

THOMAS THOMPSON

# FINNEY

ANCESTORS-DESCENDANTS



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## I. ROBERT FINNEY

Immigrant ancestor, was born 1667 in Ulster county, Ireland, and died March, 1755, age 87. Married Dorothea French who was born 1670 in the North of Ireland, and died May, 1752, age 82.

Robert Finney fought under the standard of William of Orange in Ireland in 1689 as one of the defenders of Londonderry, and in the Battle of the Boyne in 1690. In the latter encounter he was left on the field for dead, but during the night he regained consciousness, found a horse grazing nearby, and made his escape.

In 1722 Robert Finney purchased 900 acres in New London, Chester county, Pa., on the Maryland border, which he named Thunder Hill Farm. He and his wife are buried in the family plot there.

Children (Second generation):

1. Dr. John French (See II.)
2. Dr. Robert, Jr. Died unmarried 1782.
3. William. Born 1700 to 1710 in North of Ireland; died about 1750 at New London, Pa.; married Jean Stephenson. His will was dated Jan. 12, 1749, and probated April, 1751.
  - \*Archibald, first son, born about 1726; married Ann Chester at Christ Church, Philadelphia. Served in the Revolutionary War as Second Lieutenant.
  - \*Walter, seventh son, born 1747 at New London, Pa.; died there Sept. 17, 1820; married Mary O'Hara who was born in 1753 and died August 10, 1823 at New London, Pa. Walter Finney, who served with distinction in both the Revolutionary, and the French and Indian Wars, was breveted Major in 1776; a year later, at the Battle of Brandywine, he was severely wounded. (See footnote.)
4. Thomas. Died 1767 at New London, Pa.; married October 27, 1736, Mary Chester at Christ Church, Philadelphia.
5. Ann. Married into the Carmichael family of Germantown, Pa., prominent Founders and Carwheel manufacturers. The Ann Carmichael Memorial was a gift to the Third Presbyterian Church of Germantown.
6. Letitia. Died in 1742; married William McKean who was born in 1707, and died Nov. 18, 1769.
  - \*Thomas McKean. Born New London township, Chester County, Pa., March 19, 1734; died at Philadelphia, Pa., June 24, 1817.Thomas McKean, representing Delaware, at the age of 43, was the youngest signer of the Declaration of Independence. He did not sign the document until 1781, by special permission, having served in the Continental Army in the interim. Later in his career, he acted as president of Delaware, and chief justice of Pennsylvania at the same time.
7. Lazarus. Died 1740; married Catherine Simonton. Lazarus Finney was the first inn-keeper at New London Crossroads, Pa.

DR. JOHN MILLER TURPIN FINNEY (Sixth generation), a descendant of Walter, son of William, grandson of Robert and Dorothea Finney, was born on a plantation near Natchez, Miss., June 20, 1863; married on April 20, 1892 Mary Elizabeth Gross of Harrisburg, Pa. who was born June 2, 1868; died May 20, 1942 at Baltimore, Md. He graduated from Princeton in 1884 and from Harvard Medical College four years later.

Dr. John Finney was one of the organizers of the American College of Surgeons and its first president. He was one of the group of surgeons who made John Hopkins Medical School known throughout the world. While professor of surgery at John Hopkins he was offered the presidency of Princeton in 1912. In 1940 he published his autobiography, "The Life of a Surgeon."

During World War I he was chief surgical consultant of the AEF in France, with the rank of brigadier-general, for which he was honored with the distinguished service medal. At the height of his career Dr. Finney was often sought as a last refuge in cases of desperate illness.

## **II. DR. JOHN FRENCH FINNEY**

Born in the North of Ireland; died March 1774; married (1) Elizabeth French who was born at New Castle, Delaware, and died in 1740, a daughter of Robert French and Mary Sanderland (widow of Maurice Trent); married (2) Sarah Richardson. Dr. Finney practiced medicine in New Castle from 1734 until his death in 1774.

Children (Third generation):

1. Ann Dorothea. Born in 1735 at New Castle; died in 1817; married John Finney, son of William Finney.
2. David (See III.)
3. Robert. Died unmarried in 1771.
4. Elizabeth. Died unmarried May 30, 1788.
5. John, Jr. Born Nov. 1749; died Jan. 19, 1753.

## **III. DAVID FRENCH FINNEY**

Died in May, 1806; married Ann Thompson, a daughter of John Thompson who came to New Castle from County Antrim, Ireland. David Finney went to Ireland for his education. He studied law and practiced in New Castle.

Children (Fourth generation):

1. John French. Died unmarried in 1794. He lived in New Castle.
2. Elizabeth. Married James Miller in 1793.
3. Ann Dorothea. Died in May, 1792; married William Miller, a brother of James, her sister's husband.
4. David Thompson. (See IV.)
5. Washington Lee. Born Jan. 20, 1773 at New Castle; died in 1804; married Dec. 19, 1797, Christiana Bickham who died in 1857.
6. Sarah M. Married in 1805, French McMullen.

#### IV. DAVID THOMPSON FINNEY

Born Jan. 20, 1773 at New Castle, Del.; died in Holmes county, Ohio, Nov. 22, 1863; married March 9, 1897, Mary James who was born Sept. 10, 1775, and died in Holmes county, Ohio, July 13, 1859 — a daughter of Major John and Elizabeth James of Wilmington, Del. Major John James served in the Revolutionary War. David Thompson Finney moved to West Middletown, Washington county, Pa. in 1811. Later he was awarded Land Grants in Holmes county, then a part of Coshocton County, where he settled, and became a judge in the Court of Common Pleas.

Children (Fifth generation):

1. John French. Born Feb. 9, 1798; died March 25, 1865; married Feb. 14, 1826, Rebecca Butler who was born Oct. 8, 1807, and died May 11, 1879.
2. David Thompson, Jr. Born Nov. 27, 1799; died Sept. 13, 1881 in Holmes county, Ohio; married Jan. 10, 1827, Hannah Butler who was born Feb. 4, 1801, and died July 30, 1884.
3. Elizabeth. Born Aug. 16, 1801; died Feb. 16, 1807.
4. Washington. (See V.)
5. Mary Jane. Born July 4, 1806; died May 6, 1888; Married (1) Jan. 7, 1831, Thomas Bell; married (2) March 25, 1840, William L. Bingham who died April 10, 1873.
6. Ann Evans. Born Dec. 10, 1808; married May 2, 1837. Rev. George Gordon who was born Jan. 8, 1806, and died Dec. 11, 1867.
7. William James. Born Dec. 6, 1811; died Nov. 7, 1883; married in 1847, Louise Crist who was born April 1, 1827.
8. Rachel James. Born Dec. 1, 1813; died Oct. 1, 1873; married Oct. 2, 1844, Daniel Marshmann.
9. Thomas McKean. Born Nov. 12, 1817; died July 29, 1859; married Oct. 28, 1841, Jane Reed Orr who was born June 16, 1817, and died Sept. 18, 1865.

#### V. WASHINGTON FINNEY

Born May 4, 1804 in Delaware; died Jan. 6, 1875; married in 1827, Martha Bell in Holmes county, Ohio, who was born July 4, 1809, and died March 24, 1883 — a daughter of John Bell who migrated to Franklin County, Pa., from Scotland, and then to Holmes county, Ohio.

Children (Sixth generation):

1. Sarah Maria. Born Oct. 13, 1828; married 1856, Amos Britton.
2. Thomas Thompson (See VI.)
3. David Philander. Born June 15, 1832; died Nov. 23, 1887; married (1) Isabella Bird, (2) Mary . . . . ., (3) Nellie Osborn.
4. Dr. Samuel Bell. Born August 22, 1834; died in Delta, Ohio, during the Civil War; married Rachel Ellen Lee, born in Holmes county.
5. Johnson. Born October 25, 1836; married Elizabeth Crawford.
6. Mary Elizabeth. Born Dec. 7, 1838; married Andrew J. Bortz.
7. Rachel Helen. Born August 17, 1840; married John Weatherbee.
8. Mary Ruhanah. Born May 10, 1843; married John Boling.
9. Clarissa Jane. Born May 28, 1845; married (1) Nov. 21, 1867, James Shank who was born Dec. 9, 1842, and died in June, 1880; (2) Sylvanus Aylesworth.
10. Clemenza L. Born July 19, 1847; married Frank Hoyer who was born April 6, 1850.
11. Josephine Eugenie. Married Cornelius Shank of Nashville, Ohio.

## VI. THOMAS THOMPSON FINNEY

Born August 2, 1830 in Holmes county, Ohio; died in Nashville, Ohio in 1907; married (1) Mary Jane Richardson at Wooster, Ohio, Sept. 11, 1849 at the Old Ohio House by Rev. Black. She was born Feb. 21, 1831 at Eldersville, Pa., and died Sept. 11, 1883 in Leesville, Ohio — a daughter of Isaac Richardson and Nancy Williams. Married (2) Nancy or Mary G. Schall. Thomas Finney was a merchant in Leesville, Ohio for nearly fifty years.

Children (Seventh generation):

1. Covington Gavitt. Born June 3, 1850; died the same year.
2. George Washington. (See VII-A.)
3. Joseph Alexander. (See VII-B.)
4. Bernard Sylvester. (See VII-C.)
5. Clara Bell. Born March 18, 1859; died April 1941 at Pittsburgh, Pa. Married at Leesville, Ohio, Nov. 30, 1879, Orrin Holmes Price who was born Feb. 24, 1859 and died at Pittsburgh, Pa. in 1935.

Children (Eighth generation):

- 1) Floyd Ure Price. Born August 16, 1882 at Leesville, Ohio; died May 31, 1957 at Phoenix, Ariz.; married (1) Margaret Mae Stewart; (2) on Dec. 26, 1918, Rosella Griffith who was born May 9, 1884 in Bedford county, Pa.

Child by 1st wife (Ninth generation):

1. Clara Mae Price. Born Jan. 7, 1903; married George Kirch, Jr., August 18, 1928.  
Nancy Wray Kirsch. Born Sept. 24, 1929; married Arthur James Morales, Jr., April 12, 1952 at Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Glenn Bradley Morales. Born Nov. 29, 1956, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Anne Lenore Kirch. Born July 2, 1931; married July 12, 1952, Clyde Edgar Rickard II.  
Clyde Edgar Rickard III. Born July 29, 1953 at Pittsburgh.  
George Stephen Rickard. Born at Moline, Ill., June 12, 1956.
- 2) Orrin Kerr Price. Born Feb. 19, 1884; died March 21, 1943; married (1) Sept. 16, 1908 at Pittsburgh, Grace Randall of East Liverpool, Ohio, who was born October 2, 1908 at New Springfield, Ohio, and died Feb. 6, 1941 at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Married (2) October 12, 1942, Marie Hutchison Perry who was born Oct. 27, 1890.

Children by 1st wife:

- 1) Christine Grace Price. Born Feb. 22, 1916 at Pittsburgh; married October 25, 1939, Thomas L. Cannon, Jr. who was born at Pittsburgh, Nov. 28, 1913.  
Thomas L. Cannon III. Born July 28, 1940 at Pittsburgh.
- 2) Orrin Kerr Price, Jr. Born July 10, 1920 at Pittsburgh; died at Boulder, Colo., Feb. 26, 1949.
6. Laura Ella. Born at Leesville, Ohio, April 6, 1861; died Nov. 26, 1926 at Columbus, Ohio; married Nov. 30, 1885, Alonzo Adair who was born in Carroll county, Ohio, Dec. 15, 1852, and died at Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 12, 1938.

Children (Ninth generation):

- 1) Mary Malinda Adair. Born April 21, 1887 at Leesville, Ohio. Married Miles C. Miller at Columbus, Ohio, October 2, 1909.
- 2) Alonzo Ellsworth Adair. Born June 8, 1890 at Columbus, Ohio. Died December 11, 1917 at Baltimore, Md. Married Mattie May Coverston of Front Royal, Va., in Manila, P. I., May 29, 1914.
  1. William Robin. Born in Hong Kong, China, July 28, 1915.
    - 1) Robert Raymond. Born Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 14, 1942.
    - 2) Susan Malinda. Born Cincinnati, Ohio, June 5, 1944.
    - 3) John. Born Los Alamos, New Mexico, Sept. 30, 1947.



- 3) William Raymond Adair. Born October 19, 1891 at Columbus, Ohio. Married Agnes Kenny, June, 1920. Died June 9, 1953 at Baltimore, Md.
  1. William Raymond Jr. Born May 23, 1923 at Columbus, Ohio. Married Dolores Ann Kane at Orrtanna, Pa. in 1953.
    - 1) Raymond Albert. Born March 21, 1954 at Baltimore, Md.
    - 2) Theresa. Born Sept. 1956 at Salisbury, Md.
  2. Virginia. Born April 5, 1932 at Staunton, Va. Married Paul Smith, Feb. 17, 1950 at Baltimore, Md.
    - 1) Paul Lee Smith Jr. Born Nov. 11, 1950.
    - 2) Kenneth Martin Smith. Born Jan. 29, 1952.
    - 3) Sharon Anne Smith. Born Dec. 31, 1952.
    - 4) Deborah Lynn Smith. Born May 12, 1955.
- 4) John Carl Adair. Born October 27, 1893 at Columbus, Ohio. Married (1) Katherine Rockfield, 1918. (2) Merle Fiddler of Fredrickstown, Ohio.
 

Children by first wife:

  1. John C. Jr. Born Jan. 17, 1917 at Columbus Ohio. Married Grace P. Schmidt of Chicago.
  2. Martha Malinda. Born Feb. 4, 1918 at Columbus, Ohio. Married William M. Bastian of Chicago, Oct. 19, 1946.
    - 1) John Bastian. Born July 22, 1951 at Chicago.
    - 2) William Bastian. Born Nov. 11, 1949 at Chicago.
  3. William R. Born Sept. 21, 1922 at Columbus, Ohio. Married Lillian Clark of Columbus, Ohio.
    - 1) Beverly Lynne. Born May 13, 1953 at Columbus, Ohio.
7. Lulu L. Born Dec. 1, 1863 in Carroll county, Ohio; died Wooster, O., July 2, 1927; married the Rev. William Mackey Devor of Spring Run, Pa., Sept. 10, 1885 at Allegheny, Pa.
 

Children (Eighth generation):

  - 1) William Bruce Devor. Born May 19, 1888; died Cincinnati, Ohio, 1930; married Helen Cookston, October 5, 1915 who died at Oxford, Ohio, May 4, 1946.
    1. Janice Harriet. Born Feb. 22, 1924; married John R. Lindahl, Dec. 10, 1942 at Cincinnati, Ohio.
      - 1) Karen Louise Lindahl. Born Oct. 6, 1947.
      - 2) Christopher Barrett Lindahl. Born May 22, 1953.
    - 2) Galen Leslie Devor. Born Nov. 13, 1889; died Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 25, 1932; married Ella May Baker, April 17, 1912.
      1. Orrin Leslie. Born Jan. 25, 1913.
      2. Olive Corrine. Born Sept. 7, 1923.
8. Thomas Grant. Born May, 1865; died Dec. 1867.
9. Maud. Born Jan. 15, 1874, Carroll county, Ohio; died unmarried, March, 1924 at Leesville, Ohio.

## VII-A. DR. GEORGE WASHINGTON FINNEY

Born Nov. 11, 1851 in Holmes county, Ohio. Married March 6, 1873, at Uhrichsville, Ohio, Laura Taylor who was born Sept. 22, 1859, a daughter of Owen Taylor. George W. Finney owned a drug store in Dennison, Ohio, for over forty years. When he died April 11, 1915, the merchants of Dennison, and its twin city, Uhrichsville, closed their places of business to attend his funeral service.

Children (Eighth generation):

1. Walter W. (See VIII-A.)
2. Orville B. Born Jan. 18, 1876; died Dec. 18, 1883.
3. Myrtle. Born Oct. 30, 1877; died May 5, 1880.

## **VII-B. JOSEPH ALEXANDER FINNEY**

Born May 18, 1853 at Eldersville, Washington county, Pa.; died 1910 at Mingo Junction, Ohio; married Amy Lucretia Leyde, daughter of Henry and Amy Leyde of Carroll county, Ohio, August 18, 1881 at Minerva, Ohio. She was born August 11, 1854 in Carroll county, and died August 10, 1920 at Alliance, Ohio.

Children (Eighth generation):

1. Dr. Horace Maynard. Born Dec. 9, 1883 at Minerva, Ohio.
2. Gertrude. Born Feb. 24, 1885 at Conneaut, Ohio. On Dec. 31, 1917, married Harry William Williams of Alliance, Ohio, who was born Feb. 2, 1881 at Lisbon, Ohio, and died April 22, 1954. Harry Williams was the son of the Hon. John Y. Williams, state representative from Ohio for many years, and a direct descendant of Roger Williams of Rhode Island.

Child (Ninth generation)

- 1) Alice Katherine Williams. Born April 17, 1920 at Alliance, Ohio. Married, April 20, 1952, Edgar Stimmel of Hartville, Ohio who was born April 10, 1919.
  1. Marc David Stimmel. Born Dec. 31, 1954 at Alliance, Ohio.
3. Harrison Leyde. (See VIII-B.)
4. Clara Bell. Born Sept. 30, 1891 at Conneaut, Ohio; married Oct. 11, 1916, Archie Roberts Smith of Coshocton, Ohio, who was born at Bacon Run, Ohio, May 4, 1886, and died June 10, 1951, Alliance, Ohio.

Children (Ninth generation):

- 1) Suzanne Smith. Born Feb. 12, 1919 at Alliance, Ohio; married Arthur Martinson, Jr. of Shaker Heights, Ohio, June 30, 1942 at Alliance, Ohio.
  1. Pamela Ann Martinson. Born May 23, 1946 at Painesville, Ohio.
  2. Larry Arthur Martinson. Born June 15, 1950 at Painesville.
- 2) William Baxter Smith. Born Jan. 5, 1922 at Alliance, Ohio. Married Mary Jane McConnell of Hollister, Calif., in the Naval Chapel at Del Monte Monterey, Calif., Jan. 17, 1953.
  1. William Finney Smith. Born Nov. 13, 1953 at Hollister.
- 3) Nancy Lucretia Smith. Born Nov. 17, 1916 at Alliance Ohio. Married Melvin Eugene Woodcock, Jr. of Orange, Mass., Oct. 8, 1945.
  1. David Jon Woodcock. Born Sept. 1, 1946 at Orange, Mass.
  2. William Courtney Woodcock. Born Jan. 29, 1949 at Orange.
  3. Keith Smith Woodcock. Born August 2, 1951 at Orange.
  4. Christopher James Woodcock. Born March 25, 1955 at Orange.

### **VII-C. BERNARD SYLVESTER FINNEY**

Born July 5, 1855, Leesville, Ohio; married Mary F. Adair; died from injuries when his passenger train, of which he was the engineer, was derailed near Bellevue, Ohio, April 29, 1893.

Children (Ninth generation):

1. Frances Adair (adopted)—wife's child by former marriage.

### **VIII-A. WALTER W. FINNEY**

Born Dec. 14, 1873; married Maude Brower. Walter Finney lived in Dennison, Ohio.

Children (Ninth generation):

1. Orville. Born September 23, 1901; married Leona Dempster who was born May 4, 1903 at Brewster, Ohio.
2. Mildred. Born December 16, 1902.
3. Beatrice. Born October 21, 1905.
4. G. Eugene. Born June 29, 1909.
5. Agnes. Born December 9, 1911.
6. Lois. Born February 23, 1918.

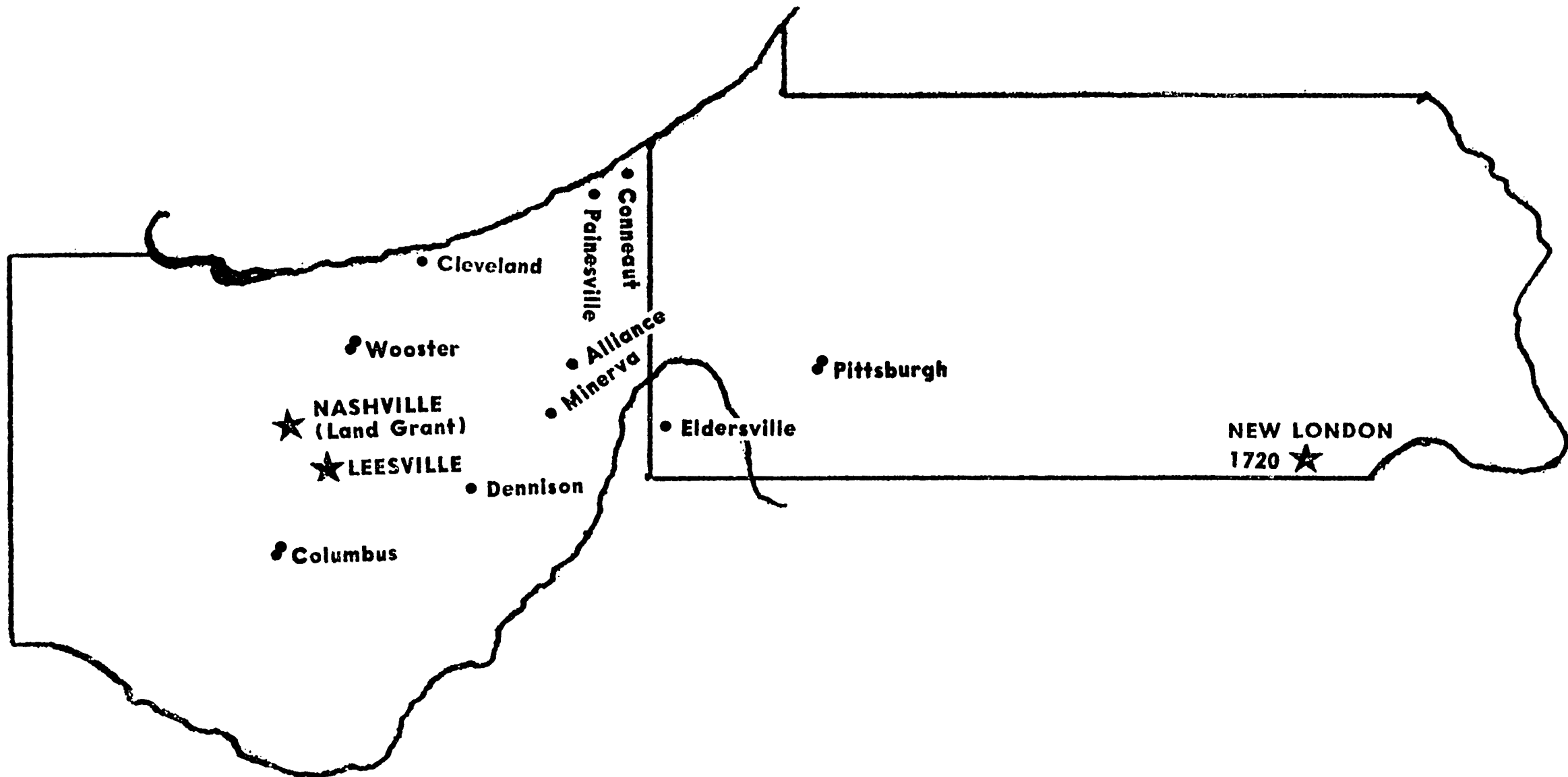
### **VIII-B. HARRISON LEYDE FINNEY**

Born Nov. 11, 1888 at Conneaut, Ohio; died August 8, 1947 at Cleveland, Ohio; married Lillian B. Hassett October 3, 1910, who was born Jan. 2, 1892 at Alliance, Ohio.

Child (Ninth generation):

1. Hazel Lillian. Born March 31, 1912 at Alliance, Ohio. Married Thomas Edward Manning at Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 30, 1939 who was born Sept. 11, 1899.







## CHARLES GRANDISON FINNEY

Though Charles Finney (Sixth generation), a descendant of the John Finneys of Plymouth, Mass. and Bristol, R. I. who came from England almost a century before the Robert Finneys of New London, Pa., nevertheless his name is more familiar to the Ohio Finneys than many of their own clan, through his forty years association with Oberlin college.

He was born August 29, 1792 in Warren county, Conn. and died August 16, 1875 at Oberlin, Ohio. Married October 5, 1824, Lydia Root Andrews at Whitestone, N. Y. who was born March 8, 1804.

In 1794 his family moved to Oneida county, N. Y. and at the age of twenty he began teaching in New Jersey. Later he studied law in Jefferson county, N. Y. which he gave up for theology. He was licensed after two years study by the Presbyterian Church in 1824 and began his career as an evangelist, meeting with great success in Utica, Troy, Boston, Philadelphia and New York City. In 1832 the Chatham Street Theater was made into a church for him; two years later the Broadway Tabernacle was built for his fast growing congregation.

In 1835, before his New York Church was completed, he was called to the chair of theology at Oberlin college, Oberlin, Ohio which had been founded in 1833 by his New York friends. In 1851 he was elected president and held that post until 1865 when he was made President Emeritus which he held until the time of his death in 1875.

He was an ardent and forceful orator, a prolific writer and the author of a half dozen texts on theology. In 1849-1851 he toured Scotland and England as a revivalist, adding to his growing reputation as an evangelist. His "Lectures on Revivals" were translated into many languages, and up to 1890 had passed through fifteen editions. In those days books were set by hand. His lectures on "Systemic Theology," in two volumes, he abridged into one volume for the British public which was printed in England in 1851. He again visited England in 1858 to 1860.

While president of Oberlin, Charles Finney designed the Big Tent—a large circular tent, capable of holding nearly 3,000 people. This tent was a gift of his Broadway Tabernacle friends in New York. The Tent was used for commencement exercises, and also served the means of holding protracted meetings throughout the state in places where no suitable or large enough house of worship was available. This tent was the forerunner of our modern out-door tent church services.

