

# **A Short History of the Graham Family**

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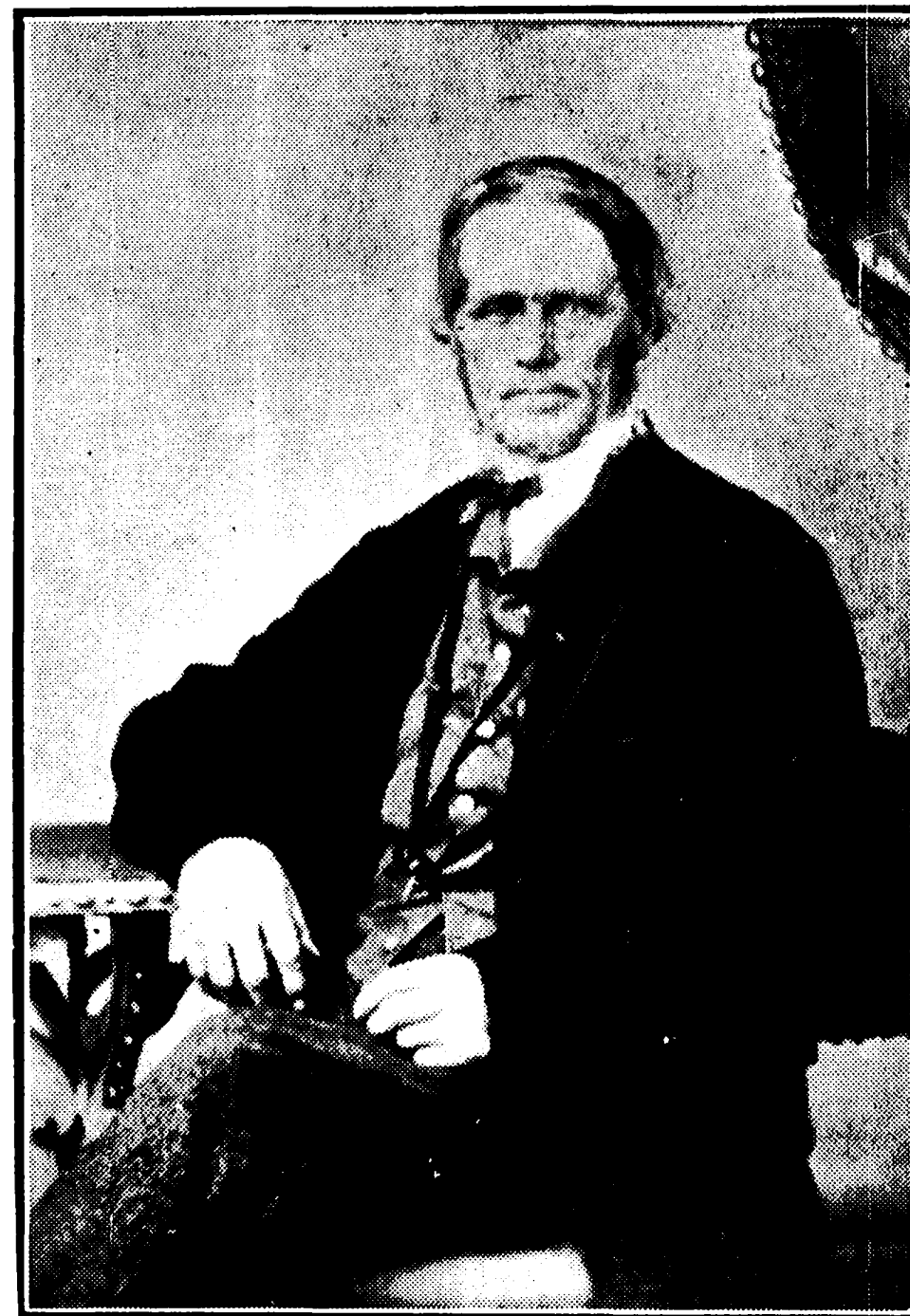
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NANCY GRAHAM—1803 1889



DAVID GRAHAM—1801-1886



## TO THE READER—

Having been requested frequently by the younger members of the Graham family to commit to writing an account of their ancestors and their posterity down to the present time, I, being perhaps the oldest one of them, have attempted to do so in the following pages, under the conviction that there may be some mistakes as many of the statements are made from memory, yet believing that in the main they may be relied upon as correct. As many of the accounts are a genealogy of families it will be necessary for the reader to be careful to notice the plan adopted by the writer—that is, when the head of a family is taken up that all his posterity is noticed before taking up another one. As a general thing each one is noticed according to age, beginning with the eldest, and it will be necessary to keep in mind which family you are reading about to obtain a correct knowledge of each family apart from others. The frequent occurrence of the same name will be a source of confusion in the mind of the reader, such as John, William, George, Mary, Jane and Nancy.

As an apology for mistakes in orthography and grammar the reader will take into consideration the advanced age of the writer, he about entering his eightieth year.

And if the following pages will gratify the present and future generations of the ancient name Graham then the writer's object will have been obtained.

A. D. 1879.

David Graham.

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About the year 1774 John and William Graham (brothers) left their native country, Ireland, County Down, near Belfast, and with their families came to the city of New York after a long and perilous voyage of sixteen weeks. Their provisions and water were dealt out to them by measure for some time before they landed. Their captain lost the right course and ran so far north that they came in sight of large bodies of ice, the second in command all the time telling the captain that he was steering the wrong course.

John's wife's maiden name is not known to the writer.

William's wife's maiden name was Mary McBurney.

They soon left the city and settled in Washington County, Salem Township, near a little village called at that time Sodom (now called Shushan) within the bounds of the Secedar congregation of Salem, then under the ministry of Dr. Clark. But after the union of the Secedar and Reformed churches they united with those who disapproved of the said union and joined the congregation of Secedars in Cambridge, whose meeting-house was in Coila. Soon afterwards William Graham was chosen an elder by said congregation.

John, Sr., was the father of one son named John and two daughters named Mary and Elizabeth. The son married Betty Clark. They had some children and lived in Putnam near Lake George. Mary married James Crawford, had several children, and lived in the western part of New York State. Elizabeth married a Mr. Clark of Cambridge and had one son, but of the further history of these families little is known by the writer. John, Sr., and his wife died in Salem where they first settled.

Now we will take up a more extended account of William and Mary and their families. They had four children after emigrating to America, (having committed to a watery grave three or four during their voyage), two sons named John and George and two daughters named Nancy and Jane. They lived in Salem until 1817, when they moved to Truro, Ohio. They survived but a short time after coming to Ohio. Mary died about two years after coming to Ohio of paralysis. William (born March 17, 1750, in Ireland) died about four years after coming to Ohio of the gravel. He was chosen an elder at the organization of the Secedar congregation of Truro, now known as the Reynoldsburg U. P. congregation.

The oldest of their sons was John, who married about 1797 Margaret Irvine, daughter of Esq. Irvine of Cambridge, and sister of the Rev. James Irvine of the Associate Synod. They had ten children, five sons and five daughters, named William I., James, Mary, Robert, Nancy, John, Rosannah, George, Charity and Jane.

He lived in Salem on the farm his father gave him until about the year 1823 when he moved to Putnam near Lake George. Soon after the death of his wife he moved back to Cambridge and married the widow Hughes of that place. He lived with her for several years until they became old and unable to make a living, when they mutually agreed that each one should go to their children to be provided for the rest of their days. Consequently, he came to his children who had in the meantime moved to Reynoldsburg, Franklin County, Ohio, where in a few years he departed this life at the home of his daughter Rosannah.

Now we will take up the history of his children in the order they are named above.

William I. was born July 31, 1798, in the Township of Salem, Washington County, New York. He was married in 1821 to Eunice Gillette of Cambridge by whom he had thirteen children, named Fidelio Buckingham, Amariah Taft, John, James, David Gordon, Abner Warner, Margaret, Mary and Eunice Jane. The others died in childhood.

Fidelio B. married a Miss L. Howe, by whom he had three sons, William, Nathan, and John, after which he died. His widow is married again and lives near Saratoga, N. Y. William has one son who lives at Saratoga. Nathan married Janie McCleary of Somanauk, Ill., grand-daughter of Robert Graham. They live in Kansas, Sedgewick County, near Peotone P. O., and have one son named Richard. John married and lives on the Hudson River between New York City and Albany. Amariah Taft married Mary McCray of Truro Township, Ohio. They reside in Reynoldsburg, have one son and one daughter, named Flora and Edwin. He is a house joiner and cabinet maker by trade and is a ruling elder of the Presbyterian church in the above place.

John lived to the age of manhood and then fell a victim to consumption.

James married Miss Margaret Boyd, Licking County, Ohio. They had three children—two sons and one daughter, named Robert, Abner and Agnes. She died in childhood. The widow and boys are living. (He served three years in the war of the rebellion under Captain Tate, 95th Regiment Ohio Volunteers.)

David Gordon married Mary Ann Graham, daughter of Amos Graham. They moved to a village named Plano, Ill. Have three children—two girls and one boy—named Jennette, Adelbert and Edith. He is Justice of the Peace and works in the machine shops in said town for a living.

Abner Warner married Mary Forester, daughter of Rev. Robert Forester (deceased) who was the pastor of the Reynoldsburg U. P. Church for many years. They have two girls and one boy named Nettie, Margaret and William Forester. They moved to Biggsville, Ill. He is one of the drygoods merchants of said town. He was a soldier in the Union Army and served a term of three years.

Margaret married Nathan Orcutt of Cambridge, N. Y., but moved to Reynoldsburg, Ohio, in 1854, and is still living there;

1879. They had three children all of whom died in childhood. He is a house joiner and cabinet maker by trade.

Mary married Wilson McCray, son of James McCray, who was one of the pioneers of Truro, Franklin County, Ohio. They have two daughters named Maggie and Nellie. He is a farmer living near Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

Eunice Jane married David Lyndsay Graham, son of David and Nancy Graham of Reynoldsburg. Have five children, two sons and three daughters, named Wilson, David Murray, Hettie, Lettie and Eunice. They reside in Reynoldsburg. He was a merchant in partnership with his father for over twenty years from 1854 until 1875 in Reynoldsburg.

This finishes the family of Wm. I. Graham who resided in Cambridge and held some responsible offices such as deputy sheriff of Washington County, census-taker, and presenter in the church of Salem. In the year 1852 he moved to Reynoldsburg, Ohio, where he was chosen clerk of the village and held it until disabled by the infirmities of old age. He was a very honest, inoffensive Christian man. He died June 3, 1877.

The second son of John Graham was James, who married Jane McClain of Cambridge, N. Y. They had one son and one daughter, named Robert and Phebe, after which he died with the flux. His widow is still living and his children are also. The daughter is married to a Mr. Dobbin of Cambridge, New York State.

Mary, the eldest daughter of John Graham, died in Putnam, N. Y., of consumption, never having married.

Robert married Miss Sarah Williamson of Putnam and lived there a few years when he moved to Reynoldsburg, Ohio, and followed coopering for a livelihood, but finally emigrated to Somonauk, Ill., where they still reside. They have three sons and two daughters, named Margaret, Russell, Mary Ann, James and Andrew. Margaret married James McCleary of Somonauk, Ill. They have seven children—two boys and five girls, named Jennie, Mary, Fannie, Bell, Nettie, William, and Raymond.

Russell is a preacher of the United Presbyterian Church, and is settled at Biggsville, Ill. They have three children, named Ralph, Fannie and Roy.

Mary Ann married James McAllister, and lives near Somonauk Church, Ill. They have four children named—

James is married and lives on a part of his father's farm. They have one child.

Andrew is also married and resides near his father.

Another son of John Graham was John who married Miss Fannie Williamson of Putnam (sister of his brother Robert's wife) who moved to Ohio with his brother and followed coopering for a livelihood. They had two children, a son and a daughter. Their father died with cholera in the year 1849. His widow and children moved back to Putnam, N. Y., where both the children (named Daniel and Jennette) are married and living. Their mother is dead.

Nancy married James Ferguson of Cambridge, N. Y., and soon afterward moved to near Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Lived there several



years and then moved to Somonauk, Ill. They have four children, two of each sex, named Robert, Nancy, Margaret, and William. Robert married Miss Ellen Kirkpatrick and resides in Sandwich, Ill. They have no children.

Nancy is unmarried, and lives with her mother a part of the time.

Margaret married Joseph Fulton of Northwood, Ohio, but are now living in the State of Kansas. Have — children.

William married a step-daughter of Tobias Cole of Somonauk, Ill. They are living on a part of his father's farm. His mother lives with them.

Rosanna married George Graham, son of William Graham (commonly called Little Billy). They had three children—two daughters and a son, named Margaret Jane, James R., and Nancy Mary. Their father died when they were quite young. Their mother married again, Mr. George Frazier of Reynoldsburg. They moved to Somonauk, Ill., where he soon afterward departed this life. She was again left a widow but some time afterward moved to Peotone, Ill., where she was married to a Mr. Robert Nelson and soon after moved to Kansas where she now lives a widow (her husband not surviving long at their new home) in the bounds of Ninescha U. P. Congregation.

Margaret Jane married John R. Livingston of Reynoldsburg, where they lived several years and then they moved to Somonauk, Ill. They remained there some time, and moved to Peotone, Ill. Finally they moved to Ninescha, Kansas, where she departed this life leaving her husband and a large number of children to mourn her loss.

George married Miss Amelia Seely of Shushan, N. Y., and soon after moved to Reynoldsburg, Ohio. They had two children named James and Robert Forester who were soon left motherless. He married again to a Miss Margaret McCullough of Reynoldsburg, by whom he had one daughter named Eunice. He served as Justice of the Peace for the Township of Truro several years but in about two years after his second marriage he departed this life leaving a widow and infant daughter and many friends to mourn his loss. His wife did not survive him long, but the daughter is still living with her grandfather who took charge of her at her mother's death.

James went to Somonauk, Ill., and married Miss Sarah McAllister. They had a son and a daughter, named George and Janie, after which he died. The widow and children are living in Iowa in the bounds of Rev. Edward Elsey's congregation.

Robert Forester married Miss Warner of Union County, Ohio. They had six children. In the spring of 1879 they moved to the State of Nebraska.

(Rosannah's son James R. and Nancy Mary were omitted in the proper place. They will be inserted here.)

James R. married a Miss Moore of Somonauk, Ill. They have seven children, and have moved to the State of Kansas, Sedgewick County, into the bounds of the Ninescha U. P. Congregation.

Nancy Mary married a Mr. Shaw of Peotone, Ill., but are

living in Kansas, Sedgewick County and he is one of the elders of the U. P. Congregation of Ninescha.

Charity married Mr. David Dobbin of Cambridge, N. Y., and soon after moved to Reynoldsburg, Ohio. They had one son named William John. She was soon removed from this vale of tears and sorrows leaving a disconsolate husband and motherless child to mourn her loss. The son is married and lives in Illinois near to the U. P. Church of Somonauk and his father is an elder in the above named church.

Jane came with her sister Nancy Ferguson to Reynoldsburg, Ohio, and married Mr. James McIntire of said town. They had two sons and one daughter, named David, George and Sarah Jane. They live in Kansas. David is an elder in the U. P. congregation of Ninescha.

George is unmarried but Sarah Jane is married. The mother and children only are living in the bounds of said congregation. The father resides in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, at present and is a member of the U. P. Congregation of that town.

George, the second son of William and Mary Graham, married Miss Anna Cowden of Cambridge, N. Y. He was born June 2, 1777, in Salem Township, Washington County, N. Y. She was born in Pelham, Mass., June 30, 1779. At the age of seven years she moved with her parents to the township of Cambridge, N. Y. They were married December, 1799, by the Rev. Banks, pastor of the Secedar Congregation of Coila of which they were members while they lived within its bounds. Their farm was about one mile north of Sodom (or Shushan as it is now called) on the road leading to Salem village. They had twelve children—seven sons and five daughters—named David, William G., James, John, Sarah, Susan, Mary Ann, Levi, Isaac, Nancy and Amos (one still born). They remained on the old homestead until the fall of 1817 when they left it and in company with his sister Nancy and her family, his father and mother and his wife's sister Margaret Cowden, moved to Ohio and settled in Truro Township, Franklin County. Before leaving Salem he had buried three of their children, viz.: James, Susan and the still born one. They were eight weeks making the journey of seven hundred miles with a two-horse wagon, in which ten persons besides their clothing and bedding were loaded.

During the first winter he bought two hundred and seven acres of Colonel Livingston at four dollars per acre all heavily timbered and built a house on it situated one and one-fourth miles due north of Reynoldsburg. They suffered many of the privations and hardships of pioneer life—few roads, no bridges except corduroy ones. Mills were far away and poor at that—were run by water power only and that would fail in dry seasons. Then horse mills and hand mills were brought into requisition. Steam power was not brought into general use then.

The fever and ague was quite prevalent, especially in the years 1822-3. Doctors were few and far between and of little avail when employed. Building materials had to be manufactured by hand. The walls of their house were round logs, the floor was hewed

puncheons, the shingles were clapboards laid without nails. The door was made half board and half puncheon without nails except one which held the end of the wooden latch. The walls were chinked inside and daubed outside with mud. The ceiling overhead was clapboards laid down loose on poles for joists. They lived in this house for many years until it was superseded by a hewed log house. They both lived to see all their living children married. In the fall of 1855, Nov. 24, George departed this life apparently without any disease. He seemed to be worn out. Anna outlived her husband several years but at last (Died Aug. 18, 1864) fell a victim to a painful disease, the flux. They left a numerous offspring to mourn their loss, but they hope their unspeakable gain.

David was born Feb. 17, 1801, in Salem Township, Washington County, New York. He with his father's family moved to Ohio. He was employed as school teacher in a log school house on his father's farm in 1819. He helped to clear up his father's land until Dec. 20th, 1821, at which time he was married to Nancy Graham of Truro (their fathers were cousins). He with the help of friends built a log cabin the following winter on fifty acres of land which his father generously gave to him. On the first day of March, 1822, they moved into their cabin in the woods, a few of the largest trees having been cut down to prevent them from falling on the house in case of a hard windstorm. He cleared up his land and remained on it until April 14, 1854, at which time he rented his farm and engaged in selling goods and groceries in Grahamsville (or Taylor's Station) in Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, on the Ohio and Baltimore Railroad. Remained there until the fall of the year 1854 when he bought the drygoods store of John Reese and Mark Evans in Reynoldsburg and moved there, where he (in partnership with his son, D. L. Graham) remained in the mercantile business for twenty-one years. He now (1879) lives on a small farm adjoining the village of Reynoldsburg. He is an elder in the U. P. Church.

Nancy, his wife, was the daughter of James and Margaret Graham of Truro. She was born Oct. 28, 1803, in Salem, N. Y., about one and one-half miles from where her husband was born. She with her father's family came to Truro, Ohio, in the year 1811. She was baptized by the same minister (Rev. Banks of the Associate or Secedar Church) that baptized her husband. They are the parents of ten children, five sons and five daughters, named Matilda Dickey, Maria, Samuel, James McLean, William Beveridge, Sarah Jane, David Lyndsay, Margaret, George McBurney, Anna Mary.

Matilda Dickey was born Oct. 26, 1822, and was married Oct. 10th, 1844, to Alexander W. Livingston of Truro (he is an elder). They resided near the village of Reynoldsburg and carried on the seed business quite extensively for more than twenty years, but owing to the reduction in the price of seeds and hard times was compelled to close up the business and move to the City of Columbus, where he is assisting his son Robert in his seed store. In the meantime they became the parents of ten children, seven sons and three daughters, named John (who died in childhood), David,

Robert, Nancy, William Donnan, Ebenezer Samuel, Mary, Josiah Lunn, John, and Louise.

David married Lotta Hagler of Green County, Ohio, and having gone through a regular course of study was licensed to preach the gospel by the U. P. Presbytery of Xenia, Ohio, in the year 1876 and accepted a call from the congregation of Traer, Iowa. They have one son named Paul.

Robert married Nettie Forester, daughter of Robert Forester (deceased) for many years pastor of Reynoldsburg U. P. Congregation. Are living in Columbus, Ohio, buying and selling garden seeds. Have one daughter named Cora about five years old (1879). She is the oldest great-grandchild of David and Nancy Graham.

Nancy married John Forester, a brother of Nettie. He is a farmer and lives on the late Dr. J. Shaffer's farm on Blacklick. They have one daughter named Matilda about two and one-half years old March, 1879.

William Donnan is single and makes his home at his father's in Columbus, Ohio. He follows teaching school for a living.

Ebenezer married Miss Media Hunt of Reynoldsburg, lives in said town and follows gardening. They have two sons named Freddie and Harrie, aged about 2 years and 2 months, respectively. She is a member of the U. P. Church.

Mary married Charlie Nourse of Reynoldsburg and soon afterward moved to Des Moines, Iowa, (in the spring of 1878). They have one son named William Livingston aged about one week, March, 1879.

Josiah Lunn is making his home with his parents. The same may be said of John and Louise.

Maria died with typhoid fever at about the age of 19. It is supposed she caught the disease by washing the bed clothes on which a person had died with said disease. A warning to all others to beware in such cases.

James McLean married Mary Livingston (sister of A. W. L., daughter of John Livingston of Reynoldsburg). They had one son named James Lovette. Soon after his birth his mother departed this life leaving her husband and infant child to mourn her loss—June 10, 1850.

James McLean was married again to Elizabeth M. Johnson, March 30th, 1854, and soon after moved to Somonauk, Ill. They resided there several years when they moved back to Reynoldsburg, Ohio, near which they still live on his father's old homestead. They are the parents of ten children (one deceased) named Leonard, Charley L., Frederick D., Mary M., Nancy Matilda, William, Lyndsay and Linday (twins), and Rolla.

James Lovette is married to Anna Lawrence of Reynoldsburg. They have one son named Elsey about one year old, and reside in Columbus, Ohio. He is keeping a restaurant for an occupation in the city (1879). The rest are single and make their home with their parents.

William Beveridge married Lucy Wells of Somonauk, Ill., Oct. 25, 1858. Resided there several years when he moved to Peotone,

Ill., and in 1876 or 1877 moved to Sedgewick County, Kansas, where he owns a farm. They had ten children, seven having died in infancy, there are but three living named Byron, Clara and William David. He has a contract with the Postoffice Department to carry mail for six hundred and fifty dollars per annum. The time it occupies is three days in every week. He lives in the bounds of Ninescha U. P. congregation and his children are all at home (1879).

Sarah Jane was married to William W. Johnson, Oct. 15, 1857, and moved to Somonauk, Ill. They lived there about one year and a half when they returned to Reynoldsburg and purchased a house and lot where they now reside. He follows teaching school and marketing for a livelihood. They have six children living (one deceased) named Fayette, Jesse, Mary, Anna, William and Janie. He is an elder in Reynoldsburg U. P. Congregation. His eldest son is a school teacher. They all make their home with their parents.

David Lyndsay married Eunice Jane Graham, daughter of William I. Graham of Reynoldsburg, Ohio. They were married May 4, 1865, by Rev. J. W. McNary. They have five children, two sons and three daughters, named Hettie, Willson, David Murray, Lettie, Eunice, and reside in Reynoldsburg. He follows farming and gardening for a livelihood. He, in partnership with his father, kept a dry goods store in Reynoldsburg for over twenty years, from 1854 till 1875.

Margaret married Josiah R. Lunn of Reynoldsburg, Oct. 9, 1856. Soon afterwards moved to Iowa and engaged in selling goods and groceries, but not being suited with the climate they returned to Reynoldsburg and engaged in farming, living a short mile north of said town. They have seven children, three sons and four daughters, named Benjamin Vastine, Nancy Izora, Elizabeth Eldora (twins), Alice, Estella, David Josiah, and Dewit Burney, all single and living at home this first day of April, 1879.

George McBurney married Nancy Graham of Reynoldsburg. He follows teaching school. Is living in Cedarville, Greene County, Ohio. They have seven children (two deceased) named Rosa, Clark, Leroy, Nellie, Andrew, John and Frank. He served a three years' term in the army under Captain Tate in the 95th Regiment, Ohio Volunteers. Was taken prisoner at the battle of Richmond, Kentucky, 1862.

Anna Mary married Robert McCrory of Union County, Ohio, Nov. 25, 1869. They lived in Reynoldsburg about seven years when they moved to Union County, Ohio, near the village of Beachtown. He owns a farm there and is farming for a livelihood. They have four daughters named Matie Lavina, Maggie, Anna Blanch and Nancy Maria. They belong to the U. P. congregation of New California.

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William G. was born 21st of December, 1803, in Salem Township, Washington County, New York. He came with his parents to Truro Township, Franklin County, Ohio, in the fall of 1817. In March, 1825, he was married to Mary French, daughter of John French of said township. They had three sons named David, Thomas and Ebenezer. Soon after their mother died, August 1, 1836, and they were left motherless and their father a widower. He married again the widow Anderson of Indiana, by whom he had two sons named Anderson and Andrew, when she died also. He married the third time the widow Caroline Adams of Indiana by whom he had two sons and one daughter, Jane, Albert and James. But he was again by an allwise Providence made a widower for the third time. It seemed as if this was too heavy a stroke for him to bear, for not long after burying his third wife he sickened and died, much lamented by the community and the congregation of which he was an elder and a very active and influential member. His brother John and he built and ran a steam saw mill for several years about two miles north of Reynoldsburg and finally moved it to Grahamsville (or Taylor's Station) on the Baltimore and Ohio R. R., about eight miles east of Columbus. There they also built a large steam grist mill which was burned down about 1876 by sparks of the railroad engine setting it afire.

David married Caroline Adams of Indiana. Resides in Rushville, Indiana, and follows teaching high school. They had four daughters named Anna, Etta, Minnie and one deceased.

Thomas married Margaret Jane Taylor, daughter of James and Martha Taylor of Iberia, Ohio. They have five children, three boys and two girls, named Marshall, Willson, Martha, —, —. They live in Indianola, Iowa. He is selling groceries to make a living.

Ebenezer married Rhoda Swisher of Licking County, Ohio. Have children named Harley, — —, and live not far from Madison, Indiana. He follows farming for a living.

Anderson lost his first wife and child. Is married again and resides in Madison, Indiana. He is a dentist by profession.

Andrew married in Columbus, Indiana, and follows teaching a high school in that city for a living.



Jane married a Mr. Voryees of Indiana. They went to Washington, D. C., where he was employed in some of the departments of the Government as clerk until he died, when she moved back to Indiana not far from Columbus and married again. She had one son by her first husband.

Albert and James are both single and live in the State of Indiana.

John, son of George and Anna Graham, married Mary Graham, daughter of James and Margaret Graham of Truro. They lived for several years on fifty acres of land which he took in place of the fifty acres which his father generously gave him. It is the farm where J. R. Lunn now lives, but he sold this and bought the farm where Mr. James Oldham now lives. This was finally sold and he purchased the farm owned now by J. R. Lunn in Jefferson Township near the Graham Stone Quarry on which he and his brother William G. ran a steam saw mill for three or four years, after which they moved to Taylor's Station. They had seven children, three sons and four daughters (two of the latter died in childhood) named Clark, Margaret Ann, Wallace, Chauncy Murch and Nancy Jane. His wife died about 185—. He married again the widow Jane Feasel, and lived with her about nine years, when she departed this life leaving him once more a widower. He lives in Reynoldsburg at this time (1879).

Clark married Jenette Thompson of Logan County, Ohio. He was an engineer by profession. They had one son who died in childhood. He enlisted in the Northern Army under Capt. Tate, Company 95, Ohio Volunteers, and was instantly killed at the Battle of Richmond, Kentucky, a ball passing through his head.

Margaret Ann married William J. Livingston of Reynoldsburg, son of John Livingston. They have five children, three boys and two girls, named Flora, Knox, D. Kerr, McYeal and Hattie. He keeps a meat shop in Columbus, Ohio.

Wallace enlisted in the Union army under Capt. Pickering, in the Cavalry, and was wounded in the knee by a spent ball, but it got well. He served three years, and lived about five years after the war closed when he died of consumption at his sister's residence in Reynoldsburg.

Chauncey enlisted in a cavalry company in Missouri and served his country until the close of the Rebellion, when he married Miss Emily Wright of Fairfield County, Ohio, near the town of Basil. They live at the Graham Quarry about two miles north of the burg. Have four children, three boys and one girl, named Sidney, Lee, Harry and Sarah. He is an engineer by profession.

Nancy Jane married George McBurney Graham. For further particulars see the account of the latter on page nine.

Sarah, the elder daughter of George and Ann Graham, married George J. Graham of Reynoldsburg. They had four children, three of which died in infancy. The son lived and is named Samuel H. Graham. His mother died August 31, 1844, aged 32 y., 9 m., 16 d. His father is a carpenter by trade. (But more about him hereafter on page seventeen.)

Samuel is a preacher in the U. P. Church, settled in Frankford Presbytery near Allegheny City, Pa. Is married to Miss Mary Woodburn of Pennsylvania. They have six children, named Flora, George, Minnie, William, James and Ida.

Maryann, sister of Sarah, married John Mitchell of Norwich, Ohio. They moved to near Northwood, Logan County, Ohio, and lived there several years until her husband and three of her children died. Four of her children are living. She sold her property in Logan County and has been living in different places with her children, until the fall of 1877 when she married Mr. David French of Michigan, where she now lives (1879). Names of her living children are Oliver, Ebenezer, Nancy and William. Oliver lost his first wife, is married again and is living in Kansas. Ebenezer lives in the bounds of Ninesha U. P. congregation, Kansas. Is one of its elders, and is the postmaster of Peotone, Sedgewick County. Nancy married John Burt and they live near Iberia, Morrow County, Ohio. Have — children.

William lives in Illinois at Somonauk not far from the U. P. church and is married.

Levi, son of George and Anna Graham, was pursuing his studies at New Athens, Ohio, Franklin College, intending to be a preacher, when he was suddenly cut off by a very malignant disease called the Black Tongue.

Isaac, brother of Levi, married Nancy Livingston, daughter of John Livingston, had five children—three boys and two girls—named Edward, Alexander, John, Mary Jane and Anna. He lives in Somonauk, Ill., and owns a farm there, is an elder of the U. P. Congregation at that place. Mary Jane died after arriving at the age of maturity. The sons are living in Kansas. Alexander and Edward are both married. Anna lives with her parents.

Nancy, the youngest daughter of George and Anna Graham, married David Mitchell of Union County, Ohio. They have five children, one son and four daughters, named George G., Sarah, Helen, Martha and Anna. George G. was ordained by the U. P. church to preach the gospel, but subsequently joined the Reunited Presbyterian Church and settled in Indiana. Is married to a Miss of Xenia, Ohio. They have three children.

The first three girls named are married and have children. Anna lives with her parents who reside in Garner, Hancock County, Iowa. He keeps a drygoods and grocery store in partnership with one of his sons-in-law.

Amos, youngest son of George and Anna Graham, married a sister of Isaac's wife named Jenette. He owns his father's old homestead. Have eight children, four sons and four girls named Maryann, Levi, John, Sarah, William, Louise, Frank and Bell. Maryann married D. G. Graham of Reynoldsburg, son of Wm. I. Graham. They live in Plano, Ill., and have children. (See record of David Gordon Graham on page three.)

Levi married Janie Grubb of Reynoldsburg and resides in the city of Columbus, Ohio, is an insurance agent for a life insurance company. They have three children, named Ora, Nellie and Ural.



John is living in Keokuck, Iowa, and is a clerk in a wholesale drygoods store. Is not married. (1879.)

Sarah departed this life after arriving at the age of maturity.

William and Louise and their mother died (August 30, 1864, aged 41 years) of the flux within a few days of each other, leaving their father a widower. After a few years he married again to the widow Rebecca Patterson of Licking County, Ohio, with whom he lived several years when she became dissatisfied and suddenly left his bed and board and has not yet returned. He has rented his farm for five years and resides in the State of Michigan with his relatives there. Bell, his daughter, went there with her father and was married March 6, 1879, to Mr. Alfred L. Hommedieu of Plano, Ill., where they now reside.

Frank is teaching school a short distance west of Columbus, Ohio.

Nancy, the eldest daughter of William and Mary Graham, married a distant relative who emigrated to America from County Down, Ireland, about the year 1795, who was commonly known by the name of Little Billy Graham. They lived in Cambridge, N. Y., for several years on his farm near to Deacon McGeough's Corner. In the fall of 1817 they moved to Truro Township, Franklin County, Ohio. They had thirteen children (three died in childhood) named Mary, Joseph, George, William, John, Robert, Margaret, Elizabeth, Agnes and Jane (Jennette), five sons and five daughters. They lived on the farm now owned by Jacob Smith a half mile south of Reynoldsburg, where they both died.

Mary married Mr. John Livingston of Cambridge, N. Y., in January, 1818. They had six children, three sons and three daughters, named Nancy, Alexander W., William J., John J., Jenette and Mary. Her husband was one of the first elders of the U. P. Congregation of Reynoldsburg. She died several years before her husband, who died in 1860 (about).

Nancy married Isaac Graham. (See history on page twelve.)

A. W. Livingston married Matilda D. Graham. (For further particulars see page seven.) William J. married Margaret Ann Graham. (See her history on page eleven.) Jennette married Amos Graham. (See record on page twelve.)

Mary married James McLean Graham. (See his history on page eight.)

John J. married Isabell Robertson of Reynoldsburg, daughter of Robert Robertson. They had two children, a son and a daughter, named Robert and Maggie, who were soon left motherless. Their grandfather and grandmother took charge of them and raised them to the age of maturity, but a few years prior to this they were left orphans by the death of their father, and now we have to record the death of Robert at Keokuck, Iowa, March 10th, 1879.

Joseph, son of William and Nancy Graham, married Mary Crawford, daughter of Matthew Crawford, Esq., of Reynoldsburg. They had two sons and four daughters, named Sarah, Nancy, Martha, Elizabeth, Matthew and Joseph. They moved to Iowa

and have lived in and near Birmingham. He died several years ago but she is still living and resides with one of her daughters in said town. Matthew died several years ago in or near that town. Little of the further history of the family is known to the writer.

Jane (Jennette), daughter of William and Nancy Graham, married Mr. Jonathan French, son of Blair French. They had one daughter who died in childhood. The mother also died, leaving the father and husband a widower to mourn their loss.

Agnes, sister of Jennette, married John Watson. Had several children and moved to the northern part of Ohio, but since that the writer has not heard from them.

George, brother of Agnes, married Rosannah Graham. For further particulars see her history on page five.

Margaret, sister of George, married William French, son of John French of Reynoldsburg. They had one daughter named Janet. They moved to Logan County, Ohio, where he soon after died. The widow and daughter are living there (1879). The daughter is married to John Fulton.

William, the brother of Margaret, married and was the father of one daughter and soon after departed this life. The whereabouts of the daughter is not known to the writer.

John, another brother, died childless, having never married.

Betsey, a sister of John, died before arriving at the age of womanhood.

Robert, brother of the above, married Mrs. Abby Weaver of Groveport or its vicinity. They had four children, two sons and two daughters named Nancy, Jacob, Amanda and John. She now lives with her daughter Amanda who is married and her brother boards with her also.

Nancy married a widower who lives near Gahanna, Mifflin Township, Ohio.

Jane, the youngest daughter and child of William and Mary, married a Mr. John French of Washington County, New York, son of David French and brother of the Rev. David French, long pastor of the U. P. congregation of Buffalo, Pa. They moved to Ohio in the fall of 1816 and bought the land on which the village of Reynoldsburg now stands, but having sold out he with his family moved to Logan County, Ohio, and settled near the village of Northwood. He was an elder in the Reformed Church of that place for many years. He and his wife both died and were buried in the cemetery of that place. They had eight children, four sons and four daughters, named Susan, Mary, David, William, James, John, Nancy and Sarah Jane. These will be noticed as they have been arranged above.

Susan married Mr. John Elsey of Truro Township, Franklin County, Ohio. Lived for several years about one mile north of Reynoldsburg on fifty acres of land which her father generously gave her, but sold out and moved to Hardin County, Ohio, near to Kenton, the county seat. After a few years they not being pleased with the manners and habits of the people sold their property and moved to Logan County, Ohio, near the town of Northwood, where

they remained a while. Not being satisfied yet they moved to the State of Michigan and settled within the bounds of her brother John's congregation and lived but a few years there when they were removed from this vale of tears to that world where tears are all wiped away, there being but a few hours between the time of their deaths. They had two sons and three daughters, named Margaret, Rachel, Edward, Mary and David.

Margaret married Mr. Clark of Logan County, Ohio. They live in Michigan. They have .... children named ....

Rachel married James Connell of Licking County, Ohio, and are living there now (1879) in the bounds of the Reynoldsburg U. P. Congregation of which they are members. They have seven children—five sons and two daughters, named Helen, John, Andrew, Albert, David, James McNary and Ada.

Helen married Mr. Palmer Henderson, son of John A. Henderson of Iowa. They have two children named Blanch and Nina. He follows making brooms.

John married Ella Speer of Michigan. They live near the village of Reynoldsburg. She was a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. In the fall of 1879 she joined the U. P. church.

Edward, the eldest son of John and Susan Elsey, married Mrs. Stewart of Illinois. He is a preacher of the above church. Settled in Iowa. They have — children, named —

Mary married Mr. — Mewhorr of Licking County, Ohio. They live in Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

Mary married William G. Graham. For further particulars see his history on previous page. She was the second daughter of Jane and John French.

David, eldest son of Jane and John French, married Sarah Inman of Reynoldsburg. They moved to Logan County, Ohio. Lived near Northwood for several years but finally moved to Michigan where his wife died. They had several sons and daughters. He married a second wife in Guernsey County, Ohio, with whom he lived ten or twelve years, when she died also. He married for a third wife the widow Maryann Mitchell of Iberia, Morrow County, Ohio. His children are all married except one son who lives with his father. Of the whereabouts of the rest of the children the writer knows but little.

William, the second son of Jane and John French, married Margaret Graham. (See her history on page fourteen).

James, third son of the above, married and had several children. Lived in Michigan but both died about middle age and left their children orphans. Their history is not known to the writer.

John, the fourth son of the above, was educated by his parents for the ministry and is preaching in Michigan in connection with the Reformed Presbyterian or Covenanter Church Old School. Is married and has children. One of his daughters is married to one of the preachers of the aforesaid Covenanters by the name of Fulton. Is settled in Ohio not far from Coshocton.

Nancy, the third daughter of the above, married George Roby. They have several children, and live in Michigan. Both are dead and the names and history of their children are not known to the writer.

Sarah Jane married James Mitchell of Logan County, Ohio, lived there for several years. Her husband died of enlargement of the heart, after which she and her children moved to Michigan, where she still resides (1879).

We have gone through with the account of John and William's families. We will now take up the account of another brother and families.

About the year 1781 George Graham, a brother of John and William, with his family left Ireland and came to the State of New York and settled in the Township of Salem, Washington County, where his brothers were living. His wife's name was Nancy Graham. They had four children, two sons and two daughters, named James, Mary, William and Margaret. He was a shoemaker by trade. His wife did not live long after coming to America. He married again a widow Stevenson of Cambridge (the mother of William Stevenson who for many years kept a drygoods store in Coila of the above township and became quite wealthy). He lived many years in Coila until he became unable to work at his trade, when he went to the State of Ohio to live with a son and daughter who lived near the village of Reynoldsburg, where he survived but a few years and died an old man and full of days.

James married Miss Margaret Crawford of Cambridge, N. Y., about the year 1802. They lived in Hebron several years, but in the fall of 1811 he with his family moved to Truro Township, Franklin County, Ohio. He cleared up a farm adjoining the village of Reynoldsburg (on the south-east) and had a family of eight children, three sons and five daughters, named Martha, Nancy, Mary, George J., William D., Jane, Margaret and James. His wife was a daughter of James and Martha Crawford who were the first Secedars that settled in the bounds of the U. P. Congregation of Reynoldsburg about the year 1805. She departed this life in the year 1835. He married again a Miss Margaret Campbell with whom he lived about five years when he died in the year 1842.

Martha married Mr. James W. Taylor, son of Robert Taylor of Truro and brother of David Taylor of Columbus, Ohio. She with her husband moved to New Athens, Ohio. Lived there a few years and finally settled in Morrow County, Ohio, under the ministry of Rev. Samuel Hindman, where her husband died about the year 1855. She is living in Mansfield, Ohio, with her daughter Mary Mickey Taylor. They had seven children, two sons and five daughters, named William, James Walker, Margaret Jane, Mary Mickey, Nancy Ann, Martha Eliza and Nancy.

William married and had four children, their mother died and their father moved to Iowa where he and the children now reside (1879).

James Walker married Mary Anderson of Greene County, Ohio. He is a preacher of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. Was first settled in the county of Union, Ohio, and the second time in Northwood, Ohio. He is now settled at Londonderry, Ohio, (1879). They have three children living—Leigh, Anderson and Archie Collins.

Margaret Jane married Mr. Thomas Graham of Reynoldsburg, son of William G. Graham. (See his history on page ten.)

Mary Mickey is not married but lives with her mother in Mansfield, Ohio (1879).

Nancy Ann died in childhood near the village of Iberia.

Martha Eliza married Mr. Joseph Brownlee of Pennsylvania and lives about ten or twelve miles from Burgettstown of that state. They had five children, named —

Nancy died after having arrived at the age of womanhood.

Nancy, second daughter of James and Margaret Graham, married David Graham, son of George and Anna Graham of Truro Township, on the 20th day of December, 1821. (For further particulars see his history on page seven.)

Mary, third daughter of the above, married John Graham in May, 1826. (See his history on page eleven for further particulars.)

George J., first son of the above, married Sarah Graham, daughter of George and Anna Graham of Truro (see page eleven.) He married again Hannah Curry of Greene County, Ohio, by whom he had five children, named James Curry, Martha Matilda, Robert Henderson, Christiann and William Galloway.

James C. married Helen Forester, daughter of Rev. Robert Forester long the pastor of the Reynoldsburg U. P. Congregation. They have two sons named Scott and Robert Forester. They live in Columbus, Ohio. He is buying and selling marketing.

Martha M. married a Mr. McClintock of Burgettstown, Pa. They reside there and he is a wagon and buggy maker by trade.

Robert H. married Darlie Compton of Reynoldsburg and they have one son named —. He is practicing medicine in the town of Mingo, Ohio.

Christiann and Wm. Galloway are both living with their parents in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, at present (1879).

(Christiann married Rev. R. H. Park of Reynoldsburg, January 1st, 1880.)

William D., a son of James and Margaret Graham, married Isabell Sloan of Greene County, Ohio, and soon afterward moved to Illinois, near Monmouth. They had three daughters, named Martha, Margaret and Jane. Their father died leaving them fatherless and their mother a widow. She is married again. Martha died soon after arriving at the age of womanhood.

Jane married and has several children. Lives on a farm near Monmouth, Ill.

Margaret married a Mr. Houston of Roseville, Ill. He is a farmer.

Jane, the fourth daughter of James and Margaret Graham, married Mr. Joseph Robinson of Union County, Ohio. They lived many years on Darby, but finally moved to Hardin County, Ohio, about four miles south of Kenton on the Bellefontaine Turnpike, where they still live (1879). They have eight living children named Martha Ann, Margaret Jane, Nancy Orlena, Angeline, Ovilla, Willson, Nelson and Newton.

Margaret, fifth daughter of James and Margaret Graham, married Mr. Thomas Robinson of Union County, but is now living in Columbus, Ohio. He is one of the largest stock dealers in Ohio. They have one daughter named Loize who is married to Rev. Jeffrey, one of the professors in the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church at Pittsburh, Pa.

James, the third son of James and Margaret Graham, married Lydia Murch, by whom he had one son and three daughters, named Mary, Grace, Caroline and James. Their father died of smallpox. Mary married John Oday and they are living in the town of Van Wert, Ohio. The others are living in Reynoldsburg with their mother (1879).

Mary, the eldest daughter of George and Nancy Graham, married John Frazier of Cambridge, N. Y. In the fall of 1816 they moved to Truro, Franklin County, Ohio. Soon afterwards he departed this life leaving his wife a widow with eight children to care for, two sons and six daughters, named Nancy, Alexander, George, Elizabeth, Margaret, Mary, Jane and Anna. Nancy Frazier married Isaac Crawford of Truro. They moved to New Athens, Ohio, and lived there several years, where she departed this life leaving a number of children. Their father married again and with his family moved to Iowa and laid out the town of Crawfordsville, but soon afterwards died. The children are scattered about but their whereabouts is not known to the writer.

Alexander Frazier married a lady in Fairfield County, Ohio. They have three sons and two daughters, named John, Joseph, George, Katherine and Jane. John died after arriving at the age of manhood. His father died the night after attending the funeral of his son John. The widow and surviving children are living in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, unmarried (1879).

The rest of the Frazier family are either dead or are gone away to parts unknown to the writer.

William, the second son of George and Nancy Graham, married Jane Maxwell of Cambridge, daughter of Walter Maxwell. They moved to the western part of New York State and settled near a village called Clyde on the Erie canal. They had some children but where they are is not known to the writer. The parents are both dead.

Margaret, the youngest daughter of George and Nancy Graham, was not married and died at her brother William's home about middle age.

The following were omitted in their proper place. The children of Joseph and Jane Robinson.



Martha Ann married Mr. Irvine of Union County, Ohio, and lived there several years, when they moved to the west. They have several children.

Margaret Jane married the Rev. Dysart who belonged to the Associate Synod of North America. They had a daughter. He did not live long. She married again and lives in the west somewhere.

Nancy Orlena married and lives out west somewhere.

Willson is married and has one child. Lives on the farm adjoining his father's.

Nelson married a Miss Blain of Hardin County, Ohio. Is a farmer. His farm lies near his father's. Angeline, Ovilla and Newton live with their parents. The former follows teaching school.

We have now gone over all the families of the first three emigrants from Ireland who settled in Washington County, New York. We will now give a little scrap of history which goes to show pretty certainly that our forefathers were originally from Scotland. It is found in a little book entitled "Tales of Grandfather," being stories from the history of Scotland Volume 1st. It appears that in the reign of King James of England there was a clan of Graham who lived on the border between England and Scotland who were very brave and very lawless, on account of which they were removed to the County of Ulster, Ireland, within the bounds of said county the County Down is situated, the county from which our forefathers came when they emigrated to Washington County, New York. This took place in the year one thousand six hundred and thirty. The above goes to show that the old tradition is true that the Grahams were from Scotland.



