who espoused the cause of the Revolution and undaunted by the clamors of the Tories of Queens stood steadfast with neighbors in passing resolutions to send delegates to the second session of the Continental Congress. This was on April 3, 1775, when a proclamation was issued to the "Freeholders of Newtown" calling attention to the fact:

"We are now called upon to oppose the encroachments which for sometime past have been made upon our rights and liberty."

This interesting appeal was addressed to the early voters of Queens for the sending of delegates to the convention to be held on April 20.

"Let us give generations yet unborn no cause to curse the transactions of this day," reads the famous document that it is recorded Furman upheld.

The text of the appeal was addressed against the "tools of State who would by one single stroke deprive us of our liberty and deprive us of our property."

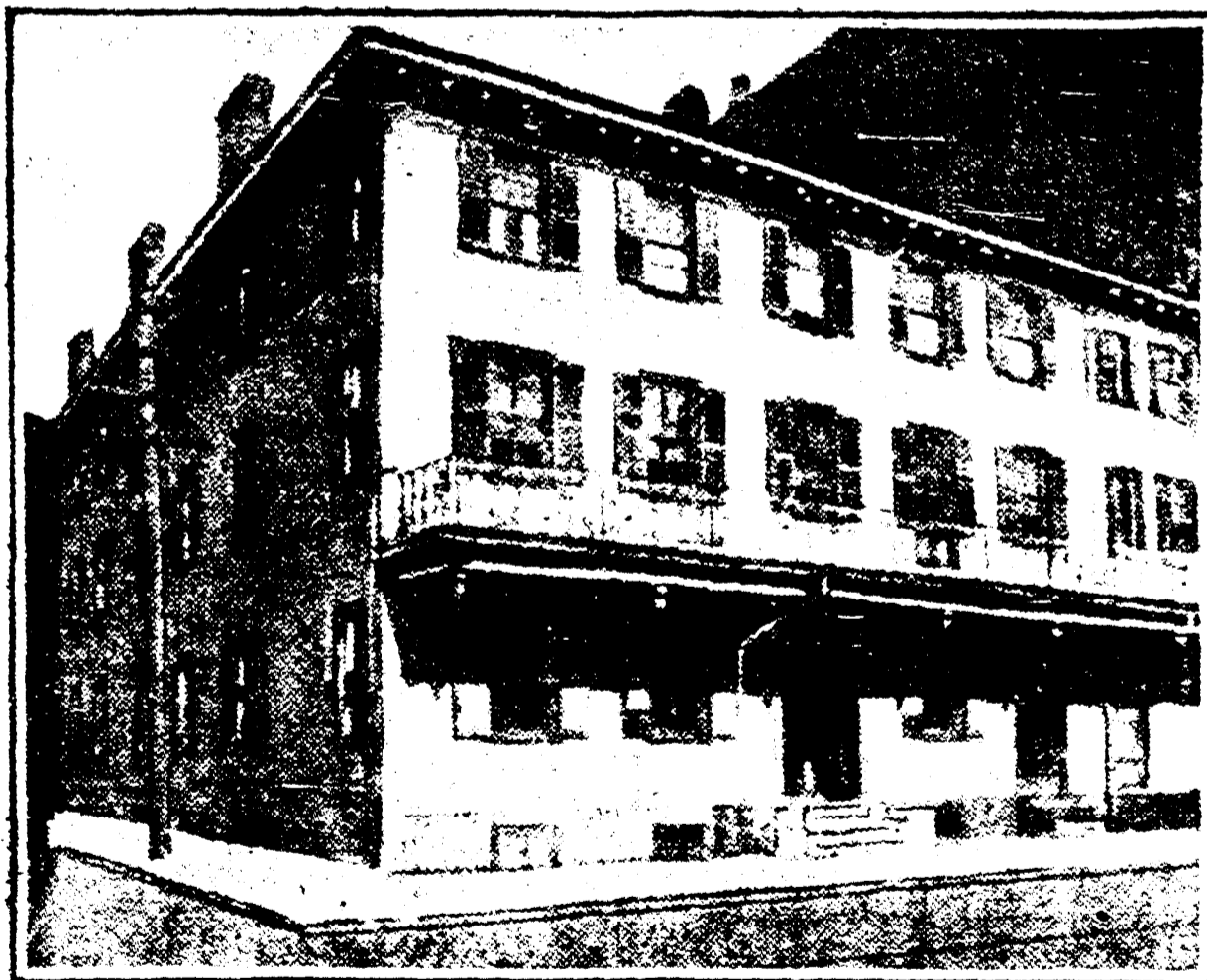
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MARGARET FURMAN NORTH MEMORIAL, WALTON, N. Y.

"THE MOUNTAINS SHALL BRING PEACE"

"Here rest the 'Mother of us all,' Margaret Furman North, born at Newtown, L. I., Jan. 30, 1724, died at Walton, N. Y., Jan. 27, 1797. Her resolute character she instilled into her children: Benjamin, Abigail (Remson), Mary (Smith), Gabriel, Robert, Martha (Gosline), and Elizabeth (Stockton). In Aug., 1776, she saw her husband, Benjamin North, an officer of the Newtown Company, march forth to the defence of his country, with sons and sons-in-law at his side. By that struggle her home was ravaged and she was widowed. Thereafter, late in 1787, crossing the Delaware 32 times in the journey, she heroically made her way to Walton, where she passed her last days, ever a source of encouragement to the pioneer settlers. On this 28th day of August 1926, the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Long Island, this Memorial is erected by her descendants to her honor."

William Furman, with wife and two children, one of the original founders in 1784, was a nephew.



MOORE FURMAN'S HOME, TRENTON, N. J.

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Moore Furman's home is now the site of the Sterling Hotel, and stands on the Northeast corner of State Street and Chancery Lane. The site originally belonged to Daniel Coxe, whose lands were forfeited and sold by the Commissioner of forfeited estates for Hunterdon County, after he had been found guilty of aiding, and assisting the British during the Revolution. The lot was sold to Charles Pettit on April 20, 1779, who in turn sold it to Moore Furman on Jan. 31, 1780. In 1798 Moore Furman sold this lot and his residence thereon to the State to be used as the official residence of the Governor, and it was thereafter popularly known as Government House. In 1845 Messrs Joseph Wood, Dr. John McKelway, John A. Waert and Joseph C. Potts purchased the property, and immediately set to work to turn the place into an Hotel, which was ready in Dec. 1845. Moore Furman though not living in Trenton at the time of the Revolutionary War, was both before and afterwards a resident of the town. In 1757, he was Postmaster of Trenton, where he was a merchant carrying on business under the name of Reed and Furman, and subsequently Furman and Hunt. He removed to Philadelphia in 1762 where he lived for a period of years, but returned to Trenton in 1780, where he continued to reside until his death in March 16, 1808, in his 80th year. Moore Furman married Sarah White, counted among Philadelphia Belles. The White family were Loyalists, but Sarah (White) Furman was fully in sympathy with her Patriotic husband. Moore Furman was Deputy Quarter-Master General during the Revolutionary War, and Stryker says of him that "he was a faithful patriot and greatly entrusted by the Government, and by Washington during the Revolution." He was a Trustee of the Presbyterian Church Trenton, and he was First Mayor of Trenton under the charter of 1782. Among his descendants we find:- James Clark Hunt, Lieut-Colonel; Mrs. John A. Roebling and Francis Shippen McIlvaine, who was engaged in the construction of the Penn R.R. Tunnel, and Mrs. A. Murray Young, of New York.



NATHANIEL HIGGINS FURMAN STORE, LAWRENCEVILLE, N.J.

The Village of Lawrenceville, contained one general store, owned in 1860, and kept by Nathaniel Higgins Furman, who was born in Amwell, N.J., Oct. 19, 1837. Mr. Furman never failed to take an active and intelligent interest in public affairs, and from 1865 to 1868 he held the office of Clerk of the township, and in 1872 was appointed Postmaster. This office with the exception of two terms, he held uninterruptedly until the time of his death. He belonged to the Princeton Lodge No. 38 Free and Accepted Masons was a Scottish Rite Mason, and an Elder in the Presbyterian Church, as well as Superintendent of the Sunday School, and Board of Trustees. In a newspaper article 1897, it states: "The new Board of Freeholders of this county have made a befitting choice in electing Nathaniel Higgins Furman as Director of the Board. His record as a public Official is beyond criticism and he is one upon which the people look with admiration. The name of Nathaniel Higgins Furman stands as a monument of courageous fidelity and trustworthiness. He has been tried and found free from imperfections." He died Jan. 31, 1917. His son Nathaniel Howell Furman, is the



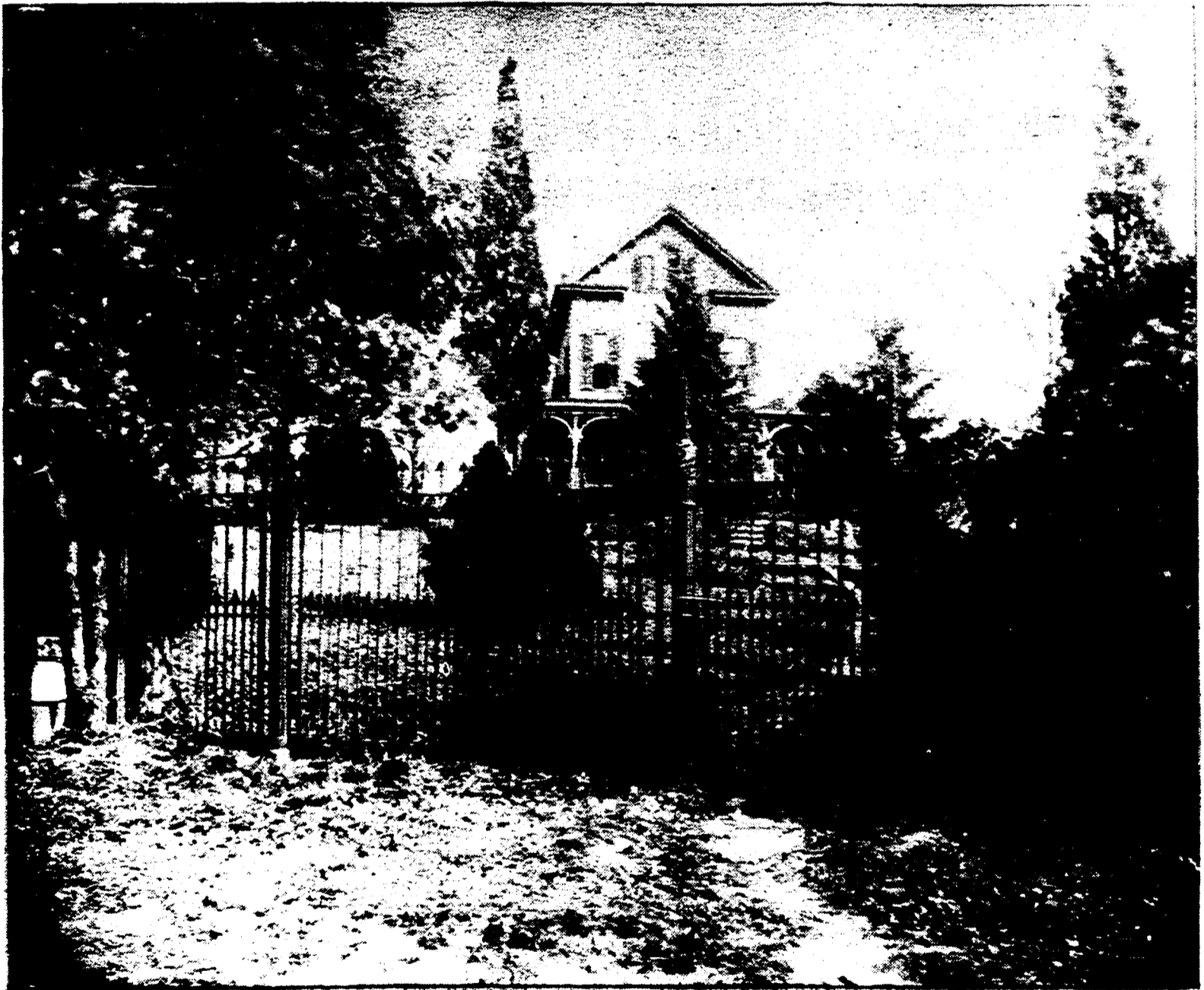
NATHANIEL HIGGINS FURMAN HOME

Professor of the Dept. of Chemistry, Princeton Univ. and starred in the fifth Edition of American Men of Science. Educator, and Author of many scientific and technical books and numerous articles.

THE QUAKER FURMANS OF PHILADELPHIA, PA.

The Quaker branch of Furmans was founded, some 200 years ago by Josiah Furman⁶ (Josiah⁵, Richard⁴, who moved to New Jersey, Josiah³ of Newtown, L.I. Josiah², John¹, of Watertown, Mass). He was born about 1720 died in 1803, and joined the Religious Society of Friends, serving as a useful and valued member of the Trenton Meeting. Among his children were Richard Way, who by wife Hannah Middleton, had I. George Middleton Furman, born Nov. 30, 1776, married March 10, 1803, at Crosswicks Meeting, Margaret Killey, daughter of David and Hannah (Middleton) Killey, their children were: Hannah, a Quaker teacher, married Abel North; Sarah married Mordecai Middleton; David who married Mary Paxson and Samuel who married Deborah Deverell, all of Philadelphia. II. John Furman, married 1st Miss Burroughs, 2nd Miss Steward and had

Steward Furman born June 23, 1790, married Dec. 10, 1813, to Elizabeth Kerlin, they moved to Philadelphia, Pa., their children were John K., who married Catherine Pfield; Samuel Taylor who married Abigail Carslake, going to Philadelphia with their parents and Edwin, who married Amanda Bigelow, resided in Sullivan County, N.Y., and Thomas S. who married 1st Abigail Carsley, 2nd Isabella Robinson, and remained in New Jersey. Among the descendants of this family are the Norths, Middletons, Parrotts, Ruhlman, Smiths, Trumps, Helen Deverell Betts, Hannah Elizabeth Quick, Anna Carslake Johnson, Abigail Marshall, Rebecca W. Paxson, and on the male side, Dr. Horace S. Furman, with his sons Horace S. Jr., and Samuel T. Furman.



RENSSELAER FURMAN HOME, LYNDHURST, N. J.

This old Furman residence in Kingsland, (Now Lyndhurst) N. J. which was occupied by Rensselaer Furman, and his family, for so many years, hardly bears a



RENSSELAER FURMAN

vestige of the beautiful homestead, that existed there during Judge Furman's lifetime. It was the "Grand Old Place" then. Once owned by the Kingsland family, it was built around 1668, by their ancestor. Rensselaer Furman purchased it about 1883. Some 200 acres or more of land, with large buildings, and a dwelling gracious and distinguished in aspect. In the heyday of its existence, it was doubtless one of the finest, as well as one of the most pretentious houses in that section of New Jersey. Rensselaer Furman was born Feb. 17, 1816, the son of James and

Olive (Earl) Furman, he was named for General Van Rensselaer, who was a personal friend of his father. Judge Furman was a cotton merchant, and the maker of the first Gold Pen, under the name of "Furman & Brown." He married Mary Evelyn Reed, the daughter of James Reed, whose ancestor, John Reed, was a soldier under Lord Cromwell, and one of the early settlers, of Providence, R.I. Rensselaer died July 25, 1887, leaving Katherine; Emily L; Mary A.; Julia & Pauline, and one son Rensselaer Jr., who moved West.



COL. ROBERT FURMAN HOME, SCHENECTADY, N.Y.

It is interesting to note, that the family home at 225 Lafayette Street, with its spacious grounds, was built by Col. Robert Furman, as a summer home, and was on the outskirts of the city at that time. It is now almost the exact center of a population of near 100,000 people who comprise the community. So absolutely apart from the rush and bustle of the everyday world, so self-contained and self-sufficient of mein, so calm, and composed in itself-assurance and dignity, that entrance within its enclosure is like stepping into another world. Col. Furman was born Nov. 12, 1819, in the town of Franklin, N.Y., the son of James and Olive (Earl) Furman.



Lawyer, and a member of the Legislature, in 1868. Married Catherine Ann Van Guysling, descendant of some of the most famous "Old Dutch" families of New York State, and cousin of George Edmund VanGuysling who constructed the first moving picture camera. Robert Furman was Colonel of the 83rd Regiment in

the Civil War, he died Jan. 5, 1894, and was buried with Military honors. The Hon. Austin A. Yates, in his book "Schenectady County, N.Y., and Its History to the Close of 19th Century" says: "A decade has passed since the death of Col. Robert Furman, during which the resurrected city of Schenectady has made wonderful history. A magnificent superstructure has been raised on solid foundations. It is but justice to the dead, it is not invidious to the living, to say that among those who laid that foundation there is no name more prominent than that of Col. Robert Furman." His son, Robert Furman, M.D. and his granddaughter, Consuelo Furman, are compilers of this booklet, and numerous other works on the Furman Family. Dr. Furman was born May 5, 1863, in Schenectady, N.Y. Married by the Rev. Thomas Dixon, to Irene Katherine Dowd. Dr. Furman attended Union College, and graduated from Albany Medical College 1889.

ROBERT FURMAN HOME, DOVER, MICHIGAN

Robert Furman, a native of New York State, was born Dec. 31, 1801. He was a pioneer of Western New York, where he lived until 1835, when he emigrated with his wife and five children to Michigan, and settled on Section 34, in Dover, Lenawee County. His brother Oliver Furman, went at the same time, and they took up government land. They at once put up their log houses and moved in, but when the surveyor came along it was discovered they had built upon the wrong land. They tried it again, with the same result, and the third house was put up, before they were permanently located. Mr. Furman soon made a farm out of the wilderness, & assisted many others in making homes. He was a highly respected citizen and died at the ripe old age of 90, leaving a large family.

ROBERT MC KNIGHT FURMAN HOME, ASHEVILLE, N.C.

This old home is on Furman Avenue, where there is also a subdivision known as Furman Court, built by Robert McKnight Furman, who was born Sept. 21, 1846, Louisburg, N.C., son of William Hammitt and Rebecca Whitmel (Wynne) Furman, and grandson of Rickey Furman, who moved from Trenton, N. J., and settled in



ROBERT MC KNIGHT FURMAN

Petersburg, Va. Robert McKnight Furman early exhibited a literary bent & at the age of 14 edited a little paper the "Louisburg Eagle." He was Second Lieut., in the 71st Regiment of N.C., in the Civil War. He founded and edited the "Asheville Citizen" which newspaper is still in existence, and is the principal paper in Western North Carolina. In addition he served as State Senator, and Comptroller of the State. In an editorial which appeared in the "Morning Post" of Raleigh, N.C., it states: "He was a man of culture, pure in thought and in speech, and in the written word, One of Nature's Noblemen." He had Carrie Dancy; Robert Mathewson; George Blacknall; Austin Wynne; Mollie Mathewson; Hilliard Battle and Evelyn Elizabeth Furman, who has a cottage, just outside of Alexandria, which is known as "Furman Hill." He died May 12, 1904, Beaufort, N.C.

Acquired by Museum

Courtesy Metropolitan Museum of Art
Statue of St. Firmin

Museum Gets 1300 Statue Of St. Firmin

Gift of the F. B. Pratts Joins Other Acquisitions Going on Exhibit Today

The gift of a thirteenth century statue, probably of Saint Firmin, the Martyr, first Bishop of Amiens, has been received by the Metropolitan Museum of Art from Mr. and Mrs. Frederic B. Pratt, of New York, the museum announced yesterday. It will go on exhibition for the first time today at the museum in the room of recent accessions, along with other gifts and purchases. According to James J. Rorimer, curator of medieval art, the statue is one of the most desirable sculptures ever acquired by the museum, where it is said to fill a major gap in the early European sculpture collection.

The statue, a work of the Amiens school, is supposed to have come about twenty-five years ago from the old Bishop's Palace at Amiens, one of the great cathedral centers of France. Made of stone and powerfully carved, it reveals the life-sized headless figure of the martyred bishop, holding his detached head in his hands in front of his body. The latter stands out undisturbed against the simple drapery of the figure, surmounted by the jeweled miter of a bishop.

Condition Excellent

Mr. Rorimer said that the statue, except for discoloration, was in virtually perfect condition, a remarkable fact considering that French cathedral sculpture of the thirteenth century is rarely obtainable in excellent condition. The figure, he said, must have stood under a canopy to account for its fine preservation through the ages.

The statue is impressive with a deep religious solemnity befitting the subject. The eyelids closed as in a death mask, the face gives the impression of complete repose, and the draperies are skillfully and carefully arranged, and less conventionalized

in their details than is usual in the somewhat earlier Romanesque sculptures, such as those at Chartres, the curator explained.

Like Other Works

The head is said to be closely similar to that of a representation of Saint Firmin which is still on the

portal of Amiens Cathedral, dedicated to his honor, while the realistic treatment of the features of the bishop are considered comparable to those of the statues on the same portal of Saints Fuscien and Victorius, whose heads are carried almost identically as in the museum's statue.

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SCHOOL

"A History of the Educational Development of Middletown would be incomplete without some reference to the private schools and their teachers. This feature of the educational work was a very important matter during the earlier years of the last century, when the public schools were part pay and part free. The private school conducted by Prof. Nathaniel Furman was the most important. He came at the earnest solicitation of the citizens in 1833 and held his school in the house now occupied by Dr. O. M. Corson, at the southwest corner of Fourth & Main Streets. Here he was assisted by his wife, Lucretia (Williamson) Furman, (since Mrs. Gard). Mr. Furman subsequently moved his school to the two-story frame building in lot No. 78, now used as a hotel & known as the Trontvine property. Here he taught the youth of the vicinity, and many from other States. He was one of the most prominent educators of his day. He was a man austere in his administration and sometimes severe in his methods, and punishments. (Centennial History Butler Co., Ohio, page 316)

PIONEER FURMANS OF TIOGA COUNTY, PENN

The Tioga County Furmans are descended from Daniel Furman, who with his brother William came from New Jersey to Northumberland County, Penn., about 1790. Daniel with his sons Josiah, Simeon and Aaron moved to Tioga Co., where they were pioneer settlers. Aaron K., son of Aaron, and grandson of Daniel used to relate many interesting tales of his boyhood in those parts. For instance, when he was a boy there



was not another white person living for fifty miles West of them. Consequently the Indians and the wild beasts were for long their only neighbors. They had to go sixty miles to mill to Jersey Shore, & there were but few houses in all that distance. Aaron's unusual strength is indicated by the fact that he at different times walked this distance in a day's time. At a place about two miles east of Gaines, the father made a home in the wilderness and here the son spent his life in preparing the way and making civilization. The picture above shows left to right:-1. Wayne L. the baby of the family, 240 pounds, was born at Gaines, Pa., Nov. 6, 1898, married Frieda Orser, children, Wayne O., and Lynne Page. 2. Earl G., born Oct. 22, 1887, married Florence Hunter, children Donald, William and Robert. 3. Wylie D., born 1856, died May 22, 1937, was engaged in lumbering on Pine Creek and learned the Blacksmith's trade, which he followed most of his life. Married Eliza Acker of Hornell, N.Y., and has one daughter, Sara (Mrs. Alvah Frost). 4. Hampton L., died Feb. 19, 1937, at his home in Wellsboro, Pa., in his 85th year. Born Dec. 28, 1852, he married Almeda Lockwood and had Fay R., Mrs. John W. Skidmore, Wayne L., Mrs. Virginia Henry, & Earl G. Hampton L. Furman was engaged in farming and lumbering on Pine Creek, later was in the Postal service. 5. Alonzo A., born June 14, 1861, located in Clinton, Iowa early in life, engaged in the grocery business. Retired and has a farm and cottage on

Pine Creek, near Gaines. Married Fanny Russell & had Russell, of Spirit Lake, Iowa; Alfred K., deceased & Mrs. Frank Bennett, of Chicago, Ill. 6. Fay R., born on June 4, 1885, employed Tioga County Savings & Trust Co., married Clara L. Hiltbold & has Winifred H., Mrs. Frank Krivsky, and Lewis H. Furman. In the above picture Wylie D., Hampton L., and Alonzo A. Furman, are sons of Aaron K., Wayne L., Earl G., and Fay R. Furman are grandsons.

WILLIAM FURMAN, COLUMBIA, PA.

William Furman, native of Holland, born 1758, emigrated to America 1776, landing in New York. Enlisted in the American army in a New Jersey Regiment. While in Washington's army on Long Island he was detailed as Sergeant of a detachment to guard the property of Mr. Hallock, a wealthy Quaker. Hallock had a fine well and a guard was placed around it that it might not be polluted. While Sergt. Furman was on duty he met the Quaker's daughter, Abby. He at once fell in love with her & asked her hand in marriage. However the stern Old Quaker would not permit his daughter to wed a soldier. They eloped & were married in New York. In 1813 Mr. Furman removed with his family to Columbia, Pa., where he was a figure of prominence, in local affairs, serving as Justice of the Peace. He died 1818, leaving his wife and 8 children.

WILLIAM FURMAN, TRENTON, N. J.

William Furman, must have come down from the Mercer County line of Furmans, as the earliest trace of him is that he was a miller, and had a Grist-Mill at or near Scudder's Mills, in that county. Afterward he owned a farm at Kingston, N. J., situated next to the Wittington Farm at that place. He built a brick house upon it, and after living on it some years, sold it and came to New Brunswick, where he engaged in trucking, and hauling the freight from Commodore Vanderbilt's line of steamboats, from New Brunswick to Trenton. He also had a contract for carrying the United States Mail. He married Elizabeth Applegate about 1810. They had 7 children. His grandson Warren Sillcocks Furman, was the father of

Theodore B. Furman, President of the Seaboard Trust Co., Hoboken, N. J. William was also great-great-grandfather of John Pryor Furman, born 1920, son of Dr. Benjamin A. Furman, of Newark, N. J., the youngest genealogist in the Furman Family.



WILLIAM H. FURMAN HOME, MASPETH, LONG ISLAND

"On the upland eastward from Furman's Island & the marshes, is situated the modern village of Maspeth. Ascending the gentle eminence to the left we find the Mansion and hospitable home of Mr. William Furman, the earliest promotor of Fish Culture in this country. His well-stocked and very successful trout ponds are in the neighborhood. Here formerly lived Garret Furman, the Guide, Philosopher and Friend of Maspeth." . . . "Yet further on, at the western limit of the Furman property, is the old home of De Witt Clinton." Here also resided at one time the Hon. Garret Furman, formerly Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, who had one of the finest private Mineralogical cabinets in the country. (L. I. Hist. Homes, Whittemore, page 28).

Roy E. Furman, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Pennsylvania. A Native of Greene County.

GODMOTHERS



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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt (left) and Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen Rohde, former minister to Denmark, Tuesday became godmothers of two-month-old twins belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Armstrong, jr., of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Armstrong formerly was Bess Furman, Associated Press reporter who "covered" the first lady's activities. Mrs. Roosevelt is holding Eleanor Ruth and Mrs. Rohde holds Robert Furman, while between them stands Mrs. John N. Garner, wife of the vice president.

Note:-"Associated Press Photo" courtesy of the Des Moines Tribune, June 2, 1937. The twins were born on April 4, 1937.

Born April 5, 1936, Richard Howell Furman, son of Prof. Nathaniel Howell and Hannah (Hendrickson) Furman, of Princeton, N. J.

Born June 30, 1936, Donald Robert Furman, son of Dr. Donald A. Furman, McCook, Nebraska.

Born Aug. 21, 1936, John Robert, son of Robert Furman, and grandson of John Furman, who operates a 5 and 10 cent store, the "Elm Store" at Schoharie, N. Y.

Born Sept. 14, 1936, Robert Furman Freeman, the son of Leigh and Adaline G. (Furman) Freeman, Boonville, N.Y.

Born May 14, 1937, Hilda Carol Furman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil James Furman, of Washington, D.C.

Married April 19, 1937, Constance Furman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alester Garden Furman, Greenville, S. C., to John Joseph Westbrook.

Married June 19, 1937, Winifred H., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fay R. Furman, of Wellsboro, Pa., to Frank Krivsky.

Died July 1936, Mrs. Adeline Robinson Furman, mother of Paul N. Furman, of the "Evening Public Ledger" of Philadelphia, Pa.

Died Dec. 30, 1936, Mrs. Minnie Thompson Furman, wife of Franklin DeRonda Furman, Dean of Stevens Inst. of Technology. She was the daughter of the late Col. and Mrs. William R. Thompson, Brooklyn and Spring Valley, N.Y.

Died Hampton L. Furman, Feb. 19, 1937, at his home in Wellsboro, Pa., in his 85th year.

Died at the home of his daughter, Wylie D. Furman, May 22, 1937, in his 82nd year.

Died June 5, 1937, Miss Mildred Furman, daughter of Millard G., and Martha Furman, of Newark, N.J.

Died June 6, 1937, Dr. Frank S. Furman, well known physician of Lincoln, Nebraska, son of the Rev. Edward Moore Furman, a Methodist Minister.

Died June 6, 1937, in her 77th year, Anna M. (Berrien) Furman, widow of the late William Austin Furman.
