

**FAMILY HISTORY**

**OF**

**Jeremiah Fenton**  
**(1764-1841)**

**OF**

**Adams County, Ohio**

**a n d**

**His Descendants**

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**To the Memory of My Mother  
Rachel Fenton Brown**

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“THE Fentons, especially the former generations, have been farmers. They have been representative of the best citizenship of the Republic. They have been loyal to the country’s flag and have been on the right side of all great moral questions. If they have not acquired great riches they have as a rule been well-to-do people, honest, industrious and true.”

LUCIEN JEROME FENTON.



## PREFACE.

The writer spent four years of his boyhood life at Winchester, Ohio, and came to know intimately many Fentons; and came in time to learn of and appreciate the many admirable characteristics of the Fentons generally. Among these characteristics may be noted, honesty, frankness, hospitality, generosity, piety, industry, amiability, decent conduct and right living. And while few Fentons have "set the world on fire" or won very conspicuous success, some have inscribed their names high on the walls of fame. One sat in the Congress of the United States for two terms, and another won world fame as a journalist. Several offered their lives to save the Union in the great war of the Rebellion, and many of them have achieved moderate success. So far as is known to the writer, none have been convicted of crime or even charged with crime. The rank and file of Fentons have not been ambitious for political office or fame, too much Quaker blood in their veins, but, as good farmers, they have lived the simple life close to nature, paid their debts, worshipped as Methodists and kept themselves free and unspotted from the world.

Three years ago by chance the writer came upon a family record of his paternal ancestry prepared by Dr. Andrew Brown, of Eustis, Florida, extending back to 1625. This suggested the need of such a history of Fentons and, being anxious to know more of his maternal ancestry, the writer determined to prepare this family record. The work has taken more or less time out of nearly every business day for three years and has cost some money to collect material which will not come back, except in the appreciation of the book by those who really prize such things; but that is pay enough. The book was not written to make money, but to perform a pleasant duty.

A work of this kind cannot be prepared without a great deal of help from others and the writer here and now expresses his gratitude to all those who have kindly complied

with his requests to furnish information, and particularly to Hon. James K. Fenton and Hon. Lucien J. Fenton for valuable information respecting old-time Fentons; to Hon. E. B. Stivers for permission to quote from his History of Adams County; to Mr. James W. Eylar for much valuable help in connection with the Eylar family; to Miss Mary McPherson for collecting material as to the Jesse Fenton family; to Earl F. Keyes, Esq., and Mrs. Rosanna Howland in connection with the Polly Baird family; to Prof. Wm. Stevenson for full information as to the Catherine Eckman family; and to Henry N. Baker, Esq., for valuable papers and other matter in connection with Jeremiah Fenton (1764), William Fenton (1790), and his sister, Delilah Fenton. The writer has gathered material also from the following books: "Steere's Book," owned by James L. Robinson, Winchester, Virginia, which includes some of the Frederick county, Virginia, Fentons; L. H. Everts & Company's "History of Fayette County, Pennsylvania;" and Evans & Stivers "History of Adams County, Ohio."

Further acknowledgment must be made of financial help, for without extra contributions of money the book could not be published. The writer would have had to drop the whole matter had not Hon. L. J. Fenton come forward voluntarily with generous contributions of money. Those who receive this book should realize their debt to him in this matter. Mrs. Mary H. Liggett, of Blue Springs, Missouri, Mr. A. L. Fenton, of Atchison, Kansas, and his sister, Mrs. A. O. Delaney, of Leona, Kansas, have also been generous in contributions of money; and to all those who subscribed for one or more copies thanks are hereby given.

One of the first questions which will come to the reader is whether or not the dates, names and other historical matter set forth herein can be depended upon as accurate and correct. All of the dates, names and other matter found in this book have been twice checked over with the papers furnished by representatives of the different families and are correct, and the writer believes that all of the data contained in this book can be depended upon. Here

and there, of course, an error will be found, but taking into consideration the large number of dates, names, etc., the errors found will likely be very few. In seeking information respecting any family the writer has taken pains to communicate only with those competent to furnish the information correctly.

There will likely be dissatisfaction among some because their picture or the picture of some one or more of their friends is not given herein, and the writer has found a great deal of difficulty in deciding upon what pictures ought to be put in the book. All will understand that illustrations greatly add to the cost of the publication and that their number necessarily must be limited. The William Fenton family is favored above all others, as the picture of each of his sons and daughters, except one, is given, but it must be remembered that his family and descendants outnumber each of the other families of the sons and daughters of Jeremiah Fenton; and furthermore, the writer, being a member of the William Fenton family and being out a great deal of money, time and labor in preparing the book, has felt that it is no more than right to make an exception in this case. Others will notice that the Benjamin Fenton family has been favored in respect to pictures. However, they are entitled to this favoritism, for the reason that they have subscribed for far more copies of the book and paid more extra money besides than any other family, and not only this, they have also splendidly helped in collecting material and constantly encouraged the writer to go on with the work.

In most other cases where photographs of living persons are inserted it is because of the fact that the parties themselves have been generous with subscriptions. The writer wishes that it were possible to insert the pictures of all those who care to have him do so. This being impossible he has adjusted the matter as best he could.

Again, some may feel that they or their friends have not received enough mention in the reading matter. On this point the writer's conscience is entirely clear. All have been asked to furnish the writer matters of interest and ab-

solutely everything tendered him has been printed. Those who failed to contribute matter as requested have only themselves to blame.

A careful count shows that there are, living and dead, 459 descendants of Jeremiah Fenton (1764). Of this number the William Fenton family leads with 128, composed of 66 males and 62 females; the Elizabeth Eylar family follows closely with 113, 58 males and 55 females; next comes the Polly Baird family with 83, 41 males and 42 females; then the family of Jeremiah Fenton with 49, 24 males and 25 females; next the Catherine Eckman family with 25, 8 males and 17 females; next the Jesse Fenton family with 24, 7 males and 17 females; next the Benjamin Fenton family with 16, 6 males and 10 females, and last the John Fenton family with only 10, 4 males and 6 females. It is interesting to note that the Benjamin Fenton family, although next to the lowest in point of numbers, has done more than all the others combined to make possible the publication of the book. It is strange that not more than three or four persons outside the Benjamin Fenton family have voluntarily indicated any disposition to help financially further than to subscribe for one copy of the book.

Attention is called to the differences in the names now given by Fenton parents and those common among the early Fentons. In the family of Jeremiah Fenton, the pioneer, we have Jeremiah, Benjamin, Rosanna, Polly, Delilah and others. These names were still in common use in the next generation, but at the present time scarcely one of the old-fashioned names is in use. Instead we have Grace, Maud, Gladys, May, Helen, Marjorie, Evelyn, Lottie, Virginia, Evalena, Mabel, Kathleen and the like.

The writer has noticed one other fact of some interest. Among all of the nearly 500 descendants of Jeremiah Fenton twins were born on but three occasions; first to Polly Baird, then to William McColgin, and next to the writer.

Is a publication of this kind worth while? There can be but one answer to the question. The barest record of 459 human beings, with births, marriages, deaths, etc., when

all are connected by ties of blood, must be worth preserving. Human life is too precious to allow no record to be kept of our blood relations.

In closing the writer desires to acknowledge very valuable help from his good wife who twice read the proof of this book; and whatever excellence it may have in freedom from printers' errors is due in part to her. A reward was given of five cents for each error discovered on the final reading.

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# JEREMIAH FENTON

Said to have left England for America in 1735. Died about 1796.

Michael (?)  
Enoch (?)

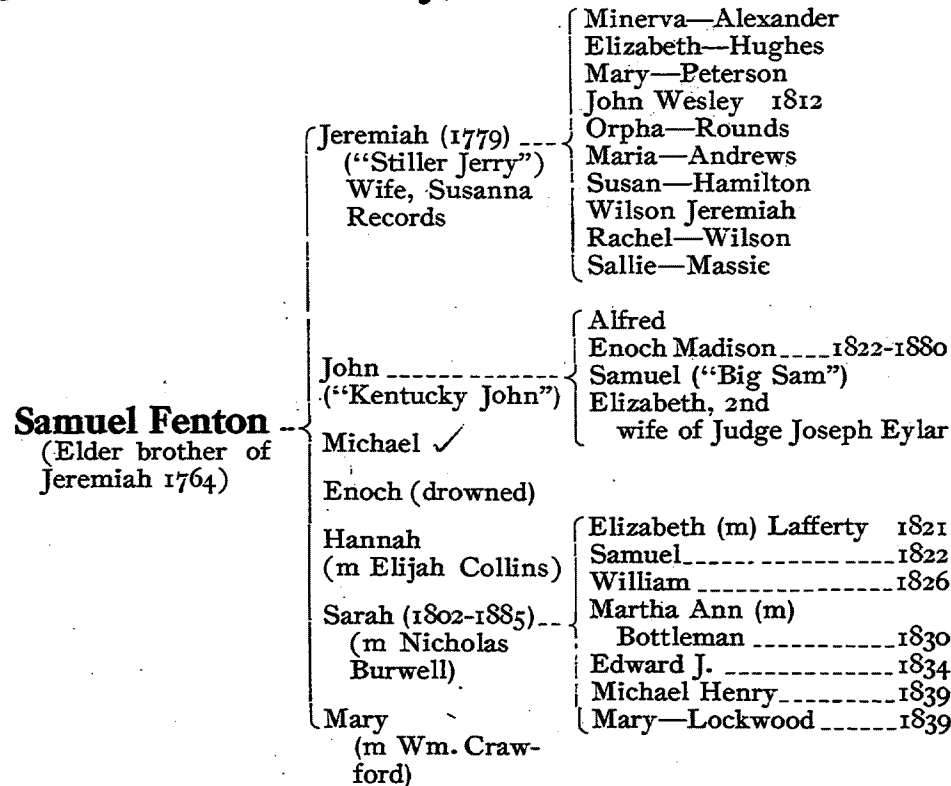
Samuel

**JEREMIAH**  
(1764-1841)  
(m) Rosannah  
Lawrence

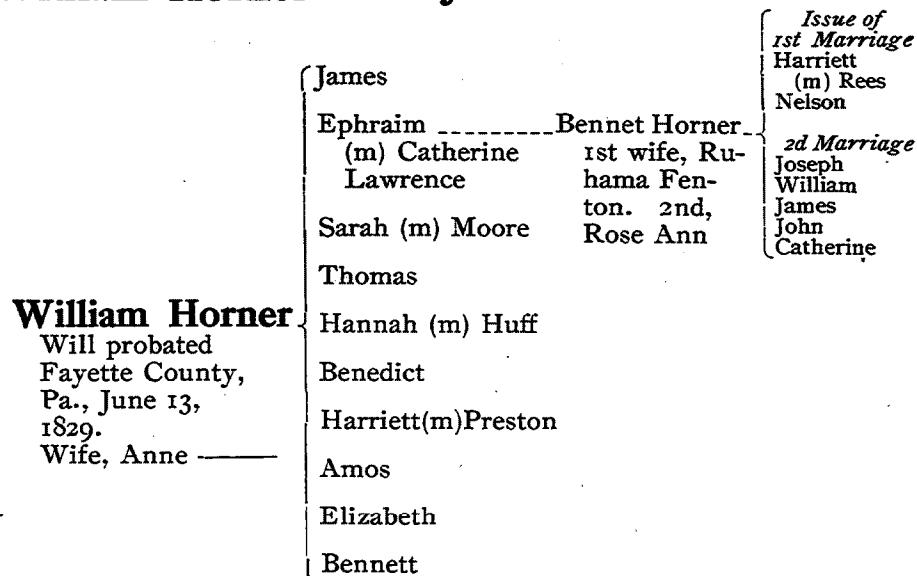
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Elizabeth (m) Eyler (1792-1835)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rose Ann ..... 1815-1815</li> <li>Mary Ann (m) Moore ..... 1816-1891</li> <li>Sarah Ann (m) McNown ..... 1818-1877</li> <li>Alfred Allen ..... 1820-1882</li> <li>Ruth (m) Cockerill ..... 1822-1878</li> <li>Joseph Fenton ..... 1824-1890</li> <li>John ..... 1826-1866</li> <li>Benjamin Franklin ..... 1828-18</li> <li>David Shafer ..... 1831-1897</li> <li>Oliver Hazard ..... 1834-1893</li> </ul>
Delilah (single) (1794-1883)	
John (1796-1855)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alfred ..... 1838-1894</li> <li>Allen ..... 1840</li> <li>Elizabeth Jane ..... 1842</li> <li>John Milton ..... 1845</li> </ul>
Jesse (1799-1860)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Louisa ..... 1836-1909</li> <li>Ruth (m) Kendall ..... 1837</li> <li>Turner ..... 1838-1904</li> <li>Ann Elizabeth ..... 1842-1905</li> <li>Emma (m) Morrow ..... 1843-1908</li> <li>Margaret ..... 1845-1908</li> <li>Hannah (m) McPherson ..... 1848</li> <li>Harrison ..... 1850</li> </ul>
Catherine (m) Eckman (1801-1872)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ann (m) Van Nest ..... 1827-1878</li> <li>Jeremiah ..... 1828-1836</li> <li>John ..... 1830-1839</li> <li>George ..... 1831-1847</li> <li>William ..... 1833-1839</li> <li>Rosanna ..... 1836-1839</li> <li>Catherine ..... 1839-1849</li> <li>Emma Sophia (m) Stevenson ..... 1841-1890</li> <li>Mary Jane ..... 1847-1848</li> </ul>
Jeremiah (1803-1861)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nelson ..... 1844</li> <li>Margaret Ann (m) Howard ..... 1845</li> <li>Mary Jane (m) Ennis ..... 1848</li> <li>Elcena (m) Howard ..... 1851</li> <li>Russell ..... 1854</li> <li>Rufus ..... 1857-1858</li> </ul>
Mary [Polly] (m) Baird (1804-1875)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jeremiah ..... 1833-1905</li> <li>George ..... 1835-1890</li> <li>Sarah Ann (m) Eyler ..... 1837-1901</li> <li>Rosanna (m) Howland ..... 1839</li> <li>Katherine ..... 1839-1839</li> <li>John ..... 1842</li> <li>Mary (m) West ..... 1844-1898</li> <li>Rufus ..... 1849-1892</li> </ul>
George (single) (1808-1861)	
Benjamin (1810-1870)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rosanna Juliet ..... 1839-1885</li> <li>Mary Lydia (m) McKnight ..... 1842</li> <li>Lucien Jerome ..... 1844</li> <li>Albert Washington ..... 1846</li> <li>Emma Catherine ..... 1848-1891</li> <li>Priscilla Adelaide (m) Jefferys ..... 1851</li> <li>Martha ..... 1854</li> </ul>
Joseph (single) (1815-1846)	



## Partial Chart Samuel Fenton Family



## Partial Chart of William Horner Family



WILLIAM HORNER, the pioneer, was a close friend and neighbor of John Lawrence and Jeremiah Fenton, and his descendants intermarried with both their descendants. He settled in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, very early at the solicitation of John Lawrence, and bought land of him by deed dated March 3, 1798. Many Horners yet live in Luzerne township, Fayette county, and their features strongly resemble those of the Adams county, Ohio, Horners.



## CHAPTER ONE

### THE FENTON FAMILY.

The Fentons are a very old family. It is said that they originally came to England with the Normans and that the name is North German, from fen-ton or fen-toon, meaning a town in the lowlands. By some of the descendants it is said the home of the Fentons in England was in Lincolnshire. Others say it was in Cornwallshire. Still others say in Yorkshire and that the Fentons came to America as Quakers with William Penn.

### TIME OF LEAVING ENGLAND.

The writer has not been able to learn with certainty when the Fentons left England and came to America; but it has been handed down through some of the older Fentons that it was in the year 1735. Mr. James W. Eylar, of Bendena, Kansas, who is a descendant of the Fentons, and well posted on early Fenton history, makes this statement to the writer:

"Jeremiah Fenton (Sr.) came from England in 1735 and settled in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia. I have the information from the older Fentons."

### PLACE OF SETTLEMENT.

Neither is it known definitely just where the Fentons located and settled on reaching this country. Among the descendants of Jeremiah Fenton it has been always understood that they first settled on Apple Pie Ridge, near Winchester, Frederick county, Virginia, and that some few settled in Loudoun county, Virginia. On the other hand the positive statement has been passed down among the descendants of Samuel Fenton, brother of Jeremiah, that the

Fentons first settled in Bucks county, Pennsylvania. Mr. John F. Fenton, of Oxford, Ohio, son of John Wesley Fenton, and great grandson of Samuel Fenton, says: "My grandfather ("Stiller Jerry" Fenton) often told me he was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania." This is near Philadelphia.

The land and court records of Bucks county disclose the fact that many families of Fentons lived in that county between 1700 and 1800; and the land and court records in Frederick and Loudoun counties, Virginia, also show that numerous families of Fentons lived in those counties in the eighteenth century. There is also authority for the statement that the Fentons first settled in New Jersey. Hon. Warren S. Ely, professional genealogist of Doylestown, Pennsylvania, says: "The emigrant ancestor was Eleazer Fenton, who came to New Jersey prior to the grant of Pennsylvania to William Penn, later moving to Bucks county, locating five or six miles east of here."

### ENOCH FENTON.

It is well known among the descendants of Jeremiah Fenton that there was in the family an Enoch Fenton, who lived in Frederick county, Virginia, during the Revolutionary War. James Kendall Fenton, of Locust Grove, Ohio, has this to say:

"I heard Uncle George Fenton, and my father (William Fenton, oldest son of Jeremiah) and brother Sam and Dick's father (Samuel Fenton, 1809) all talk about Enoch Fenton and Samuel Fenton, (brother of Jeremiah) being in the Revolutionary War. They would talk amusingly of Enoch constructing a Trojan Horse and declaring death to all of the British."

The land records of Frederick county show that Enoch Fenton bought land there in 1774 and in 1780. His will, dated March 23, 1789, was proven April 2, 1805. He left a widow, Sarah, and sons, John, Joseph, Benjamin and Enoch, and a daughter, Rebecah. He also left an estate of lands, negroes and money. These lands are situated on Apple Pie Ridge, where Jeremiah Fenton also lived.

Respecting Enoch Fenton and Samuel Fenton, James K. Fenton states further:

"I am inclined to think they were brothers. I heard my father speak of his cousin Enoch Fenton being the best looking man he ever saw."

Enoch Fenton, whose will was proven in 1805, had a son Enoch, and assume, as the tradition goes, that he was a brother of Samuel and Jeremiah, then his son Enoch would be a first cousin of William Fenton, eldest son of Jeremiah, thus making tradition and record agree. It may be mentioned here that the name Enoch has been carried down in the Samuel Fenton family. He had a son Enoch who was drowned and a grandson Enoch Madison Fenton, and this grandson named his first son Enoch. This Enoch Madison was a first cousin of William Fenton (1790) and it may be that he was the good-looking cousin Enoch, already spoken of. However, he was quite generally called "Mat" Fenton, and was almost never called Enoch. That Enoch Fenton, whose name appears in the Virginia records, belonged to our Fentons, seems sure; and in all probability he was a brother of Samuel and Jeremiah.

#### BIRTHPLACE OF JEREMIAH.

Since the traditions respecting the Fentons in Frederick county, Virginia, coincide with the official records, it is practically certain that Jeremiah, Jr., the subject of this sketch, was born in Frederick county, Virginia. It may be equally true that his brother, Samuel, was born and lived a while in Bucks county, Pennsylvania.

The writer has set out on another page a chart of the early Fenton family of Bucks county, prepared by Mr. Ely. It will surely be an object of interest.

Mr. Ely thinks that Jeremiah Fenton, Sr., was a son of Jeremiah Fenton shown on his chart, who was born in 1691, died 1732, the latter being the eldest son of Eleazer Fenton (1655-1704), by his second wife, Elizabeth Stacy. He owned no land, hence the record does not disclose his children, if any.

This Jeremiah Fenton, of Mr. Ely, was poor and at the time of his death was living on a farm of his brother, Enoch, who made provision in his will for Jeremiah to continue to occupy a part of his land without rent for nine years after the death of the testator. It will be seen hereafter that Jeremiah Fenton, Sr., father of the subject of this book, was also very poor and did not own land.

It is known among the descendants of Jeremiah Fenton, Jr., that while most of the early Fentons were Methodists there were also some of them Quakers. The Fentons of Mr. Ely's chart were Quakers. The Fentons in Frederick and Loudoun counties, Virginia, were some of them Methodists, some Quakers.

#### APPLE PIE RIDGE.

In passing it may be well to say a word respecting Apple Pie Ridge. This is an elevation of ground, of ridge-like formation, or a series of continuous hills, extending for a distance of several miles out from Winchester. This ridge has been for more than two hundred years, and is to this day, famous for its fine apple and peach orchards.

In July, 1908, the writer made a visit to Winchester especially to study early Fenton history and during his stay there drove out on the toll road pike to the residence of James L. Robison, a direct descendant of Enoch Fenton. He is a wealthy farmer and fruit grower. He says all of the Fentons are now gone from Apple Pie Ridge and Frederick county, but that some few yet live in Loudoun county. He says the early Fentons lived on Hog creek or Babb's run, about eight miles out from Winchester, and that some of them were Methodists and many of the same family were Quakers.

If Jeremiah Fenton, Sr., had been a land owner in either Frederick or Loudoun county, Virginia, it would be comparatively an easy task to carry his history back farther, but as shown by the records, he did not own any land in either of these counties.

The writer spent considerable time at Winchester, Virginia, at the court house, trying to find some trace of Jere-

miah Fenton, and he has also had the recorder of deeds make careful search, but no trace of the name can be found. Unfortunately the early tax records of Frederick county are not accessible. In the loft at the court house are great bundles of old tax records piled up and covered with dust, and while these, if accessible, would be of the greatest value to genealogists, it would take months, and would be practically impossible, for private parties to go through them in their present condition. Some day the county officials may see the need of sorting out and classifying old records, and then it will likely be possible to find the name of Jeremiah Fenton among the early inhabitants of Frederick county.

#### JEREMIAH FENTON, SR.—SETTLES IN FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

Jeremiah Fenton usually affixed "Jr." to his name, and thereby and also by official records, do we know that his father's name was also Jeremiah.

In the spring of 1784, joining the stream of restless emigrants from Virginia to western Pennsylvania, Jeremiah Fenton, Sr., with his sons, Samuel, Michael and Jeremiah, Jr., left Frederick county, Virginia, and settled on a farm about eight miles southeast of Redstone, Old Fort, now Brownsville, in Luzerne township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. Brownsville is on the Monongahela river.

Of course the writer cannot speak with absolute certainty of this date, but the well preserved Fayette county records tend to confirm him in the belief that it is correct. In the court house at Uniontown there is on file among the court records a petition for a road, dated June 10, 1784, signed by Jeremiah Fenton, Samuel Fenton, and by more than forty of their neighbors. It is not likely that these new settlers waited many months in their forest home before petitioning for this road. The writer has lately seen the original of this old paper now yellowed with age, and considered it of such value as to have it photographed and reproduced in this book. No doubt the reader will be in-

interested in seeing with his own eyes a picture of the handwriting and signatures of Jeremiah Fenton, Sr., of Samuel Fenton, his son, and of John Lawrence, whose daughter, Rosannah, became the wife of Jeremiah Fenton, Jr.\*

From the "History of Fayette County" I quote as follows respecting this road: "The course of the road lay through Luzerne and Menallen townships by way of Mr. Lawrence's, *Mr. Fentings*, and Big Meadow Branch, and so on to Uniontown."

The carefully kept tax records of Fayette county also establish the fact that Jeremiah Fenton lived there as early as 1784. The assessment of property roll of Luzerne township for 1785 shows Jeremiah Fenton assessed that year as follows: "Land, none; horses, 1, value 5 pounds; hogs and cattle, 1, value 2 pounds." This assessment was made late in the fall of 1784, and these are the earliest tax records in this county.

On another page is set out extracts from the tax records of Luzerne township, so far as they relate to the Fentons, from 1785 to 1797, after which last named year, the name Fenton is no longer seen on the tax list. These records will prove interesting to students of Fenton history. They disclose several important facts; among them, that Jeremiah, Sr., did not own land and owned but very little personal property; that Samuel, his son, was well to do and owned lands and horses and cattle of considerable value for those days; and that both Jeremiah, Sr., and Jeremiah, Jr., were "renters." Samuel may have received his land for his services in the Revolutionary War.

The name Jeremiah Fenton, "Single," and Jeremiah

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\*Said petition is as follows:

"To the worshipful the Justices of the Peace for the county of Fiatt in the state of Pennsylvania at there next court of quarter sessions to be Holden at Beasons Town whereas we the Petitioners whose Names are under written do Humbly Request to have a Rode Laid out from James Crawfords ferry, the Nearest and best way to Beasons Town sd ferry is situated on Monongalah River and aBout one mile and a half below the mouth of ten mile crick, sd Roade is much a wanting and would be Very convinient for the Inhabitants of those Parts as also for Travellers the Inhabitants hereaways Labours under many disadvantages for want of sd Rode as we the Humble Petitioners in duty bound shall Pray—this 10th day of June one thousand seven hundred and Eighty four 1784—"





Fenton, "Junior," appears along with the father's name on the tax rolls of 1788, assessment of 1787. He became twenty-one in 1785 and the assessment made in 1787 was the first land assessment made thereafter. After 1796 the name of the father no longer appears on the tax rolls and as it is thought he did not go with his sons over into Kentucky, it is likely that he died in about the year 1795 or 1796. He was born in England.

The tradition is that he was too old to be in the Revolutionary War. If he was too old to be a soldier when that war began in 1776, and if he came to America in 1735, he must have been well up in years, and probably was over 65 or 70 when he passed away.

That Jeremiah Fenton, Sr., was a very poor man when he lived in Pennsylvania, the records plainly show; for he owned no land at a time when land there was selling for only ten pounds per 100 acres; or at the rate of about fifty cents per acre, and he owned but little personal property, his Fayette county personal tax assessment not exceeding in any one year one hundred dollars. A farmer who could not own any land at fifty cents an acre and who was taxed for so little personal property, was poor indeed, according to these times. It must be remembered, however, that in those days money was exceedingly scarce. From L. H. Everts & Company's "History of Fayette County," 1882, I quote the following extract from a letter written from that county in 1784: "Money we have not nor any practicable way of getting it; how taxes will be collected, debts paid or fees discharged, I do not know."

#### MICHAEL FENTON.

From the Fayette county records we find there was also a Michael Fenton, whose name regularly appears on the tax rolls along with Jeremiah, Sr., and Samuel. Mr. J. K. Fenton has stated to the writer that there was a Michael Fenton in the days of Jeremiah, Sr., and Samuel, of whom he had often heard the older Fentons speak. That the Michael Fenton whose name is on those tax records be-

longed to this family is certain, but whether he was a brother, son or some other near kin of Jeremiah, Sr., cannot be told. I think he was a son and of an age between Samuel and Jeremiah, Jr.

The story is handed down through Samuel Fenton (1809) that Michael Fenton when he was eighty years old plowed in one day five acres of corn, three times to the row.

Michael's name disappears from the tax rolls at the same time as that of Samuel, brother of Jeremiah, Jr., and it is likely he either died, or went to Kentucky with Samuel in about 1794. This Samuel Fenton named his first son Jeremiah, after his father; his second son John, perhaps after John Lawrence; and his third son Michael, likely after the aforesaid Michael Fenton, who was no doubt his brother. The name Michael does not appear in the names of any of the descendants of Jeremiah, Jr.

The names of Jeremiah, Sr., Samuel, Michael and Jeremiah, Jr., all are missing from the tax rolls of 1799, and it was in this year that Jeremiah Fenton, Jr., and his family left Fayette county and removed to Mason county, Kentucky.

#### VISIT TO FAYETTE COUNTY.

The writer spent three very pleasant days in Fayette county in July, 1908. Leaving Pittsburg in the morning of July 4th on the Pennsylvania railroad, he reached Brownsville shortly after noon. The road runs along the picturesque Monongahela river all the way to Brownsville. Here he had pointed out to him the famous wharf where travelers from the east, ending their land journey, embarked on flat boats to continue their journey west by water, on the Monongahela and Ohio rivers. He was also shown here the old Methodist meeting house and graveyard, but found no Fenton monuments; and no Fentons in the church records which do not go back of about 1800. The town is peopled mainly by Hungarians, Slavs, Poles, Italians, Negroes and other such races. A century before not one of these dark-skinned races was seen on the streets of Brownsville, but plenty of English, Scotch, Irish and Germans were there.

Then from Brownsville the journey was continued to Uniontown, county seat of Fayette county, where very careful personal and expert search was made in the court house records for traces of early Fentons, with some measure of success.

The writer attended church at the Methodist meeting house there and tried to picture the early Fentons attending the very same church one hundred and twenty-five years previously. Unfortunately the early records of membership in this church have not been kept, hence no trace of the Fentons could be had in the Uniontown church records.

The writer tried to find some files of early newspapers, but none back as far as 1800 could be found. Even if any had been found it is not likely that the names of any Fentons would have appeared therein, as the newspapers in those days had almost no personal items, the columns of the papers being given up almost entirely to discussions of great public questions. Uniontown is a very interesting place to visit.

From Uniontown the writer returned to Brownsville and drove out in a buggy to the land once occupied by the Fentons. It is very easy to locate.

Almost every farm from Uniontown to Brownsville and on out to the Fenton land, has on it great coke ovens burning night and day, with the result that the air is filled with coal smoke and gases, and at night the sky is lurid with flame.

Notwithstanding this, the farms all seem to be occupied and the land tilled, and there are still to be found there maple sugar camps as in the olden times and the boys go coon hunting nights the same as their forefathers did.

The writer visited the Hopewell Methodist meeting house out in the country about two miles from the Fenton land. It is one of the oldest churches in the county and there, no doubt, the early Fentons worshipped when they did not go to Uniontown, twelve miles away. In the old graveyard adjoining the meeting house are the graves of some of the Lawrences, among them Thornton Lawrence, son of

William and Patience Lawrence. The original meeting house was a one and one-half story structure built of logs and about 30x30. It has been removed and a new one erected; but the original logs can be seen near there. Very likely Jeremiah Fenton, Sr., and John Lawrence were buried in the graveyard there. Most of the old stones are too dim to read. About two miles from the Hopewell M. E. Church and cemetery is located on land of the Horners the "West Bend" cemetery. It is a later one, and in it I found the graves of several of the Lawrences, including Patience, William and John Lawrence, sister and brothers of Rosannah Lawrence. The country from Brownsville to the Fenton land and on to Uniontown is much like that in Adams county, near Winchester, except that it is rougher and more hilly. There are some very fine farms and well kept houses and barns in that part of the country. It must have been a pleasant place to live in in the early days, especially before the heavy timber was cut down.

#### FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IN THE EARLY DAYS.

It might be well at this point to give a little space to the early history of Fayette county during the years the Fentons lived there, from 1784 to 1799.

Uniontown, formerly Beesons' town, the county seat of Fayette county, was laid out in 1776. The county was organized in 1784, but the first court was held in 1783. The first meeting house was built in 1785, being a log house 35x70; the first postoffice was established in 1794.

#### METHODISTS IN FAYETTE COUNTY.

The Redstone Circuit was established by the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1784; it included all of Pennsylvania west of the Alleghany mountains. The first General Conference of this denomination was held at Uniontown and the First M. E. Church at Uniontown was the first Methodist Church built west of the Alleghany mountains. It was one of the five great cen-

ters from which Methodism spread forth. Francis Asbury was the first bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this country.

On July 7, 1784, this great man preached to seven hundred people at Uniontown. This was a large assemblage, considering how few settlers were then in the county. In all probability Jeremiah Fenton, Sr., and all of his family were at this meeting, for they were fervent, devout Methodists and lived but twelve miles distant. Nothing but absolute inability would have kept them away from hearing Asbury.

### BISHOP ASBURY.

In the present Methodist Church at Uniontown there is a memorial window on which is inscribed as follows: "Rev. Francis Asbury, Pioneer Bishop of the M. E. Church. Born in England 1745, Missionary to America, 1784. Died in Virginia, 1816. Traveled 270,000 miles. Preached 16,500 sermons, and ordained 4,000 ministers."

### REDSTONE-BROWNSVILLE.

At Redstone was located, on an eminence, the old Indian fort, and at this point the government kept stationed two gunboats. The first home in Redstone was built in 1770, but there were a few settlers near there as early as 1768.

In 1785 Redstone Old Fort was platted into the town of Brownsville by Thomas Brown. Here were then located whisky distilleries. They are still there, busy making the well-known Monongahela Rye. In those days and for many years thereafter, it was thought the harvest could not be gathered without a jug of Monogahela rye. Nearly everyone drank a little. Very appropriately, one of the streets in Redstone was called Grog Lane, and one Whisky Path. It was here that the whisky insurrection was started against the government in 1791. It terminated in 1794.

When the Fentons settled there the whole of Fayette county was a dense, interminable and almost impenetrable

natural forest. There were sugar camps galore and all kinds of the very finest hardwood timber. The land being so heavily timbered, formed a convenient retreat for robbers, and there were many robberies throughout the country during those early days.

It was in this county during the French and Indian war that Washington won and lost his first battles.

During these early days slaves, from two to eighteen to the family, were owned by many of the families who could afford them; and manacled slaves were frequently taken through Brownsville, from Virginia, on the way to Kentucky or Tennessee. The law required to be published the names of those holding slaves. The writer has examined the lists and found no Fentons or Lawrences among slave owners.

In the days when the Fentons lived there many of the inhabitants were clad in the skins of animals. In the "History of Fayette County" is the story of a boy who on the appearance of two travelers at the gate, the Rev. James Finley and Philip Tanner, ran forth to his father and exclaimed: "Pap! Pap! There be two great men out there. I know it because they've got their boots on." This story illustrates pretty well how simply most of the people must have been clad during those times.

Great interest was taken in all religious meetings and the Methodist Church seemed to have the lead over other denominations. Singing schools flourished all over the county.

Brownsville was one of the important points west of the Alleghanies. There travelers from the east, carrying their loads with pack horses, ended their hard journey over the mountains; and there they embarked on the Monongahela river for the West—Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee.

The National Pike from Washington to Columbus, Ohio, passes through Uniontown and on to Brownsville. Part of

it was surveyed by George Washington and along this road for many years, and until even after railroads were built across the mountains, there was a constant stream of emigrants from Virginia and other eastern states, bound for the West.



## CHAPTER TWO

### JEREMIAH FENTON, JR., AND FAMILY.

JEREMIAH FENTON, JR. (1764-1841).—The writer has gone into detail to show the character of the times, the conditions and the environments in Fayette county under which Jeremiah Fenton, Jr., lived between the ages of twenty and thirty-five, fifteen very important years in his life.

#### HIS OCCUPATION.

How he occupied his time we know very little. However, he was likely busy enough chopping down the heavy timber and farming the small piece of land which he rented, no doubt from his brother Samuel or from John Lawrence, his father-in-law.

He was also, during this time, an exhorter in the Methodist Episcopal Church, being inspired to this work in all human probability by the eloquent and fiery sermons of Bishop Asbury. While his opportunities for obtaining an education were meager, still, in order to be an exhorter, he must have been a fairly well educated man, with a good command of the English language, and a considerable knowledge of the Scriptures.

#### HIS MARRIAGE.

In about the year 1789 he married Rosannah Lawrence, daughter of John and Catherine Lawrence. She was his first cousin, which is a fact regretfully recorded; and this means either that Jeremiah Fenton, Sr., married a sister of John Lawrence or that John Lawrence married a sister of Jeremiah Fenton, Sr., or that the wives of John Lawrence and Jeremiah Fenton, Sr., were sisters.

The writer's authority for stating that Jeremiah Fenton,

Jr., married his first cousin is James K. Fenton, a man of fine memory, thoroughly posted on early Fenton history. He says:

"As general information I know they were first cousins; have heard it spoken of by the older members of our family and by our relatives, and I know it is true as much as I know anything that I cannot swear to. Brother Sam was always angry about grandfather marrying his cousin."

Hereinafter is given a short sketch of Rosannah Lawrence and the Lawrence family.

### MOVES TO KENTUCKY IN 1799.

In the spring of 1799 Jeremiah Fenton, Jr., gave up his residence in Fayette county; and placing himself and family, then composed of his wife and four small children, William, Elizabeth, Delilah and John, and his few belongings upon a community flat boat, he embarked at Brownsville, on the Monongahela river, upon his journey toward a new home in Kentucky, whither his brother Samuel had already preceded him.

Slowly and peacefully he floated down the Monongahela river through the present Pittsburg iron and coal district, now called "America's Industrial Empire," to Pittsburg, thence west and south down the Ohio river to Limestone, now Maysville, Kentucky, where he and his family disembarked. The route traversed along the Monongahela is said to be "without exaggeration the most interesting valley in the United States. On all sides the beautiful green hills, ever-changing as the boat winds around the bend. Words cannot describe the beautiful scenery." The pioneers coming down the Monongahela and Ohio rivers must have presented a grand sight.

It would be interesting to know the thoughts in the mind of Jeremiah Fenton as he proceeded on his way. He may have given more thought to the experiences of a pioneer awaiting him in his new Kentucky home than to the old home he was leaving, or to the scenery around him. Little did he think as he journeyed on his way that beneath all the land around Brownsville were vast quantities of gas

and oil, and nine and ten foot veins of the finest coking coal; or that within a century the coal rights alone would be sold for \$2,000 an acre; or that immense coking furnaces would be burning night and day on nearly every farm within a radius of ten miles from Brownsville; or that the citizens of Brownsville would use natural gas for light and fuel; or that practically every foot of ground of the fifty-seven miles from Brownsville to Pittsburg, along both banks of the river would be covered with steel mills; or that the county would be densely populated with ignorant Hungarians, Slavs, Italians and other aliens. Nevertheless all of these things came to pass and exist there today. But even had he known of the rich minerals beneath that land and of the wonderful future for that county he could not have availed himself of their value at that early date.

The story is handed down that as his flatboat was proceeding down the Ohio river a rude, inquisitive guy standing on the bank of the river asked Jeremiah Fenton whence he came and whither he was bound. He answered, "Redstone to Limestone." Thereupon this curious stranger called back: "Well, you are a devil of a hard set." It is likely that he and his family, and goods, did not present a very attractive appearance at this time.

Samuel Fenton, brother of Jeremiah, was already in Kentucky, having settled there, in Mason county, in about 1790, and this is likely what induced Jeremiah to leave his Pennsylvania home and pioneer it in Kentucky.

Jeremiah, Jr., with his family disembarked at Limestone, now Maysville, Kentucky, and settled in Mason county about two miles from Germantown and 12 miles from Maysville, and near his brother Samuel. Delilah Fenton, daughter of Jeremiah, was heard to remark that the family lived in Bracken county. This is likely a mistake. Bracken county was established in 1797 and from then until the present time the records, which have been searched, do not show the name of Jeremiah Fenton. On the contrary the records of Mason county show that he received a deed to 80 acres of land from Lewis Craig and wife, in 1809, and that he and his wife, "Rose" Fenton,

deeded this land to William Field, December 13, 1815. Anyone interested in seeing just where he lived in Mason county can get a clue from the description of the land in this deed. Of course it is not certain he lived on that land, but it is more than likely he did, because he was not well enough off to own more than this 80 acres, which he likely bought on payments when he settled there.

The writer regrets he has been unable personally to visit Mason county, Kentucky, to learn something more of the Fentons there.

### ON TO ADAMS COUNTY, OHIO.

At the time when the Fentons lived in Kentucky, slavery prevailed and on account of his distaste for slavery, and unwilling to raise his children in a slave state, Jeremiah Fenton, in about the year 1806, moved with his family across the Ohio river and settled in Adams county, Ohio, on a farm of about 200 acres, near Winchester, now known as the "Aunt Lilah Farm." His brother, Samuel, had preceded him also to Ohio and had already settled on Gift Ridge, near West Union, in Adams county.

### CLEARING THE FOREST.

Practically every rod of the land on which he settled in Adams county was then covered with a dense growth of heavy timber. We of the present day can have little conception of the hardships and difficulties met and overcome by pioneers in a timbered county. Nothing could be raised to live on until the trees were cut down and the ground cleared. To cut down one tree would be a difficulty for some of the present day Fentons, but to cut down hundreds of giant, hardwood trees would seem to us almost impossible. Jeremiah Fenton with the help of his boys, particularly his son John, chopped down many hundreds of immense oak, walnut, ash, beech, sugar maple, hickory, and other trees, and cleared perhaps 150 acres of land into a beautiful farm. The woods must have been ringing for years with the sound of the ax as acre after acre of ground

was cleared for cultivation. After the trees were cut down there still remained the necessity of getting rid of the timber and brush to clear the ground. The neighbors were invited in and immense heaps of logs were rolled together and burned. This was called a "log rolling." Log rollings were common in those days and there was plenty of fun along with the work.

Think of the sheet of flames rising into the heavens and the ruddy sky at night when those log heaps were burning brightly. Think of the immense, untold property loss when millions on millions of feet of the very finest hardwood timber were reduced to ashes. Benjamin Fenton, next to the youngest son of Jeremiah, stated before he died that the timber necessarily destroyed on his own farm might, even while he yet lived, have been sold for \$25,000.

There is, in Adams county, plenty of rich land, especially in the creek bottoms, but that on which our ancestor settled was rather poor land. His love of nature likely moved him to build his home in the heart of a mighty forest, and in a hilly country; a country as beautiful to the eye, perhaps, as any on which the sun sheds his radiance. Here was at hand wild fruit and berries, and plenty of game for food, the skins thereof for clothing, and wood for fuel. All that was lacking in order to live was bread and salt. The bread (corn or wheat) could be taken out of the ground; the salt was not so easy to get and cost eight to ten cents a pound at the nearest place, which was the Scioto salt lick.

Farming at this time was quite different from today. Then there were no riding plows, self-binders, telephones, rural free deliveries of mail, pike roads or automobiles. It took patience and skill to manage the old-fashioned, narrow plow, winding around the big stumps, running into snags and roots, up hill and down hill; and the work in harvest time was hard indeed. We can picture to ourselves this brave man, his sons close behind, sweeping down the dewy fields with the old-fashioned scythe and cradle, in wide swaths, laying low the golden grain.

### HIS NEW HOME A PREACHING PLACE.

He built for himself a two-story house of hewn logs, ceiled within and weatherboarded without. It was quite a pretentious and comfortable building for the times. For years, as early as 1810, and earlier, his home was a regular Methodist preaching place. Here all ministers of the gospel passing his way were kindly, lovingly and hospitably entertained, lodged and fed. The table was filled with good things: wheat and corn bread, hominy, honey, maple syrup, Irish and sweet potatoes, squirrel, chicken, wild turkey, venison, bear meat and other wild game. This region in these early days abounded with game. In Evans and Stivers' History of Adams county is found this statement: "As late as 1820 bears, catamounts, wolves and wild cats were plentiful in this region."

### RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

While his occupation was that of farming Jeremiah Fenton found time for spiritual things. He served as class leader; was a splendid singer of the old hymns and he continued as an exhorter in the Methodist Church.

On summer days, many of the religious services must have been held in the open air, and it surely was an inspiration to hear that sturdy pioneer's musical voice echoing through the woods and over the hills on Sunday mornings, while exhorting or leading class meeting, as he expounded the Scriptures and lined out, and lead in singing, the good old hymns. It is said he knew by heart, and could sing well, every hymn in the Methodist hymnal. In 1830 he joined in as one of the organizers of the Winchester Methodist Church, the first church in that town. As an exhorter he had the fiery zeal of the true preacher.

### PERSONAL APPEARANCES—KEEPSAKES.

From the little we know of his personal appearance, he must have made a commanding figure. He was tall, muscular, and spare in flesh and his head was so large he had to have his hats made to order. From his son-in-law, Joseph

Eylar, it is handed down, that he looked like General William Henry Harrison. He was strong and industrious and is said to have been the equal of any three men at chopping wood.

As far as known, the only keepsakes left by Jeremiah Fenton, and now in existence, are his large felt hat, now in the possession of the writer, and his pack saddle, now in the custody of Henry N. Baker, at Winchester, Ohio. On this saddle it is said he carried salt over the mountains from Baltimore to Fayette county, Pennsylvania.

Contented with his lot and satisfied with his place of abode, he continued to occupy the identical farm on which he first settled, on moving to Ohio, until the time of his death on May 10, 1841. The world was better for his having lived in it and he surely exerted a strong influence for good in the community in which he resided. He was buried in the graveyard at Winchester, and a stone marks his grave. On the stone is inscribed: "Died May 10, 1841, of the age of 77 years." From this we know he was born in 1764.

#### ROSANNAH LAWRENCE (1768-1845), WIFE OF JEREMIAH FENTON.

Concerning Rosannah Lawrence, his wife, little is known. At her death she left a paper, now yellow and faded, on which was written the following:

"Rosannah Laurence, the daughter of John Laurence and Catherine Laurence, his wife, was born October 3d in the year of our Lord 1768." This paper was very carefully kept by her son, George Fenton, then after his death by her daughter, Delilah, and after her death by her granddaughter, Aunt Cal Baker, and is now in the custody of the latter's surviving husband, Henry N. Baker.

The name is generally spelled Lawrence, but occasionally, both in Pennsylvania and Ohio, Laurence.

#### JOHN LAWRENCE, FATHER OF ROSANNAH.

Her father, John Lawrence, was a well to do man. He was a neighbor in Fayette county to the Fentons and to

William Horner, whose descendants intermarried with both the Fentons and Lawrences. In the "History of Fayette County," page 638, it is stated: "In 1792, John Lawrence located land west of William Hammond." This does not mean he first settled in Fayette county in 1792, for he was one of those who in 1784 petitioned for a public road, and the road, as laid out, passed his land. Furthermore he was taxed for 150 acres of land and for valuable personal property in 1785. The records also show he received two land warrants from the State of Pennsylvania dated July 11, 1792, one for 218½ acres and the other for 210¼ acres, the price of the land being "ten pounds per 100 acres, payable in gold, silver, paper money of this state or certificates." These land warrants of 1792 are no doubt the foundation for the statement in said history that he located in 1792.

John Lawrence made his will in 1809, but it was not probated until March 10, 1818. A copy of this will is set out on another page herein. It is likely that he died late in 1817 or very early in 1818.

We learn from this will that he had four sons: William, born October 23, 1775; John, born August 8, 1778; George and Samuel, and three daughters: Rosannah, who was married to Jeremiah Fenton, Jr.; Catherine, who was married to Ephraim Horner, and Mary, who was married to Amos Frost. The records do not show the maiden names of the wives of the sons, but deeds of record do show their given names as follows: Wife of William, Patience; wife of John, Elizabeth; wife of George, Sarah. Samuel Lawrence died, intestate, January 1, 1820, and there is no record of his having had a wife.

The reader may wonder if John Lawrence was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The writer believes that he was.

The records of that war show that John Lawrence was a sergeant in Captain Jack's Company, Eighth Battalion, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, Militia, but the proof is circumstantial that John Lawrence, soldier, is the same



as John Lawrence, ancestor. Circumstances, however, strongly indicate this identity.

In the first place John Lawrence was related by marriage to Jeremiah Fenton, father of Jeremiah, Jr., and Samuel Fenton. We know that this Samuel Fenton was in the Revolutionary War and the records show that a Samuel Fenton was a soldier in the Cumberland County Militia.

Shortly after the close of the war, John Lawrence and Jeremiah Fenton, Sr., with his sons, Samuel and Jeremiah, Jr.; settled in Luzerne township in Fayette county, Pennsylvania. This was in about the year 1784. In this same year Jeremiah Fenton, Sr., Samuel Fenton and John Lawrence signed a petition for a road and their names appear close together on said petition.

These Fentons and John Lawrence were close neighbors in Fayette county at this time and their land joined. On the Fayette county tax roll of 1785, for which the assessment was made in 1784, taxes are assessed against John Lawrence on 150 acres of land and against Samuel Fenton on 200 acres of land. This may be land these men received for war service. Jeremiah Fenton, Sr., was too old for Revolutionary War service and did not own land at this time, or at all so far as is known.

The association of the names of John Lawrence and Samuel Fenton in the Cumberland County Militia and the known relationship between John Lawrence and Samuel Fenton in Fayette county and the other facts herein stated lead to the conclusion that John Lawrence, soldier, was indeed John Lawrence, ancestor. In this connection the following statement from George Acklin, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, who is a student of such matters, is of interest:

"I have conferred with a number of descendants of John Lawrence, and am satisfied that the Luzerne John Lawrence is the Cumberland County man, but am unable to get hold of any documentary proofs."

John Lawrence must have been an ambitious, clever and respectable man. It is common tradition among the Horners, many of whom still live in that locality, that in order to have a good neighbor, he sent to Baltimore for his old

friend, William Horner, to move out to Fayette county and reside beside him. In new countries there are always many undesirable citizens, and it is greatly to the credit of John Lawrence that he took such pains to insure good neighbors for himself, his wife and children to associate with. That he was one of Fayette county's most respected citizens is the tradition among the Horners even to the present day.

The records show that John Lawrence deeded part of his land to William Horner, March 3, 1798, and the "History of Fayette County" recites that "William Horner was an old settler on the river."

It is also known among the Horners that John Lawrence was a fine grower of fruit. He specialized in cherries and succeeded so well that one kind of cherry he raised was named the "John Lawrence" cherry.

#### CATHERINE LAWRENCE, MOTHER OF ROSANNAH.

Rosannah Lawrence was born in this country, but her mother, Catherine, was born in Germany, being of German descent. The story is told that when her mother set sail, peach trees were in bloom, and on her arrival in this country, so slow was the voyage, peaches were already grown and ripe. She took passage on a sailing vessel with five hundred on board. One-half of the passengers died on the way over and were buried at sea, and the vessel landed with only two hundred and fifty of her human freight.

Catherine Lawrence had but little education, for the deed records show that she could not write her own name, and signed by mark. She died some time after the death of her husband, John Lawrence, and prior to 1822. In the letter of William Lawrence to Jeremiah Fenton, of January 4, 1818, set out hereinafter, he says: "Our aged mother is poorly, she has a sick spell every day or two." In a letter written October 30, 1822, he makes no mention of his mother. He would have mentioned her name had she been still living.

It is not known when or where John Lawrence and his

wife, Catherine, were wed, nor is her maiden name known. It is supposed he also was of German descent, but there is no proof of this, except that his name is sometimes spelled the German way, "Laurence."

It is from the will of John Lawrence we are able to locate the land occupied by the Fentons. In his will he gives to his son William that part of his lands which said son then occupied which was called "Fenton's old place." This land was later deeded to the Horners, and their descendants are still in possession thereof. Anyone can easily drive to the very land. It is about eight miles out from Brownsville.

Rosannah Lawrence was of medium height and very spare; and it is said her head was uncommonly small. This is interesting, taken in connection with the further fact that her husband's head was uncommonly large. She was noted for her industry and for her thrift and close economy, which the times required. Her pioneer life in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and Ohio, must have been one of constant toil and hardship, for in addition to the labor of bearing and raising eleven children and the ordinary domestic duties pertaining to the work of a farmer's wife, it was necessary for her to spin and weave the woolen, linen and cotton cloth, to be made by her into wearing apparel, etc., for her family. Probably the only real outing she ever had was a horseback trip of herself and husband from Adams county, Ohio, to Fayette county, Pennsylvania, where she went on a visit to her own folks. This was after her father died in 1818, or about twenty years after she had left the old home in 1799. Think of anyone making such a long horseback ride in these days of steam and electric cars, automobiles and even air ships.

Although able to speak it, she was seldom heard to converse in the German language. Her son, William, has handed down an anecdote on this. When he was a boy, he was once walking along the highway with his mother and they met a German woman with whom she talked in German. This was the only time her son William heard her speak in that language. In her later years she was injured by a fall from a horse which she was riding behind her

son Jerry and she remained a cripple in the hip joint the rest of her life.

She died on September 25, 1845, in her seventy-eighth year and lies buried at Winchester beside her husband.

**ISSUE OF JEREMIAH FENTON AND ROSANNAH  
LAWRENCE.**

1. William, born October 18, 1790; died January 21, 1870.
2. Elizabeth, born 1792; died January 23, 1835.
3. Delilah, born July 22, 1794; (single) died March 13, 1883.
4. John, born July 17, 1796; died November 30, 1855.
5. Jesse, born October 9, 1799; died February 4, 1860.
6. Catherine, born December 11, 1801; died September 25, 1872.
7. Jeremiah, born 1803; died September 12, 1861.
8. Mary (Polly), born November 8, 1804; died January 14, 1875.
9. George, born September 4, 1808; (single) died February 26, 1861.
10. Benjamin, born August 31, 1810; died August 13, 1870.
11. Joseph, born 1815; (single) died April 9, 1846.

### CHAPTER THREE

#### WILLIAM FENTON FAMILY.

WILLIAM FENTON (1790-1870) was the oldest of the children of Jeremiah Fenton. He was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and was only nine years old when his father moved to Mason county, Kentucky, and sixteen years old when the settlement was made in Adams county, Ohio. He married Mary (Polly) Kendall October 8, 1818, carried all his belongings on a chair and settled on a farm of 54½ acres adjoining the "Aunt Lilah" place, which he got of his father March 2, 1819. When a small boy he was ruptured shouldering a sack of wheat. This incapacitated him for wood chopping and heavy farm labor. Thus he had spare time to read and reflect. He would read and study the Bible several hours daily and having an exceptional memory he became thoroughly versed in the Scriptures and in general history. He knew the good book better than the ministers there knew it and it was common for them to say: "Well, Father Fenton, you are better posted in the Bible than I am." He told his son James, when the latter was a boy, that one might recite any verse from the Bible and he could tell in what chapter and book it could be found. He knew most of the Methodist hymns by heart and had a good voice for singing. He was a member of the M. E. Church for sixty years. His home was a regular stopping place for preachers. Here, preaching, class meeting and prayer meeting were often held. He was uncommonly kind and generous and never charged anyone, not even a peddler, for meals or lodging. He was never heard to utter a profane or unclean word and was strictly truthful. In a mild way he rebuked those using profanity in his presence. He was of a nervous temperament, quick to resent, but slow to give an insult. All his long life he studied and defended the Christian religion.

He enlisted for military service in the war of 1812. He went to Upper Sandusky and on reaching there, peace was declared. He served only twenty-six days, and for this received a land warrant. This he gave to his son Jerry for faithful service on the farm.

He was six feet tall and erect. In his prime he weighed about 180 pounds. He died January 21, 1870, and is buried in the Winchester cemetery. The fitting words: "I know that my Redeemer liveth" are on his gravestone. One of the Fentons says of him: "His life was in keeping with his profession—entirely blameless."

Polly Kendall, his wife, was one of twenty-four children. She was born in 1802. Her father's name was James Kendall, her mother's maiden name Ruhama Moore. Polly Kendall had the pleasure of being married by her father, then a justice of the peace. She was only sixteen when she wed. She had a bright mind and was good looking. She was fair, and had long, heavy, slightly auburn hair. In addition to the work of raising and helping to provide for eleven children she was sent for from all over the neighborhood to attend confinement cases. Often no doctor was present and she had the entire responsibility. She never charged or was paid anything for this. She spun and wove flax and wool with her own hands, and made the cloth into sheets, towels, grain sacks, and table cloths. She made linsey dresses for the women and jeans clothing for the men. She dyed the cloth beautiful shades. Of course she knit for the whole family. With the old-fashioned fireplace she did her cooking, and she was a good cook. Through all her busy toiling life she kept a sweet and lovable disposition. She was a member of the Methodist Church as were all her family. She died May 17, 1848, and is buried beside her husband.

It is interesting to note that while William Fenton had seven daughters and four sons, his father, Jeremiah, had seven sons and four daughters.

ISSUE OF WILLIAM FENTON AND MARY KENDALL,  
HIS WIFE.

Samuel Lawrence, born July 30, 1819; died February 12, 1892.

Ruhama, born May 12, 1821; died February 25, 1848.

Rose Ann, born June 13, 1823; died April 26, 1873.

Elizabeth, born April 9, 1825.

Mary (Polly) Ann, born March 28, 1827; died August 13, 1894.

Delilah, born May 3, 1829; died September 5, 1907.

Caroline, born June 10, 1832; died February 7, 1907.

Jeremiah, born April 26, 1835.

Rachel, born December 26, 1836.

James Kendall, born May 12, 1838.

William Baker, born October 18, 1843.





nent and faithful members of the Mount Olivet M. E. Church, near Winchester, and was a class leader and Sabbath school superintendent. Prosperous himself, nothing pleased him more than to see his kin and friends prosper and maintain respectability.

December 4, 1850, he married, at the home of her parents, on Eagle Creek, Brown county, Ohio, Rose Anna McNown, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, March 4, 1816, a daughter of William and Margaret McNown. Her mother's maiden name was McNight. Her parents were Scotch-Irish. She was a sister of Samuel and Robert James McNown. The writer regrets he has not more space to tell of dear "Aunt Rosy." She was one of the sweetest and best of women. She was industrious and a very earnest, sincere woman. Both she and Samuel L. Fenton died and are buried at Winchester. "Aunt Rose" died March 22, 1897.

#### ISSUE OF SAMUEL LAWRENCE FENTON AND ROSE ANNA McNOWN, HIS WIFE.

George, born May 10, 1852; died December 5, 1852.

Mary Ann, born December 13, 1853; died August 20, 1879.

Caroline, born July 25, 1855.

MARY ANN FENTON-KEYES (1853-1879) was married to Rev. Edgar Danforth Keyes, September 19, 1877. He was born in New York City, April 11, 1843. He graduated from Irving Institute, Tarrytown, N. Y., and from Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. Y., in 1876, and at once entered the Cincinnati M. E. Conference and has continued in the Methodist ministry since then. He is a good preacher. Mary Ann Keyes was a beautiful woman, upright, honorable, industrious, sweet-natured. It was sad she should be taken away when her only child was a babe in arms. She died at New Market, Ohio, but is buried in the Winchester cemetery.

**ISSUE OF MARY ANN FENTON-KEYES AND HUSBAND, REV. EDGAR DANFORTH KEYES.**

Earl Fenton Keyes; born September 30, 1878.

EARL FENTON KEYES married October 25, 1905, to Junetia Kirkpatrick, daughter of Robert Stewart Kirkpatrick and Sarah Agnes Laird. Earl Keyes is a successful business man, carrying on a furniture store and undertaking establishment at North Liberty, Ohio. He married into one of Cherry Forks' best families.

**ISSUE OF EARL FENTON KEYES AND JUNETIA KIRKPATRICK.**

Robert Edgar Keyes; born August 18, 1908.

CAROLINE FENTON-WILSON (1855) was married at the home of her parents, November 28, 1878, to Cornelius Stevenson Wilson, son of John William Wilson and Harriet Stevenson, both of Scotch-Irish descent. Cornelius Wilson is a grower of fine tobacco on the old farm once owned by his father-in-law on Eagle Creek, five miles from Winchester, Ohio. He is a genial, kind-hearted man. Callie Wilson is an industrious, ambitious, lovable woman. Her health has not been good of late.

**ISSUE OF CAROLINE FENTON-WILSON AND HUSBAND, CORNELIUS STEVENSON WILSON.**

Belle Fenton, born December 4, 1880.

Arthur Lawrence, born November 28, 1882 (single).

Rosa Lee, born October 15, 1885 (single).

George Henry, born October 19, 1892 (single).

BELLE FENTON WILSON (1880) was wed to Benjamin Kennedy Kendall, August 3, 1904. He was born October 14, 1874, a son of James Kendall and Mary Kennedy Kendall. He runs a harness store at Winchester.

ISSUE OF BELLE FENTON WILSON AND HUSBAND,  
BENJAMIN KENNEDY KENDALL.

George Wilson ; born August 20, 1905.

Mary Carolyn ; born November 8, 1907.

ARTHUR LAWRENCE WILSON (1882) and ROSA LEE WILSON (1885) are both school teachers and single. They are clever and bright-minded and live with their parents near Winchester. Rosa Lee is a noted Eagle Creek beauty, and an unspoiled, charming girl as well.

**RUHAMA FENTON-HORNER AND FAMILY.**

RUHAMA FENTON-HORNER (1821-1848) was a handsome woman with beautiful auburn hair, though delicate in body. She was naturally refined and of a lovable disposition. She was industrious beyond her strength. She was married to Bennett Horner January 19, 1843. He was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, November 19, 1807, and died April 2, 1860. He was a son of Ephraim and Catherine Horner. Ruhama Fenton died when but 26 years old. On her death-bed she had her sister Rachel read to her from the Holy word.

**ISSUE OF RUHAMA FENTON-HORNER AND HUSBAND, BENNETT HORNER.**

Harriett; born March 12, 1844.

Nelson; born October 8, 1846; died June 13, 1848.



HARRIETT HORNER REES

HARRIETT HORNER-REES (1844) was married November 30, 1865, in Adams county, Ohio, to James M. Rees, son of Amos and Mary Rees. He was born October 7, 1837, died March 31, 1893. Harriet Rees lives at Win-

chester, Ohio. He operated a flouring mill most of his active life. Harriett Rees is not only a lovely, Christian woman, but a very fine cook, also.

**ISSUE OF HARRIETT HORNER-REES AND HUSBAND, JAMES M. REES.**

Truman; born June 2, 1870.

Lulu Elizabeth; born October 26, 1873.

Lida Rose; born July 24, 1877.

TRUMAN REES (1870) married Mary A. Platter March 23, 1891. She was born March 23, 1871, a daughter of Joseph and Ruth Platter.

**ISSUE OF TRUMAN REES AND WIFE, MARY A. PLATTER.**

James Montgomery; born June 13, 1893.

Wenona Louis; born January 22, 1900.

LULU ELIZABETH REES-McMILLAN (1873) married November 22, 1894, to Reuben Arthur McMillan, a traveling salesman, who was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, April 19, 1869. He is a son of Edwin McMillan and Rachel Elizabeth Pennywitt, and now lives at Little Rock, Arkansas.

**ISSUE OF LULU ELIZABETH REES-McMILLAN AND REUBEN ARTHUR McMILLAN.**

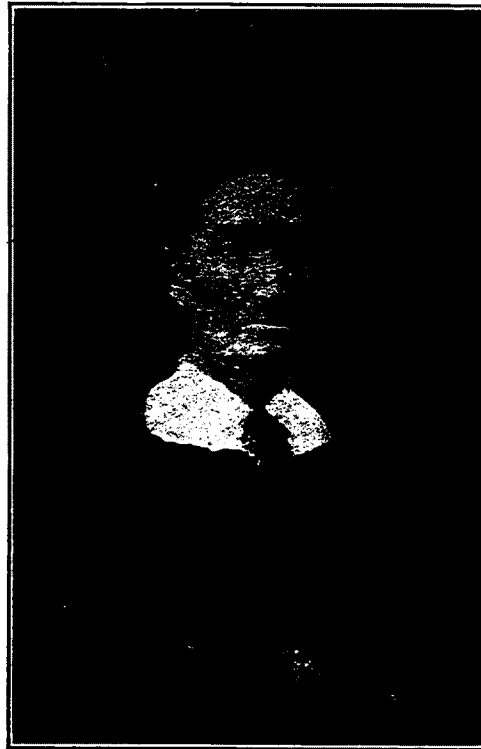
Reuben Rees; born January 13, 1896; died Nov. 8, 1904.

Edwin Merrill; born December 24, 1898.

LIDA ROSE REES-SHORT (1877) married June 14, 1905, to Ernest Short, born November 12, 1877, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth Short. Mr. Short has been a bank clerk and now lives at Winchester, Ohio.

**ROSE ANN FENTON-HORNER AND FAMILY.**

**ROSE ANN FENTON-HORNER (1823-1873).** The following sketch of her life is furnished by James K. Fenton: "I never saw her equal for ambition and industry. She could do more and better work than any woman I ever saw, without exception. She was a Christian woman, a good mother, and lived without a stain on her character." She was married to Bennett Horner, at her father's home, October 4, 1849. She was such an excellent butter maker that



**ROSE ANN HORNER**

the Hillsboro hotel keeper, Sparks, drove to her home, a distance of twenty miles, to buy her butter. She died of blood poisoning in her hand, the result of cleaning and cutting up a partridge.

**ISSUE OF ROSE ANN FENTON HORNER AND HUSBAND, BENNETT HORNER.**

Joseph; born November 8, 1850; died July 3, 1856.  
William; born October 31, 1852.

James; born September 10, 1854; died July 31, 1896.

John; born January 4, 1857.

Catharine; born April 16, 1859.

WILLIAM HORNER (1852) married Jane Baker, daughter of George and Rachel Duffey Baker, December 12, 1906. She was born September 23, 1857. "Billie" Horner lives near Winchester, Ohio, on a farm. They have had no issue. Mr. Horner has all his life been industrious, of good reputation and highly respectable.

JAMES HORNER (1854) married March 15, 1883, to Flora May Kendall. She was born August 10, 1861. "Jimmie" Horner was a farmer and a genial, honest man. He was instantly killed in a runaway accident near Denton, Kansas, on Friday, July 31, 1896. Mrs. Flora Horner has remarried and is now Mrs. Flora Porter and her address, Arnett, Oklahoma.

#### ISSUE OF JAMES HORNER AND WIFE, FLORA MAY KENDALL.

Edith May; born February 2, 1884.

William Nelson; born June 23, 1887.

Sarah Rose Ann; born March 12, 1890.

Ethel Bell; born July 13, 1895; died January 30, 1897.

EDITH MAY HORNER-JOHNSTON (1884) married Joseph L. Johnston, of Enid, Oklahoma, January 25, 1904.

#### ISSUE OF EDITH MAY HORNER AND HUSBAND, JO- SEPH L. JOHNSTON.

Nelson Sidney; born April 23, 1905.

Maxwell Lee; born August 2, 1907.

JOHN HORNER (1857) married at Atchison, Kansas, June 16, 1886, to Alice Meginity, who was born March 15, 1859, a daughter of William Hodister Meginity and Sarah Haggard. John Horner has been a farmer and an upright

citizen all his life and now lives at Haviland, Kiowa county, Kansas.

**ISSUE OF JOHN HORNER AND WIFE, ALICE' MEGINITY.**

Nellie; born January 8, 1888.

NELLIE HORNER-KENNER (1888) married Frank Kenner, November 21, 1905, and by him has had one child: Nellie' Irene Kenner, born November 21, 1906.

CATHARINE HORNER-McCLURE (1859) commonly called "Kittie," married Samuel Leslie McClure, son of Samuel C. and Eliza McClure, March 11, 1886. He was born November 17, 1852, and died December 4, 1899. Mrs. McClure now lives at Winchester.

**ISSUE OF CATHARINE HORNER-McCLURE AND HUSBAND, SAMUEL LESLIE McCLURE.**

Jessie Lee; born May 8, 1888.

Heber Leslie; born June 9, 1895.



**ELIZABETH FENTON-SKINNER AND FAMILY.**

ELIZABETH FENTON-SKINNER (1825) was twice married. First to William Kennedy, who died not long after their marriage and by whom she had no issue. Her second husband was Alfred Richard Skinner, to whom she was wed September 15, 1859. He was born in Virginia, September 15, 1815, and died August 4, 1878. Aunt "Betty," as she is familiarly called, is the oldest of the children of William Fenton now living. She has always been a woman of the strictest piety and industry and has maintained through all



CAROLINE BAKER AND ELIZABETH SKINNER

the ups and downs of life a sweet, cheery and lovable disposition. She lives at Seaman, Ohio, with her daughter, Sallie, and though now over 83, keeps herself actively employed with her domestic duties.

**ISSUE OF ELIZABETH FENTON-SKINNER AND HUSBAND, ALFRED RICHARD SKINNER.**

Margarite Rosannah; born July 11, 1863, (single); died March 2, 1888.

Rachel James; born March 4, 1863.

Alfred Richard; born September 8, 1866.

Anna Bell; born July 11, 1868, (single); died September 28, 1898.

**RACHEL JAMES SKINNER-BRECKENRIDGE** (1863) was named after her aunt, Rachel Fenton-Brown and uncle, James Kendall Fenton. She has always been called "Sallie" and would not be known by "Rachel." She was married at Greenfield, Ohio, the then home of her mother, January 27, 1909, to Edgar Steward Breckenridge, a farmer, born February 26, 1871, a son of William Porter and Eliza Anne Campbell-Breckenridge.

Prior to her marriage Mrs. "Sallie" Breckenridge carried on a fine dressmaking business at Greenfield, Ohio, and her customers were among the best folk in town. She and her husband now live on a farm near Seaman, Ohio.

**ALFRED RICHARD SKINNER** (1866) married on September 10, 1886, to Frances Abi Stivers, born June 28, 1866, a daughter of Judge Barrier Stivers and Nellie Borden.

"Dick" Skinner, as he is usually called, was just twenty when he married and undertook the support of a family. He has been manager of the large oak lumber mills at Winchester, Ohio, and it is such a position as does not come to incompetents. He has taken good care of his large family of children, all of whom have thus far been spared to him.

**ISSUE OF RICHARD ALFRED SKINNER AND WIFE,  
FRANCES ABI STIVERS.**

Herman Henry; born May 21, 1887.

Harley Barrier; born June 22, 1889.

James Franklin; born June 30, 1891.

Alpha Gladys; born August 21, 1892.

Jennie Lee; born April 30, 1898.

Samuel King; born June 9, 1900.

Anna Louise; born September 12, 1904.

**MARY ANN FENTON-McCOLGIN AND FAMILY.**

MARY ANN FENTON-McCOLGIN (1827-1894) was married to James McColgin, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, January 24, 1856. He was born July 4, 1829, at Ash Ridge, Brown County, Ohio, the son of William and Belle McColgin, who were both born in Virginia, but married in Georgetown, Ohio.

Aunt "Polly" Ann McColgin joined the Methodist



MARY (POLLY) ANN M'COLGIN

Church when but twenty years of age and remained a faithful, consistent member during the remaining forty-seven years of her life. She was a kind, patient and devoted mother. She survived her husband and died on his farm in Nemaha county, Kansas.

ISSUE OF MARY ANN FENTON-McCOLGIN AND HUSBAND, JAMES McCOLGIN.

Belle; born November 21, 1858; died March 28, 1901.

Cornelius Calvin; born November 26, 1860.

Mary; born October 2, 1862; died September 9, 1863.

Harriett; born January 28, 1865.

William; born December 26, 1867.

Samuel Fenton; born Dec. 15, 1869; died Oct. 31, 1897.

James Franklin; born August 30, 1875.

BELLE McCOLGIN (1858-1901) was a great comfort and help to her mother and the rest of the family. After she became of age she taught school for years. She did not marry, but remained single to her death. All of her friends praise her life in high terms.

CORNELIUS CALVIN McCOLGIN (1860) was married on September 9, 1887, to Lydia Clem at Independence, Kansas. She was born March 20, 1870, a daughter of Aaron and Lydia Clem. "Neal" and his family live at St. Joseph, Missouri. He is in the insurance business.

ISSUE OF CORNELIUS CALVIN McCOLGIN AND WIFE, LYDIA CLEM.

Edward; born September 18, 1888.

Calvin Clem; born Dec. 26, 1890; died Sept. 8, 1904.

Samuel; born July 2, 1892; died December 20, 1892.

Charles; born April 27, 1907.

HARRIET McCOLGIN (1865) is a worthy daughter of her good mother. She teaches school at Whiting, Kansas, and thus far has insisted on remaining single. She is a sweet-tempered, ambitious girl and has done well. She has traveled considerable.

WILLIAM McCOLGIN (1867) was married April 17, 1891, at St. Joseph, Missouri, to Maud Fletcher, who was born January 20, 1865. They live at St. Joseph, Missouri.

They have had grief enough in the loss of six of their eight children, all dying at quite a tender age. He is in the insurance business.

**ISSUE OF WILLIAM McCOLGIN AND WIFE, MAUD  
FLETCHER.**

Warren Fletcher; born April 1, 1892; died Feb. 10, 1893.

Helen; born Sept. 9, 1894; died Sept. 3, 1895.

Edith; born March 13, 1896.

Katherine; born August 20, 1898; died May 10, 1901.

Margaret; born August 27, 1899.

Dorothy; born August 27, 1899; died May 1, 1901.

Allen; born December 1, 1901; died February 20, 1902.

Dudley; born Dec. 24, 1903; died Oct. 25, 1904.

SAMUEL FENTON McCOLGIN (1869-1897) was a young man full of promise. He did not marry and died in his twenty-eighth year, October 31, 1897.

JAMES FRANKLIN McCOLGIN (1875) was married December 25, 1896, at Holton, Kansas, to Emma Bryant, who is related to the poet, William Cullen Bryant. She is a daughter of Peter Bryant, born in Illinois, and Henrietta Bryant, born at Boston, Massachusetts. "Jimmie" travels as a representative of a correspondence school and has done well. He lives at Holton, Kansas.

**ISSUE OF JAMES FRANKLIN McCOLGIN AND WIFE,  
EMMA BRYANT.**

Josephine; born September 6, 1897.

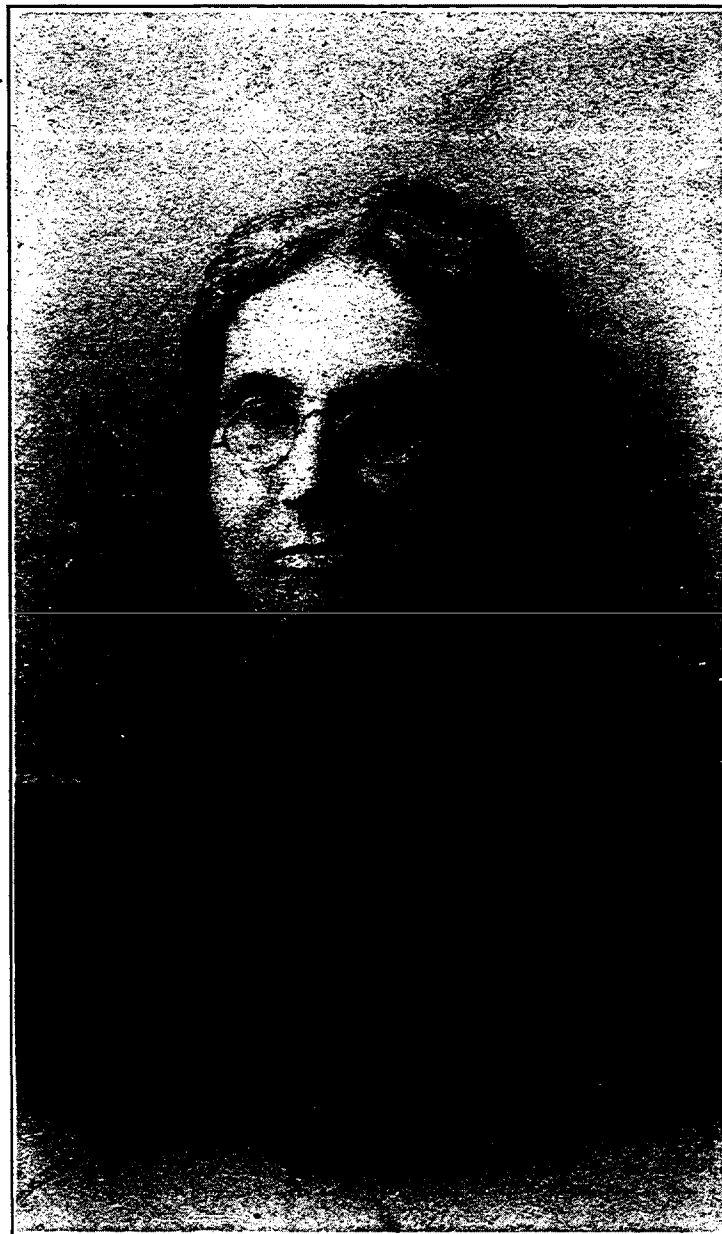
Mary; born May 3, 1899.

Cullen Bryant; born June 18, 1901.

Cyrus Peter; born July 6, 1905.

**DELILAH FENTON AND FAMILY.**

DELILAH FENTON (1829-1907) was married February 24, 1860, in Brown county, Ohio, to Samuel Fenton, who was born in Adams county, Ohio, near West Union,



DELILAH FENTON

June 28, 1809, the son of John Fenton and Sarah Field. He was a bright, well-educated man. He settled near Atchison, Kansas, before the Civil War and became a very rich farmer. Aunt "Lila" joined the Methodist Church at Win-

chester, Ohio, when she was but seventeen years old and remained a loyal, faithful member for sixty-one years until her death. She was naturally thrifty and a splendid manager. She was very devoted to her family and made it



ALFRED L. FENTON

the rule of her life never to say ill, or allow others in her presence to say aught but good, of her kin and friends. She died at the ripe age of seventy-eight, at the home of her daughter, Elizabeth Delaney, Leona, Kansas, and is buried by the side of her husband at Denton, Kansas.

ISSUE OF DELILAH FENTON AND HUSBAND, SAMUEL FENTON.

Alfred L.; born February 23, 1862.

Mary Ellen; born September 5, 1863.

John Madison; born June 9, 1865; died April 3, 1867.

George; born September 1, 1868; died February 21, 1869.

Elizabeth Caroline; born February 14, 1870.

ALFRED L. FENTON (1862) has been a farmer most of his life. He is now retired and lives at Atchison, Kansas. He married June 25, 1889, Anna M. Shulsky, who was born September 24, 1867, a daughter of Robert P. Shulsky and Mary E. Lawhon, who were wed at Columbia, Tennessee, February 21, 1860. He (Robert P. Shulsky) was born in Wurtemberg, Prussia; she, at Columbia, Tennessee. Alfred L. Fenton, commonly called "Dick" Fenton, is noted as a first-class farmer and a raiser of fine stock, and a successful man. He has had no issue.

MARY ELLEN FENTON-STEELE (1863-1905) was married November 13, 1889, to Oliver Cromwell Steele, of Dekalb, Missouri, who was born October 21, 1862, a son of William Thomas Steele and Elizabeth Dooley. Mary E. Fenton-Steele died October 28, 1905. He is a well-to-do farmer.

ISSUE OF MARY ELLEN FENTON-STEELE AND HUSBAND, OLIVER CROMWELL STEELE.

Samuel Fenton; born August 7, 1890.

Thomas Christopher; born April 29, 1899.

Alfred Charles; born January 9, 1902.

ELIZABETH CAROLINE FENTON-DELANEY (1870) was married at St. Joseph, Missouri, to Andrew O. Delaney, November 19, 1894. He is a son of John and Catherine Delaney. "Andy" Delaney organized and has successfully managed the Farmers' Bank at Leona, Kansas. It is a prosperous institution and has the full confidence of the



community. Elizabeth Delaney is a fine musician and a devoted mother. Her husband is the most influential man in Leona and deservedly so.



ELIZABETH FENTON DELANEY

ISSUE OF ELIZABETH CAROLINE FENTON-DELANEY AND HUSBAND, ANDREW O. DELANEY.

Elizabeth; born September 19, 1896.

Andrew; born January 4, 1899.

Bernice; born December 8, 1901.

Richard; born March 10, 1905.

**CAROLINE FENTON-BAKER AND FAMILY.**

CAROLINE FENTON-BAKER (1832-1907) was twice married. First to Matthew Carpenter Marshall, a farmer, February 10, 1857. He was born December 4, 1829, a son of John Marshall and Mary Campbell, who were born in Pennsylvania. Matthew C. Marshall was a sincere, Christian man who loved to attend the Methodist Church, of which he was a member. Aunt "Cal" bore him one child before his death in August, 1861. After remaining a widow for nearly five years she again married on July 19, 1866, at the home of her sister, Rose Ann Horner, Henry Nelson Baker, a farmer, who was born at West Union, Ohio, February 15, 1838, a son of George Baker and Mary Le Croix. They are of English descent, although born in Maryland.

Aunt "Cal," like all of her sisters, was of gentle nature and sweet disposition. When quite young she was kicked in the forehead by a stable horse. Her capable mother, with no doctor to help, sewed up the gash with silk thread; it was a cut of several inches, but after a time it healed nicely and left but a slight scar, not enough to mar her beauty of face. Aunt Cal was an uncommonly fine gardener. She and Uncle Henry bought out the heirs and then lived on the old homestead of her father, William Fenton. She was a devoted mother and a faithful member of the Methodist Church. She died and is buried at Winchester, Ohio. Her husband still lives on the old Wm. Fenton home place.

**ISSUE OF CAROLINE FENTON-MARSHALL AND  
HUSBAND, MATTHEW C. MARSHALL.**

Mary Ann; born December 25, 1859.

MARY ANN MARSHALL-HORNER (1859), commonly called "Coosa" Marshall, was married September 29, 1880, to William Lewis Horner, who was born March 14, 1852, a son of Ephraim and Drusilla Horner, who were born in Pennsylvania. "Coosa" Horner and her husband and family live at Dayton, Ohio.

ISSUE OF MARY ANN MARSHALL-HORNER AND  
HUSBAND, WILLIAM LEWIS HORNER.

Campbell Marshall; born Oct. 2, 1881; died May 27, 1882.  
Arthur Corboy; born April 25, 1883.  
Espa Caroline; born February 28, 1885.  
Edith Tillie; born June 10, 1889.  
Georgia Hazel; born April 17, 1892.

ISSUE OF CAROLINE FENTON BAKER AND HUS-  
BAND, HENRY NELSON BAKER.

George Washington; born December 2, 1867.  
Martha (Mattie) Jeremiah; born July 19, 1869.  
James William; born March 13, 1871.  
Lucy Jane; born Sept. 10, 1873; died June 18, 1902.  
Sarah Jane; born April 10, 1875; died July 30, 1875.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BAKER (1867) lives with his father on the old home place of William Fenton near Winchester. His friends would not know him by the name of George Washington, as he has always gone by the name of "Dick." He is unmarried, and is quite a traveler.

MATTIE JEREMIAH BAKER-ENNIS (1869) married on December 12, 1897, to Willis Edgar Ennis, born November 27, 1871, a son of Henry and Mary Jane Ennis. His mother's maiden name was Fenton. His father was born near Sugar Tree Ridge, Highland county, Ohio, and his mother near Winchester. Mattie J. Ennis and husband have had no issue. They now live at Bellevue, Kentucky.

JAMES WILLIAM BAKER, (1871) is married to Isa Augusta Baker. She was born March 4, 1870, a daughter of Daniel Wesley and Martha Ellen Sheperd. Her mother's maiden name was McCall. James William Baker, commonly called "Hype" Baker, is a first-class farmer and stock raiser and lives on and farms the identical land near Winchester on which his great-grandfather, Jeremiah Fenton, settled in about 1806. Being of a happy disposition as

a boy he was called "Happy" and this the children contracted into "Hype." He is very industrious and provides well for his family.

**ISSUE OF JAMES WILLIAM BAKER AND WIFE, ISA  
AUGUSTA BAKER.**

Mary Nellie; born November 7, 1895.

Lucy Gladys; born April 10, 1899.

William McCall; born February 17, 1901.

Ralph; born July 22, 1903.

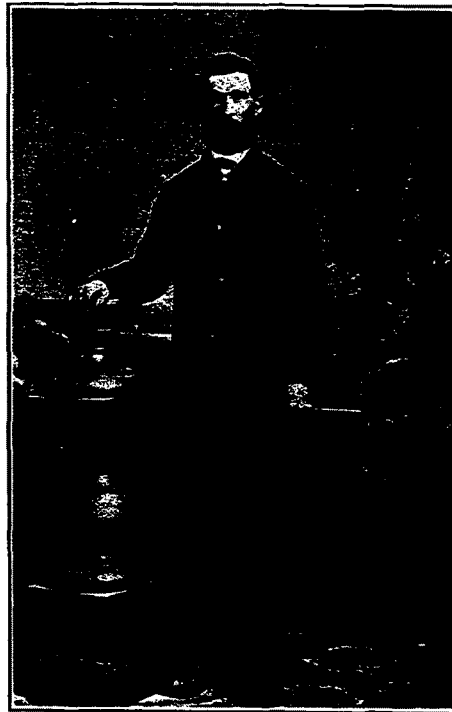
Edith Alice; born July 30, 1906.

LUCY JANE BAKER-KENDALL (1873-1902) married October 20, 1895, to Benjamin Kennedy Kendall, son of James and Mary Kennedy Kendall. He was born near Winchester, October 14, 1874. He is a harness maker and runs a harness goods store at Winchester.

Lucy Jane Kendall was a sweet-tempered Christian woman and a good housekeeper and homemaker and she made friends wherever she went. She died without issue June 18, 1902.

**JEREMIAH FENTON.**

**JEREMIAH FENTON** (1835) has been a hotel keeper at Locust Grove, Ohio, for many years. When he was a young man, on account of his bright mind, it was said of him, that with education he could have made a president of the United States. He was naturally witty and the fun-maker of the family. He is a Civil War veteran, having enlisted in Company H, 70th Ohio, V. V. I. This company was mustered into service at Camp Ripley, Ohio, December



**JEREMIAH FENTON**

28, 1861. He was honorably discharged with the rest of his company at Little Rock, Arkansas, August 14, 1865. His regiment was then ordered to Camp Dennison, Ohio, and most of the return journey was made by boat. The steamer which carried the soldiers from Cairo, Illinois, was called the "Argosy." It encountered a severe storm at Cave-in-Rock, Indiana, about eighty miles from Louisville, Kentucky, which caused the mud drum of the boat to burst and scald twenty-three of the soldiers, and some nine or ten

were drowned. Jeremiah Fenton was himself precipitated into the middle of the Ohio river, and although he was a good swimmer he had extreme difficulty reaching shore because of two or three of his comrades clinging to his feet. He finally managed to save himself and those holding on to him. One of those he saved was a German, who clutched Uncle Jerry's coat with a death grip, so that he could not be shaken loose. On reaching land he said: "Mein Gott, that was der first time I ever did swim." Uncle Jerry answered: "You didn't swim any that time."

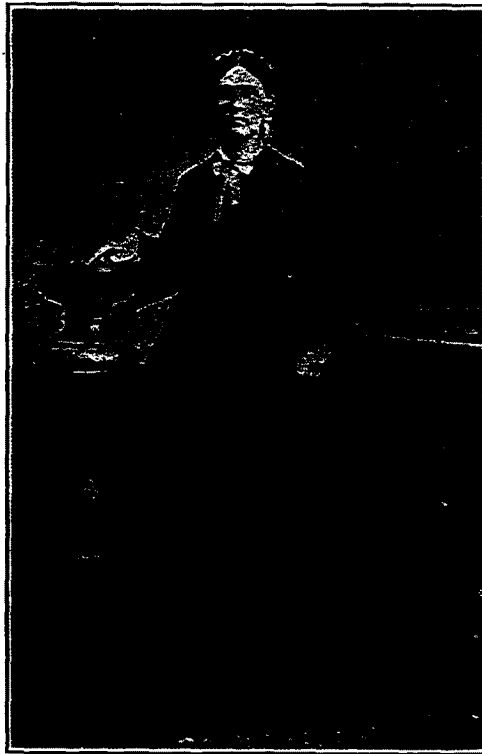
His brother, James, characterizes him thus: "He is a friendly, social, honest man; generous almost to a fault; has many friends and, I think, no enemies." He is a faithful member and a liberal supporter of the Methodist Church. He married, July 4, 1867, Adeline Shepherd, who was born at Old Fincastle, Ohio, September —, 1838, a daughter of Robert Shepherd and Debbie Darlington Shepherd. Uncle Jerry has had no issue. Aunt Addie died in 1909 and Uncle Jerry lives alone at Locust Grove.

**RACHEL FENTON-BROWN AND FAMILY.**

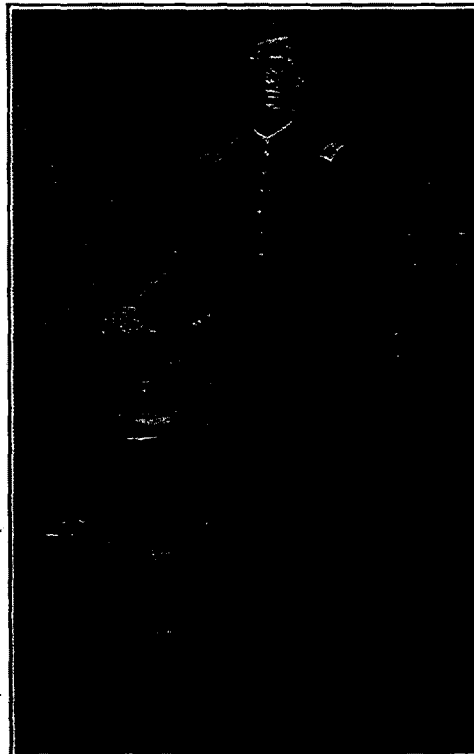
RACHEL FENTON-BROWN (1836) was the youngest of the seven daughters of William Fenton. She was named after "Granny" Rachel Bailey, who assisted at her birth.

She is the writer's mother and it is largely to honor her he has undertaken this work. Whatever measure of success he has had in this world is due to her.

She is and always was of a cheerful nature, very industrious and full of fun. A wooden man would have to laugh



RACHEL FENTON BROWN



MAJOR JAMES BROWN

at her witty sayings. When a child she and her brother, James, were kept busy driving the squirrels out of the corn field and carrying water and lunches to the hands in the field. She used to enjoy the old-fashioned spelling bees and frequently spelled down the school.

She fitted herself to teach at Zenia Female Seminary and at the Lebanon Normal School, but instead of teaching she married Major James Brown, during the Civil War, on the 15th day of February, 1864. It was a brilliant wedding for

the times, her father's house near Winchester being filled with soldiers and officers who were among the guests at the wedding.

James Brown was born on a farm on Ash Ridge, near Carlisle, Brown county, Ohio, July 2, 1835. He was well educated for his times, having studied not only in the country schools, but also at Zenia, Ohio, and at Lebanon, Ohio. Before the war broke out he taught several terms of country school in Brown and Adams counties, Ohio, and at Bolivar, Missouri. On the breaking out of the Civil War he enlisted in a company organized by his brother, Col. William B. Brown, who lost his life at the battle of Atlanta. The hardships of army life helped to break down the health of James Brown, who was called many years before his time. In matters of religion, politics and on moral principles he was firm and conscientious for the right as he saw the right. He was thoughtful and a good provider for his family; he was a devoted husband and father and it was hard, indeed, for him to have to leave his little family to battle with the world. He was successful as a teacher, as a superintendent of schools, and as a lawyer, but he took no great interest in farming which he followed for a few years.

In his historical record of the Brown family, Dr. Andrew L. Brown, of Eustis, Florida, gives the following sketch of James Brown:

"James Brown enlisted in Company A, 70th Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry, October 10, 1861, and was, October 13, 1861, appointed orderly sergeant. He was commissioned second lieutenant, July 14, 1862; first lieutenant, February 7, 1863; captain, March 11, 1864; major, November 18, 1864, and was honorably discharged August 14, 1865. He was wounded in the knee and had the end of his finger shot off at the battle of Shiloh, April 6, 1862; and he received a serious wound in the forearm at the battle of Peachtree Creek, enroute to Atlanta, July 22, 1864. He then received a furlough, came home, and as soon as his wound would permit returned to the front and was with Sherman on his march from Atlanta to the sea. He believed himself to have been the first man in fort at the storming of Fort McAllister near Savannah. He frequently received commendation for bravery.

In 1865 he removed to Ford County, Illinois, first to Piper City, then to Paxton, and while living in this County taught school, farmed, and was for two terms County Superintendent



of Public Instruction. He was also elected a Justice of the Peace in 1867. He removed to Chicago in September, 1871, just two weeks before the great fire and in November, 1871, was admitted to the bar, and engaged in the practice of law at Chicago until the date of his death, May 13, 1876. At the time of his death he was a member of and an elder in the First United Presbyterian Church of Chicago."

He was a son of William Brown (1784-1852), born at Big Spring, Pennsylvania, and wife, Mary Fitzgerald, (1797-1873), and he was a grandson of William Brown (1757-1789), who was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The latter was killed by the Indians, as will appear from the following account written by Dr. Andrew Brown:

"They (William Brown and Frances Lamond, his wife,) resided ten years in Cumberland County and removed then to Lexington, Kentucky, in 1789, where Mr. Brown purchased a tract of land and settled his family. In the fall of 1789, Mr. Brown, together with two companions, started to Cincinnati, Ohio, to pay for some land bought at North Bend. They were waylaid by the Indians and while at supper were fired upon and two killed, one of whom was William Brown. This occurred at Eagle Hills, Scott County, Kentucky, November 29, 1789."

James Brown was a direct descendant, in the sixth generation, of John Brown (1626-1685), of Priesthill, Ayre-shire, Scotland, known in Scottish history as the "Christian Carrier."

John Brown was a Christian martyr and his cruel murder by Claverhouse is narrated in practically every history of Scotland. The following sketch of him was written by Dr. Andrew Brown:

"John Brown was twice married; by his first wife there was at least one daughter, Janet, but the name of his wife, and whether or not there was further issue, will probably never be known. His second marriage occurred in April, 1682, to Isabel Wier (one author calls her Marion), a native of the neighboring parish of Sorn. She was of a lively, cheerful disposition, and a woman of true piety. According to tradition the ceremony was performed in a mountain glen by the Rev. Alexander Peden, a prominent actor in covenanting times, and who was renowned for his spiritual sagacity. It is said, that after the ceremony had been celebrated, he took the young wife aside and said to her in solemn tones: 'You have got a good husband, value him highly; keep linen for a winding sheet beside

you; for a day when you least expect it, thy Master will take him from thee. He follows his Lord too fully to be passed over by those who drive the chariot of persecution so furiously over the length and breadth of poor, bleeding Scotland.'

"John Brown was a Presbyterian, and had subscribed to the Covenant. He lived a pure and consistent life. Though he had taken no active part in the uprisings of the Covenanters, which occurred from time to time, he felt that he had a right to live in peace in his own home without sacrificing his principles; he therefore would not, and did not attend the Episcopal curate, as the law at that time required all to do. His name was placed on the list and given to the public authorities, for not attending public service.

"After the death of Charles the Second, and the accession of his brother, James the Second, to the throne, in February, 1685, the fires of persecution burned with greater fierceness, and one of John Brown's religious character could no longer go abroad; and at times he was forced to seek refuge from the relentless foe in obscure places, where he felt the chill of the winter's wind, as well as the blasts of persecution. Peden's prophecy was soon to be fulfilled.

"Garrisons of soldiers were placed in the western counties, and one of these was established at Lesmahago, at which place John Graham, of Claverhouse, who had been appointed to command the troops of the district, arrived on the last night in April. Early the next morning he started for Priesthill, where he arrived before six o'clock. John Brown had arisen early, and after engaging in religious worship with his family, went to the hill above his house to cut peat or turf for fuel. The morning was misty, and he was surrounded and captured before he could make any effort to escape, and was brought down to his own door. His little daughter, Janet, now about seven years old, who had been at the door, informed her mother, that her father and some soldiers were coming. The poor woman exclaimed, 'That which I have so long feared is come upon me, O give me grace for this hour,' and hastily taking her boy in her arms, and Janet by the hand she went out to meet them. He was rapidly examined, having been asked why he did not attend the Curate, and if he would pray for the king, he replied that he only acknowledged Christ as the supreme head of the church, and could not attend the curates, because they were placed there contrary to His law. Claverhouse then told him to go to his prayers, as his last hour had come. Brown, inspired by the near prospect of eternity, knelt down and prayed loud and fervently, in words that appalled the soldiers, but neither his fervent supplications, nor the tearful pleadings of his wife, touched the obdurate heart of Claverhouse. Having prayed, with great composure he arose and bid farewell to his family, he turned towards Heaven, and implored 'all promised blessings to be multiplied on his wife and chil-

dren.' Claverhouse then ordered his men to fire, but they would not, and in a rage he drew his own pistol and shot him dead. Turning to the newly-made widow, he asked what she then thought of her husband. 'I ever thought meikle of him, but never so meikle as I do this day,' was her brave reply. 'Twere but justice to lay thee beside him,' said Claverhouse. 'If you were permitted, you would do so; but how will you answer to God for this morning's work?' she said. 'To man I can be answerable; as for your God, I'll take him in my own hands,' and the murderer rode off 'to seek others whom he might destroy.'

"Alone, remote from neighbors, in an unfrequented place, left to contemplate the horrid deed, the poor, stricken widow, placing her fatherless child on the ground, ties up her husband's head with her apron, tenderly composes his limbs, covers his body with her plaid, clasping her children to her agonized breast, sits down and weeps long and bitterly."

Left a widow in 1876 with three small children, Rachel Brown quit Chicago and took her little flock to her old home town, Winchester, Ohio. There she remained until 1880, when, desirous of educating her children in city schools, she removed to her former home, Chicago. It took very able management for her, entirely unaided by others, to make both ends meet in that big city; but she succeeded in this and kept her children all together with her and got for them an education.

In 1884 she received from the government a small pension with back pay. She determined at once to give up the strenuous city life and as soon as possible removed her family to the small town of Leona, Kansas, near where lived her brothers, James and William Baker, and her sisters, Delilah and Polly Ann. Here she secured a home of her own and resided until 1895, when she removed to Des Moines, where her son, the writer, had begun the practice of the law.

There never lived a kinder-hearted or more generous woman than Rachel Brown. It is impossible for her to cherish enmity against any human being. She is the soul of honor and the foe of shams, humbugs and deadbeats. She has been a sincere Christian all her days and daily reads and studies the Holy word. She was intensely ambitious for her children to do well and succeed and at great

privation to herself helped them to a right start in life. In qualities of energy, courage and determination she strongly resembles her brother, Samuel. She now takes life easier and lives in the companionship of her children and grandchildren. She has many times expressed the wish that when she is called by her Master she may be laid away in the old Winchester, Ohio, cemetery beside her parents and brothers and sisters now there; and she has been promised that this wish shall be gratified.



RACHEL FENTON BROWN

### OHIO.

"The hills of Ohio! how proudly they rise,  
And seem in their grandeur to blend with the skies;  
With fair azure outline and tall towering trees,  
Ohio, my country, I love thee for these.

"The streams of Ohio! how grandly they go,  
Or seem in their stillness but dreaming to flow;  
Like bright gliding sunbeams they march to the sea;  
Ohio, my country, I love thee for these.

"The homes of Ohio! free-fortuned and fair,  
How many a heart's treasure, or sister's love there;  
Even more than thy mountains and streamlets they please;  
Ohio, my country, I love thee for these.

"God shield thee, Ohio! dear land of my birth,  
And thy children who wander afar o'er the earth;  
My country thou art where're my lot's cast;  
Take then to thy bosom my ashes at last."

—Selected from the United Presbyterian.

ISSUE OF RACHEL FENTON-BROWN AND HUSBAND,  
JAMES BROWN.

Mary Fitzgerald; born Nov. 18, 1864; died Dec. 27, 1864.

Albertine Fenton; born April 1, 1866.

William Bartholomew; born November 17, 1867.

Lucy Jane; born November 26, 1870.

James Kendall; born Feb. 2, 1872; died March 3, 1872.

ALBERTINE FENTON BROWN-SCHOCK (1866) graduated from the Marquette School, Chicago, and being highest in scholarship in her class, she was awarded the Foster Silver Medal. She attended the West Chicago High School for two years. Then she taught school for one year at Leona, Kansas, where on November 22, 1887, at the home of her mother, she was married to Elmer Ellsworth Schock. He was born November 2, 1863, near Flat Rock, Seneca county, Ohio, the son of Jacob Schock and Hester Maria Cherry. Jacob Schock was born January 12, 1837, at Flat Rock, Ohio. Hester Maria Schock was born near Wooster, Ohio, January 24, 1835. They married March 27, 1856.

Elmer E. Schock was engaged, after his marriage, in the lumber business at Horton, Kansas, and Parnell City, Missouri, and later pioneered it in the Indian Territory, now Oklahoma, where he engaged in the natural oil and real estate business. In 1907 he was elected the first county treasurer of Okmulgee county, being the only republican on the county ticket to be elected. Albertine Fenton Schock is his first deputy treasurer. She has been a faithful wife, a devoted mother and an earnest Christian worker.

ISSUE OF ALBERTINE FENTON BROWN-SCHOCK  
AND ELMER E. SCHOCK.

James Jacob; born May 9, 1889.

Grace Brown; born November 3, 1890.

William Orran; born July 19, 1893.

David Elmer; born January 8, 1899.

Rachel Albertine; born Feb. 12, 1904; died July 26, 1904.

Charles Fenton; born August 7, 1905.

WILLIAM BARTHOLOMEW BROWN (1867) was educated in the Winchester, Ohio, and Chicago public schools; attended Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas, three years, graduating from the preparatory department in 1892 and taking part of the college course; studied law and was admitted to the bar at Topeka, Kansas, in 1894; attended Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut, and graduated in 1895 in a class of 95 members with honors *cum laude*; has practiced law successfully at Des Moines, Iowa, since 1895. He is an elder and a trustee in the Westminster Presbyterian Church at Des Moines; he is a Blue-Lodge Mason and a Hereditary Companion of the first class in the Loyal Legion by inheritance from a deceased officer, namely, his father, Major James Brown, and is eligible to membership in the S. A. R. through three great grandfathers, Brown, Fitzgerald and John Lawrence. He is a home man and life's greatest pleasures for him come through the family circle. He married Susan Higgins Van Liew at Des Moines, Iowa, October 15, 1902. She was born at Three Bridges, Hunterdon county, New Jersey, February 14, 1872, coming as a very precious valentine to her parents, John D. Van Liew and Elizabeth Bellis Kuhl. They were both born in New Jersey, of good Holland stock. At least two of Susan Van Liew Brown's great grandfathers were in the Revolutionary War. Prior to her marriage she was a capable law clerk for one of the large law firms of Des Moines, and she found it a pleasant experience to change from her active duties in an office to the duties of housewife. She is a very devoted mother and has had plenty to do attending to the wants of her young children.

ISSUE OF WILLIAM B. BROWN AND WIFE, SUSAN  
HIGGINS V. L. BROWN.

Susan Van Liew; born July 5, 1903.

William Bartholomew; born August 15, 1904.

Elizabeth Kuhl; born February 27, 1907.

Rachel Fenton; born November 11, 1909.

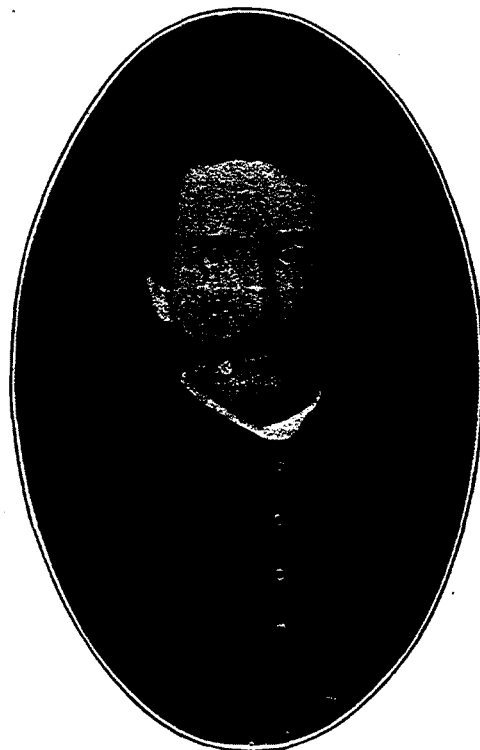
Son, (unnamed) ; born Nov. 11, 1909; died Nov. 11, 1909.

LUCY JANE BROWN (1870), youngest child of Rachel Fenton Brown, is the devoted companion of her mother. She began teaching a country school near Leona, Kansas, when but sixteen years of age. Some of her male students in her first school were full grown men, none too studiously inclined; but somehow she managed to preserve good order and taught her full year. She then took charge for several years of the primary department of the Leona school and was a success as a teacher, and particularly so in kindergarten work. Her school entertainments and exercises were noted for their excellence and originality of program. It is no exaggeration to say, as the County Superintendent said, that she was the best primary teacher in Doniphan county, Kansas.

As a teacher she regularly attended the annual teacher's institutes at Troy, Kansas, and was prominently identified with the work done there; the County Superintendent frequently called upon her to read difficult selections before the assembled teachers and also to explain to the grammar teachers sentences of complex construction. On moving to Des Moines she gave up teaching to spend her entire time with her mother.

**JAMES KENDALL FENTON.**

JAMES KENDALL FENTON (1838) is one of "Nature's noblemen," a man of warm impulses and not such a one as the Bible speaks of as "neither hot nor cold." The writer does not know of any finer specimen of manhood among the Fentons. He spent his youth on his father's farm and shortly after the breaking out of the Civil War enlisted, July 4, 1861, in Company I, 39th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He saw plenty of fighting, having been in twelve big battles and many smaller engagements. His regiment marched and moved by rail or steamer 10,303 miles and lost



JAMES KENDALL FENTON

500 men, killed, wounded or sick. Many a time he was compelled to clear off the snow to sleep on the ground. He waded rivers in winter and once went two months without change of clothes. He lived three days under a pine tree with but a shirt for a covering. Uncle Jim tells in an interesting way of some of his army experiences as follows:

"As a rule we had plenty to eat, such as it was, but sometimes we were put on half or quarter rations and for many days at a time we would be hungry. I remember once we drew three days' rations and went after Forests' Rebel Cavalry and



we did not get another bite from the quartermaster for twelve days. To take the place of coffee I pulled up sassafras stubs and made tea of the roots, while one corn cake the size of the bottom of a pint tin cup, one-half an inch thick did us twenty-four hours. The burden of my thoughts was how to get enough to eat.

"I have seen nearly all of the Generals excepting those of the Army of the Potomac; I did not see one of them show any sign of cowardice in the presence of the enemy. In one battle our regiment had one hundred and twenty-six men killed and wounded in just a few minutes, and the man at my right elbow was mortally wounded. I have seen awful carnage. For a while our division commander was General Stanley, a brave man. He was always found where the battle raged the hottest and he would say, 'Men, I don't want you to go where my hat won't go.' I served in General Grant's command for a while, but did not see him under fire. When he rode by us, I never heard him speak a word to anyone. He was as mute as an oyster. General Sherman was talkative and always had something cheery and saucy to say whenever he came about. General Thomas was another of the silent Generals. He had nothing to say when he came round. General McPherson, mounted on his fine black horse with his sword in hand was the finest looking General I ever saw and was a real inspiration to the troops wherever he went.

Just a day or two after I was wounded at the battle of Atlanta, July 22, 1864, the 70th Ohio regiment passed the hospital where the wounded lay, with your Uncle William B. Brown in command and that was the last time I saw him, poor fellow. He was killed at the battle of Atlanta. I served as a private, corporal and sergeant and I was never reprimanded while in the service. I was honorably discharged July 9, 1865."

Uncle Jim would make an artist's model for the figure of a soldier. He was measured frequently by army officers and pointed out as almost perfect in form and build for a soldier. Through all the temptations incident to army life he kept himself clean and unspotted; he did not play cards, gamble, drink, use tobacco or profanity. He lived in the army the decent life he had always lived at home. Uncle Jim has a vivid imagination and a fine flow of language and is one of the best of story tellers known; but he is never heard to utter an unclean thought. He has always been industrious and thrifty, yet generous to charity and a liberal giver to the Methodist Church, of which he is a member, and the Lord has prospered him. After the war was over and on November 16, 1865, he married Sarah Serfina

Bayless at Winchester, Ohio, a daughter of James Osman Bayless and Julia Tolle. Her brother, Alonzo Bayless, was a very handsome man; he was a member of the 191st Ohio Regiment and was killed in the service at Benwood Station, Virginia. Her great-grandfather, Capt. Leonard Bean, served seven years in the Revolutionary War and was on Washington's staff. He escorted General Lafayette from this country to France.

Soon after their marriage, Uncle Jim and Aunt Sallie moved to northeastern Kansas and settled on a farm near Leona. After several years of pioneer farming in Kansas he sold his farm and thereafter engaged in what might be called the private banking business, at Lancaster and Effingham, Kansas. Recently he returned to southern Ohio and expects to spend his remaining days at Locust Grove near his brother, Jerry. The writer wishes he had space for Aunt Sally, a lovely, true woman. She has always helped Uncle Jim to manage and save and been a real helpmeet to him. She has been a lifelong and faithful member of the Methodist Church.

If James K. Fenton could only have spent his four years of army life in college it seems certain, on account of his brilliant mind, he would have become a great leader of men. He has the natural ability for a great orator; and he knows a good poem when he sees it. He is especially fond of the poetry of Robert Burns and can recite with effect many of his poems. He has had no issue.

The writer asked Mr. Fenton to write down his recollections of the amusements and lighter occupations of the young folks and the older folks in the early days in Adams county, and he has furnished this interesting sketch:

"As a rule all had to work and toil hard to make a bare living. The term 'amusements' was not in general use, 'fun' was what they called it. Big families were the rule and they had frolics, singing schools and spelling matches. There were no baseball games, but what was similar or nearly the same was called 'Bullpen.' The young men were fond of displaying physical strength in wrestling and jumping. The young women would have quilting parties and the old women would have wool pickings, and nearly every one of them would smoke a pipe. There were no matches in general use, nor stoves, and they would take their pipes to the fire place and light them with coals or hot embers. The young people began to have

picnics about the time I was twenty years old, everybody walking to them or riding horseback, and many times the young man had his best girl on behind him. I don't think there was one buggy for every five hundred people. As a rule everybody went barefooted in summer time; could not afford shoes; just can't tell you how poor the people were. I think when I was ten years old, there was not a bridge over any stream in Adams County. The public roads were simply, dreadfully bad. For some years there was but one wagon in the neighborhood, and that was Grandfather Fenton's."

**WILLIAM BAKER FENTON AND FAMILY.**

WILLIAM BAKER FENTON (1843) was the youngest of the children of William Fenton. He was too young to enter the army service in the Civil War, but found plenty to do around the farm in the absence of his brothers, James and Jerry. When he was a young boy he came near being gored to death by a bull, but saved himself by crawling back of a fence post at the corner of the fence, when his brothers and sisters came to his rescue with pitchforks and drove away the infuriated beast. After the war was over he moved to Doniphan county, Kansas, where on March 10, 1876, he married Amanda Ann Clem. She was born in Randolph county, Virginia, March 27, 1853. Her parents' names are Sarah and Aaron Clem and they were both born and wed in Randolph county, Virginia.

"Baker" Fenton, as he is commonly called, has been a farmer all his life until recently, when he left his fine farm, near Atchison, Kansas, in charge of his son, Arthur, and removed to Atchison, where he now lives. Uncle Baker has always been an honest, industrious, upright citizen and a sincere, Christian man. He is greatly beloved by his brothers and sisters and those who know him well.

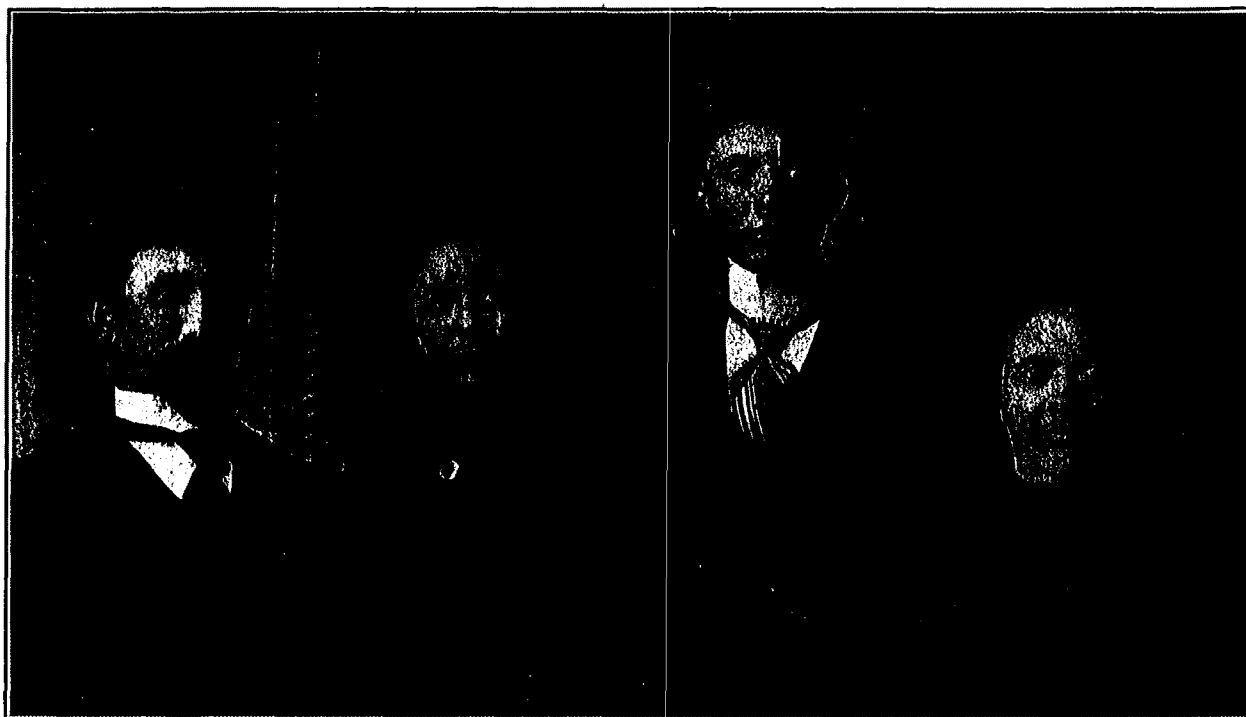
**ISSUE OF WILLIAM BAKER FENTON AND WIFE,  
AMANDA ANN CLEM.**

William Arthur; born April 15, 1879.

James; born Feb. 10, 1884; died July 10, 1886.

Caroline; born October 7, 1887, (single).

WILLIAM ARTHUR FENTON is a worthy son of his father. He married Edna Myrtle Wynkoop at the home of her parents near Atchison, Kansas, April 15, 1903. She was born January 24, 1880, a daughter of John Hoover Wynkoop and Nan Robertson Wynkoop. They have had no issue.



WILLIAM BAKER FENTON AND FAMILY

## CHAPTER FOUR

### ELIZABETH FENTON-EYLAR FAMILY.

ELIZABETH FENTON-EYLAR (1792-1835). Unfortunately, very little is known respecting Elizabeth Fenton, second born of Jeremiah Fenton and Rosannah Lawrence. Even the year of her birth is not definitely known. However, we do know she was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, between William, October 18, 1790, and Delilah, July 22, 1794, so the year of her birth is set down as 1792, which is doubtless correct. She is said to have been a very religious woman.

Mr. James K. Fenton is the only person who has been able to tell anything at all of her personality. He writes of her as follows:

"She was dead before I was born, but from what I have heard I think she was just a plain, honest, hard working, good sort of woman. She was a splendid wife and helpmate to her husband; and they got rich for the times in which they lived. Two little negro boys came to her one day and the older told her that 'Jerry' wanted a piece of bread and butter, but that he didn't want any and so to rebuke him for lying she gave Jerry a piece and the older boy none."

When she was quite young, and likely just about twenty, she was married in about the year 1814 to Judge Joseph Eylar; and on account of the distinction and success won by some of their descendants it seems fitting to devote some little space to the Eylar family.

### SKETCH OF JUDGE EYLAR'S FATHER.

In the Evans & Stivers "History of Adams County, Ohio," (1900), is given the following interesting sketch of Joseph Eylar, the father of Joseph Eylar, who married Elizabeth Fenton:

"Joseph Eyler, the pioneer, was born in the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, September 22, 1759. He was a son

of George and Catherine Eyler, who lived and died in that country. In 1777 he ran away from home to escape service in the army, and after walking 800 miles to the coast, shipped for the United States, arriving at Baltimore in the autumn of that year. From that time until the period of his marriage little is known of him except that he was engaged as a wagoner and accumulated enough to own a four-horse team and a "Canestoga" of his own. In 1787 he married Mary Ann Rosemiller, a daughter of John George Rosemiller, living in the vicinity of Philadelphia. The Rosemillers were wealthy Tories, and objected to their daughter's marrying the unknown and poor wagoner; an elopement followed, and Mary Ann Rosemiller became Mary Ann Eyler.

"The breach in the domestic life of the Rosemillers made by the clandestine marriage of Mary Ann remained until her death. Her sisters had married well, and they never lost the opportunity to remind her of the fact, so that she and her husband shortly after the birth of their first child, the late Judge Joseph Eyler, of Adams County, removed to Bedford, Pennsylvania, then a frontier town, from which goods were distributed to the settlements in western Virginia and Kentucky. It was a point where the young wagoner found ready employment.

In 1795, Joseph Eyler and his little family, in company with others, came down the Ohio river by keelboat and landed at the "Three Islands" where Nathaniel Massie had founded the town of Manchester. Eyler tended a patch of corn on the lower island that summer, and the following winter built a cabin on a tract of three hundred acres purchased near Killinstown.

"He cleared away the forest and soon possessed one of the best farms in that portion of the country. He was industrious and economical and accumulated considerable wealth for those times. He was frequently called on to serve in local official positions such as 'lister' of property, being a man of good judgment and a great deal of common sense. From Killinstown he moved to a farm near Winchester, on what is now known as the "Massie Farm." He resided there a few years and then bought a farm near Berryville, in Highland County, where he conducted a distillery. He remained there until 1834, when he disposed of his property and removed to Brown County, on a farm now owned by his grandson, Carey C. Eyler, north of the village of Fincastle. Here he died July 29, 1839, and was buried in the Wilson cemetery about one mile east of the village of Fincastle. His wife survived until March 13, 1841.

"In personal appearance Joseph Eyler was strikingly peculiar. He was five feet, five inches in height and weighed over three hundred pounds. His complexion was very fair, hair dark, and eyes steel blue. He spoke English tolerably well, but preferred to use his native language when possible to do

so. His household language, until his family was grown, was the German, and he always read and prayed in that tongue. It was the rule in his household to read a portion of God's Holy Word every evening, followed with a simple family worship in the way of prayer.

"A strong trait of Joseph Eyler was his love of good horses, of which he always kept a number of the 'largest and fattest.' In pleasant weather he would turn them out to pasture, and as they galloped over the fields they fairly shook the earth. It was a common remark among his neighbors when it thundered, that "Joe Eyler's horses were having a romp."

Attorney E. B. Stivers, who wrote the foregoing sketch of Joseph Eyler, has written to the writer that the name should be spelled "Eyler" instead of "Eylar;" but those descendants who have corresponded with the writer having used Eylar, that spelling is adopted in this record.

## JOSEPH EYLAR II.

Concerning the son, Joseph Eyler, who married Elizabeth Fenton, Mr. James W. Eylar, of Bendena, Kansas, has furnished a paper containing the following sketch:

"Joseph Eyler, eldest son of the American head of Eylar family, was born in Pennsylvania. He resided at Winchester, Adams County, Ohio, the principal part of his life and died and is buried there. He carried on the tanning business at that point, in connection with farming. He was a man of prominence in his community, acting as Associate Judge of Adams County from 1835 to 1849. Under the system of two Associate Judges appointed by the Governor, he sat with a member of the Supreme Court, on a bench afterward supplanted by the Court of Common Pleas. The Associate Judges were not necessarily, or usually, attorneys. They were selected because of their recognized character for honesty, and disposition to deal justly in all controversies arising between man and man submitted to them for adjudication. Judge Joseph Eyler was a short, stoutly built man, of a swarthy complexion, very firm in his convictions, frank in his expressions, yet kind and charitable withal. He died of paralysis, after an illness of several months. He was in Cincinnati when the first symptoms appeared. It was noticed by those with whom he transacted business that he was ill and he was urged to return home at once. This he did, and shortly after his arrival suffered his first stroke."

Elizabeth Fenton Eyler died January 23, 1835, and is



buried in the Winchester, Ohio, cemetery, where a stone marks her grave.

Thereafter Joseph Eylar married another Elizabeth Fenton, a daughter of "Kentucky John" Fenton, and second cousin of his first wife.

The Eylar family Bible is in the possession of his son, James W., by his second wife. He lives at Bendena, Kansas.

By his first wife he had ten and by his second wife seven children.

**ISSUE OF ELIZABETH FENTON-EYLAR (FIRST WIFE) AND JOSEPH EYLAR.**

Rose Ann; born May 29, 1815; died June —, 1815.

Mary Ann; born July 5, 1816; died April 29, 1891.

Sarah Ann; born March 20, 1818; died May 29, 1877.

Alfred Allen; born Jan. 31, 1820; died Oct. 23, 1882.

Ruth; born April 10, 1822; died August 6, 1878.

Joseph Fenton; born April 27, 1824; died June 15, 1890.

John; born July 6, 1826; died September 7, 1866.

Benjamin Franklin; born December 25, 1828; died 18—.

David Shafer; born July 10, 1831; died March 11, 1897.

Oliver Hazard; born August 23, 1834; died Nov. 4, 1893.

ROSE ANN EYLAR (1815-1815) was the first born of Elizabeth Fenton-Eylar; of her, nothing is known, except that she died young, and is buried at Winchester.

**MARY ANN EYLAR-MOORE AND FAMILY.**

MARY ANN EYLAR-MOORE (1816-1891) was of robust appearance and fine bearing, and of a very gentle, lovable disposition. She was well educated for her time, and was a great reader. Of an exceedingly industrious nature, she instilled habits of industry in her children. She was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church. She was buried in the family cemetery near Russellville, Ohio. She was twice married. First to James F. Young and then to James B. Moore. By her first marriage she had the following issue: James Lucien Moore, a saddler of Pontiac, Illinois, and Joseph Elmore Young, a farmer of Stanley, Kansas, late deceased. This is the only information the writer after diligent effort has been able to get respecting the issue of the first marriage.

**SECOND MARRIAGE OF MARY ANN EYLAR.**

Mary Ann Eylar's second marriage was to James B. Moore, March 19, 1844. He was born and lived his entire life on a farm in Brown county, Ohio. His parentage was Scotch-Irish.

**ISSUE OF MARY ANN EYLAR AND JAMES B. MOORE.**

Matilda Elizabeth; born February 22, 1845.

John Randolph; born September 2, 1846.

Oscar Buchanan; born Oct. 20, 1848; died June 15, 1909.

William Carey; born Aug. 11, 1850; died Dec. 9, 1853.

Aaron Eylar; born June 23, 1853, (single).

Emma Theodosia; born December 7, 1855, (single).

James Monroe; born October 12, 1857.

MATILDA ELIZABETH MOORE-HAMILTON (1845) was married to James Hiner Hamilton, a farmer, on the 29th day of September, 1868. He was born December 27, 1838; his occupation is farming. They live at Russelville, Ohio.

ISSUE OF MATILDA ELIZABETH MOORE AND HUSBAND, JAMES H. HAMILTON.

Florence; born July 13, 1869, (single).  
Mary Elizabeth; born September 5, 1872.  
Alexander; born August 23, 1876; died Feb. 11, 1877.  
James Lucien; born December 13, 1877, (single).  
Eva; born October 22, 1888; died August 17, 1889.

MARY ELIZABETH HAMILTON-BLAIR (1872) was married to Wilber R. Blair, a merchant, of Knoxville, Tennessee, June 1, 1903. He was born May 11, 1872.

ISSUE OF MARY ELIZABETH HAMILTON-BLAIR  
AND HUSBAND, WILBER R. BLAIR.

Mildred Elizabeth; born July 5, 1905.  
Wilber Hamilton; born November 21, 1908.

JOHN RANDOLPH MOORE (1846) was married on May 10, 1871, to Elizabeth McKibben, who was born February 27, 1848, and is a daughter of Hervey McKibben and wife, Mary J. Young.

John R. Moore was born and spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, near Russellville, Ohio. He is well educated, having graduated from Miami University, of Oxford, Ohio, with the degree of A. B., in the class of 1869. After leaving college he taught a private school and fitted boys for college, some of them entering Dartmouth College and Hamilton College. He then took up the study of law, spending part of his time in the law office of his uncle, Col. J. R. Cockerill, at West Union. He was admitted to the bar in 1871 at Columbus, Ohio, and has enjoyed a good practice for many years. He has held public office as follows: County School Examiner and Prosecuting Attorney for Brown county for four years. He lives at Georgetown, Ohio.

ISSUE OF JOHN RANDOLPH MOORE AND ELIZABETH McKIBBEN, HIS WIFE.

Mary Hervey; born May 13, 1874.

Nellie Eylar; born July 29, 1878; died October 9, 1890.

John Randolph, Jr.; born May 19, 1882.

MARY HERVEY MOORE-LYON (1874) was married to J. D. Lyon, February 4, 1897. They live at Cincinnati. He is a son of Louis Lyon and Rachel A. Daugherty.

ISSUE OF MARY HERVEY MOORE-LYON AND J. D. LYON, HER HUSBAND.

Dorothy Moore; born December 16, 1897.

JOHN RANDOLPH MOORE, JR., (1882) is married to Sarah Ellis, a daughter of Samuel Ellis and Georgia A. Drake, his wife. They live at Georgetown, Ohio, and have had no children.

OSCAR BUCHANAN MOORE (1848-1909) was married to Zorelda Clifton in the last of August, 1874. She was born in 1842. They had no children. Mr. Moore was a farmer all his life, near Russellville, Ohio, where he died and is buried. His widow survives him and still lives at Russellville.

AARON EYLAR MOORE (1853) is unmarried and lives at Georgetown, Ohio. He is a lawyer, but is not now in the active practice. To him the writer is indebted for much general information respecting the Eylar family, and he regrets to have to record that Mr. Moore has not been permitted to enjoy the best of health for the last few years.

He was too modest to give, as requested, a sketch of himself; but it is well-known that he is one of Brown county's most respectable citizens and a worthy member of the Eylar family, who is proud of his ancestry, and one who takes pleasure in keeping up the family name.

EMMA THEODOSIA MOORE (1855) lives at Glencoe, Illinois. She is unmarried.

JAMES MONROE MOORE (1857) is a farmer and lives near Russellville, Ohio. He was married on December 4, 1895, to Mary Ann Taylor, daughter of Samuel R. and Martha A. B. Taylor, by the Rev. James H. Cooper, of Red Oak, Ohio.

ISSUE OF JAMES MONROE MOORE AND MARY ANN  
TAYLOR, HIS WIFE.

Ruth; born October 30, 1896.

Ernest Taylor; born May 27, 1898.

Frank Eylar; born August 15, 1901.

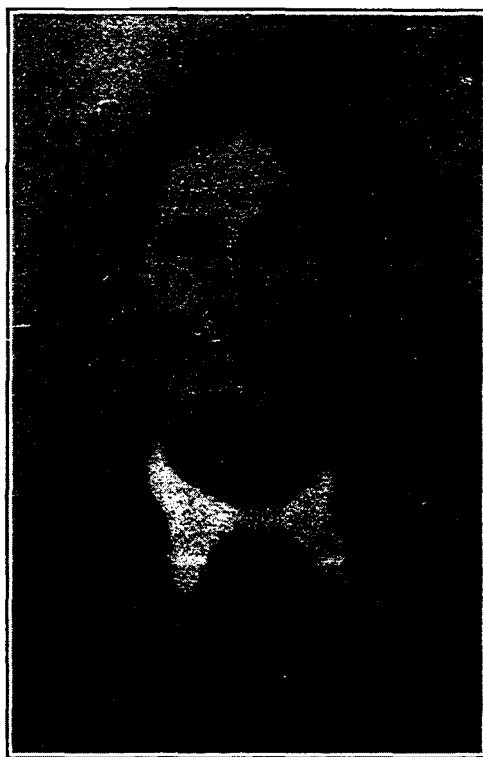
Mary; born January 4, 1904.

James Monroe; born September 10, 1906.

Son not yet named; born December 18, 1908.

**SARAH ANN EYLAR-McNOWN AND FAMILY.**

**SARAH ANN EYLAR-McNOWN** (1818-1877) was married at Winchester, Ohio, on March 19, 1844 to Samuel McNown, of Scotch-Irish descent, who was born January 6, 1810, in Washington county, Pennsylvania. He was one of the best farmers in Brown county, Ohio. In politics he was a prominent Democrat, and was twice elected a Commissioner for Brown county. He was a man of his word, and his word was as good as his bond. He lived



**SARAH ANN McNOWN**

on a fine farm on Eagle Creek near Winchester, on which he erected a beautiful home, and his was one of the best kept up places in Brown county. He died March 28, 1881.

**SARAH ANN EYLAR-McNOWN** was a woman of strong character, a model housewife and worthy helpmate to her husband; and she educated her children into habits of industry, thrift and piety. She was nearly all her life a devoted member, and regular attendant, of the Methodist Church.

Both she and her husband are buried in the Winchester cemetery.

ISSUE OF SARAH ANN EYLAR-McNOWN AND HUSBAND, SAMUEL McNOWN.

Margaret E.  
William Edgar  
Ruth A.  
Catherine  
Esther Belle

MARGARET E. McNOWN, RUTH McNOWN and ESTHER BELLE McNOWN have not married. After the death of their parents the girls continued to occupy the old home place together and since then have been in actual charge of farming it; and they have managed so well they have not only kept it up, but actually improved the place, and added to their lands, since their parents' death. Their farm products are always of the best, and their fine blooded cattle as good as any in the county. "Mag" deserves much of the credit for their success, for she has steadily remained at home overseeing the work of the farm.

Belle, Ruth and Catherine fitted themselves for teachers, and all taught school quite successfully for some years.

The girls are all good business women and careful savers, and instead of having to borrow money of the bank, they loan their money to the bank, and are always well "prepared for the rainy day."

CATHERINE McNOWN-COPPEL (1900) was married on February 28, 1884, to John Donaldson Coppel, a farmer, near Ripley, Ohio. He was born at Manchester, Ohio, and was a graduate of Lebanon University. Mrs. Coppel was buried at Ripley, Ohio. The following sketch of Mrs. Coppel was written by a friend:

"Catherine McNown Coppel was a woman of more than ordinary ability. In early life she pursued a normal course of study, after which she became one of the most popular and successful teachers of her native county. She married hap-

pily, but was soon after left a widow. Her devotion to the young took her again into the profession of teaching. Recognizing her good influence over children, the authorities of Brown county asked her to become matron of the Children's Home at Georgetown. She accepted the position and was eminently successful in her work. From Georgetown she was called to a similar position in the great Odd Fellows' Home at Springfield, Ohio. Here the value of her services became widely known over the state. In the management of the affairs of her department she developed executive ability of a high order.

"In the midst of a most useful career death overtook her. She was a most lovable woman, optimistic, affable and kindly. She died, as she lived, a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

**ISSUE OF CATHERINE McNOWN AND JOHN DON-  
ALDSON COPPEL, HER HUSBAND.**

Samuel Carey; born Dec. 30, 1884; died April 8, 1886.



**ALFRED ALLEN EYLAR AND FAMILY.**

ALFRED ALLEN EYLAR (1820-1882) was married in 1843 or 1844 to Rebecca Ann Cockerill, daughter of the famous Gen. Daniel Cockerill and sister of the equally well-known Gen. Joseph Randolph Cockerill. Daniel Cockerill was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, in 1792, and moved to Adams county, Ohio, in 1837. He was a Lieutenant from Virginia and a Major-General of the Ohio Militia. He was in the war of 1812 and was one of Adams county's most prominent and patriotic citizens.

On October 3, 1855, Mr. Eylar and his wife with another family by the name of Best started out on a journey by wagon to Pontiac, Illinois, where they settled on a farm. The trip was slow, lasting for several weeks. Mr. Eylar was a worthy citizen. In religious matters he was known to be liberal. His wife, Rebecca Ann, was born April 8, 1822, and died February 24, 1864. Both are buried at Pontiac, Illinois.

**ISSUE OF ALFRED ALLEN EYLAR AND REBECCA ANN COCKERILL, HIS WIFE.**

Townsend Randolph; born May 3, 1845; died June 23, 1845.

Daniel Calhoun; born September 26, 1846.

Alfred Randolph; born —, 1849; died August 7, 1886.

Esther Alverda; born October 30, 1851.

DANIEL CALHOUN EYLAR (1846) has been a prominent citizen of Pontiac, Illinois, for many years. The following sketch of him, written by a friend, is taken from the "History of Adams County, Ohio:"

"Mr. Eylar is a man of the strictest integrity, a warm and sympathetic friend, a good citizen, having decided political opinions, but seldom expressing them, and with no desire for office, a capital business man as attested by his long connection with and now at the head of one of our strongest financial institutions, the Livingstone County National Bank. He is highly respected by our people and loved by his intimates."

He was married to Alice A. Hornberger, of Pontiac, Il-

linois, on October 5, 1870. She was born February 22, 1850, and was a daughter of Stephen and Anna K. Hornberger. She died of consumption on May 28, 1874. He has not re-married.

**ISSUE OF DANIEL CALHOUN EYLAR AND ALICE A.  
HORNBERGER, HIS WIFE.**

Mary; born February 25, 1872; died June 11, 1873.

ALFRED RANDOLPH EYLAR (1849-1886) remained single throughout his life. He was a resident of Las Vegas, New Mexico, during the latter years of his life where he was a ranchman and stock raiser. He was buried by the side of his father and mother at Pontiac, Illinois.

ESTHER ALVERDA EYLAR-FILLMORE (1851) was married January 3, 1877, at Pontiac, Illinois, to Millard Fillmore, a son of Elijah Fillmore and Abigail Chase, his wife. He was born at Bennington, Vermont, January 31, 1849. He is a nephew and namesake of Millard Fillmore, once President of the United States. He was formerly in the dry goods business, but is now retired and lives at Los Angeles, California.

**ISSUE OF ESTHER ALVERDA EYLAR-FILLMORE  
AND MILLARD FILLMORE, HER HUSBAND.**

Alice May; born Dec. 15, 1877; died Feb. 15, 1886, at Chicago.

Millard Eylar; born Jan. 8, 1889, at Pomona, California.

## RUTH EYLAR-COCKERILL AND FAMILY.

RUTH EYLAR-COCKERILL (1822-1878) was married to Joseph Randolph Cockerill in the year 1840. He was a son of Gen. Daniel Cockerill and Esther Craven, and became one of Adams county's distinguished citizens. From 1840 to 1846 he was a surveyor and teacher. Thereafter he was clerk of the Court of Common Pleas; and then was elected to the 50th General Assembly of Ohio. In 1856 he was sent to Congress from the 6th Ohio District. After he quit teaching school he practiced law and was one of the best lawyers at the West Union bar. He was a Democrat, but was also intensely patriotic. When the Civil War broke out he was commissioned by the Governor of Ohio to organize the 70th Ohio Infantry Regiment as its Colonel. General Sherman said of him at Shiloh that "he behaved with great gallantry and kept his men better together than any Colonel in my (his) division and was with me (him) from first till last." He died August 23, 1875. Practically all of the foregoing facts respecting Mr. Cockerill have been taken from the Evans & Stivers "History of Adams County," wherein he is characterized as follows:

"He was a born soldier. As a courtier and diplomat he would have been successful. As a soldier, lawyer, statesman, citizen, he was successful and merited the approbation of his contemporaries and will merit that of posterity."

Ruth Eylar-Cockerill and husband are both buried at West Union, Ohio.

## ISSUE OF RUTH EYLAR-COCKERILL AND HUSBAND, JOSEPH RANDOLPH COCKERILL.

Armstead Thompson Mason; born 1841; died 1870.

Esther Elizabeth; born 1843.

John Albert; born December 4, 1845; died April 10, 1896.

Sarah Mary; born 1847; died 1871.

Oliver Oscar; born ———; died, age 3 years.

ARMSTEAD THOMPSON MASON COCKERILL (1841-1870) entered the 24th Ohio Volunteer Infantry,

Company "D," as a private, when twenty years of age; was promoted and finally mustered out June 24, 1864, as Colonel of the regiment. After the war he lived at Hamilton, Ohio, and served as Assessor of Internal Revenue in the 6th Ohio District by appointment of President Johnson. Later he moved to West Union and, his health impaired by military service, he died at the early age of 28 years and is buried beside his father at West Union, Ohio. He left a son named for himself, who is a machinist, and lives at Hamilton, Ohio.

ESTHER ELIZABETH COCKERILL-CAMPBELL, better known as "Hattie" Campbell was married to Dr. John Campbell, October 13, 1869. Dr. Campbell was born February 9, 1828, graduated from Washington and Jefferson College with A. B. in 1847 and later received from that college the degree of M. A. He then removed to Adams county, Ohio, and practiced medicine at Tranquility until the Civil War began. He became Captain of Company "I" of the 70th Ohio Volunteer Infantry and was discharged November 4, 1864. After the war he practiced medicine at West Union and Delhi, Ohio, until 1885, when he was appointed Medical Referee in the Pension Department at Washington. In 1889 he became Inspector for the Equitable Life Insurance Company of New York with headquarters at Philadelphia, which position he held until his death. Most of the foregoing facts were taken from Evans & Stivers "History of Adams County, Ohio." Dr. Campbell was a member of the Loyal Legion. He died at Philadelphia, February 4, 1909; but Mrs. Campbell is still living. She resides at Princeton, New Jersey, with her daughter, Helen.

ISSUE OF ESTHER ELIZABETH COCKERILL-CAMPBELL AND HUSBAND, JOHN CAMPBELL.

Mabel; born 1870; died 1878.

Joseph Randolph; born March 12, 1872; died May 30, 1898.

Helen Moore; born 1878.

JOSEPH RANDOLPH CAMPBELL (1872-1898). The following sketch is taken from the Evans & Stivers "History of Adams County."

### JOSEPH RANDOLPH CAMPBELL.

"Joseph Randolph Campbell, son of Dr. John and Esther C. Campbell, was born in Delhi, Ohio, March 12, 1872. His education was commenced in the Home City and Delhi public schools and continued at Washington, D. C., until September 29, 1888, when he entered the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., as a naval cadet, under appointment by the Secretary of the Navy to fill a vacancy from Wyoming Territory. He graduated from the academy June, 1892, with first honors, and was assigned to the Newark, then about to sail for European waters as the representative of the United States navy in the Spanish and Italian Columbian celebrations. About a year later he was transferred to the San Francisco, and was in the harbor of Rio Janeiro during the exciting times of the Brazilian revolt of '93 and '94. In June, 1894, he returned to the naval academy for final examination, preceding his commission as ensign. He came through this ordeal with distinction, standing at the head of the line division of his class, and was duly commissioned as an ensign to date from July 1, 1894. He was assigned to duty on the New York, then the finest cruiser in the new navy and about to sail as our nation's representative in the grand marine pageant of the opening of the Kiel Canal. While at Kiel, he commanded the boat of the New York which gained one of the races given by the German Emperor's Yacht Club, and received as the prize two silver cups from Kaiser William. After serving on the New York the usual term, he was transferred to the Alliance, training ship for naval apprentices, for two cruises across the Atlantic and through the West Indies. Then followed duty at the War College and Torpedo Station at Newport, R. I., until he was transferred to the Katahdin at the commencement of the recent war with Spain. In April, 1898, while at Hampton Roads, he was attacked by a sickness which later developed into an exceedingly severe typhoid fever. His reluctance to be off his post under the war excitement, until absolutely prostrated, added greatly to the intensity of the disease, and possibly the overtaxation of his constitution by the efforts of continued duty, gave the disease its fatal direction. However, after his impaired health had lasted nearly a month under great strain, his ship having reached Boston, he was taken to the Naval Hospital on May 4, and died May 30, 1898, at noon, while a company of marines were decorating the graves of departed heroes in the cemetery in the hospital grounds adjacent."

**HELEN MOORE CAMPBELL-ADRIANCE** (1878) was married at the home of her parents in Philadelphia on July 6, 1905, to Walter Maxwell Adriance. He was born April 20, 1878; was graduated from Yale University in 1900 and is now teaching at Princeton, New Jersey, being a professor in Princeton University. They have had no issue.

**JOHN ALBERT COCKERILL** (1845-1896) was perhaps the most brilliant of the descendants of Jeremiah Fenton. He was the only one to win not only national, but world-wide fame. His father told Hon. L. J. Fenton that his son John was a "real Fenton." The writer regrets his total lack of personal acquaintance with his history.

The following sketch is taken from said "History of Adams County:"

#### "JOHN A. COCKERILL,

also known as Joseph Daniel Albert Cockerill, was born December 4, 1845, at Locust Grove, Ohio, and died April 10, 1896, at Cairo, Egypt.

"His grandfather, Daniel Cockerill, was a lieutenant of artillery in the War of 1812, and was engaged at Craney Island. His brother, Armstead Thompson Mason Cockerill, was First Lieutenant, Captain, Lieutenant-Colonel, and Colonel of the 24th O. V. I. His uncle, Daniel T. Cockerill, was Captain of Battalion F, First Ohio Light Artillery, and was promoted to Captain of Battalion D, March 16, 1864. He was mustered out March 16, 1864.

"His father, Joseph Randolph Cockerill, was Colonel, 70th O. V. I., October 2, 1861, and resigned April 23, 1864. He was breveted Brigadier General for gallantry on the field.

"John received such education as the common schools afforded, but his tastes ran to geography and history. He enlisted in the 24th O. V. I. as a member of the band at the age of sixteen, on July 18, 1861, and was mustered out September 10, 1862, by order of the War Department, for discharge of Regimental Bands. He fought in the battle of Shiloh with a musket. He was Colonel on the Staff of Governor William Allen in 1872. He learned to set type in the office of the Scion, at West Union. He was Journal Clerk in the Legislature from 1868 to 1871, and after that was an editor in Dayton and Hamilton. He accepted a reportorial position under J. B. McCullough on the Cincinnati Enquirer, and later became its managing editor. He was special correspondent from the scenes of the Russo-Turkish War in 1877.

"He was editor of the Washington Post, Baltimore Gazette, and St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Then he assumed the place of managing editor of the New York World and built that paper up. He next became editor of the New York Morning Advertiser and the Commercial Advertiser, and afterwards accepted the position of special war correspondent for the New York Herald to report the Chinese-Japanese War in 1895, and was engaged in the service of the Herald at the time of his death. He was stricken with apoplexy April 10, 1896, at Sheperd's Hotel in Cairo, Egypt, and died in two hours, without regaining consciousness. His body was brought home and buried in St. Louis, Missouri.

"He was a man of unusually kind disposition. No appeal by a friend was ever made to him in vain. His goodness of heart and generosity of nature are attested by innumerable acts of kindness, which keep him in loving remembrance by all who knew him in friendly intimacy.

"His sterling qualities as a man, as an editor, and as a friend secured his election as President of the New York Press Club four times successively.

"He was a writer of great force and vigor, keen, witty, and an adept in the use of argument or satire. No opening in the mail of an adversary escaped the polished shaft of his wit.

"His keen perception of character in others was so accurate that he was always sustained by an editorial staff of unusual ability.

"His letters from Japan are among the finest examples of English composition. The character of the people, their civilization, the genius of their institutions and government, are so accurately set forth as to be almost a revelation to the people of the western world. While there he undertook a hazardous mission to Corea, on behalf of the Japanese government. On his return from which, in recognition of that service, and of the high esteem he had gained among that people, as a faithful historian and journalist, the Emperor conferred on him "The Order of the Sacred Treasure." Only two other men, other than Japanese noblemen, had ever received this mark of distinction. The name of the first one is unknown to the writer. Sir Edwin Arnold was second, and John A. Cockerill the third.

"He had been a Democrat until the administration of President Harrison, when he became a Republican and continued devoted to that party during his life."

SARAH MARY EYLAR-STEWART was married to Captain William R. Stewart, an officer in her father's regiment, and afterward an adjutant in one of the regiments of Hancock's Veteran Corps. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are dead.

ISSUE OF SARAH M. EYLAR-STEWART AND WIL-  
LIAM R. STEWART.

John A. C. Stewart, born ———.

JOHN A. C. STEWART went to New York City to study navigation. One night while his vessel was rounding Cape Horn he was swept overboard and lost forever.

The foregoing facts in relation to the family of Sarah M. Stewart are taken from a paper furnished by James W. Eylar, of Bendena, Kansas.

OLIVER OSCAR EYLAR died at the age of three years, five months and six days and is buried at West Union.



**JOSEPH FENTON EYLAR.**

JOSEPH FENTON EYLAR (1824-1890) was married to Sallie Judith Edwards at Corsicana, Texas, October 14, 1874. She was born at Elkton, Kentucky, August 24, 1846. He died and is buried at Corsicana, Texas. His widow survives him and lives at Corsicana. They had no issue.

A friend gives the following sketch of him:

"Mr. Eylar came to Texas when he was a middle-aged man. He first settled in Dallas and was in the saddle and harness business there for several years. Selling out his business he came to Corsicana in 1872 and continued in the same business until a few years before his death. He was a member of no church, but was a kind-hearted man and had entirely too much confidence in everyone for his own good. He was rather small of stature with brown hair and grey eyes. He was a democrat in politics."

**JOHN EYLAR AND FAMILY.**

**JOHN EYLAR** (1826-1866), commonly called "Jack" Eylar, was married to Ann A. Wilkins at Winchester, Ohio, March 26, 1846, where they lived until 1848; then they lived at Youngville until 1856; and in 1860 removed to their permanent home at West Union. Mrs. Eylar was a daughter of Daniel P. Wilkins and Susan B. Wood-Wilkins, both lawyers at the West Union bar. She descended from General Daniel Wilkins, of New England, from whom also descended General John A. Dix, Wm. Wilkins, United States Secretary of War under President Buchanan, and Eldridge Eastman, of the Atlanta Constitution. She died December 26, 1897.

John Eylar served in the Union Army as wagon master in the War of the Rebellion. He was spare of build, had blue eyes, black hair and a fair complexion. He was a harness maker by trade, and was a man of firm, honest, industrious habits. He connected himself with no church and his religion was charity and kindness to others. He did not believe in the army triumphant, but in the army militant. He died at West Union of Asiatic cholera, the dreaded scourge which had in previous years at West Union taken away so many lives.

**ISSUE OF JOHN EYLAR AND ANN A. WILKINS, HIS WIFE.**

Joseph Wilkins, born March 11, 1847; died August 28, 1906.

Oliver Alfred, born August 27, 1849; died September 5, 1901.

Samuel Randolph, born July 9, 1852; died June 27, 1897.

John Alfred, born February 16, 1855.

Daniel Putnam Wilkins, born July 2, 1858.

Louella Barker, born February 2, 1861 (single).

Albert Sidney Johnson, born August 2, 1866.

**JOSEPH WILKINS EYLAR** (1847-1906) was married in March, 1889, to Mary Ellen Oldson, daughter of James R. Oldson, of West Union, Ohio.

The following information respecting him is gathered from the History of Adams County, Ohio:

"In 1862 he went with his father in the army, acting as teamster and forage master. He was with Burnside's Army in east Tennessee in 1863. He carried dispatches from General Burnside and once narrowly escaped capture by the rebels. In 1865 he walked over Adams County, Ohio, canvassing for subscribers and on the 19th day of January, 1866, he launched the People's Defender on the troubled sea of journalism. As a newspaper it was a success from the start. In 1876 and in 1878 he was elected a representative from Adams County to the Ohio legislature. He made a record as an efficient legislator. In 1890 after publishing the People's Defender for 24 years he sold it and moved to Georgetown, Ohio, where he purchased an interest in the News-Democrat and continued to be its editor and publisher until he died. Mr. Eylar was a democrat in the intensest sense of the word. He was a good friend, a good neighbor, a bad enemy, and a good citizen. He believed in the broad religion of humanity and practiced it every day of his life."

One of his brothers has furnished the following sketch of him:

"Joseph W. Eylar died at Georgetown, Ohio. When a boy of 18 years, he, together with four brothers, established at West Union, Ohio, a newspaper named by his mother, Ann A. Wilkins Eylar, the "People's Defender." After publishing the 'Defender' for 24 years, he removed to Georgetown and became editor of the 'News-Democrat.' Joseph W. Eylar was a brilliant, virile and versatile writer. A contemporary paid, at his bier, the following tribute:

"'He wielded a facile pen and, in the days of his youth, a caustic pen; but always against the wrong and in advocacy of the right.'"

#### ISSUE OF JOSEPH WILKINS EYLAR AND MARY ELLEN OLDSON-EYLAR, HIS WIFE.

Margaret Ann.  
William Allen.  
James Norton.  
Lotta Sinclair.

OLIVER ALFRED EYLAR (1849-1901) served in the Union Army in the War of the Rebellion, with his father and brother Joseph. After the war was over he learned the

printer's trade and located at Dallas, Texas, where he engaged also in handling real estate. He married Anna Rea. They had no issue. One of his brothers has very kindly furnished the following sketch of him.

"Oliver A. Eylar departed this life at Georgetown, Ohio, September 5, 1901. At the time of his death, he was a resident of Dallas, Texas, where he had located many years prior. He was at New Orleans at the time of the fight between the 'McEnery Legislature' and the 'Rump Legislature' and, also, the first 'Mardi Gras' pageant after the close of the 'Great Civil War.' He contributed descriptions of both to the newspapers. He established the first daily paper in Dallas and which is now known as the 'Dallas News.' He, also, established the daily and weekly 'Corsicana Courier,' Corsicana, Texas. From boyhood he was noted for his modesty and conservatism. He was a writer of great force and power and brilliant descriptive qualities. A fellow printer paid the following tribute to his name: 'He was of a modest, retiring disposition, jealous of his honor and striving to lead a life of purity, in every respect. His whole ambition was to help others.'"

**SAMUEL RANDOLPH EYLAR (1852-1897)** did not marry and left no family. One of his brothers has written of him the following:

"Samuel Randolph Eylar was given the Christian name of two of his uncles, namely, General Joseph Randolph Cockerill, of West Union, Ohio, and Samuel McNown, of Russellville, Ohio. He was of a buoyant and optimistic temperament and artistic in his tastes and became what is known to the craft as a 'job printer.' He departed this life at Brenham, Texas, on the 27th day of June, A. D., 1897, where he was buried. A contemporary speaking of him, after his death, wrote 'He was acknowledged by the craft to be the finest job printer the country afforded.'"

**JOHN ALFRED EYLAR (1855)** is a prominent member of the bar of Waverly, Ohio. He married Lucy A. Douglas, daughter of John Patterson Douglas, clerk of courts, and Adaline McLaughlin Douglas, on February 16, 1887. She was born July 27, 1865, at California, Ohio, and is of Scotch-Irish descent. Mr. Eylar is a Democrat. He served several years as prosecuting attorney of Pike county, Ohio. He was admitted to the bar in 1876 and has made a fine record as a trial lawyer. As prosecuting attorney only one of over four hundred indictments drawn by

him was held defective. He is now in the general practice of law and is said to be in the front ranks of his profession. In addition to the office of prosecuting attorney he has also held the very honorable post of president of the Waverly, Ohio, school board.

ISSUE OF JOHN A. EYLAR AND WIFE, LUCY A.  
DOUGLAS.

Kathleen, b. ———.

Melville Fuller, b. ———.

Alverda Louise, b. ———.

Helen Douglas, b. ———.

DANIEL PUTNAM WILKINS EYLAR (1858). The following sketch of him is copied from the History of Adams County, being the only information obtainable.

"He was educated in the West Union public schools and at the age of 17 became a teacher in the common schools. He early learned the printer's art and after teaching for several years, he, with E. B. Stivers and W. F. Trotter, began the publication of the Index, afterwards the Democrat-Index, at West Union, in 1889. He became the editor and proprietor of the last named paper, in 1891, and continued its publication until 1896, when it was disposed of to the publishers of the 'Defender.' In politics, Mr. Eylar is, as he puts it, 'Independently democratic without any aspirations for official preferment.' He is an active worker in and one of the best informed members of Crystal Lodge No. 114, K. of P., West Union."

This is all the information obtainable respecting Mr. Eylar. The writer received a letter from him from Clifton, Arizona, in March, 1909.

LOUELLA BARKER EYLAR (1861) has chosen to remain single and to teach the young idea how to shoot. She has been a successful instructor in first-class public schools for many successive years. She has very kindly furnished considerable information respecting the Eylar family. She lives at West Union, Ohio.

ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSON EYLAR (1866) is a lawyer by profession. He has held the office of assistant

city solicitor of El Paso, Texas, and is now on the bench, being county judge of El Paso county, Texas.

In the recent historical meeting at El Paso, between the president of the United States, William H. Taft, and the president of Mexico, Porfirio Diaz, Judge Eylar was a member of the executive committee in charge of the event. He was graduated at the Ohio State University.

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN EYLAR AND FAMILY.**

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN EYLAR (1828-18—) was married to Martha J. Elgin. He became insane from religious excitement and died in an asylum while yet young. He is buried near Hillsboro, Adams, county, Ohio. All of this family is now dead and this is about all that can be learned at present concerning them.

**ISSUE OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN EYLAR AND  
MARTHA J. ELGIN, HIS WIFE.**

Mary Fletcher, born ———; died ———.

## DAVID SHAFER EYLAR AND FAMILY.

DAVID SHAFER EYLAR (1831-1897) was married to Martha Cannon, daughter of Martha and Jerry Cannon, at the home of her parents, at Locust Grove, Ohio, May 30, 1858. She was born October 24, 1834.



DAVID SHAFER EYLAR

Mr. Eylar was educated at Winchester, Ohio, and in 1856 was elected sheriff of Adams county, Ohio, and held office for four years, two terms. He was Justice of the Peace of Franklin Township for twenty years and no decision by him as such officer was ever reversed by any



higher court. He was a man of varied talents. He was a tanner by trade, and he also found time to carry on a hotel business at Locust Grove. He had no connection with any church, but held to the Christian faith. He was a charter member of the Masonic Lodge of Locust Grove, Ohio, which was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Toledo, Ohio, October 17, 1866. He died and is buried at Locust Grove, Ohio, and is still survived by his widow, who is now very feeble, having some time ago fallen and broken her hip; and this injury makes her now almost helpless.

**ISSUE OF DAVID SHAFER EYLAR AND MARTHA  
CANNON, HIS WIFE.**

Jennie, born July 28, 1859.

Oliver Rodney, born May 8, 1861.

Hettie, born December 3, 1862; died June 2, 1890.

Elizabeth, born April 8, 1865.

Oscar Coleman, born May 4, 1867.

Ella, born January 13, 1870.

Ruth, born April 12, 1872.

Alverda, born June 14, 1874; died November 12, 1878.

John Randolph, born February 27, 1876.

JENNIE EYLAR COPELAND (1859) was married at Locust Grove, Ohio, November 16, 1876, to James C. Copeland who was born January 9, 1852, a son of Chambers and Salome A. Copeland.

James Copeland was a school teacher for many years, but at present is a stock dealer and farmer at Locust Grove, Ohio.

**ISSUE OF JENNIE EYLAR-COPELAND AND JAMES  
C. COPELAND, HER HUSBAND.**

Laura Blanche, born March 21, 1878.

LAURA BLANCHE COPELAND-REARICK (1878) was married on August 4, 1900, at the home of her parents,

Locust Grove, Ohio, to Orin Moody Rearick. He was born January 4, 1876, a son of Isaac L. and Margaret J. Beltz-Rearick.

Mr. Orin M. Moody, through his own efforts, acquired a good common school education and then taught school for five years. He then attended the Ada College of Law, of Ada, Ohio, covering three years' work in two years and he graduated first in his class. He is now a successful practitioner at Eaton, Indiana.

**ISSUE OF LAURA BLANCHE COPELAND-REARICK  
AND ORIN MOODY REARICK, HER HUSBAND.**

Helen Virginia, born January 8, 1907.

OLIVER RODNEY EYLAR (1861) was married to Lillie Belle Newland, of Peebles, Ohio, August 26, 1885. She was born September 24, 1862, a daughter of Isaac F. and Lamira Newland. Mr. Eylar got his early education in the village school at Locust Grove. At nineteen he began teaching school and continued in that occupation for sixteen successive years. He then went to the Starling Medical College for four years and graduated as a physician in April, 1900. He began the practice of medicine at Cynthiana, Ohio, and remained there nine years. He is at present located and practicing medicine at Rainsboro, Ohio.

**ISSUE OF OLIVER RODNEY EYLAR AND LILLIE  
BELLE NEWLAND, HIS WIFE.**

Leo Beryl, born July 9, 1886.

Ernest Coleman, born September 22, 1891.

LEO BERYL EYLAR (1886) was married to Margaret May Cameron. She was born July 29, 1885, a daughter of Joseph and Nellie Foulke Cameron.

Leo B. Eylar is well educated, having attended the Waverly high school, Wooster University and Ohio University. He fitted himself to teach and is now superintendent of schools at Cynthiana, Ohio.

**ISSUE OF LEO BERYL EYLAR AND MARGARET MAY  
CAMERON, HIS WIFE.**

Robert Ernest, born September 22, 1906.

Oliver Rodney, born March 28, 1908.

John Cameron, born August 9, 1909.

HETTIE EYLAR-McCLURE (1862-1890) was married to Robert Denny McClure, at Locust Grove, Ohio, October 7, 1885. He was born June 7, 1859, a son of Thomas Wilson McClure and Martha McCague, who are both dead. R. D. McClure is a successful business man, being the vice-president and manager of the Welton Grocery Company, wholesale grocers at Washington C. H., Ohio. He has remarried.

**ISSUE OF HETTIE EYLAR-McCLURE AND ROBERT  
DENNY McCLURE, HER HUSBAND.**

Margaret Lorena McClure, born September 10, 1886.

MARGARET LORENA McCLURE (1886) is a fine musician, being an instructor in the Indianapolis Conservatory of Music. This is an important position for one so young. She is unmarried.

ELIZABETH EYLAR-ZILE (1865) was married to Jacob Randolph Zile, at Locust Grove, Ohio, April 15, 1885. He was born May 22, 1850, and is a son of Caroline and Louis Zile. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob R. Zile have lived on a farm near Locust Grove ever since their marriage.

**ISSUE OF ELIZABETH EYLAR-ZILE AND JACOB  
RANDOLPH ZILE, HER HUSBAND.**

Mary Kathleen, born October 15, 1886.

Evalena, born June 28, 1888.

Florence Lillian, born March 1, 1890.

Verda Eylar, born July 10, 1901.

MARY KATHLEEN EYLAR-SHOEMAKER (1886)

was married to Arva M. Shoemaker, son of George M. and Mary Newman-Shoemaker, December 20, 1905. He was born July 20, 1882, and is a farmer near Marshall, Ohio.

**ISSUE OF MARY KATHLEEN EYLAR-SHOEMAKER  
AND HER HUSBAND, ARVA M. SHOEMAKER.**

Alfred Lawrence, born May 29, 1907.

Mary Blanche, born October 9, 1908.

OSCAR COLEMAN EYLAR (1867) was married at Locust Grove, Ohio, on March 21, 1893, to Laura Dell Rearick, a daughter of Isaac L. and Margaret Rearick. She was born April 28, 1868. Oscar Coleman Eylar farmed for six years and meeting with an accident had to go on crutches nearly four years. Thereafter he conducted a hotel and livery business at Sinking Springs, Ohio, for seven years; but he has recently sold out and is now living at Peebles, Ohio.

**ISSUE OF OSCAR COLEMAN EYLAR AND LAURA  
DELL REARICK, HIS WIFE.**

Mabel Rearick, born October 22, 1894.

Edward Glenn, born February 9, 1896.

Martha Margaret, born October 23, 1897.

ELLA EYLAR (1870) and RUTH EYLAR (1872) are both single. They live with and keep house for their mother at Locust Grove, Ohio, and are both industrious girls of the highest standing in their community.

JOHN RANDOLPH EYLAR (1876) was married to Bertha Geddes, at Kansas City, Missouri, June 21, 1907. She was born at Marietta, Ohio, April 23, 1885. He has been employed in the Eylar Bros. livery and undertaking business at Kansas City, Missouri. His present street address there is 2716 Wabash avenue.

**ISSUE OF JOHN RANDOLPH EYLAR AND BERTHA  
GEDDES, HIS WIFE.**

Ralph Waldo, born July 29, 1909.

**OLIVER HAZARD EYLAR AND FAMILY.**

OLIVER HAZARD EYLAR (1834-1893) was married November 24, 1857, at Winchester, Ohio, to Elma S. Bunn. She was born June 9, 1840, and died February 7, 1888. Both she and her husband are buried in the Elmwood cemetery, Kansas City, Missouri.

Oliver Hazard Eylar was a soldier in the Civil War, serving both as private and officer. The following sketch of him is in part from a book entitled "Ohio in the War," and in part from a sketch furnished by Samuel Dryden, one of his comrades:

"He was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the 7th Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, September 4, 1862, by the Governor of Ohio. Promoted to First Lieutenant June 3, 1863. Promoted to Captain October 12, 1864, and was assigned to and took command of Company 'I' and served with his company until our 'muster out,' July 4, 1865. I don't think it is out of place for me to say he was regarded by the entire regiment as one of the best company commanders we had.

"As to courage there was not an officer in the Regiment, Brigade, Division, or Corps, who would go further and no better officer ever drew a saber or straddled a horse."

The 7th Ohio Cavalry took part in 32 engagements and Mr. Eylar was in most of them. During the siege of Atlanta, he served as commissary of his brigade. He had the honor to command the detachment that guarded Jeff Davis from Atlanta to Augusta, Georgia, and he had other posts of honor in that war.

**ISSUE OF OLIVER HAZARD EYLAR AND ELMA S. BUNN, HIS WIFE.**

William Edward, born December 1, 1858; died February 3, 1908.

Mary Belle, born August 28, 1860; died August 14, 1862.

Ruth Elma, born July 26, 1862.

Walter Bunn, born November 14, 1868.

Alverda, born March 20, 1872.

Sallie Ann, born January 11, 1876.

Oliver Hazard, born January 2, 1879.

Lucy May, born July 16, 1882.

WALTER BUNN EYLAR (1868) is the only one of the issue of Oliver Hazard Eylar to marry. The writer has been unable to get the details of his marriage or family except that he has two children.

#### ISSUE OF WALTER BUNN EYLAR.

Samuel Leon, born August 2, 1897.

John Oliver, born July 29, 1904.

Respecting the sons and daughters of Oliver Hazard Eylar, Miss Ruth Elma Eylar has furnished the following:

"Wm. E. Eylar and Oliver H. Eylar were the firm, 'Eylar Brothers,' undertakers and liverymen. Since the death of Wm. E. Eylar, it has continued under that name; Walter B. Eylar managing the livery business. Sallie A. is associated with her Brother Oliver H. in the undertaking. Ruth E. Eylar is assistant principal of the Kensington School. Alverda is head of the primary department of the Ashland School."

Ruth, Walter, Alverda, Sallie Ann, Oliver and Lucy all live at Kansas City, Missouri. Their street address is 2523 Park avenue, except Walter's, which is Sixty-first street and Waldron avenue.

## CHAPTER FIVE

### DELILAH FENTON.

DELILAH FENTON (1794-1883) was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and was only twelve years old when her father settled in Adams county, Ohio. She did not wed, having been unfortunate in her love affair. She was engaged to one Shriver, who owned a flatboat which he ran between Cincinnati and New Orleans, carrying logs, grain and provisions. At the time of his last trip down to New Orleans, that city was afflicted with an epidemic of yellow fever. Fearing he might not return alive he gave her a silk reticule and a pair of yellow silk stockings and told her if anything happened he did not get back she might be buried in the stockings. He did not get back alive from his trip, but died of yellow fever. Aunt Delilah mourned her loss and preserved the stockings throughout the long years of her spinster life and remained true to her first love, although there were many other suitors for her hand.

Delilah Fenton was a very generous-hearted woman. She always kept a supply of gold on hand, but was never able to refuse a request for a loan; and she lost many hundreds of dollars on account of the failure of some of the people who borrowed of her to pay back their loans. She was very industrious and her garden of flowers and vegetables was always among the best in the neighborhood. She was so cleanly she swept her garden walks every day.

After the death of her parents she continued to live in the old home and kept house for her brother George. Her home was always a delightful place to visit on account of her hospitality. She always kept on hand the finest honey and the best maple sugar and the excellence of the meals she cooked was something long to be remembered. She was a kind, honest, free-hearted woman, without an enemy

in the world. She joined the Methodist Church at Winchester, late in life.

After the death of her brother George she moved to the old place of her brother William Fenton and spent the rest of her days there with her niece, Caroline Fenton-Baker. She felt nearer to Mrs. Baker than to anyone else, because the latter had lived with her a long time before her marriage. At her death she gave her lands and property to Mrs. Baker for her splendid care of her in her feeble years. She is buried at Winchester, Ohio.



## CHAPTER SIX

### JOHN FENTON AND FAMILY.

JOHN FENTON (1796-1855) was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania. He married Ruth Corns, of Scioto county, Ohio. She was born in 1819 and died March 19, 1887. He is buried at Winchester, Ohio, and she at Springfield, Ohio. John Fenton was over six feet tall, weighed about 190 pounds and had a fine physique. He was a powerful help to his father in clearing out the heavy timber of the old home place. He also was a successful hunter and farmer. James Kendall Fenton has furnished the following interesting sketch of him:

"In comparison with the Fenton men today it would be about like King Saul to the rest of his family or tribe. His strength was very great. His form was as near perfect as that of any man I ever saw. He surpassed everybody as a wood-chopper. He was a model farmer and with all his strength he was as gentle as a refined woman. His natural wit was the finest I ever saw. He was the sort of man you would like to honor. He never united with any church, but was a believer in Christianity. His face and expression was about like that of John Quincy Adams, which is as near as I can describe it. He had no book learning, but was a beautiful talker. He was called 'Boone John' because he was similar to Daniel Boone in that he loved to hunt wild game in the primeval forests. He was the kind of man that Burns says fulfills great nature's plan. He was a friendly, social, honest man."

### ISSUE OF JOHN FENTON AND WIFE, RUTH CORNS.

Alfred, born May 5, 1838; died August, 1894.

Allen, born January 17, 1840.

Elizabeth Jane, born November 27, 1842 (single).

John Milton, born May 13, 1845.

ALFRED FENTON (1838-1894) married late in life Margaret Smittle. He was a fine mechanic and was one of the best jewelers and watchmakers in the State of Ohio.

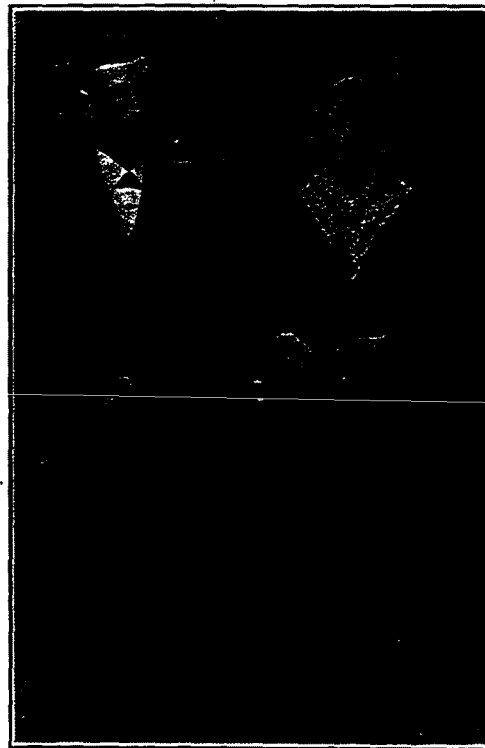
They had one child who died at birth. His surviving widow married a second time to Will Miller, of Stromsburg, Nebraska, where she lived until her death about three years ago.

ALLEN FENTON (1840) has not married. He enlisted twice or three times as a soldier of the Union Army in the War of the Rebellion and was for a short time a resident of an Ohio Soldiers' Home. He is a lover of the green fields and running brooks and has spent most of his life in the open air going about in Adams county, Ohio.

ELIZABETH JANE FENTON (1842 —) did not marry. She was admitted to the Athens, Ohio, State Hospital, October 30, 1867. The superintendent on September 8, 1909, says: "She still remains at the institution and enjoys good physical health. She is usually cheerful and well contented. Her mind has reached the stage of terminal dementia.

## JOHN MILTON FENTON AND FAMILY.

JOHN MILTON FENTON (1845) is a fruit grower and lives near Catawba, Ohio. He was married to Mary Ann Shoup on November 13, 1883. She was born in Nancy county, North Carolina, April 8, 1855, a daughter of Sarah and David Shoup. He is a very industrious and kind-hearted man of good repute, and has furnished the writer some valuable information respecting the Fentons.



JOHN MILTON FENTON AND WIFE  
MARY SHOUP

He enlisted August 11, 1862, in the 91st Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served in the Civil War for three years. In 1868 he made a trip to New Orleans and for three months worked upon cotton and sugar barges. He then returned home and later spent three months in Kansas and finally returned to Adams county, Ohio. He removed to Clark county, Ohio, in 1874. For twenty-five years he was a fence builder, but for the last twelve years has been in the berry business, cultivating strawberries and blackberries.

**ISSUE OF JOHN MILTON FENTON AND MARY  
SHOUP, HIS WIFE.**

Nettie Mae, born September 7, 1884 (single).

Florence Lorelle, born March 6, 1886.

Mary Alice, born May 23, 1887.

Margaret Elesta, born November 2, 1891 (single).

**FLORENCE LORELLE FENTON-McMAHAN (1886)** was married to Arthur Willis McMahan June 2, 1906. He was born in Clark county, Ohio, on a farm near South Charleston, April 4, 1884. He is a son of Alymer and Eliza McMahan. His present address is South Vienna, Ohio.

**ISSUE OF FLORENCE LORELLE FENTON-McMAHAN  
AND ARTHUR WILLIS McMAHAN, HER HUSBAND.**

Irma Louise, born April 4, 1907.

John William, born January 13, 1909.

**MARY ALICE FENTON-PEARSON (1887)** was married to Carl Leonard Pearson, the son of George and Serepta Pearson, on June 11, 1908. He was born in Catawba, Ohio, on June 16, 1884, and his present address is Catawba. They have no issue.

## CHAPTER SEVEN

### JESSE FENTON AND FAMILY.

JESSE FENTON (1799-1860) was born in Mason county, Kentucky. He married Mary (Polly) Lawrence in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, February 13, 1835. She was born December 26, 1806, and died January 17, 1885. She was a daughter of John Lawrence and wife, Elizabeth. John Lawrence was a brother of Rosannah Lawrence-Fenton and of Catherine Lawrence-Horner, wife of Ephraim Horner. John Lawrence died June 1, 1854, of the age of 75 years, 9 months and 23 days, and his wife, Elizabeth, died August 1, 1850, of the age of 69 years, 6 months and 28 days. Both are buried in the Horner burial ground near Brownsville, Pennsylvania, and stones mark their graves. Aunt Polly was a mighty good woman and extremely popular with all of the Fentons. A friend of the family has furnished the following interesting article respecting Jesse Fenton:

"Jesse Fenton was a very sensible and industrious man. He was a man of great perseverance, was cleanly in his person and provided well for his family. He was a great worker and never allowed himself to become discouraged, but fought the battle of life to a finish. He was a splendid farmer and his habits were the most orderly of all the men I ever knew. He always lived well and was highly respected by his neighbors and friends and beloved by his wife and children. He always honored those to whom honor was due. He was well informed on all topics of general interest and was a kind, helpful neighbor. In short, he was far superior to most of the ordinary men."

Jesse Fenton owned and occupied a finely kept-up and well-improved farm, which joined that of his brother William, and was just across the road from that of his brother Benjamin and near the old home place of his father, Jeremiah Fenton. Both Jesse Fenton and his wife are buried in the Winchester, Ohio, cemetery.

ISSUE OF JESSE FENTON AND MARY (POLLY)  
LAWRENCE, HIS WIFE.

Louisa, born January 17, 1836; died April 14, 1909.

Ruth, born May 7, 1837.

Turner, born October 18, 1838; died October 10, 1904.

Ann Elizabeth, born February 6, 1842; died August 12, 1905.

Emma, born May 28, 1843, died April 30, 1908.

Margaret, born August 28, 1845; died December 15, 1908.

Hannah, born February 22, 1848.

Harrison, born May 18, 1850.

LOUISA FENTON (1836-1909), ANN ELIZABETH FENTON (1842-1905) and MARGARET FENTON (1845-1908) all remained single and lived together on the old home place of their father until their death. They were conscientious Christian women and were highly respected by all who knew them. They are all buried in the Winchester cemetery.



SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF JESSE FENTON

Upper row, left to right: Hannah McPherson, Turner and Harrison Fenton, Emma Morrow

Lower row: Margaret Fenton, Ruth Kendall, Louisa and Ann Elizabeth Fenton

**RUTH FENTON-KENDALL AND FAMILY.**

RUTH FENTON-KENDALL (1837) was married to Hosea Moore Kendall on March 31, 1861. He was a son of Benjamin Kendall and Christine Moore and a grandson of Jesse Kendall, in whose home the First Methodist Church of Winchester was organized, and this is where all of the Fentons worshipped. Hosea Moore Kendall died April 19, 1880. Ruth Kendall is still living. She spends most of her time on her old home place with the family of her son James.

**ISSUE OF RUTH FENTON-KENDALL AND HUSBAND,  
HOSEA MOORE KENDALL.**

Emma Alice, born May 3, 1864.

Edith Laura, born February 5, 1867.

James Henry, born September 30, 1871.

EMMA ALICE KENDALL-SHORT (1864) was married to Nathaniel Parker Short, April 16, 1890, and they live at Winchester, Ohio.

**ISSUE OF EMMA ALICE KENDALL-SHORT AND HUSBAND,  
NATHANIEL PARKER SHORT.**

Truman Moore, born January 22, 1891.

Laura Mary, born November 19, 1892.

William Harrison, born March 31, 1894.

Minnie Irene, born March 5, 1904.

EDITH LAURA KENDALL-SHORT (1867) was married to Ira T. Short on February 15, 1893; and they also live at Winchester, Ohio.

**ISSUE OF EDITH LAURA KENDALL-SHORT AND  
HUSBAND, IRA T. SHORT.**

Jesse Ralph, born December 26, 1893.

Ruth Elizabeth, born April 29, 1899.

Mary Edna, born May 4, 1901.

Lucy Evelyn, born September 22, 1904.



JAMES HENRY KENDALL (1871) married Annie Lee Edwards in 1902. He is a farmer and lives on his father's old home place near Winchester. His mother lives with him a part of the time.

ISSUE OF JAMES HENRY KENDALL AND ANNIE  
LEE EDWARDS, HIS WIFE.

Louis Wilmer, born May 28, 1903.

Clara Hester, born January 25, 1905.

Dorothy, born September 6, 1906.

**TURNER FENTON**

**TURNER FENTON** (1838-1904) was a farmer all his life and lived and died near Winchester, Ohio, where he is buried. He was twice married, first to Mattie A. McClanahan, November 5, 1867. She died April 6, 1891. His second marriage was to Margaret A. Kelley, whom he married May 17, 1894. She still survives him. He had no children by either of his marriages.

**EMMA FENTON-MORROW AND FAMILY.**

EMMA FENTON-MORROW (1843-1908) married Albert Morrow in 1872. Her husband is a farmer living on Eagle Creek, near Winchester, Ohio, and has made a specialty of fine sheep raising. Mrs. Morrow is buried at Winchester, Ohio.

**ISSUE OF EMMA FENTON MORROW AND ALBERT MORROW, HER HUSBAND.**

Laura Edna, born September 26, 1873.

LAURA EDNA MORROW-HOWLAND (1873) married Benjamin Howland September 26, 1904, and he lives on a farm near Winchester, Ohio. They have had no issue.

**HANNAH FENTON-McPHERSON.**

HANNAH FENTON-McPHERSON (1848) was married on March 23, 1880, to Milton Campbell McPherson, a prosperous, hard-working farmer. He was an elder in the Red Oak Presbyterian Church; a man of strict piety and retiring disposition. He lived near Russellville, Ohio, and died August 13, 1904, and is buried at Russellville. His wife survives him and with her daughter, Mary Elizabeth, lives in the town of Russellville.

**ISSUE OF HANNAH FENTON-McPHERSON AND MILTON CAMPBELL McPHERSON.**

Mary Elizabeth, born March 5, 1885.

MARY ELIZABETH McPHERSON (1885) is a finely educated young woman and a first rate musician. She lives with and is the companion of her mother. She is very smart, jolly and refined, and has contributed valuable information respecting the Jesse Fenton family.

HARRISON FENTON (1850) was married to Linda Rhoton on October 13, 1887, and they have had no issue. He is an excellent farmer and now lives on the old home place of his father near Winchester. He has also been quite active in politics and is a man of good repute in his community, a worthy descendant of his father.

## CHAPTER EIGHT

### CATHERINE FENTON-ECKMAN AND FAMILY.

CATHERINE FENTON-ECKMAN (1801-1872) was born in Mason County, Kentucky. She was married to Benjamin Eckman December 23, 1824. He was born June 16, 1798, on the Eckman farm, two miles north of Decatur, and died in Decatur, Ohio, January 24, 1858. A friend furnishes the following sketch of him:

"At the time of his marriage he was a school teacher, but soon after he bought property in Decatur and opened a general store. He was a man who was respected and loved by all.

The Benjamin Eckman family Bible is in the possession of Professor William Stevenson, Ripley, Ohio.

Mr. James K. Fenton has furnished the following sketch of Catherine Fenton-Eckman:

"She was an exception to the Fenton women in that she married a merchant. She was a woman of refinement and respectability; was a fine housekeeper and a splendid cook. She was smarter than the average woman. She was the mother of two children, girls, both smart and handsome. She was a widow several years."

She had her full share of grief, for out of the nine children to whom she gave birth only two, Anna and Emma, lived to become of age; most of them died when quite young. She died at the home of Professor William Stevenson, her son-in-law, in Decatur, Ohio. She and all her family were Methodists.

### ISSUE OF CATHERINE FENTON-ECKMAN AND HUSBAND, BENJAMIN ECKMAN.

Ann, born February 24, 1827; died September 27, 1878.  
Jeremiah Fenton, born September 23, 1828; died August 19, 1836.

John, born August, 1830; died September, 1830.

George, born October 4, 1831; died July 24, 1847.

William, born November 1, 1833; died April 16, 1839.

Rosanna, born March 3, 1836; died April 22, 1839.

Catherine, born January 9, 1839; died July 5, 1849.

Emma Sophia, born August 26, 1841; died August 11, 1890.

Mary Jane, born June 10, 1847; died February 13, 1848.

ANN ECKMAN-VAN NEST (1827-1878) was married to John Van Nest October 8, 1851. Her parents opposed the marriage, so she slipped out one evening and went to the home of Dr. Burse, at Decatur, and was married by the Reverend E. H. Field. John Van Nest came to Decatur in about 1849, a stranger. He was a tailor by trade and but very little was ever known about his ancestry. They had no children.

## EMMA STEVENSON AND FAMILY.

EMMA SOPHIA ECKMAN-STEVENSON (1841-1890) married Professor William Stevenson, at Georgetown, Ohio, September 28, 1861. He was born at Decatur, Ohio, August 8, 1839, a son of Joseph and Nancy Geeslin-Stevenson. He attended the village school until he was about fifteen years old, and then he was prepared to enter the Ohio Valley Academy at Decatur where he attended until he completed the course of study, prepared to enter college.



EMMA SOPHIA STEVENSON

He desired to be a teacher and went to the normal school at Lebanon, Ohio, conducted by Professor Alfred Holbrook.

He there took the mathematical course of that institution and also took the teachers' course. He taught 33 years, beginning in a country district. He went step by step to teaching in graded schools. The last ten years of his teaching was in Augusta (Kentucky) College, and in the Male and Female College at Sharpsburg, Bath county, Kentucky. In September, 1861, he volunteered in the 59th

Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry for three years during the war.

The writer was a student under Professor Stevenson when he was principal of the Winchester school and gladly pays tribute to Professor Stevenson as an efficient, kind-hearted teacher and good man. He now lives, in poor health, at Ripley, Ohio. He has quit teaching on account of asthma, from which he is suffering.

**ISSUE OF EMMA SOPHIA ECKMAN-STEVENSON  
AND WILLIAM STEVENSON, HER HUSBAND.**

Maggie Irene, born July 2, 1863.

Mary Lulu, born October 28, 1865; died April 3, 1906.

Maud, born October 12, 1867.

Flora Blanch, born October 22, 1869; died March 26, 1870.

Eddie Truman, born February 12, 1871; died April 30, 1879.

Anna Eckman, born June 22, 1879.

**MAGGIE IRENE STEVENSON-JENNINGS (1863)** was married to James Wilford Jennings at Augusta, Kentucky, January 6, 1892. He is a son of Robert Anderson and Francis Catherine Wilford, and they live at Augusta, Kentucky.

**ISSUE OF MAGGIE IRENE STEVENSON-JENNINGS  
AND HUSBAND, JAMES WILFORD JENNINGS.**

Robert Stevenson, born November 28, 1892; died April 25, 1893.

Frederick, born June 1, 1895.

Richard Sylvanus, born December 6, 1896.

Mabel, born April 2, 1900.

**MARY LULU STEVENSON-NORTON (1865-1906)** was married to William Dee Norton, at Decatur, Ohio, October 28, 1886. He is a son of Durem King Norton and



Virginia McDonald. He is a business man at Cincinnati, Ohio.

**ISSUE OF MARY LULU STEVENSON-NORTON AND  
HUSBAND, WILLIAM DEE NORTON.**

Edna Lee, born September 24, 1887.

Emma Eckman, born October 18, 1889.

MAUD STEVENSON-HOWLAND (1867) was married on September 15, 1886, at Decatur, Ohio, to Morton Howland, who was born May 12, 1863, a son of David Robe Howland and Sarah Ann Lawrence, his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Morton Howland now live at Warren, Indiana.

**ISSUE OF MAUD STEVENSON-HOWLAND AND MOR-  
TON HOWLAND, HER HUSBAND.**

Florence Dee, born June 6, 1887; died August 2, 1888.

Infant daughter, born September 5, 1888; died September 5, 1888.

Gertrude Pauline, born June 17, 1890.

Georgiana, born June 17, 1901.

ANNA ECKMAN STEVENSON-BLAIR (1879) was married at Ripley, Ohio, on October 5, 1904, to Earl C. Blair, who was born September 4, 1880, a son of Frank G. and Lola A. Blair. They live at Carthage, a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio, and they have had no children.

## CHAPTER NINE

### JEREMIAH FENTON AND FAMILY.

JEREMIAH FENTON (1803-1861) was born in Mason county, Kentucky. He married Eliza Crozier, a daughter of Christopher and Margaret Hall-Crozier, at her father's home near Winchester, Ohio, April 27, 1843. She was born in March, 1816, in Tyrone county, Ireland, and died February 1, 1888. Both she and her husband died at their old homestead near Winchester and are buried in the Winchester cemetery.

Like nearly all of the Fentons, Jeremiah Fenton was a farmer all his life. He owned, and kept up well, a fine farm near Winchester not far from his father's old place. He was a devout Methodist. He was tall and slender and was a jolly, good-natured man. A relative of the family has furnished the following sketch of him:

"He was an honest man and a good father. He was a good neighbor and a splendid farmer. He had some ability to converse on history, more so than the average man of his day and generation; he was just an all around good citizen. He loved and indulged a great deal in jovial conversation and was a lover of hospitality. He was an old line whig as were all his brothers. His last vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln. He was loved by his neighbors and was helpful where there was sickness."

### ISSUE OF JEREMIAH FENTON AND ELIZA CROZIER, HIS WIFE.

Nelson, born February 26, 1844.

Margaret Ann, born November 25, 1845.

Mary Jane, born November 23, 1848.

Elcena, born February 28, 1851.

Russel, born July 24, 1854.

Rufus, born March 13, 1857; died June 13, 1858.

NELSON FENTON (1844) was married on June 15, 1871, to Demaris Wallace, at the home of her parents near Winchester, Ohio. She was born February 11, 1849, a daughter of George and Rebecca Swearengen-Wallace.

Nelson Fenton is a farmer and lives near Winchester, Ohio, on the old home place of his father, Jeremiah Fenton. He is a very industrious farmer and keeps his place up in good condition. He is a typical Fenton and a man of the strictest piety. He is somewhat active in politics and is said to have more political influence than any other man in his township. He has raised a large family of children and his home is a very pleasant place to visit, as he and his family are always hospitable and extend a cordial welcome to all visitors.

#### ISSUE OF NELSON FENTON AND WIFE, DEMARIS WALLACE-FENTON.

Ida Albertine, born July 29, 1872; died July 13, 1891.

Eva Leora, born April 27, 1874.

Leona Eliza, born December 16, 1875.

Anna Rebecca, born March 16, 1877.

Walter Wallace, born May 22, 1878.

Charles Elmer, born November 5, 1880.

George Edgar, born March 20, 1882.

Earl Crozier, born September 15, 1885.

Mary Emma, born February 14, 1887.

Rena Matilda, born January 18, 1889.

Infant son, born September 10, 1891; died September 10, 1891.

Maggie Blanche, born October 10, 1892.

EVA LEORA FENTON-CRISSMAN (1874) was married October 7, 1895, at the home of her parents near Winchester, Ohio, to Horace Compton Crissman, a son of William and Ann Crissman. His occupation was farming, and he died in March, 1898. Mrs. Crissman lives at Winchester.

**ISSUE OF EVA LEORA FENTON-CRISSMAN AND  
HUSBAND, HORACE COMPTON CRISSMAN.**

Helena, born July 31, 1896.

ANNA REBECCA FENTON-ILLY (1877) was married at Covington, Louisiana, on March 19, 1904, to Fred Illy, a son of Joseph and Mary Illy. He is a clerk in the office of the New Orleans and Northeastern Railroad Company, at Slidell, Louisiana. They have had no issue.

WALTER WALLACE FENTON (1878) is a student at the State University of Boulder, Colorado, in the second year of the medical course. He is unmarried.

CHARLES ELMER FENTON (1880) was married to Dell O'Brien, a daughter of George and Jane O'Brien, at Greenfield, Ohio, November 11, 1903. He is a machinist and lives at Dayton, Ohio.

**ISSUE OF CHARLES ELMER FENTON AND DELL  
O'BRIEN, HIS WIFE.**

George Edwin, born July 18, 1906.

GEORGE EDGAR FENTON (1882) was married May 3, 1907, at Dayton, Ohio, to Eva Dunham, a daughter of John and Margaret Dunham. He is a machinist and lives at Dayton, Ohio.

**ISSUE OF GEORGE EDGAR FENTON AND EVA DUN-  
HAM, HIS WIFE.**

Margaret La Vonne, born January 18, 1908.

LEONA ELIZA FENTON (1875), EARL CROZIER FENTON (1885), MARY EMMA FENTON (1887), RENA MATILDA FENTON (1889), and MAGGIE BLANCHE FENTON (1892) are all unmarried and live with their parents at Winchester, Ohio.

**MARGARET ANN HOWARD AND FAMILY.**

MARGARET ANN FENTON-HOWARD (1845) was married at her parents' home, near Winchester, Ohio, to Cyrus Washington Howard, January 23, 1868. He was born April 5, 1841, a son of Charles A. and Elizabeth Wilkins-Howard.

Mr. C. W. Howard is a retired farmer and president of the Farmers' Bank of Seaman, Ohio. He was a soldier of the Civil War, enlisting August 22, 1862, in the 15th West



MARGARET ANN HOWARD

Virginia Infantry, as private; he was mustered out June 14, 1865, as first sergeant of the company. He never was sick; never missed an engagement, of which his discharge shows twenty-one, until July 18, 1864. He was wounded and captured at Lynchburg, Virginia; was taken prisoner and remained so until able to go on crutches. He was paroled at Richmond, Virginia in April, 1865, and he joined his regiment at or near Petersburg, Virginia, and was engaged every day until the surrender of General Lee to Gen-

eral Grant at Appomattox, Virginia, April 9, 1865. His regiment had the honor to do the last fighting the morning of the surrender under General Sheridan.

**ISSUE OF MARGARET ANN FENTON-HOWARD AND  
HUSBAND, CYRUS WASHINGTON HOWARD.**

Ira Curtis, born August 8, 1871.

Lyda, born May 2, 1875.

Cyrus Kelly, born November 1, 1881.

IRA CURTIS HOWARD (1871) was married to Lelia May Vandeman at the home of her parents, near Seaman, Ohio, September 3, 1899. She was born May 2, 1877, a daughter of Sylvester and Elizabeth Jane Foster-Vandeman. Mr. Howard is engaged in scientific farming and stock raising, near Seaman, Ohio.

**ISSUE OF IRA CURTIS HOWARD AND LELIA MAY  
VANDEMAN, HIS WIFE.**

Margaret E., born April 20, 1901.

Dorothy, born March 19, 1906.

LYDA HOWARD-VANDEMAN (1875) was married to Dr. Adelbert N. Vandeman at the home of her parents, near Seaman, Ohio, December 26, 1902. He was born December 13, 1879, a son of Sylvester and Elizabeth Jane Foster-Vandeman. Dr. Vandeman is a graduate of Starling Medical College, Columbus, Ohio, and practices his profession in Stanton, Ohio.

**ISSUE OF LYDA HOWARD-VANDEMAN AND HUS-  
BAND, ADELBERT N. VANDEMAN.**

Howard, born October 13, 1903.

CYRUS KELLY HOWARD (1881) is single and lives at Sapulpa, Oklahoma. He is a civil engineer and a graduate of Ohio Northern University, at Ada, Ohio. He served

for two years as civil engineer on the Southern Pacific railroad, in Old and New Mexico. He is now city engineer of Sapulpa.

MARY JANE FENTON-ENNIS (1848), now of Greenfield, Ohio, was married at her home, near Winchester, to Henry Ennis, a coal and feed merchant, June 3, 1869. He was born July 16, 1848, a son of Henry and Sarah Long Ennis. Mrs. Mary J. Ennis and her family, like most Fentons, are Methodists.

ISSUE OF MARY JANE FENTON-ENNIS AND HUSBAND, HENRY ENNIS.

Charles Russell, born March 27, 1870.

Willis Edgar, born November 27, 1871.

Myrta Ree, born March 5, 1874.

Bertha Blanch, born June 10, 1882.

CHARLES RUSSELL ENNIS (1870) was married January 8, 1896 to Bertha Belle Pinkerton, at the home of her parents, Greenfield, Ohio. She was born January 2, 1878, a daughter of Daniel and Martha Pinkerton. Mr. Ennis lives at Greenfield, Ohio, where he is telegraph operator and assistant express agent. He is also a breeder and exhibitor of high-class poultry.

ISSUE OF CHARLES RUSSELL ENNIS AND WIFE, BERTHA BELLE PINKERTON.

Raymond Edwin, born February 2, 1898.

WILLIS EDGAR ENNIS (1871) was married to Martha Jeremiah Baker at the home of her parents, Henry and Caroline Fenton-Baker, near Winchester, December 12, 1897. She was born July 19, 1869. He lives at Bellevue, Kentucky, and his occupation is that of laundryman. They have had no issue.

MYRTA REE ENNIS-HUMES (1874) was married at the home of her parents, Greenfield, Ohio, to Charles Ye-

man Humes, son of Benjamin and Emma Humes. He was born April 18, 1869, and is a street car motorman, at Springfield, Ohio. His street address is 834 West Jefferson street.

**ISSUE OF MYRTA REE ENNIS-HUMES AND  
CHARLES YEOMAN HUMES, HER HUSBAND.**

Ruth Leontine, born May 8, 1897.

Ralph Ennis, born December 6, 1899.

Doris Grace, born June 8, 1904.

BERTHA BLANCH ENNIS-SLAGLE (1882) was married to Charles Rufus Slagle, son of Clinton and Emma Slagle, June 10, 1902. He was born December 7, 1880. They live at Lyndon, Ohio. Mr. Slagle is a farmer, and a breeder and exhibitor of pure-bred stock and poultry.

**ISSUE OF BERTHA BLANCH ENNIS-SLAGLE AND  
HUSBAND, CHARLES RUFUS SLAGLE.**

Clinton Ennis, born August 22, 1905.

Rosalie Grace, born September 29, 1907.



## ELCENA HOWARD AND FAMILY.

ELCENA FENTON-HOWARD (1851) was married to John Wilkins Howard, son of Charles Allfree and Elizabeth Wilkins-Howard, at the home of her parents, near



ELCENA HOWARD AND GRANDSON, HOWARD IRWIN PLUMMER

Winchester, Ohio, September 3, 1873. He was born July 11, 1842; died March 24, 1897, and is buried at Old Mount Zion Cemetery, near Seaman. His occupation was that of

farming. He was a soldier all through the Civil War and was a good Methodist. Mrs. Elcena Howard now lives at Seaman, Ohio.

**ISSUE OF ELCENA FENTON-HOWARD AND JOHN  
WILKINS HOWARD, HER HUSBAND.**

Charles Allfree, born September 5, 1878.

Mary Elizabeth, born June 11, 1881.

Waitman Fenton, born March 23, 1886 (single).

John Paul, born August 23, 1889 (single).

CHARLES ALLFREE HOWARD (1873) was married February 7, 1905, to Lulu Francis, a daughter of James and Maria McManis-Francis, at the home of her parents, in Brown county, near Winchester, Ohio. She was born January 7, 1878, and for a few years before her marriage was a milliner. Mr. Howard lives at Seaman, Ohio, where he is now engaged in farming. He tried city life in several states, but took to farming from choice, and he is proud of his occupation.

**ISSUE OF CHARLES ALLFREE HOWARD AND WIFE,  
LULA FRANCIS.**

Mabel, born April 28, 1907.

MARY ELIZABETH HOWARD-PLUMMER (1881) was married to Charles Edwin Plummer, a son of Henry and Sarah Crissman-Plummer, December 27, 1904. He was born February 7, 1881. He is a farmer and thrasher and lives at Seaman, Ohio. His parents are farmers and are good Presbyterians.

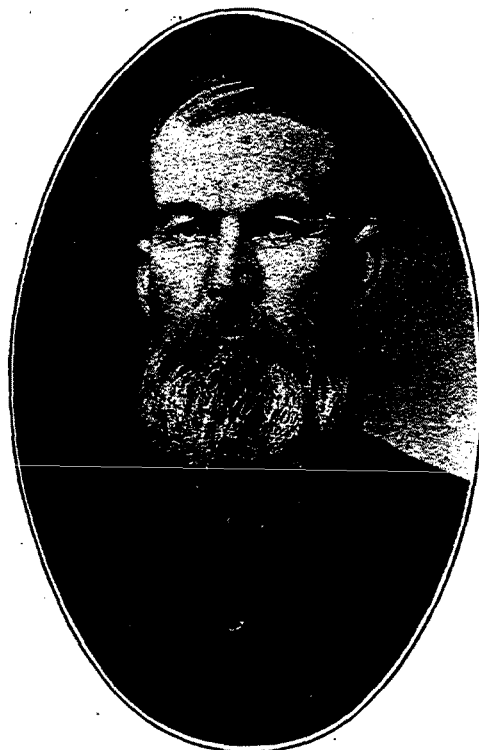
**ISSUE OF MARY ELIZABETH HOWARD-PLUMMER  
AND CHARLES EDWIN PLUMMER,  
HER HUSBAND.**

Howard Irwin, born September 3, 1908.

**RUSSEL FENTON AND FAMILY.**

RUSSEL FENTON (1854) was married at Emerald, Ohio, February 26, 1879, to Nancy Anna Smith, who was born January 17, 1855, a daughter of Squire Smith and Sarah McDaniells Smith.

Russel Fenton has been a farmer all his life and he is a good one. His farm is always well and neatly kept up and in order. His land joins his brother Nelson's near



RUSSEL FENTON

their father's old homestead near Winchester, Ohio. He is a good neighbor, a Christian man and a good citizen. He is active in politics in his township.

**ISSUE OF RUSSEL FENTON AND NANCY ANNA  
SMITH, HIS WIFE.**

Harry Curtis, born October 17, 1881.

Mamie Blanch, born August 15, 1884.

William Smith, born May 3, 1886 (single—farmer).

HARRY CURTIS FENTON (1881) was married to Grace Hanna at the home of her sister, Mrs. Kerns, at

Piqua, Ohio, June 18, 1907. She is a daughter of Reuben Hanna and Nancy Drusilla Hanna.

Harry C. Fenton is a special adjuster of accounts, representing Powell & Howell, a prominent firm of lawyers at Dayton, Ohio.

**ISSUE OF HARRY CURTIS FENTON AND GRACE  
HANNA, HIS WIFE.**

Russel Reuben, born September 30, 1908.

MAMIE BLANCH FENTON-REIGHLEY (1884) was married at the home of her parents, Winchester, Ohio, to Henry Herbert Reighley, November 30, 1905. He is a son of James H. Reighley and Mary J. Kirkpatrick, his wife. He is a graduate of Miami University and is a teacher of Mathematics in the East High School, at Columbus, Ohio.

**ISSUE OF MAMIE BLANCH FENTON-REIGHLEY AND  
HENRY HERBERT REIGHLEY, HER HUSBAND.**

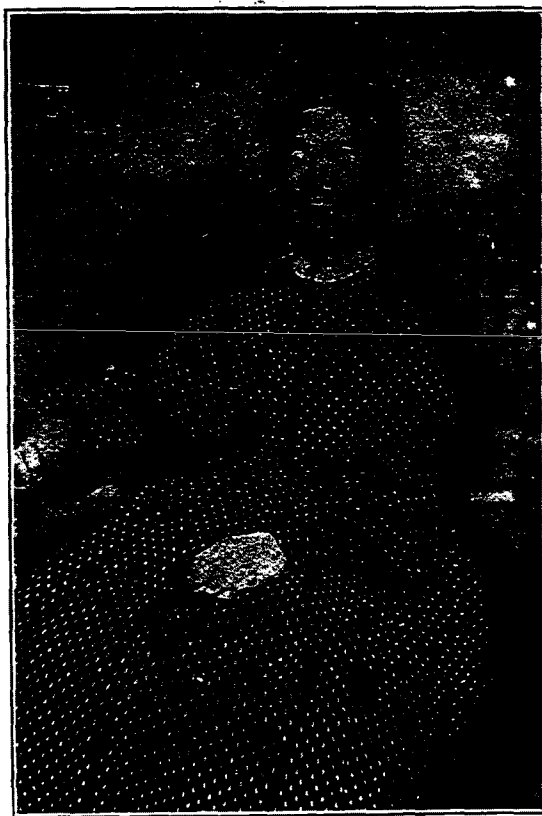
Dorothea Ermintrude, born October 3, 1906.

Mary Anna, born January 26, 1908.

## CHAPTER TEN

### MARY (POLLY) FENTON-BAIRD AND FAMILY.

MARY (POLLY) FENTON-BAIRD (1804-1875) was born in Mason county, Kentucky. She was married on May 17, 1832, to John Baird, a well-to-do farmer, living near Russellville, Ohio, a son of George and Jane Baird. He was born May 9, 1807, and died March 10, 1884. Both



MARY (POLLY) FENTON BAIRD

are buried in the Baird graveyard near Russellville.

“Polly” Baird was an honest, cheery, industrious woman; was a model housewife and a lifelong member of the Methodist Church. To her came the honor of being a mother of twin daughters.

A friend of hers has written of her as follows:

“She was a likeable, old-fashioned woman, whose like is seen

no more; honest, but unassuming, a hard worker all her life. Her home was one of great plenty and she helped to make her husband a rich man. She raised a large family of children; but I don't know how many. She died in a good old age. I think her children could well call her 'blessed.'"

**ISSUE OF MARY FENTON-BAIRD AND JOHN BAIRD,  
HER HUSBAND.**

Jeremiah Fenton, born March 19, 1833; died October 18, 1905.

George, born March 3, 1835; died November 28, 1890.

Sarah Ann, born March 12, 1837; died June 25, 1901.

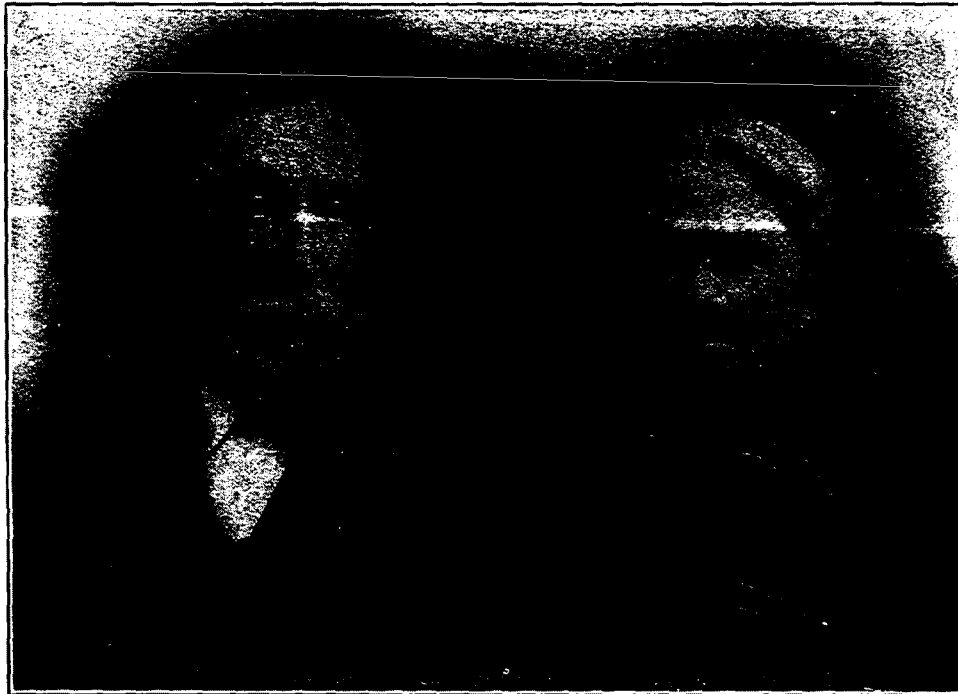
Rosanna, born April 11, 1839.

Katherine, born April 11, 1839; died July, 1839.

John, born February 23, 1842.

Mary, born April 6, 1844; died November 22, 1898.

Rufus, born May 29, 1849; died April 20, 1892.



JEREMIAH FENTON BAIRD AND WIFE, NANCY SHAW

JEREMIAH FENTON BAIRD (1833-1905) was married to Nancy Shaw at Decatur, Ohio, April 26, 1860. She was born June 11, 1839, a daughter of Joseph Shaw and Nancy Hamilton Shaw.

Mr. Baird moved to Blue Springs, Missouri, in January, 1865, where his occupation was that of farming, stock raising and bee keeping until the time of his death, at which time he owned a whole section of fine land. He and his family belonged to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He was active in temperance work and considered secret societies enemies to both church and individuals. The minister in preaching his funeral sermon said: "His was a noble life; he hated sin in all its forms." He was industrious and well informed; and he was liberal in his charities. His widow, Nancy Shaw Baird, still survives him and lives at Blue Springs, Missouri.

**ISSUE OF JEREMIAH FENTON BAIRD AND NANCY  
SHAW, HIS WIFE.**

Mary Hamilton, born February 24, 1861.

Elizabeth Fenton, born August 22, 1862; died August 26, 1880.

MARY HAMILTON BAIRD-LIGGETT (1861) was married to John Alonzo Liggett, at Oak Grove, Missouri, December 8, 1881. He was born January 25, 1858, a son of James Walker Liggett and Sophia Crow Little. He died July 25, 1909. His widow, Mrs. Mary H. Baird-Liggett, survives him and lives at Blue Springs, Missouri. Mrs. Liggett is a very superior woman, a devoted mother, and she has shown much interest in and helped greatly with this book.

**ISSUE OF MARY HAMILTON BAIRD-LIGGETT AND  
HUSBAND, JOHN ALONZO LIGGETT.**

Walter J., born June 9, 1883.

Fred W., born December 23, 1885.

Henry Hughes, born April 26, 1887.

Baird, born December 4, 1889.

Nadaine Elizabeth, born July 25, 1894.

Edith Elsa, born December 7, 1896.

WALTER J. LIGGETT (1883) is unmarried. He is a farmer and lives at Blue Springs, Jackson county, Missouri.

FRED W. LIGGETT (1885) married Della May Shrout, August 22, 1907. She was born July 13, 1879, a daughter of James Monroe Shrout and Sarah Katherine Shrout.

FRED W. LIGGETT is a farmer and accountant and lives at Blue Springs, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Liggett have had no children.

HENRY HUGHES LIGGETT (1887) married Gertrude Belle Shrout, October 10, 1908. She was born February 7, 1890, and is a daughter of James Monroe and Sarah Katherine Shrout, being a sister of Mrs. Fred W. Liggett.

HENRY H. LIGGETT is a farmer and lives at Blue Springs, Missouri. He has had no issue.



**GEORGE BAIRD AND FAMILY.**

GEORGE BAIRD (1835-1890) was married on April 10, 1873, to Mary A. Smith, at Decatur, Ohio. She was born September 19, 1841. George Baird was a farmer and lived and died near Russellville, Ohio. His surviving widow lives at Winchester, Ohio.

**ISSUE OF GEORGE BAIRD AND MARY A. SMITH, HIS WIFE.**

John Pearl, born January 1, 1874.

Frank Otis, born June 22, 1876.

Grace Ruth, born December 24, 1877; died December 1, 1879.

Bessie Blanch, born May 11, 1884.

JOHN PEARL BAIRD (1874) was married September 2, 1896, at Russellville, Ohio, to Mattie Mefford, who was born April 11, 1876, a daughter of Reverend W. W. Mefford and Martha Mefford. Mr. Baird is a farmer and lives near Winchester, Ohio.

**ISSUE OF JOHN PEARL BAIRD AND MATTIE MEFFORD, HIS WIFE.**

Grace Ruth, born May 30, 1897.

Marjorie Lucy, born July 2, 1900.

FRANK OTIS BAIRD (1876) was married at Washington C. H., Ohio, to Osa Job, daughter of Henry and Sarah Job, September 2, 1902. She was born November 3, 1878. He is a farmer and lives near Winchester, Ohio.

**ISSUE OF FRANK OTIS BAIRD AND OSA JOB HIS WIFE.**

Paul Ervin, born June 6, 1903.

Dorothy, born October 2, 1907.

BESSIE BLANCH BAIRD-POTTS (1884) was mar-

ried at Georgetown, Ohio, to Charles Potts, son of J. T. Potts and Margaret Potts, on March 30, 1905. He was born January 24, 1880, and his occupation is farming, near Winchester, Ohio.

**ISSUE OF BESSIE BLANCH BAIRD-POTTS AND  
CHARLES POTTS, HER HUSBAND.**

Ralph Baird, born Dec. 12, 1908.

His Grandma Baird says: "He is the prettiest boy in the whole connection."

**SARAH ANN BAIRD-EYLER.**

SARAH ANN BAIRD-EYLER (1837-1901) was married at the home of her parents near Russellville, Ohio, December 29, 1853, to Joseph Eyler, a farmer, who was born December 16, 1829, a son of Aaron and Elizabeth Eyler and a nephew of Judge Joseph Eyler. She died near Emerald, Adams county, Ohio. Her husband survives her and lives at Hillsboro, Ohio. Unfortunately four of her six children died before becoming of age; three died in infancy.

**ISSUE OF SARAH ANN BAIRD-EYLER AND JOSEPH EYLER, HER HUSBAND.**

John, born October 18, 1854; died August 12, 1855.

Mary Elizabeth, born July 5, 1856; died April 30, 1875.

Franklin Lewis, born March 17, 1859; died October 9, 1861.

Aaron Rufus, born October 24, 1861; died May 2, 1864.

George Baird, born March 5, 1864.

Henry Cornelius, born April 15, 1867.

Lucien Perry, born January 6, 1870; died March 28, 1870.

Louella, born June 23, 1873.

Minnie, born January 24, 1876; died January 24, 1876.

GEORGE BAIRD EYLER (1864) was married to Anna M. Borden, daughter of Nicolas and Mary Borden, on October 25, 1893. He lives near Hillsboro, Ohio, and his occupation is that of farming. They have had no issue.

HENRY CORNELIUS EYLER (1867) was married on September 21, 1893, to Lizzie J. Shaw, a daughter of W. A. and Nancy Shaw. He lives near Sabina, Ohio, and his occupation is that of farming.

**ISSUE OF HENRY CORNELIUS EYLER AND LIZZIE J., HIS WIFE.**

Lou Effie, born July 12, 1894; died June 30, 1896.

Lola May, born October 17, 1897.

Clarence Albert, born September 7, 1899.

Bessie Marie, born September 1, 1901.

Gladys Isla, born February 23, 1904.

Arthur Willard, born September 22, 1905.

Son, born August 14, 1909.

LOUELLA EYLER-WOODS (1873) was married on June 15, 1895, to Joseph J. Woods, son of Joseph and Rachel A. Woods. They live at Jamestown, Ohio, and his occupation is that of farming.

ISSUE OF LOUELLA EYLER-WOODS AND J. H.  
WOODS, HER HUSBAND.

Alva, born April 25, 1896.

Wilber, born July 24, 1897.

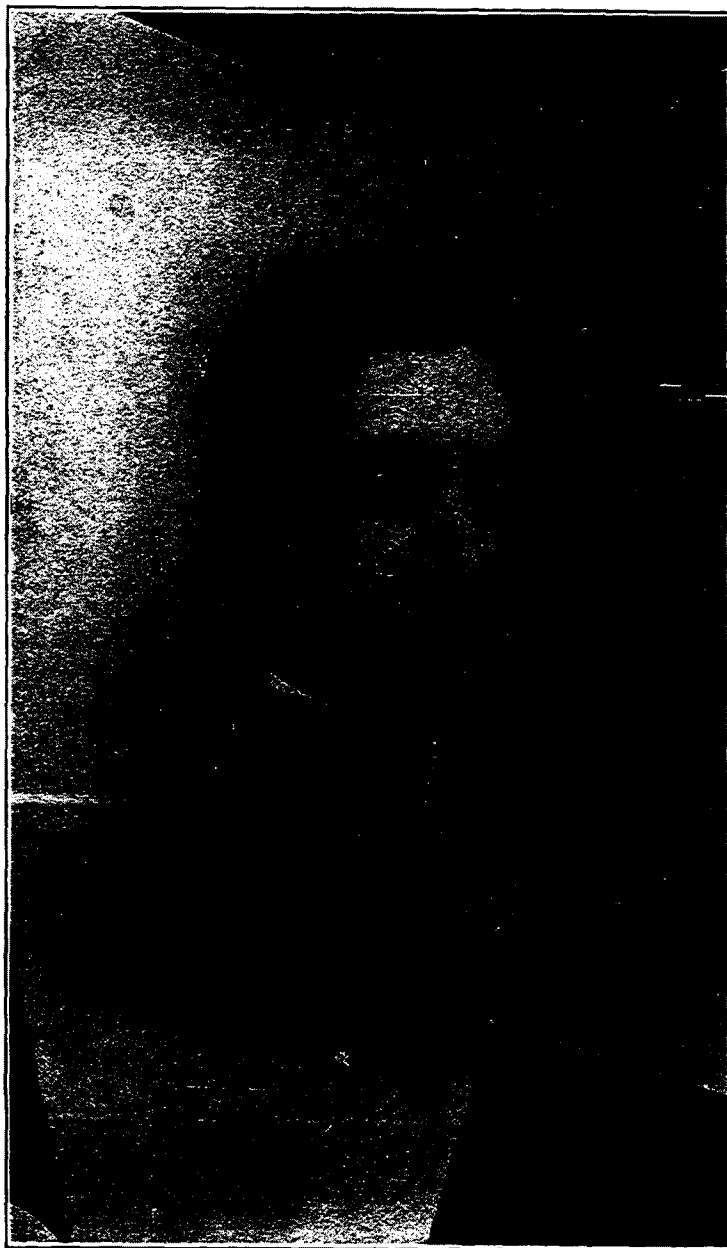
Ethel, born November 26, 1899.

Walter, born September 25, 1902.

Goldie, born January 20, 1905; died February 26, 1905.

## ROSANNA BAIRD-HOWLAND.

ROSANNA BAIRD-HOWLAND (1839) was married to John Howland, near Russellville, Ohio, May 12, 1870.



ROSANNA HOWLAND

He was born August 25, 1818, and was a son of Izatus and Sarah Howland. He was a farmer near Russellville, Ohio, and accumulated considerable wealth. He died April 15, 1896. The writer is much indebted to Mrs. Rosanna

Howland for valuable information respecting her mother's family. She now lives at Ripley, Ohio, although she is at present visiting friends at Redlands, California. She has only recently recovered from an attack of pneumonia.

**ISSUE OF ROSANNA BAIRD-HOWLAND AND JOHN  
HOWLAND, HER HUSBAND.**

Flora Dell, born December 31, 1872; died November 16, 1885.

**JOHN BAIRD AND FAMILY.**

JOHN BAIRD (1842) was married to Elizabeth Edenfield, near Carlisle, Ohio, February 7, 1867. She was born November 23, 1846, a daughter of Richard and Rachel Eyler-Edenfield. Mr. Baird is a well-to-do farmer, living near Cherry Fork, Adams county, Ohio.

**ISSUE OF JOHN BAIRD AND ELIZABETH EDENFIELD-BAIRD, HIS WIFE.**

George Lewis, born January 18, 1868.

Irene, born June 15, 1869.

Rachel Anna, born February 22, 1871.

Rufus, born June 5, 1874; died November 17, 1875.

Albert, born October 23, 1876.

Frank, born April 19, 1880 (single), Cherry Fork, Ohio.

Oma, born October 18, 1882.

Grace Maud, born January 6, 1886.

Erie Gladys, born July 23, 1888.

GEORGE LEWIS BAIRD (1868) was married to Maggie May McCormick by the Reverend S. W. Campbell, at West Union, Ohio, April 13, 1892. She was born November 28, 1873, a daughter of William Stewart McCormick and Elizabeth McFarland-McCormick. Mr. Baird lives at Anthony, Kansas, where he is employed in a flouring mill.

**ISSUE OF GEORGE LEWIS BAIRD AND MAGGIE MAY McCORMICK, HIS WIFE.**

Avis Fay, born March 4, 1894.

Ferrell Novlyn, born September 29, 1906.

IRENE BAIRD-ROBISON (1869) was married at the home of her parents, North Liberty, Ohio, February 28, 1894, to William Vane Robison, who was born May 6, 1866, a son of Wade Hampton and Zermiah Ellis-Robison.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Robison live near Winchester, Ohio, and are engaged in farming.

ISSUE OF IRENE BAIRD-ROBISON AND HUSBAND,  
WILLIAM VANE ROBISON.

Earle Baird, born July 7, 1898.

Ruth Marie, born February 10, 1902.

RACHEL ANNA BAIRD-CHAMBERS (1871) was married at West Union, Adams county, Ohio, on May 9, 1894, to John Spencer Chambers, a son of George and Mary Burns-Chambers. He was born January 3, 1862, and his occupation is that of guard at the Ohio Penitentiary. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers live at 28 Hayden avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

ISSUE OF RACHEL ANNA BAIRD-CHAMBERS AND  
HUSBAND, JOHN SPENCER CHAMBERS.

Charles Gordon, born March 30, 1902.

ALBERT BAIRD (1876) was married to Dora Adams, in Jackson county, Missouri, in December, 1903. She was born in 1879. Mr. Baird is a farmer and lives at Bluff City, Kansas.

ISSUE OF ALBERT BAIRD AND DORA ADAMS, HIS  
WIFE.

Ray, born October —, 1904.

Grace Maud, born December —, 1906.

Boy, not yet named, born June —, 1909.

OMA BAIRD-ROUSH (1882) was married to Nathan Sherman Roush, by the Reverend W. W. Montgomery, at Seaman, Ohio, May 11, 1905. He was born September 13, 1870, a son of Nathan Ballard Roush and Rebecca Anna Swearengen-Roush. They have had one child, born and died January 1, 1907. Mr. Roush lives at West Union, Ohio, where he is engaged in farming.

GRACE MAUD BAIRD-SHELL (1886) was married at Seaman, Ohio, July 14, 1905, to William Oscar Shell, who



was born July 12, 1870. a son of James Shell and Sarah Anna Young. Mr. Shell is a farmer living near West Union, Ohio.

**ISSUE OF GRACE MAUD BAIRD-SHELL AND HUSBAND, WILLIAM OSCAR SHELL.**

William Everett, born May 21, 1906.

James Howard, born August 4, 1908.

ERIE GLADYS BAIRD-WAGNER (1888) was married to John Lepley Wagner, at Decatur, Ohio, August 9, 1906. He was born March 23, 1886. a son of David Wagner and Martha Belle Williams-Wagner. He is a farmer and lives near Decatur. Ohio.

**ISSUE OF ERIE GLADYS BAIRD-WAGNER AND HUSBAND, JOHN LEPLEY WAGNER.**

Alberta Mae. born March 5, 1907.

**MARY BAIRD-WEST AND FAMILY.**

MARY BAIRD-WEST (1844-1898) was married to John West on November 15, 1860. She died near Decatur, Ohio. He was born April 10, 1832, a son of John and Lavinia West. His occupation was that of farming. He died July 15, 1873.

**ISSUE OF MARY BAIRD-WEST AND JOHN WEST,  
HER HUSBAND.**

George Baird, born July 14, 1862.

Levina, born December 5, 1864.

Joseph Ellis, born January 22, 1867.

Mary Helen, born July 28, 1869.

William Rufus, born March 3, 1872.

GEORGE BAIRD WEST (1862) is engaged in farming near Ripley, Ohio, and is not married.

LEVINA WEST-EDENFIELD (1864) was married to Samuel Edenfield, a son of Richard Hart and Rachel Edenfield, at the home of her parents on Eagle Creek, October 18, 1883. He was born November 20, 1858, and lives near Ripley, Ohio, where he is engaged in farming.

**ISSUE OF LEVINA WEST-EDENFIELD AND HUSBAND,  
SAMUEL EDENFIELD.**

Mary Maud, born September 16, 1884.

Annie Dell, born January 5, 1887.

William McVey, born August 20, 1890.

Clara, born June 5, 1892.

Oren Lee, born August 18, 1899.

JOSEPH ELLIS WEST (1867) was married to Clara Lucas at Unadilla, Nebraska, on February 20, 1890. She was born January 21, 1867, a daughter of Fred and Fanny Pell-Lucas. Mr. West is engaged in farming near Unadilla, Nebraska.

ISSUE OF JOSEPH ELLIS WEST AND WIFE, CLARA  
LUCAS-WEST.

Harvey Macvay, born December 3, 1890.

George Bryan, born June 2, 1896.

Marjorie, born November 2, 1898.

Nellie Evelyn, born June 17, 1903.

MARY HELEN WEST-BEASLEY (1869) was married to John Beasley, at Decatur, Ohio, December 2, 1891. He is a farmer near Ripley, Ohio, and was born May 18, 1859, a son of Alfred and Nancy Beasley.

ISSUE OF MARY HELEN WEST-BEASLEY AND  
HUSBAND, JOHN BEASLEY.

Alma Grace, born February 7, 1894.

Nellie Jane, born September 29, 1897; died December 8, 1905.

WILLIAM RUFUS WEST (1872) was married to Ada Blanche Work, a daughter of John and Ellen Work, on February 21, 1901, at Russellville, Ohio. Mr. West is engaged in farming near Ripley, Ohio. They have had no issue.

RUFUS BAIRD, YOUNGEST CHILD OF POLLY BAIRD.

RUFUS BAIRD (1849-1892) did not marry. He was born a cripple and died at Blue Springs, Missouri. His occupation was teaching school.

## CHAPTER ELEVEN

### GEORGE FENTON.

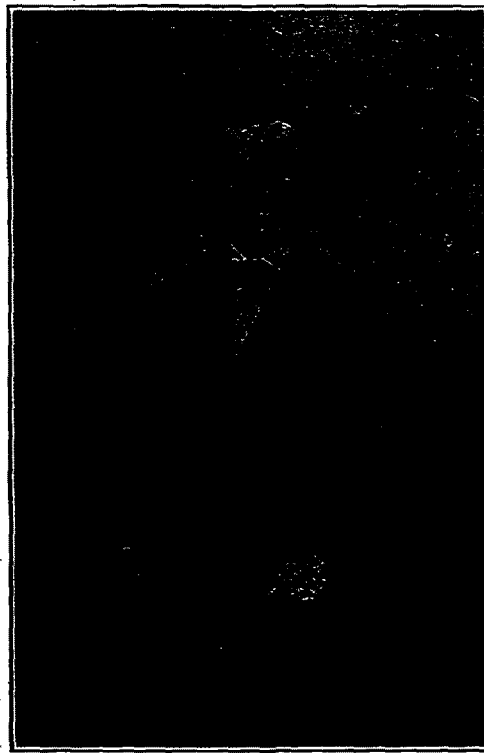
GEORGE FENTON (1808-1861) was born in Adams county, Ohio. He did not wed. He was quite attentive to, and became a good friend of, Hannah Moore, a maiden lady, but remained single to take care of his maiden sister, Delilah, and his brother Joseph, who lost his mind. He was a farmer and occupied the old home place of his father until his death. He was a fine looking man and had beautiful blue eyes. He was dressy for his time and often wore a fine silk hat. He was a great fun-maker and was quite witty. He is buried at Winchester, Ohio. The following sketch has been furnished by one who knew him well:

"He was of a lovely disposition; never saw him angry or sullen; was a fine historian and a fine conversationalist. He loved to have company about his house and he knew how to make them feel they were entirely welcome. The most of the time I knew him he was a man of leisure and had plenty of money. When in his prime he was a fine looking man. The last years of his life he was much afflicted, having had a spell of a fever. The doctor salivated him very badly from which he never recovered."

## CHAPTER TWELVE

### BENJAMIN FENTON AND FAMILY.

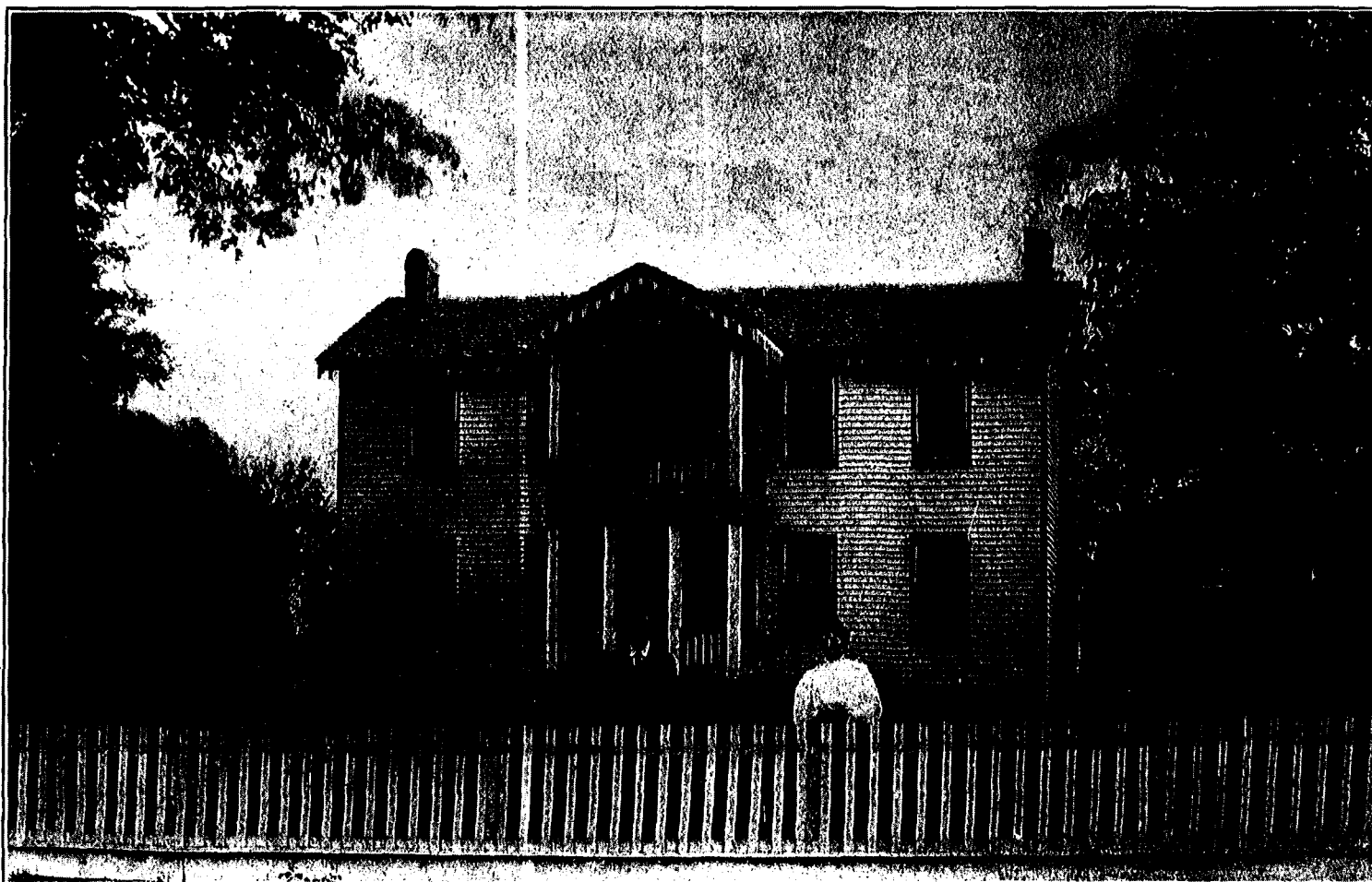
BENJAMIN FENTON (1810-1870) was born in Scott, now Winchester, township, Adams county, Ohio. He married Elizabeth Smith at Winchester, Ohio, in April, 1838. She was born at Smithfield, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, December 13, 1813, a daughter of Barnabas Smith and



BENJAMIN FENTON

Elizabeth Rees Smith, and died at Winchester, Ohio, November 5, 1892. She was very industrious, upright and benevolent and of great decision of character.

Like all of his brothers, Benjamin Fenton was a farmer. His farm adjoined that of his brothers, Jesse and William, and was very near his father's old place. It was one of the best kept up farms in Adams county and his dwelling



Dwelling house of Benjamin Fenton and family, erected in 1860. It was built from the best oak, except the siding, which is poplar. It is solidly built and is practically as good as new today. It was the best of any of the Fenton homes—that is, of the immediate family of Jeremiah Fenton. Standing by the front fence are Albert and Martha Fenton, who have both lived there practically continuously since birth.

was one of the best owned by any of the sons or daughters of Jeremiah Fenton. He lived a pure and pious life; spent all his days near Winchester, and left no spot or blemish on his good name. Both he and his wife are buried in the Winchester cemetery. The following sketch of him was furnished by one of the Fenton family:

"Benjamin Fenton was a life-long farmer of more than average prosperity. He was industrious, painstaking and frugal. Habits as nearly correct as could be found. He was never known to use tobacco or strong drink, or to indulge in profane or unchaste language. He was very religious and maintained family worship regularly in his household. In politics he was, in early life, a whig, with strong anti-slavery proclivities, but when the time came for disintegration of that party he became an ardent republican. He was a great reader and kept himself well posted on the current events of his time."

#### ISSUE OF BENJAMIN FENTON AND ELIZABETH SMITH, HIS WIFE.

Rosanna Juliet, born October 18, 1839; died September 11, 1885.

Mary Lydia, born January 7, 1842.

Lucien Jerome, born May 7, 1844.

Albert Washington, born July 7, 1846.

Emma Catherine, born November 21, 1848; died July 16, 1891.

Priscilla Adelaide, born July 20, 1851.

Martha, born November 13, 1854.

ROSANNA JULIET FENTON (1839-1885) did not wed. She assisted in the household duties at the old home and was especially kind to everyone and very conscientious.

MARY LYDIA FENTON-McKNIGHT (1842) was married to John Ellison McKnight at the home of her parents, near Winchester, Ohio, August 27, 1868. He was born May 2, 1841, a son of John McKnight and Sarah Moore.

Mr. McKnight was a soldier in the Civil War, being in Company "A" 70th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. After the war he taught school for a few years and then fitted himself

for the law; was admitted to the bar and at the time of his death he had taken rank as one of the leading lawyers of his section of the state. He died at St. Joseph, Missouri, June 11, 1876.



MARY LYDIA MCKNIGHT

Mrs. McKnight, prior to her marriage, received a good common-school education, attended normal school at Lebanon, Ohio, for a brief period, and taught school for sev-



eral years. She has been active in church and temperance work. She has recently stated:

"My aim has been and will henceforth be to try to make the world better by my having lived in it. I want my greatest thought from this time onward to be that I may never lose an opportunity of winning souls for Christ's Kingdom."

Mrs. McKnight lives at 1903 Illinois avenue, Sioux City, Iowa.

**ISSUE OF MARY LYDIA FENTON-McKNIGHT AND  
JOHN ELLISON McKNIGHT, HER HUSBAND.**

Maud, born May 16, 1869.

Albert Percy, born March 23, 1871.

Lucie, born February 16, 1874; died August 20, 1874.

Sarah Katherine, born September 19, 1875.



MAUD MCKNIGHT

MAUD McKNIGHT (1869) and ALBERT PERCY McKNIGHT (1871) are both single. The former lives at 1103 East Liberty Avenue, Spokane, Washington, where she is engaged in teaching. The latter lives at 1903 Illinois Avenue, Sioux City, Iowa.

SARAH KATHERINE McKNIGHT-KENYON (1875) was married April 7, 1903, at Maitland, Missouri, to Clyde M. Kenyon, a son of Monroe Kenyon. He was a bookkeeper for his father in the mercantile business and died at St. Louis, Missouri, October 10, 1905. They had no children.

## LUCIEN JEROME FENTON AND FAMILY.

LUCIEN JEROME FENTON (1844) was married to Belle Manker May 22, 1872, at Maysville, Kentucky. She was born February 11, 1847, at Hillsboro, Ohio, a daughter



LUCIEN JEROME FENTON

of William W. and Ann Leggett-Manker. Her father was a native of Ohio and was for many years a prominent business man and manufacturer of Ripley, Ohio, and at Maysville, Kentucky.

Lucien J. Fenton has been a student, scholar, teacher, statesman and successful business man; a combination rarely found in any one man. First, after many hard knocks, he obtained a good education. Second, he won complete success as an educator, having been for many years a teacher of prominence. Third, he took an active part in public affairs and his political influence became such as to win for himself a seat in the Congress of the United States, and while in that Congress was an influential member of the important Military Affairs Committee during the Spanish-American War. Fourth, he organized the Winchester Bank and has made of it a successful banking institution.

It is an achievement for one man to win success in any one of these things, but to win success in all four of them is certainly real success in the highest sense of the term.

That he has made some political enemies even among the Fentons must be acknowledged; but it should be remembered no man in political office can please all; and invariably and necessarily some enemies are made. All Fentons should feel pride in Lucien Fenton's achievements and they should also cherish the fact that throughout his career the terms "grafter," "trickster" and "demagogue" have not been and could not be applied to him.

Mr. Fenton has always maintained a hospitable home where his friends and all Fentons are welcome. One further fact should be noted: he has always stood ready to help others, and especially his own kin, to get an education and rise in the world. When the writer's mother was left a widow in 1876 with three small, young children to rear, it was Lucien Fenton who comforted her and suggested ways for them to obtain a good education—even offering to take one of them into his own home at Manchester. While in Congress he had the right to appoint a boy to attend school at West Point, an appointment of great political value to him, and he named for the post, one of the descendants of the Fentons, thus giving that person a golden opportunity for the very finest education obtainable

anywhere. This appointment to one of his own kin could in no way help Mr. Fenton politically, but it goes to prove his great desire to help his own friends and relatives.

As a banker he has ever been ready and willing to counsel anyone in respect to financial investments, business propositions, etc., and it is safe to say no man or woman ever lost a dollar through following his advice.

Mr. Fenton is much traveled and has recently made a tour abroad and has written for the press a series of papers describing his travels.

Since he is the only Fenton to win high political office it seems but fair to give him this extended notice and also to insert herein the following sketch of him, taken in the main, from the "Biographical Cyclopedia of Ohio," which covers his life more in detail:

#### LUCIEN JEROME FENTON.

"The subject of this sketch attended the common district schools when a boy—for a portion of the time in a typical old log schoolhouse, subsequently for several terms he was enrolled as a student at the National Normal University, at Lebanon, Ohio, and finally he entered the Ohio University at Athens. Until his eighteenth year he was employed on his father's farm, but was always inclined toward a business or a professional life.

"He taught a district school in Brown County during the winter of 1865-6; clerked in a store at Winchester the following summer; and again taught school near Eckmansville through the fall and winter of 1866-7.

"He was superintendent of schools at Winchester from 1871 to 1874; at West Union from 1874 to 1875; and at Manchester from 1875 to 1881. He was awarded a life certificate by the State Board of School Examiners, at Cincinnati, December, 1878, and was president of the Adams County Teachers' Association from 1875 to 1877. He enlisted in Company I, 91st Ohio Volunteers, August 11, 1862, and was discharged on account of a gunshot wound May 20, 1865, at York, Pennsylvania; was at the battle of Lynchburg, June 18 and 19, 1864; at Stephenson's Depot, July 20th; at Winchester, July 24th; at Martinsburg, July 25th; and at Opequan, September 19th, 1864, besides numerous minor engagements during term of service. He was dangerously wounded on last mentioned date. Mr. Fenton was appointed a member of the Board of School Examiners, for Adams County in 1878, and resigned

this office and the position of superintendent of Manchester schools in 1881, to accept an appointment to a responsible position in the Custom House at New Orleans, Louisiana, by Hon. John Sherman, Secretary of the United States Treasury, January, 1881; was transferred to the Treasury Department at Washington by the same official in March, 1881, and held this position until October, 1884, when he resigned to become cashier of the Winchester Bank, of Winchester, Ohio, which position he is now filling. He was appointed one of the honorary commissioners of the Ohio Centennial Exposition, held at Columbus, in 1888, and received the appointment from Governor McKinley, February 19, 1892, as a trustee of the Ohio University at Athens. He became a member of the Masonic Order in 1868; of the order of Knights Templar in 1876; and of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1882. He also belongs to the Society of the Army of West Virginia, to the Phi Delta Theta college fraternity, and to the Knights of Pythias.

"Mr. Fenton has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church since 1868. In politics, he has always been a Republican, and was the candidate of that party for clerk of the courts of Adams County in 1880, but was unable to overcome the large Democratic majority. At the noted Galliopolis Congressional Convention, 1888, he received the unbroken support of his county, Adams, through 820 successive ballots, after which he withdrew his name, thereby giving the nomination to Judge A. C. Thompson, of Portsmouth. He received complimentary votes from each of the six counties, then composing the Eleventh District of Ohio; during this contest Hon. H. S. Bundy, Gen. W. H. Enochs, and Hon. W. McCormick were also candidates before this Convention. He has several times been a delegate to State Conventions, and was chosen one of the delegates to the National Republican Convention at Minneapolis, by acclamation, at the Convention of the Republicans of the Tenth District of Ohio, held at Waverly, May 3, 1892. He went to the Minneapolis Convention as an ardent supporter of the Hon. James G. Blaine for the Presidency; but finally, in common with forty-four other members of the Ohio delegation, cast his vote for Hon. William McKinley.

"Mr. Fenton became a candidate for Congress, for the second time, before the Ironton Convention, held in August, 1893, to nominate a successor to the late Gen. W. H. Enochs. After nearly eighteen hundred ballots, he requested his delegation to cast the vote of Adams County for Hon. H. S. Bundy, of Jackson County, thus nominating the latter. Mr. Fenton became a candidate again for congressional honors before the Convention of the Tenth District of Ohio, which met at Portsmouth, June 19, 1894, and was nominated, June 21st, on the 564th ballot, and was elected a member of the Fifty-fourth Congress, November 6, 1894, by a plurality of more than

10,000, the largest ever given any candidate in the district. He was re-nominated for Congress by acclamation in 1896, and re-elected as a member of the Fifty-fifth Congress after the memorable campaign which resulted in the election of William McKinley to the Presidency over William Jennings Bryan. Having been appointed by Speaker Reed to membership on the Committee on Military Affairs, his service thereon covered the period of the Spanish-American War, and since this committee is one of great power and responsibility in time of peace, it is pre-eminently so in time of war.

"At the outbreak of the war with Spain it became necessary for the Military Committee to formulate legislation preparatory to the reorganization of the regular army and also to the enlistment and equipment of a large volunteer force. The arduous duties and responsibility of individual members of the committee in this connection are apparent.

"After having served two terms, he retired to private life in March, 1899, and resumed his position at the head of Winchester Bank. Prior to the close of his last term in Congress, he was appointed by Governor Bushnell a member of the Ohio Centennial Commission, which was authorized by an act of the General Assembly to formulate and execute plans for a great centennial exposition at Toledo in 1903, to commemorate the admission of Ohio into the Union as a State.

"The commission went to work with zeal worthy of the representatives of a great state, and with the co-operation of the city of Toledo, made rapid progress, having secured a picturesque site for the exposition on the lake front; a large appropriation from the national government, and the active co-operation of all the great states which had formerly constituted the Northwest territory. But after all this and much more had been accomplished, the jealousy and bitterness growing out of factional quarrels in the party in power during the administration of Governor Nash brought about legislation which abolished the commission and, to the lasting discredit of certain political leaders, Ohio's centennial was not celebrated by an exposition."

#### ISSUE OF LUCIEN JEROME FENTON AND WIFE, BELLE MANKER.

Alberta Florence; born September 25, 1873.

Clifton Lucien; born February 26, 1876.

Mary Elizabeth; born August 13, 1880.

ALBERTA FLORENCE FENTON (1873) is single and lives with her parents at Winchester, Ohio. She was educated at Oxford Female College at Oxford, Ohio, and at

Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio. She was secretary to her father while he was a member of Congress.

CLIFTON LUCIEN FENTON (1876) was married to Elizabeth Gibson, of Rockbridge Baths, Virginia, October 25, 1905. She was born November 13, 1887, and is a great-granddaughter of General Andrew Moore, an officer of the War of the Revolution; a member of the first Congress and a Senator of the United States from Virginia for twelve years. Her parents' names are James Samuel Gibson and Emily Le Mar Moore.

Clifton L. Fenton served on the General Staff of the Army as Assistant Quartermaster with the rank of Captain during the Spanish-American War, and for more than a year afterward. He was appointed by President McKinley. At the present time he is the cashier of the Winchester Bank. He is well educated, having obtained his education in the public schools, and at the Ohio Northern University at Ada, Ohio. He is notable for his kindly disposition and integrity.

#### ISSUE OF CLIFTON LUCIEN FENTON AND ELIZABETH GIBSON, HIS WIFE.

Gibson Lucien; born August 10, 1906.

MARY ELIZABETH FENTON-LONG (1880) was married at the home of her parents, Winchester, Ohio, to Wilfred Rudisill Long, June 4, 1902. He was born at Winchester, Ohio, April 16, 1879, a son of Samuel Newton Long and Louise Elizabeth Havens. He is manager of the business of the S. N. Long Warehouse Company, of St. Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. Mary E. Long attended public school at Winchester, Ohio, and Washington, D. C., and she also attended Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio. Her present address is 5015 Kensington Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

#### ISSUE OF MARY ELIZABETH FENTON-LONG AND WILFRED R. LONG.

Wilfred Fenton; born June 27, 1905.



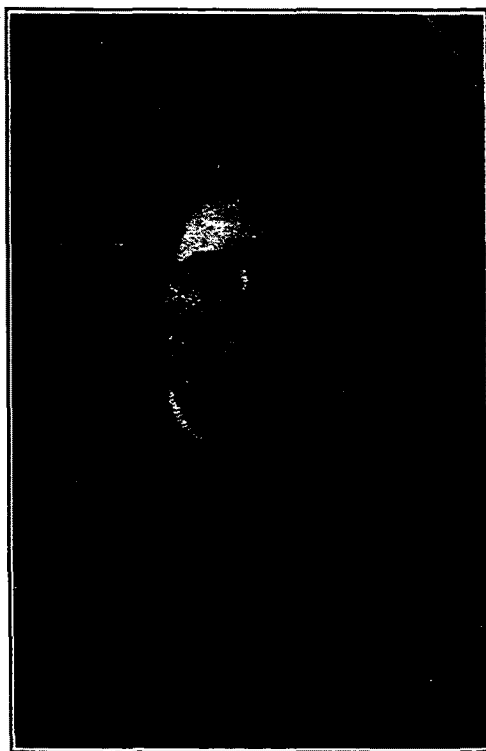


WILFRED FENTON LONG

**ALBERT WASHINGTON FENTON.**

ALBERT WASHINGTON FENTON (1846) has remained single. He is a prosperous farmer living near Winchester, Ohio, on his father's old place. He is a member of the Methodist Church and a conscientious Christian. Although well educated and of bright mind he has preferred the quiet of farm life to any other occupation. He is one of those men of whom we say, "His word is as good as his bond."

EMMA CATHERINE FENTON (1848-1891) did not wed. She was a woman of excellent mind and beautiful character. She took a course of music at the Conservatory, Cincinnati, and afterwards taught music with success.



PRISCILLA FENTON JEFFERYS

PRISCILLA ADELAIDE FENTON - JEFFERYS (1851) was married to Melker Martin Jefferys, June 20, 1895, at Winchester, Ohio. He is a son of Lewis Jefferys and Catherine Walters. He served in the Union Army in the War of the Rebellion from West Virginia; taught

school for some time after the war and is now in the government service, being in charge of the National Cemetery at Fredericksburg, Virginia. He is a genial, clever man to meet.

Mrs. Priscilla A. Jefferys was a successful teacher in the public schools of Ohio and Kansas for some years before her marriage. The writer had the privilege of going to school at Winchester to her and gladly bears tribute to her excellence as a teacher. It is safe to say all her former pupils remember her with great esteem and affection. She has had no issue.

MARTHA FENTON (1854) has remained single and lives with her brother, Albert, on the home farm near Winchester. She has considerable artistic talent and has produced some paintings of merit. She has many valuable Fenton relics and keepsakes and always extends a hearty welcome and real hospitality to visitors; her home is a delightful place to visit.

## *CHAPTER THIRTEEN*

### **JOSEPH FENTON.**

JOSEPH FENTON (1815-1846), the youngest child of Jeremiah Fenton, was born in Adams county, Ohio. He did not marry and died young. As a boy he was intensely active and was quicker to learn than any of his brothers and sisters. He was of a nervous temperament and was a rapid eater and these causes produced dyspepsia; and he eventually lost his mind. He was not sent away, but was kept in partial confinement at home. He upset a stove with fire in it once and narrowly escaped being burned to death. He destroyed the Fenton family Bible.

## CHAPTER FOURTEEN

### INTERESTING MISCELLANY OF THE LAWRENCE FAMILY, FAYETTE COUNTY TAX ROLLS, ETC.

<b>John Lawrence</b> ----- Died 1817 or 1818  Catherine Lawrence, wife, Died between 1818-1822	{	George
		(wife Sarah)
		William----- 1775-1854
		(wife Patience 1807-1868)
		John----- 1779-1854
		(wf. Elizabeth 1781-1850)
		Samuel----- d. 1820
		Rosannah----- 1768-1845
		(m. Jeremiah Fenton)
		Catherine
		(m. Ephraim Horner)
		Mary (m. Amos Frost)

The foregoing chart of the John Lawrence family is accurate so far as it goes.

The following is a true copy of the will of John Lawrence, father of Rosannah Lawrence-Fenton:

"Will of John Lawrence, Deceased. Will Book No. 1, Volume 2, page 925.

In the name of God, Amen. I, John Lawrence, of Fayette County and State of Pennsylvania, being in perfect health of body and of perfect mind and memory thanks be unto God, calling into mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say principally and First of all, I give and Recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and as touching such worldly estate where-with it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. First, I give and bequeath unto Catharine, my dearly beloved wife, one-third of all my real estate and one-third of all my moveable estate; also I give to my well beloved sons, William and John, one-half of all my lands, each one to possess his part where they now live, that is to say my son, William, his part which was called Fenton's Old Place, and my son, John, his part which was called Reeve's Place; also to my

sons, George and Samuel, I give and bequeath to them jointly the other half of my lands which is my home place to be between them equally divided. My son, George, is to have and possess my house and is to build on his own expence on my son, Samuel's, place a good and sufficient hued two-story log house, two god floors, two dores, one stone chimney and shingle ruff, the sise of said house shall be twenty-two by eighteen; and to my daughters I give and bequeath unto them as follows, viz.: To my Daughter, Rosannah, I give unto her the sum of Eighty dollars and to my Daughter, Catharine, I give unto her the sum of eighty Dollars, and to my Daughter, Mary, I give unto her the sum of eighty dollars; my daughter legeses shall be raised out of my moveable estate and if my moveable estate will not pay sd. ligses the ballance wanted shall be paid by my sons, each one paying an equal part of sd. money. If the said movables do overrun the payment of the legacies to my daughters, the ballance shall be divided equal amongst my Sons; my Sons, William and John, I likewise constitute, make and ordain the sole executors of this, my last will and Testament. I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other former testaments, wills, legacies, bequests and executors by me in any wise before made, ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14 day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine (1809).

(Signed) John Lawrence.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the  
presence of us:

William Miller,  
Elijah Staals."

(This will was probated March 10, 1818, and letters issued March 19, 1818.)

(The signature to said will is in the testator's own handwriting and is a fairly good hand.)

The following are two interesting letters from William Lawrence to his sister, Rosannah Fenton:

January 4th 1819 [1818]

Mr. Jeremiah Fenton my Dear Brother

We are all shadows your mortal parent [John Lawrence] hath passed away and we pass away after him Blessed be the author of Every good and Perfect Gift for the Shadow of his Eternal paternity Display-ed to us in our Deceased parent what was Good Loving and lovely in them is hid with Christ in God where we may Still Enjoy it I now Come to inform you that we are in a Reasonable state of health at present Except our aged mother which is poorley at this time she has a sick Spell Every Day or too Hoping that these may fin you and yours

all well we have nothing in particular to write we had our vendue on the ninth of Aprile last we gave nine months Credit we Expect to have your money Ready By Spring. we want you to write us an answer as Soon as possible to let us know what kind of money to Collect for you we want you not to bevery particular a bout what kind to (collect) for you as it is a verry hard matter to get Good money at this time you must Expect to take Some kind of paper for Specie is out of the Question at this time as all the Banks have Stoped payment I want you and Rhosanna to Come up in the Spring along with Samuel [his son] as I Expect he will be with you in a Short time he has been making some prepatation for that but Set no Day as we no I want you to Select a Good wife from amongst your ohio Lasses as he Does not incline to get one here we heare from Amos Frost [husband of his sister Mary] a few Days ago they were all well at that time and are Doing well Ephraim Horner [husband of his sister Catherine] and family are well and are Living about a half a mile below us and has bought a saw mill from his Son inlaw Eli Chandler he has moved out to Stillwater ohio John and myself have had to small town out in the State of ohio we have Bought a Quarter Section of Land a piece and have it paid for and got our Deeds we Bought in Rich Land County five miles South of the town of mansfield we like the Country well I Dont Expect to move out til I get more help we have three Girls and three Boys Matilda Mary and Harriett John William and Thornton I want you to Give us a Small history of the well fair of all our friends in Kentucky and Ohio particular from John Fenton I Here inclose you a Copy of the Last Will and testament of our Father as I expect you would Like to Know how he Disposed of his little property So I conclude my letter with Love to one and all of you this from us William and Patiance Lawrence to Jeremiah and Rhosanna Fenton

(Address)

To Mr. Jeremiah Fenton Adams  
County Westunion

(Postmark)

Brownsville Jany 8

Fayette, Fayette County (Pa)

October 30, 1822

Dear friends I take this opportunity to inform you that we are all well at present hoping that these may find you all in the same state we have nothing strange at present we got Mr. Eylars letter about the 14 of Oct. stating the accident that happened you last June we expected some of you up this fall I would have wrote to you before now but money is very scarce in this county if you will send me a letter stating when you will be up I will try to have it ready for you we had our settlement on the 23 of July it appears each share was

30 dollars 77 cents subject to further expenses as the business is not settled up and there is something due you for paster I cant tell you what as I have not had that part of the business to settle and a part of 6 acres of corn now on the ground we would like to by your share if you would sell at a fair price which is better than 11½ acres our crops are very lite and money very scarce agreeable to the will there is something coming from George I sent you a copy of the will when I rote to you before I should be very glad to see you both in this county once more for I dont know that I ever shall get that far into your county I have been 3 times in your state twice at mansfield where my land lise I expect if ever I move there to come to see you we have 7 children 3 girls and 4 boys I want you to write how our friends in Kentucky are doing as we never get to hear from them we have had a very dry somer our crops of hay oats and corn are very lit I dont know that there could be a ton of hay bought at any price so no more at present but still remain your loving friends

William and Patiance Lawrence

To Jeremiah and Rhosanna Fenton



**Extracts From Assessment Property Roll of  
Luzerne Township, Fayette County, now  
on File in the Court House at  
Uniontown, Pennsylvania**

YEAR	OWNER	HOGS & CATTLE		HORSES		LAND		Total Value
		No.	Value	No.	Value	Acres	Value	
1785	Jeremiah Finton .....	1	£ 2	1	£ 5	None		£ 7
1785	John Lawrence .....	5	10	2	16	150	£56 5d.	82 5d
1785	Michael Finton .....			1	2			2
1785	Samuel Finton .....	2	2	1	5	200	200	207
1787	Jeremiah Fenton .....	3	9	2	6	None		15
1787	Samuel Fenton .....	1	3	2	6	None		9
1787	Michael Fenton .....	1	3			None		3
1787	John Lawrence .....		12	2	10	200	80	102
1788	Samuel Finton .....	3	2	3	12			14
1788	Jeremiah Finton .....	3	1	2	8			9
1788	Jeremiah Finton, "Single"	No	property	named	but as	essed		5
1788	Michael Fenton .....	"	"	"	"	"	"	10
1789	Jeremiah Finton .....	1	2	2	6			8
1789	Samuel Finton .....	3	6	3	9	300	90	105
1789	Jeremiah Finton, "Single"	Named on tax roll				but not assessed anyth'g		
1789	Michael Finton .....	2	4	1	3			7
1791	Jeremiah Finton .....	1	2	1	4	{ 100 300	{ 30 135	6
1791	Samuel Finton .....	3	7	2	8			180
1791	Michael Finton .....	2	5	2	8			13
1791	Jeremiah Finton, Jun'r	1	2	1	4			6
1793	Jeremiah Fenton, Sr. ....	2	2	1	2			4
1793	Jeremiah Fenton, Jun'r ..	2	4	2	8			12
1793	Samuel Fenton .....	4	8	3	10	352	117	135
1793	Michael Fenton .....	2	4	2	6			10
1795	Jeremiah Fenton .....	2	3					
1795	Jeremiah Fenton .....	3	4 10 s.	2	8			12 10 s.
	On the 1795 tax roll and thereafter Samuel & Michael Fenton's names [are not found							
						"Renter"		
1796	Jeremiah Fenton, Sen. ...	2	\$20.					\$ 20.
1796	Jeremiah Fenton, Jun. ...	3	30.	1	\$ 60.			90.
1797	Jeremiah Fenton .....	4	80.	2	100.			180.

Here one of the Jeremiahs drop out, probably the senior.

On the 1799 tax roll and thereafter until 1802 no Fenton name is found. The name of William Horner "pioneer" of our Horners is on these tax rolls from 1785 to 1829. No examination made as to John Lawrence after 1787.

The above matter was carefully copied from the original tax rolls by the writer. The spelling of names is exactly as on said rolls.

## CHAPTER FIFTEEN

The following is a chart of the Quaker branch of the New Jersey and Bucks county, Pennsylvania, Fentons. It was made by Hon. Warren S. Ely, professional genealogist, of Doylestown, Pennsylvania, after several days of careful search of records and study of the subject. Mr. Ely thinks that Jeremiah Fenton, father of our Jeremiah (1764), descended from Jeremiah (1691-1732) on the above chart, who was the first son of Eleazer Fenton, the pioneer, (1655-1704), by his second wife, Elizabeth Stacy. He writes as follows: "I have no doubt whatever that Jeremiah, Sr., on your (our) chart was a son or grandson of Jeremiah, of Burlington county, New Jersey, who died in 1732, but fear there is no absolute proof."

THE FENTONS IN NEW JERSEY;  
IN BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND EARLY  
QUAKER FENTONS

ELEAZER FENTON

Born in England about 1655; came to America about 1686. Said to have been a grandson of Lord Delaware, (Thomas West.) Married first — West, about 1680; married second, Feb. 2, 1690, to Elizabeth Stacy. Died at Burlington, N. J., 1704.

Fruits of  
First Marriage  
Ephraim  
Fenton  
b. about 1685  
in Bucks Co.  
Pa. Married  
1710 to Mary  
Blackshaw.  
Died 1750.

Fruits of  
Second Marriage  
Jeremiah  
Fenton  
b. in N. J.  
1691; d. in  
N. J. 1732;  
married  
Sarah —  
Died with  
no will and  
no real es-  
tate.  
Nothing  
known as  
to issue.

Elizabeth  
Fenton  
b. N. J.  
1693; d.  
unmarried  
1732.  
Enoch  
Fenton  
b. N. J.  
1695; d. N.  
J. 1732; m.  
Rachel  
French

Eleazer  
Fenton  
b. N. J. d.  
unmarried  
1728  
Samuel  
Fenton  
b. N. J.  
d. N. J.  
1767; m. —  
Judith Fenton

Ephraim  
b. in Bucks  
Co., Pa.  
m. 1736 Han-  
nah Pearson  
d. 1748  
Mary

Josiah  
b. Bucks Co.,  
Pa. m. 1739  
to Sarah —  
d. 1783

Samuel  
b. Bucks Co.,  
Pa. m. Ur-  
sula Day  
d. 1796

Eleazer  
d. N. J. 1789  
m. Elizabeth  
—, 1755  
Vashti m. Oba-  
diah Ireton  
1754  
Rachel  
Enoch

Thomas  
Samuel  
Stacy m. Ab-  
igail Ivins  
Elizabeth  
Sarah  
Mary

Eleazer  
b. 1740  
m. Margaret  
Evans 1796  
d. 1806  
Hannah

m. Wm. Gil-  
bert 1761  
Huldah  
m. John Jones  
1796  
Judith  
died young  
Mary  
died young

John, single  
1790. Left  
that country  
Jane  
Eleazer

Ephraim, single  
1790. Left  
that country  
Judith  
Sarah  
Randal

Ephraim ————  
\*Samuel Fenton  
\*Eleazer "  
\*James "  
\*Randall "  
\*Ephraim "  
\*Charles P. "  
Samuel Fenton  
Ephraim "  
Jesse "  
Randal "  
Elizabeth "  
William "

Patrick  
Mary m. Wm.  
Gilbert 1772  
Hannah, d. un-  
married 1833  
Thomas, d. un-  
married 1829  
Martha, d. un-  
married 1830  
Elizabeth m.  
Jos. Rich  
Hannah (m)  
1777, Jacob  
Shinn, Jr.

Eleazer  
John  
Samuel  
Elizabeth E.  
Kinton

\*All living in Montgomery county,  
Pa., in 1833.

## NEW JERSEY FENTONS.

At the special request of the writer, Hon. Warren S. Ely made a special trip to Trenton, New Jersey, to look up the records of the New Jersey Fentons and after personal examination of the early records there has prepared the following paper:

ELEAZER FENTON, an early settler in Springfield township, Burlington County, New Jersey, died there, in 1704, Will dated December 16, 1702, probated July 24, 1704. Liber of Wills in Office of Secretary of State, Trenton, N. J. No. 1, p. 77.

Eleazer Fenton was one of the Proprietary's of West Jersey, and there was surveyed to him by Thomas Revel, Surveyor General, Sep. 30, 1680, 200 acres of land on the Assincunck Creek, adjoining Robert Stacy. Liber A. West Jersey Deeds, or Revel's Book of Surveys, p. 6.

On October 17, 1683, Eleazer Fenton conveyed to Nathaniel West, 100 Acres of above survey in First Tenth, Liber, p. 35.

His share in the Lands of West Jersey was evidently 1-16 of a Share.

On September 6, 1686, Eleazer Fenton, of Bird Creek, Burlington Co., conveyed to John Shinn a River Lot and House and Lot on Burlington Island, part of 1-16 Share, &c. Liber B., p. 197.

On February 10, 1683-4, Mahlon Stacy, of Falls of Delaware, Tanner, and George Hutchinson, of Sheffield, England, distiller, conveyed to Eleazer Fenton, of Neare Assincunck Creek, Burlington Co., West Jersey, yeoman, 1-16 share in "ye First Tenth—Marginal Note—"ye first and second divedent due on this deed are taken up; ye later 300 acres thereof by Warrrt. dated Feb. 17, 1698." Liber B. Part 2, p. 511.

Deed dated March 22, 1683-4, Eleazer Fenton, of Springfield, near Burlington, to Daniel Leeds, his right and title in 2 Acres part of 200 acres where he now dwells adjoining Grantee. Liber B. Part 2, p. 481.

Eleazer Fenton was a Quaker, but appears to have been married by License to Elizabeth Stacy, February 2, 1690, although their marriage also appears of record at Burlington Meeting.

She was probably a daughter of Henry Stacy, of Spitlefields, Parish of Stepney, County Middlesex, England, Merchant, who came to New Jersey in 1678, but returned to England, died there as did his wife, Mary, though the wills of both

are mentioned in New Jersey records. They had a son, Samuel, and daughters, Mary and Elizabeth.

It is claimed by some, however, that Elizabeth Fenton was a daughter of Robert of Hansforth, Yorkshire, who was a brother of Mahlon Stacy.

Elizabeth (Stacy) Fenton married, second, Samuel Gooldy, of Burlington, and died in 1708.

The will of Eleazer Fenton makes his wife, Elizabeth, sole heir and Executrix, mentions his children, but not by name.

On the death of Elizabeth in 1708, letters of Administration were granted on her estate to Samuel Gooldy and Daniel Leeds and they were appointed guardians of her children, as follows:

JEREMIAH FENTON, aged about 17 years,

Elizabeth Fenton, aged 13 years,

Enoch Fenton, aged about 14 years.

Eleazer Fenton was probably married before his marriage to Elizabeth Stacy, and had a son, Ephraim Fenton, who came to Bucks County in 1711, and died there about 1750, leaving sons Ephraim, Josiah and Samuel, and two grandsons named Eleazer, only the son, Josiah, has left male issue, but they are quite numerous, no Jeremiah in this line.

The family both in Bucks County, Pa., and New Jersey continued to be Quakers, but the records of Burlington Meeting contain little mention of them. The record of the marriage of Hannah Fenton, daughter of Eleazer and granddaughter of Enoch, is recorded at Burlington, Nov. 6, 1777.

And Elizabeth Fenton is reported as "Marrying Out" in 1755; she was probably the mother of Hannah, and wife of Eleazer.

There was a meeting at Springfield, where some of them may have belonged, but Enoch lived in the town of Burlington.

The Will of Eleazer Fenton mentions his home farm in Springfield and 300 acres bought of John Ogborne, adjoining Thomas Douglass.

JEREMIAH FENTON, eldest son of Eleazer and Elizabeth (Stacy) Fenton, born 1691 (about 17 years of age July 12, 1708, when he chooses guardian), died intestate and letters of administration were granted on his estate to his widow, Sarah Fenton, December 9, 1732, The Inventory of his estate made Dec. 1, 1732, by George French and Joseph Woolston, his widow, Sarah, "being of the People called Quakers" qualified by affirmation.

He was living at the time of his death on a farm in Northampton township, Burlington County, belonging to his brother, Enoch, who in his will dated May 16, 1732, provided that "Brother Jeremiah Fenton to enjoy and possess the plantation

whereon he dwelleth for the term of nine years without rent and after the expiration of that term my executors shall rent the same until son Eleazer be of age." No record of children. See Will Book 3, p. 226.

Eleazer Fenton, Jr., son of Eleazer and Elizabeth, died unmarried in 1728, though his will indicates he was nearly married to Ann Bullock. The will dated March 28, 1728, and proved April 13, 1728, gives his residence as Springfield township, Burlington County, New Jersey. It devises legacies to his two sisters, Elizabeth and Judith Fenton; and brothers Enoch, Samuel and Jeremiah, but directs that the bulk of his estate go to "Friend Ann Bullock, daughter of John Bullock, including the proceeds of sale of a farm of 160 acres in Springfield; Titan Leeds, Exr.

Enoch Fenton, the second son of Eleazer and Elizabeth (Stacy) Fenton, was "about 14 years of age" July 16, 1708, when guardians were appointed for himself, his brother and sister, and was therefore born in 1694. He married Rachel French, daughter of John French, Sr., of Northampton township, Burlington County, as shown by her father's will dated Apr. 13, 1729, and proven May 9, 1729; and by the will of her brother, John French, Jr., dated March 28, 1729, proven May 10, 1729.

Enoch Fenton was a butcher in Burlington when he made his will, dated May 16, 1732, probated September 2, 1732; the Inventory was made Aug. 31, 1732, by Silas Crispin and Geo Eyre.

To youngest son, Enoch, is devised all his lands in Springfield township, aggregating 350 acres, subject to payments to sisters Vesta and Rachel Fenton; to son Eleazer 100 acres in Northampton; to wife, Rachel, house and lot where he dwelt; my brother Jeremiah to possess the farm in Northampton on which he resides for nine years, etc.

Estate I am to receive from John Finney and Mary, his wife, under Articles of Agreement, including certain lands in Springfield, to son Enoch; my sister, Elizabeth Fenton, house and lot where she dwells for life with three acres in Springfield; wife Rachel and friend Samuel Scattergood, of Burlington, Innkeeper, Exrs.

The widow Rachel married Nathaniel Wilkinson, Dec. 1, 1735.

Deeds show that the estate acquired from Finney and devised to Enoch was purchased by her and conveyed to her other son, Eleazer, Feb. 20, 1755; it was 158 acres in Springfield on Assincunck Creek. Enoch released his right therein to his brother, Eleazer, March 4, 1758, deed recorded in Liber S., page 24, which recites the date of purchase by Rachel as Apr.

12, 1733, before her marriage to Nathaniel Wilson, and the subsequent conveyance to Eleazer.

Enoch Fenton, as shown by deeds, had resided until 1727 in Springfield township. His sons, Eleazer and Enoch, were minors at the date of his will.

ELEAZER FENTON, the son of Enoch and Rachel (French) Fenton, married Elizabeth ———, probably the Elizabeth Fenton who was dealt with for marrying "out of unity" at Burlington Meeting in 1755. As before referred to, his mother conveyed real estate to him in that year, 158 acres in Springfield. He later removed to Piles Grove, Salem County, Deed dated March 15, 1787, Liber AP, p. 104, Eleazer Fenton and Elizabeth, his wife, of Piles Grove, Salem County, but late of Springfield township, Burlington county, conveys to their sons, Samuel and Eleazer Fenton, the 158 acres in Springfield conveyed to him by his mother and step-father, Nathaniel Wilkinson and Rachel, his wife.

He seems, however, to have returned to Springfield:

Will of Eleazer Fenton, of Springfield, dated Nov. 8, 1789, proved Nov. 27, 1789, devises to son, Eleazer, 5 or 6 acres in Salem County, purchased of Robert Hubeson;

To son, John Fenton, residue of land in Salem county, about 300 acres.

To son, Samuel Fenton, a bed, etc.;

To daughter, Hannah Shinn, wife of Jacob Shinn, Jr., who was married at Burlington Meeting, Nov. 6, 1777,) 100 pounds;

To daughter, Elizabeth Fenton;

To wife, Elizabeth, all residue of estate and she to sell at her discretion two tracts of land in Springfield bought of John Vestan.

The will of Elizabeth Fenton, widow of Eleazer, of Springfield township, is dated Feb. 21, 1801, and was proved July 23, 1802; mentions son, Eleazer; daughter, Hannah Shinn; daughter, Elizabeth Elkinton, and her children, Fenton and Rebecca Elkinton; daughter-in-law, Drusilla Fenton; granddaughter, Mary and Hannah, daughters of son, Eleazer; and Elizabeth Fenton, daughter of son, John.

Letters of Administration were granted March 8, 1756, on the estate of Enoch Fenton, late of Burlington County, Blacksmith, to Robert Fenton.

(This could hardly be the brother of Eleazer, as he makes a deed to Eleazer in 1758, unless I have made a mistake in the latter date.)

There is also the will of a John Fenton, of Freehold, Monmouth County, "Innholder," dated August 4, and proved October 1, 1747, who does not fit into the above line, unless as a son of Jeremiah. It mentions son, Robert; daughter, Rachel Johnston, and makes wife, Mary, residuary legatee and Exrx.

SAMUEL FENTON, son of Eleazer, and Elizabeth (Stacy) Fenton, died in Chesterfield township, Burlington County; will dated January 9, 1762, proved September 28, 1767; "Loving wife" mentioned several times, but not by name; To son, Thomas, plantation in Chesterfield, where I live, for life, then to his eldest son, in default of sons to daughters, in default of issue to son Samuel;

Son Stacy Fenton, land purchased of William Miller, he paying to Ebenezer Large the indebtedness thereon and to Exrs. of Samuel Large;

To son Samuel, land at Bordentown;

To daughters Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary and Elizabeth Fenton.

Son Thomas and Thomas Miller, Exrs. Proceedings show they were Quakers.

Will of Thomas Fenton, of Freehold, Monmouth County, dated March 4, 1777, proved May 24, 1777: Son-in-law John Story my lands if he pay incumbrance thereon to Amariah Morris, otherwise to be sold to pay same;

Smith's tools and other personal estate to be sold, and proceeds to son Lewis and daughters Anna and Sarah.

Letters of Guardianship were granted to Samuel Fenton November 14, 1797, on estates of John and Elizabeth Fenton, children of John Fenton, deceased, of Salem County. (This was doubtless son of Eleazer and Elizabeth.)

A deed by the Sheriff of land belonging to estate of Stacy Fenton, late of Bordentown, deceased, dated April 26, 1783, shows that he had purchased lots in Bordentown, of Aaron Watson, April 8, 1775.

A deed dated March 27, 1767, (Liber AQ, p. 433), Stacy Fenton and Abigail, his wife, of Chesterfield township, shows that Abigail was the widow of Thomas Ivins, before her marriage to Stacy Fenton, prior to January 4, 1765. It conveys the land purchased by his father, Samuel Fenton, of William Miller, and the Exrs. of Samuel Large, September 26, 1750, and March 14, 1752. Samuel Fenton purchased 124 acres of the Exrs. of Samuel Large, who conveyed 84 acres, part of same tract, to William Miller, and the latter conveyed 78 acres to Thomas Ivins, and 5½ acres to Samuel Fenton. On December 21, 1764, Samuel conveyed to his son Stacy the 124 acres and by will, 1767, devised him the 5½ acres. Then the 78 acres were sold by the Sheriff as property of Thomas Ivins, deceased, and purchased by his widow Abigail, who later intermarried with Stacy Fenton, and on January 4, 1765, joined him in conveyance to Jacob Lawrence, who same day conveyed to Stacy Fenton, thus passing the title to whole 208 acres of Large plantation to Stacy Fenton.

Stacy Fenton could not have been a young man at this date (1767); his wife, Abigail, or at least her former husband, Thomas Ivins, had a daughter, Sarah, wife of John Pancoast, who released their interest in the 78 acres to Stacy Fenton.



## THE BUCKS COUNTY FENTONS.

Mr. Ely, who lives at Doylestown, in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and who knows more of the history of that county than anyone else, has prepared the following sketch of the Bucks county Fentons. It will be recalled that through Mr. John F. Fenton, of Oxford, Ohio, we have the definite information that some of our Fentons came from Bucks county:

EPHRAIM FENTON, the pioneer of the family in Bucks County, came from New Jersey and was said to be a son of Eleazer Fenton, one of the Proprietors of West Jersey, who was a resident of Burlington County, New Jersey, as early as 1680 and died there in 1704, by his first wife, whose maiden name was West.

Ephraim Fenton married about 1710, Mary Blackshaw, daughter of Randall and Alice (Burgis) Blackshaw, of Hoi-lingee, County of Chester, England, who with their children, Phebe, Sarah, Jacob, Mary, Nehemiah, Martha and Abraham, embarked for America, September 5, 1682, in the ship "Submission," which landed its passengers at Choptank, Maryland, October 30, 1682, from whence the Blackshaws made their way overland to Bucks County, Pennsylvania, where Randall was the purchaser of large tracts of land.

Ephraim and Mary (Blackshaw) Fenton settled in the extreme north corner of Buckingham township, on the lines of Plumstead and Solebury townships on a 500-acre tract of land laid out to Randall Blackshaw. Ephraim later purchased the land lying westward of this tract which descended to his sons. The original tract was sold by him in his lifetime. He died in 1750, leaving a will dated September 11, 1738, proved December 24, 1750, in which he devises to his eldest son, Ephraim Fenton, 180 acres of land off the end of his plantation and the remainder of his estate to his other sons, Josiah and Samuel, they paying certain legacies to their mother, Mary Fenton, and their sister, Mary Fenton, who was a minor at the date of the will, and married prior to 1750, James Shaw, Jr., (1724-1801).

Ephraim Fenton, the eldest son, died before his father, letters of administration on his estate being granted to his widow, Hannah Fenton, in 1748. He had married, by New Jersey License, dated April 12, 1736, Hannah Pearson, daughter of Lawrence and Ann Pearson, of Plumstead, Bucks County, who were among the earliest Quaker settlers in Buckingham, removing later to Plumstead near Point Pleasant, where Lawrence died in 1756, at an advanced age and his widow, Ann, in 1760. Both their wills mention their daughter, Hannah Fenton, and that of the latter a granddaughter, Mary Fenton.

Ephraim and Hannah (Pearson) Fenton had children, Eleazer, Huldah, who married John Jones in 1765, and Hannah, Eleazer married, second, late in life, or at least if married earlier had no children by first wife. He married about 1796, Margaret (Brown) Evans, and had son, Ephraim, who died without issue, and daughter, Mary, who married Tench C. Kintzing.

Eleazer Fenton, married first at Buckingham Friends Meeting, November 22, 1769, Martha, widow of Stephen Wilson and daughter of William and Deborah Preston, but had no issue by her.

Eleazer, son of Ephraim and grandson of Ephraim the first, was for many years proprietor of the old Cross Jeys Tavern in the west corner of Buckingham on the Doylestown township and Plumstead township lines. His will dated April 18, 1806, was proven November 11, 1806. Deeds of record show absolutely his connection with the pioneer above noted.

The Fentons were originally Friends, but through one cause or another most of them drifted out of the Society, like their cousins in New Jersey.

Josiah Fenton, second son of Ephraim, and Mary (Blackshaw) Fenton, was disowned from Buckingham Friends Meeting in 1739, for being the father of two illegitimate children. In the same year his father, Ephraim Fenton, is dealt with for attending a "disorderly marriage at the house of Thomas Heed;" that is, a marriage not authorized by the meeting. This was probably the marriage of Josiah, though Joseph Pearson, a brother-in-law of Ephraim, was charged with the same offense at the same date, but the date being three years after Ephraim's marriage, it could hardly apply to that.

The will of Josiah Fenton, of Buckingham, dated January 19, 1783, proved March 12, 1783, mentions sons, John, Eleazer and Ephraim, to whom he devises his lands, Samuel Shaw and Eleazer Fenton to divide it between them. Eldest daughter, Jane Fenton, daughter Judith, youngest daughter Sarah, a minor. Son John and James Shaw, Exrs. All three of the sons sold their land in 1790 and apparently left the county; Eleazer, the youngest, was a minor in 1784.

Samuel Fenton, the youngest son of Ephraim and Mary (Blackshaw) Fenton, married prior to 1746, Ursula Day, daughter of Christopher Day, one of the earliest settlers of Plumstead township, just over the line of Buckingham, whose will dated September 1, 1746, proved March 25, 1748-9, mentions daughters Abigail Poe and Ursula Fenton. Abigail was the wife of Patrick Poe, many years proprietor of the Tavern at Brownsville, now Gardenville.

Samuel Fenton died intestate and on November 7, 1796, a petition was presented to the Orphans Court, setting forth that he left sons, Randal, Ephraim, Patrick, Thomas, daughters, Hannah, Martha and Elizabeth, and a grandchild "supposed to be living in some part of North Carolina, or South

Carolina, whose name is unknown to the petitioners, but according to the best information obtainable is Lydia, being the only issue of Mary, daughter of the said Samuel Fenton, deceased, by her husband, William Gilbert, which said William and Mary both died in the lifetime of said Samuel Fenton. The name of this girl as shown by later records was Mary Gilbert. According to the records of Buckingham Meeting **Hannah** Fenton, was married to William Gilbert, of Buckingham, at Plumstead Meeting House, November 25, 1761. Witness signing "Eleazer Fenton." He may have married, first, Hannah, daughter of Ephraim and Hannah (Pearson) Fenton, and second, her cousin, Mary. He did not marry Hannah, daughter of Samuel, mentioned above, as she never married, and died at an advanced age in 1838. Her will mentions her brothers, Patrick and Ephraim, and the children of the former as Samuel, Ephraim, Jesse, Randall and Elizabeth. And of Ephraim as Samuel, Eleazer, James, Randal, Ephraim, Charles P. and Thomas, all of Montgomery County. She also mentions her nephew, William Fenton, Esq., of Buckingham, and his wife, Mary. A daughter of this latter couple is still living in Buckingham at an advanced age. She it was that presented to the Bucks County Historical Society, the silk sash said to have been worn by Lord De-la-Warr, and had come down to her through the Fentons, as descendants of Lord Delaware, through the mother of Ephraim Fenton, first, Elizabeth or Mary West.

Randal Fenton, son of Samuel, died without issue and devised all his estate to his brother, Thomas, whom he named as executor.

Mary Fenton and William Gilbert were granted a marriage license, May 23, 1772.

As before stated, the three sons of Josiah Fenton, John, Ephraim and Eleazer, after dividing their father's land between or amongst them, each sold their tracts at different dates during the year 1790, their mother, Sarah Fenton, joining in the deeds to clear the land of her dower. Nearly all this land was acquired by their uncle Samuel, and his sons, Randal, Patrick, Ephraim and Thomas. The latter in earlier deeds being named as Tomson. At the death of their father, Samuel Fenton, in 1796, intestate, partition was had in the Orphans Court and the whole tract or tracts comprising about 250 acres was adjudged to Randal Fenton, and he soon after conveyed portions to his brothers, Patrick, Ephraim and Thomas, finally making a deed to Thomas, vesting in the latter a one-half interest, with titles of survivorship, all the residue of said lands which he still held. He further made his will in 1807, proved March 26, 1829, by which he devised all his estate to Thomas. Thomas and Randal Fenton both died unmarried. Thomas, as above shown, was seized of the greater part of the paternal real estate in Buckingham, and at his death in 1829, the same

year his brother Randall died, partition thereof was made in the Orphans Court on petition of Samuel Fenton, son of Ephraim, December Term, 1829, which shows that his brother, Ephraim, was deceased, leaving children, Samuel (the petitioner), Eleazer, James, William, Randal and Thomas; his second brother, Patrick, was still iving, as were his sisters, Martha Fenton, (who died in 1830, leaving will dated January, 1829, by which devised all her estate to her sister, Hannah, and made her brother, Thomas, Exr.), Hannah who died in 1838; that his sister, Mary, and her husband, William Gilbert, were deceased, leaving a daughter, Mary Gilbert, residing in North Carolina. The land was divided and adjudged to Patrick, Hannah and Samuel, the nephew.

Hannah Fenton survived all her brothers and sisters; her will was made in 1833, a codicil added in 1836, and proved August 25, 1838. At the date of her will, her nephews, Samuel, Eleazer, James, Randal, Charles P., Ephraim and Thomas D. Fenton, sons of her brother, Ephraim, deceased, were all residents of Montgomery County; while Samuel, Ephraim, Jesse, Randal, William, and Elizabeth, the wife of William Rich, children of her brother, Patrick, were residents of Bucks. Ephraim, son of Patrick, had died before the date of the codicil.

Another Fenton family was founded in Bucks County, in 1743, by Joseph Fenton, "of Brookland, Kings County, Province of New York, Weaver," as he is named in a deed dated May 12, 1743, by which Isaac Van Horn and Alice, his wife, convey to him 276 acres of land in Northampton township, Bucks County.

He married at about this date, (certainly prior to June 1, 1745, when she joins him in a mortgage on the 276 acres), Mary Shaw, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Watts) Shaw, of Northampton, and granddaughter of Stephen Watts. Joseph Fenton died early in 1782, the inventory of his estate being made May 27, 1782. His will dated February 8, 1782, proved May 19, 1783, mentions his wife, Mary; grandchildren, Joseph, Thomas, Mary and Martha, representatives of his deceased son, "Thias;" Joseph and Mary, representatives of his deceased son, Cornelius; and surviving children, Joseph, John, Benjamin Fenton, and Helena Kroesen. His widow, Mary, survived until April 27, 1789, dying at the residence of her son, Dr. Joseph Fenton, with whom she had resided since November 15, 1786, as shown by his settlement of her estate. On September 21, 1782, she joined with her sister, Rachel Shaw, in the conveyance of real estate inherited by her father, Joseph Shaw, from her grandfather, John Shaw, of Northampton, D. B. 21, p. 11.

Note.—It is just possible that this Mary (Shaw) Fenton was the wife of Cornelius Fenton, son of Joseph and Mary. He, Cornelius, died intestate and letters were granted to his widow, Mary Fenton, April 8, 1782. On September 28, 1786,

letters of Administration were granted on the estate of Mary Fenton, to Dr. Jos. Fenton, and in a petition to the Orphans Court ask for appointment of guardians for her two minor children, "the eldest not exceeding eight years of age."

The children of Joseph and Mary Fenton are named in his will above quoted.

Dr. Joseph was the eldest and is given a special legacy of 10 pounds for his birthright. He married Hannah \_\_\_\_\_ and died in 1827, leaving only one child, Maria, wife of Joseph C. Whitall. He and his brothers, John and Cornelius, were members of Northampton Associated Company in 1775; and he was Surgeon of Col. Joseph Hart's Bucks County Battalion in the Flying Camp, in 1776, though his name is given in the Pennsylvania Archives as "John Fenton, Jr.," instead of Joseph Fenton, Jr.; there was no John Fenton, Jr., who could have been more than a mere child at that date.

John Fenton, second son of Joseph and Mary Fenton, married Sarah, daughter of Richard Leedom, of Richboro, a prominent merchant and innkeeper. John Fenton was a member of the Associated Company of Northampton in 1775, on May 6, 1777, was commissioned Second Lieutenant of the Eighth Company, First Battalion, Bucks County Militia, Captain Gawin Adams, First Lieutenant Garret Dungan. His name does not appear as an officer of the same company in 1780. He was named as one of the executors of his father's will, and the real estate of his father being sold by the Sheriff, he purchased it, and after deeding a small portion thereof to his brother, Dr. Joseph Fenton, conveyed the residue to his father-in-law, Richard Leedom. He purchased another tract in Northampton on which he lived at the time of his decease, which he authorized his wife and her father, Richard Leedom, as Executors to sell, which they did. His will dated January 19, 1792, proved February 14, 1793, directs that his sons, Joseph, John, Benjamin, Richard and Jesse, be placed out to trades at suitable age, and mentions two daughters, Sarah and Mary. His son, Benjamin, died unmarried and letters of Administration were granted to his brother, Richard, February 4, 1809. Richard married March 10, 1808, Elizabeth Feaster. No effort has been made to trace out the descendants of these children, as they are of too late a date to be ancestors of the Virginia branch.

Cornelius Fenton, son of Joseph and Mary, died intestate and letters were granted to his widow as above stated, April 8, 1782. They had two children, Joseph and Mary, "the eldest not exceeding 8 years of age," at the date of appointment of guardians for them on petition of their uncle, Dr. Joseph Fenton, in 1787.

Matthias Fenton, son of Joseph and Mary, married at the Dutch Reformed Church of North and Southampton, August 23, 1770, Rachel Harding, daughter of John Thomas Harding, of Northampton. They purchased the famous old Red Lion

Inn, in Bensalem in 1779, and both died there soon after leaving children, Joseph, Thomas, Mary and Martha. Letters were granted to his brothers, Joseph and John, October, 1781. On September 8, 1783, Abraham Duffield, who had a three-years lease of the inn, petitioned the Orphans Court, joined by the guardians of the Fenton minors, for a reduction of the rent, "being hard and ruinous owing to Peace taking place."

Helena Fenton, the daughter of Joseph and Mary Fenton, married March 21, 1765, Garret Kroesen, of Northampton.

Benjamin Fenton, son of Joseph and Mary Fenton, does not appear of record here other than in the will of his father. He evidently left this section and was probably the Benjamin Fenton who married Ann Jackson in Frederick County, Virginia, in 1795. [Note.—Mr. Ely is mistaken here. The Benjamin Fenton, husband of Ann Jackson, was a son of Enoch Fenton.—W. B. B.]

Who the Fenton was who married Ruth Wright in Frederick County, Virginia, in 1779, for which she was disowned (see abstracts of records of Hopewell Monthly Meeting hereto attached), I am unable to determine.

Sidney Wright, a widow, of Solebury, Bucks County, married as second husband, Isaac Pickering, a widower, born 1716, died 1798, who by his first wife had several children, one of whom, Rachel, born 1752, married Solomon Wright, son of Sidney, by her first husband. Solomon Wright and Rachel Pickering were married at Buckingham Meeting of Friends, June 13, 1787. The will of his mother, Sidney Pickering, of Solebury, dated June 10, 1800, and proved June 24, 1812, makes her son, Solomon Wright, executor, and mentions children, John, James, Edward, Nathan and Solomon Wright; daughters, RUTH FENTON, and Mary Adams; daughter-in-law, Rachel Wright, wife of Solomon.

Can it be possible that some of her sons and the daughter, Ruth, had removed to Virginia prior to the marriage of Ruth to ——— Fenton? I can find no Fenton in the Bucks County families of suitable age or who left here early enough to have married in Virginia in 1779, unless it was Benjamin, and he seems to have married Ann Jackson.

The John Fenton who petitioned for membership at Hopewell in 1794, might of course have been the son of Josiah, of Buckingham, but it would be rather singular if representatives of three distinct families of Fenton were almost simultaneously to appear in that section, viz.: ——— Fenton, who married Ruth Wright in 1779; John, who asked and became a member of Hopewell Meeting in 1794, and Benjamin, who married Ann Jackson in 1795. Or was John and the husband of Ruth the same?

## EARLY QUAKER FENTONS.

While Jeremiah Fenton (1764) was a Methodist, it is known certainly that many of our very early Fentons were Quakers, or Friends, particularly those in Frederick and Loudoun counties, Virginia. Mr. Ely has taken from the early church records the following information :

TAKEN FROM HOPEWELL MONTHLY MEETING  
RECORDS, FREDERICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

At Hopewell Monthly Meeting held 4th. Mo. 5th. 1779, the women Friends inform us that they want some assistance in drawing a Testimony against Ruth Fenton, Formerly Wright, James Gawthrop is appointed to that service.

At Hopewell Monthly Meeting held 5th. Mo. 3d. 1779, the Friends appointed to assist women Friends in drawing a Testimony against Ruth Fenton, produced one to this meeting, which was read and signed.

At Hopewell Monthly Meeting held 11th. Mo. 5th. 1781, women's meeting informs this that Ruth Fenton requests to be joined in membership with Friends, Richard Ridgway and Isaac Brown are appointed to visit her in company with women Friends.

At Hopewell Monthly Meeting held 2d. Mo. 4th. 1782, the Friends appointed to unite with women Friends in visiting Ruth Fenton, report they visited her, and are of the mind she is in a good degree sensible of her misconduct. She producing an acknowledgment as follows :

"Whereas I the subscribed having had my education & made some profession of the truth as held and believed by the people called Quakers, but for want of giving heed to the dictates of Truth in my own heart, hath suffered myself to be guilty of Fornication with him that since that hath become my Husband, & also accomplished my marriage by the assistance of an hireling Teacher, for which I was justly disowned, for all which misconduct I am sorry, and desire that Friends would Pass it by and receive me again under their care, as my future conduct may render me worthy, Ruth Fenton."

At Hopewell Monthly Meeting held 7th. Mo. 2d. 1792, Back Creek Preparative Meeting informs that Ruth Fenton requests for her children, viz.: Sarah, Oudney, Joseph, Mary and Joshua. be joined in membership with Friends, James Steer and Mordecia Walker are appointed to visit them.

At Hopewell Monthly Meeting held 8th. Mo. 6th. 1792, the Friends appointed on request of Ruth Fenton with respect to her children, report they visited them, and think it best to grant her request, with which this meeting concurs.

At Hopewell Monthly Meeting held 9th. Mo. 29th. 1794, Back Creek Meeting informs that John Fenton requests to be joined in membership with Friends, Wm. McPherson. Wm. Grubb and Abel Walker are appointed to visit him.

At Hopewell Monthly Meeting held 1st. Mo. 5th. 1795, the Friends appointed to visit John Fenton, to inform him, and he being present is received into membership.

At Hopewell Monthly Meeting held 2d Mo. 1st. 1796, the women Friends appointed in Ann Fenton's case report they visited her, and thought her not in a disposition to make satisfaction.

At Hopewell Monthly Meeting held 3d. Mo. 7th. 1796, the Friends appointed produced a Testimony against Ann Fenton, (formerly Jackson, who by not giving heed to Truth in her own heart, so far give way as to Intermarry with a man not in membership with us, by the assistance of a hireling teacher, for which we disown her.

At Hopewell Monthly Meeting held 12th. Mo. 5th. 1811, women Friends inform that Lydia Horsman, formerly Lupton, has accomplished her marriage with her first cousin, John Fenton and Jonathan Pickering are appointed to draw a testimony against her.

At Hopewell Monthly Meeting held 10th. Mo. 7th. 1816, women's meeting informs that Mary Flowers, formerly Fenton, has accomplished her marriage contrary to discipline, and is desirous to retain her right in membership. John Wright and Edward Wilker are appointed to unite with women Friends to visit her.

At Hopewell Monthly Meeting held 12th. Mo. 5th. 1816, Mary Flowers produced an acknowledgment which was accepted.

At Hopewell Monthly Meeting held 2d. Mo. 4th. 1820, Hopewell Preparative Meeting informs Joshua Jackson Fenton requests to be joined in membership with Friends, Richard George and Mordecai Taylor are appointed to visit him.

At Hopewell Monthly Meeting held 9th. Mo. 7th. 1820, the committee appointed on the occasion, report they visited Joshua Jackson Fenton, and it was their judgment there was a good degree of sincerity in him, and were free that his request might be granted, which was concurred with.

At Hopewell Monthly Meeting held 7th. Mo. 10th. 1823, women's meeting informs that Ann Fenton requests to be reinstated in membership and they have visited her and are free that her request be granted, which after consideration the meeting was willing that she be encouraged to make an offering of acknowledgment.

At Hopewell Monthly Meeting held 8th. Mo. 7th. 1823. Ann Fenton produced the following acknowledgment, which was received as satisfaction and she is reinstated in membership. (Acknowledgment not given.) From marriage certificates,



William Tate, of Goose Creek, Loudon Co., Va., son of Levi and Elizabeth Tate, and Priscilla Fenton, daughter of Benjamin and Ann Fenton, of Frederick Co., Va., were married 10th. Mo. 15th. 1823, at Ridge Meeting House.

At Hopewell Monthly Meeting held 4th. Mo. 10th. 1828, this meeting received a certificate from Fairfax Monthly Meeting dated 13th. of 2d. Mo. last for Joseph Fenton and Mary, his wife, with their children, Joseph S. Fenton, which was accepted.

### MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES.

Josiah J. Fenton, of the town of Gainsborough, Frederick Co., Va., son of Benjamin and Ann Fenton, (deceased), and Mary Lovett, daughter of Benjamin and Ann Lovett, (the former deceased), were married 11th. Mo. 12th. 1833, at Hopewell Meeting House.

At Hopewell Meeting held 7th. Mo. 8th. 1841, this meeting informs that Benjamin Fenton requests to be taken into membership with Friends, which request was granted.

At Hopewell Monthly Meeting held 5th. Mo. 6th. 1847, this meeting appoints Hugh Sidwell, Thomas Wright, Samuel Brown, Jesse Wood, David Walker, Joel Lupton and John Fenton elders of the meeting.

At Fairfax Monthly Meeting held 3d. Mo. 12th. 1823, the Preparative Meeting informs that John Fenton has made application to come under the care of Friends.

At meeting held 8th. Mo. 10th. his request was granted.

### MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES OF FAIRFAX MONTHLY MEETING.

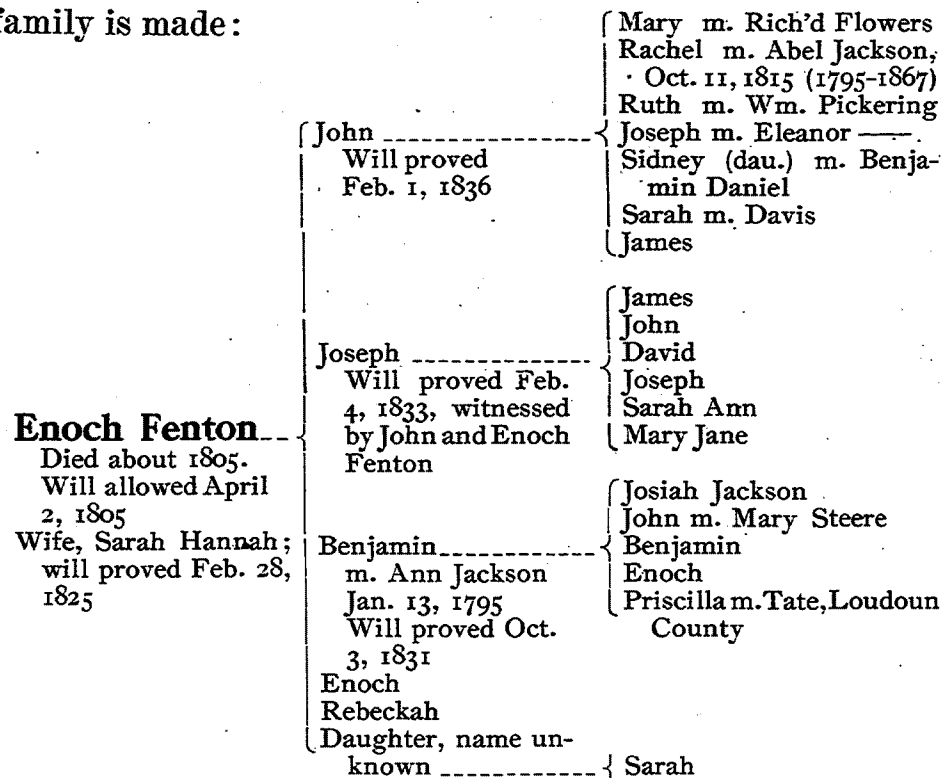
John Fenton, of Loudon Co., Va., son of Benjamin and Ann Fenton, and Mary Steer, daughter of Joseph Steer, of Loudon Co., Va., were married 9th. Mo. 28th. 1825, at Fairfax Meeting House.

At Fairfax Monthly Meeting held 1st. Mo. 28th. 1828, John Fenton and his wife, Mary, and son, Joseph, were granted certificates to Hopewell.

In order to get anything out of the foregoing extracts from the Frederick county, Virginia, church records it will be necessary again to refer to Enoch Fenton. It is well known that Jeremiah Fenton, Sr., (father of Jeremiah, 1764), had a close relation; tradition says he was a brother, in Frederick county, Virginia, of the name of Enoch Fenton. The official records of Frederick county disclose a great deal of information as to one Enoch Fenton.

On August 11, 1774, for 5 shillings, and on August 12, 1774, for 20 shillings, Darby Reagan conveyed land to Enoch Fenton. On April 20, 1780, Mordecai Walker deeded land to Enoch Fenton for 5 shillings. At the times of all of these transfers of land Jeremiah Fenton, Sr., and Jeremiah, Jr., lived in Frederick county.

Enoch Fenton's will dated March 23, 1789, was proven April 2, 1805. He left lands, negroes, money. From the contents of said will and other Frederick County Court House records, the following chart of the Enoch Fenton family is made:



Comparing the names, etc., on the Enoch Fenton chart with the names and other information in the Friends' Church records it will be seen that every Fenton name, except Ruth, on the church records given is found on the Enoch Fenton chart.

It is also interesting to note that while two sons of Enoch Fenton, namely, Joseph and John Fenton, were Quakers, another son, Benjamin, was not a Quaker, as appears from the fact that Ann Jackson came to much grief in the Friends' Church for marrying "a man (Benjamin Fenton) not in membership with us" (them). Thus the tradition handed down in our own family that some of our Fentons were Quakers or Friends and some not is proved to be a fact by the records.

CONNECTION BETWEEN NEW JERSEY FENTONS  
AND BUCKS COUNTY, PA., FENTONS WITH  
FREDERICK COUNTY, VA., FENTONS.

The writer cannot say with absolute certainty that the descendants of Jeremiah Fenton are connected by blood relation with the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Fentons of Mr. Ely's chart, but he believes they are and so does Mr. Ely. We know that Jeremiah Fenton, Sr., prior to settling in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, in about 1784, lived in Frederick county, Virginia, near Winchester, on Apple Pie Ridge. We know he was related to Enoch Fenton, who also lived on Apple Pie Ridge. We also know that the Enoch Fenton whose will and descendants are referred to in this chapter lived on Apple Pie Ridge and that his descendants were part Quakers and part Methodists as our Fentons were. Indeed the very name of the meeting house where the early Fentons worshipped in Frederick county, Virginia, and in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, is the same—"Hopewell." And being the only Enoch Fenton of record in that county at that time, we believe he is the same as the Enoch Fenton to whom we are related. We know some of our Fentons came from Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and that the Bucks county Fentons came originally from New Jersey. We know that many of the family surnames of the descendants of Jeremiah are the same as those on the Enoch Fenton chart and the same as those on the Ely chart. Here are a few found on all three or on two of the three charts: Jeremiah, Samuel, Enoch, Benjamin, John, Joseph, Sarah, Rachel, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary.

Some time one of our kin with the time, money and inclination may investigate further and close up the gaps. With the material now at hand this should not be difficult. Frequently the line can be traced by the aid of the name of the spouse of an ancestor, and this can often be ascertained by a careful examination of the deed, will and other probate records. The writer hopes this may be done and also that some one may then trace the family lineage on back to England.

**Private Family Register**

**OF**

**Births, Marriages, Deaths**

# BIRTHS

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# MARRIAGES

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## DEATHS

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## APPENDIX.

The following communication respecting other Fentons from Hon. Wm. D. Fenton, a very prominent lawyer, of Portland, Oregon, will be of interest and may, someday, help to connect our Fentons with his family.

Portland, Oregon, May 21, 1908.

Mr. William R. Brown,  
403 Clapp Block,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Sir:—

I have delayed replying to your letter of February 17th until I could gather together such facts as are within our family knowledge here. On March 19th I received a letter from Lucien J. Fenton, of Winchester, Ohio, and I am sending to him a copy of this letter to you.

As I understand it, the Fentons were an ancient family of England. William de Fenton was Constable of Newcastle in 1255 in the reign of Richard II. The families lived in Staffordshire and Nottinghamshire. The tradition of our family is that they came from England when my great-grandfather, Caleb Fenton, was a youth, with his father, mother and two brothers; the father was English, and the mother Welsh. We have the name of one brother, Joshua, but have lacked the name of the other brother, who tradition says located in Pennsylvania. It is the belief that Joshua was the oldest of the three. He was in the Revolution, and was promoted from Ensign to Lieutenant, June 15, 1779, in the Massachusetts Bay Regiment.

Caleb Fenton, my great-grandfather, could not enter the regular service, as he had lost one eye by an arrow, and could only do sentry duty. The tradition is that they were separated at the battle of Brandywine in 1777, and that Caleb Fenton went to Virginia, where he lived, and married Lovey Etheridge, the daughter of Joseph Etheridge, who was French. They moved from Virginia to Maysville, Mason county, Kentucky, date not known, and in 1820 they moved to Missouri, where Caleb Fenton died, February 20, 1840. Their son, James E. Fenton, was born in Virginia, March 2, 1798, and died at Carthage, Jasper county, Missouri, February 20, 1861. James E. Fenton was married to Susan Hicks in Boone county, Missouri, in the year 1822. Their son, James Davis Fenton, my father, was born in Missouri, March 29, 1832, and died in Yamhill county, Oregon, February 8, 1886. James Davis Fenton, my father, and Margaret Pinkerton, my mother, were married October 16, 1851.

The family tree of my immediate family, commencing with my great-grandfather, Caleb Fenton, is as follows:



Caleb Fenton and Lovey Etheridge -----	{	Caleb, Jr.	{	Jane E.	{	William David
		James E.		Caleb R.		Amanda Francis
		wf., Susan Hicks		Harriet Amanda		James Edward
		Phoebe		Martha		Francis Washing'n
		Nancy		Telitha		Jefferson Davis
Caleb Fenton and Jane Boyer, (second wife) ----	{	Lovey	{	James Davis	{	Henry Lee
		Joel		wife, Margaret		Charles Robert
				Pinkerton		Mathew Fountain
				John H.		Eli Hicks
				William H.		Mary Margaret
	{		{	Eliza	{	
		Joshua				
		Andrew				

Enclosed in the letter of Lucien J. Fenton referred to, was an extract from the "Life of Richard Fenton," by his grandson, Ferrar Fenton, in which I was very much interested, and I am writing to Lucien J. Fenton requesting him to procure a copy of this work. Ferrar Fenton resides at No. 8 King's Road, Metcham, S. E., and is the author of the "Life of Richard Fenton," and the "Life of John Fenton." He was born in Lincolnshire, in 1832.

In the book entitled "Who's Who," 1906, published in London, I notice the names of Henry John Horstman Fenton, 19 Brookside, Cambridge, born in Cambridge, 1854, University Lecturer in Chemistry, Cambridge; also the name of Sir Myles Fenton, born September 5, 1830, residing at Redstone Hall, Redhill, Surrey. In the American Edition of this work, I notice the name of Hector Tyndale Fenton, 502 Commonwealth Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, born August 6, 1850, residence No. 3312 Spring Garden street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and I shall send him a copy of this letter, with the request that he give me any information which he may be able to furnish along the lines of our common ancestry. I do not believe there is a family of Fentons in America but what originally sprung from the common source indicated. My family are all of dark complexion, the men large and tall, all black-eyed; so far as I know, the women large and dark-eyed; they incline in later years to overweight. I am myself six feet in height, and weigh 204 pounds. My father was about the same height; he died February 8, 1886, in his fifty-fourth year, and he had weighed as high as 268 pounds. My brothers and sisters are all living, except one brother, Charles Robert Fenton, who died at Spokane, Washington, October 22, 1893, in his twenty-ninth year.

The only living cousin of my father that I know of, Caleb Fenton, resides at Bloomfield, Iowa, a man about seventy years of age, who visited me a year ago, and who has a better recollection of the family history in Missouri than any other man of the name living. My uncle, W. H. Fenton, my father's brother, lives at Salem, Oregon, and is not far from seventy years of age. All of my father's brothers and sisters, I think,

are dead, with the exception of this brother and John H. Fenton, supposed to be living at Leavenworth, Kansas.

I have not been able to locate the family in Virginia, where my grandfather, James E. Fenton, was born, but I am inclined to think that he must have been born in Frederick county, Virginia, and was probably a near relative of Jeremiah Fenton, the grandfather of Lucien J. Fenton, who was born in Frederick county, Virginia, in 1764.

I enclose the list of questions, with such answers as I am able to give, and I believe I have now given you all the information within my knowledge, and I await with a great deal of interest your book, which Lucien J. Fenton tells me you expect to publish.

With kind personal regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Encl.

Wm. D. Fenton.