

GENEALOGIES
AND
REMINISCENCES.

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VERY many American families, particularly Virginian, trace their descent from John Grigsby, whose ancestors came to this country at a very early date.

The exact time at which they emigrated from England is not definitely known.

One account states, that they came in 1660, another, at the founding of Jamestown, but the former date is the more reliable.

Of the history of the family in the intermediate years but little is positively known, except that they located in Stafford County, Virginia. where, in the year 1720, was born John Grigsby.

In the year 1740. he accompanied Lawrence Washington, in the forces of Admiral Vernon, in the expedition against Carthagena, which was "one of the most important events of Gooch's administration, as, taken in connection with the other colonies, it was another step in the development of union."*

* See History of Augusta County, by J. Lewis Peyton, and collections of Virginia Historical Society, Vol. IX.

Six years later, in 1746, he married Miss Etchison, and removed to Culpepper County, Va.

They had issue:

James.

John,

Charles.

Sally.

William.

His wife died in 1761 or 1762, and about three years later he married Elizabeth Porter, (b. Feb. 22, 1724, d. Oct. 7, 1809), daughter of Benjamin and Ann Campbell Porter, of Orange County, Va.

They had issue:

Ann,

Joseph,

Jane,

Rachel,

Martha,

Elisha,

Elizabeth.

Frances.

Reuben.

With this family, in the autumn of 1779, he, John Grigsby, removed to Rockbridge County, then Augusta, and settled on Fruit Hill Place, where his daughters were married, and where he died, April 7, 1794.

He was the first person buried in Falling Spring Churchyard, Rockbridge.

His grave bears the following inscription:

"Pause, reader, here, and look with solemn dread,
Upon the last lone dwelling of the dead;
Though numerous graves appear on every hand,
This was the first of all the silent band."

Of his descendants. James. his eldest son. married Frances Porter. sister of his father's second wife. and

Had issue:

Benjamin.

John.

Mary.

Hannah.

Simeon.

Benjamin married Elizabeth Blair McPherson.

Had issue:

Hugh Blair Grigsby. LL. D.. of "Edgehill." Charlotte County, Va.

Had issue :

Hugh Carrington.

Mary Blair.

A biographical sketch of Hugh Blair Grigsby, can be found in "Virginia Historical Collections," Vol. IX.

Sarah. daughter of John Grigsby. married Thomas Welch.

Had issue.

Mildred. married Alexander McCorkle.

Had issue.

Nancy Welch, married William McCorkle.

Had Issue.

Rosa Welch, married William Cunningham.

Had issue.

Betsy Welch, married Benjamin Darst.

Had issue.

Benjamin Welch, married Charlotte Pitzer.

Had issue.

Thomas Welch, married Elizabeth Porter Grigsby.

Had issue.

1. Sarah, married J. William Buchanan.

Had issue.

2. Mary Ashly, married Mr. Kaylor.

Jane Welch, married Benjamin Holmes.

Had issue.

Rachel Welch, married Thomas Wilson.

William, son of John Grigsby, married Sally Porter.

Had issue:

Phœbe,

Elizabeth.

Cynthia,

Samuel,

Caroline.

Joseph Grigsby, son of Elizabeth Porter, the second wife, married Mary Ashly Scott.

Had issue.

1. Jane Ashly, married James W. Goss.

Had issue.

2. James Scott, married Judith Porter.

Had issue.

3. John Warren, married Susan Shelby, grand-daughter of Isaac Shelby, first Governor of Kentucky.

Had issue.

John Warren Grigsby raised the Sixth Kentucky Regiment, Cavalry, Confederate Army, and attached himself to the command of General Wheeler. He was subsequently appointed Inspector-General of all the cavalry in Johnston's command, which position he held until the close of the war, 1865. General Grigsby was a member of the Kentucky Legislature at the time of his death, Jan. 8, 1877.

4. Andrew Jackson Grigsby. A veteran of the Mexican War, also of the Confederate. Colonel Grigsby was a brilliant officer in the Stonewall Brigade.

Martha, daughter of John Grigsby, married Alexander Trimble.

No issue.

Died in her ninety-seventh year.

Elisha, son of John Grigsby, married Elizabeth Porter.

Had issue:

1. Abner, married Margaret Thompson.

Had issue.

2. John, married.

Had issue.

3. Joseph, married.

Had issue.

4. Frances Jane, married Jacob Mohler.

Had issue.

5. Elizabeth, married Thomas Welch.

Had issue.

6. Hannah, married David Greenlee.

Had issue:

Elizabeth,

Hannah Mary.

Elisha.

Robert,

Emmeline.

Lavinia.

Jane.

Wood.

7. Verlinda, married Thomas Scott.

Had issue.

Jane, daughter of John Grigsby, married William Paxton.

Had issue.

1. Joseph.

2. Betsy, married Alexander McClure.

3. Polly, married James Greenlee.

Had issue.

4. Patsy, married Joseph Steele.

Had issue:

Alexander,

Agnes.

Frances.

William.

Joseph,

Mary Ashly.

Josephine,

Phæbe.

5. Phæbe (Paxton), married John Grigsby.

6. Sally, married William Templeton.

Had issue:

7. Rachel.

8. Thomas, married.

No issue.

9. John.
10. Samuel.
11. Benjamin.
12. William. married Sally Burks.
Had issue.

Seven sons and four daughters, of whom Charles H.
married Elizabeth Smithson.

Had issue:
Martha Hamilton.

13. Frances Jane (Paxton).
14. Agnes Ann,
15. Hannah.
16. Berlinda W.

Frances. daughter of John Grigsby, married Thomas
Beckham.

Had issue:

1. James A..
2. John G..
3. Hannah.
4. Eliza.
5. Martha,
6. Frances, married D. S. Gwin.

Had issue:

a. D. William Gwin. D. D.. LL. D.. married Jennie Howell.

b. Thomas T. Gwin. married Margaret Mohler.

c. Frances V. Gwin. born May 6. 1850. married Rev. J. Pike Powers.

Had issue:

Frank Beckham, M. D..

David Theophilus.

John Pike.

Laviece Gwin.

Fannie Montgomery,

Laura Drake.

Harold.

Mrs. Powers prepares her own children for college. (has entered three); teaches them modern languages and to play on several musical instruments.

7. Abner (Beckham).

Reuben. son of John Grigsby. was born at Fruit Hill. 1780, educated at Washington College, a member of the House of Delegates of Virginia. captain United States Army. in the war of 1812. sheriff of Rockbridge County, trustee of Washington College. 1830-1843; married Verlinda Porter.

Had issue:

1. Lucien P.

No issue.

2. Abner Joseph.
No issue.
3. Hugh Blair.
No issue.
4. Hannah Francis, married John G. Hamilton.
Had issue:
 - a. Cornelia.
 - b. Abbie.
 - c. Maria.
 - d. Elizabeth.
 - e. Virginia.
 - f. William T.
6. Elizabeth J., (daughter of Reuben Grigsby).
7. Mary Ann Grigsby, married William S. McCormick. July 11, 1848. Removed to Chicago. October. 1849.
Had issue:
 - a. Robert Sanderson, married Katherine Medill.
Had issue.
 - b. William G., married Eleanor Brooks.
Had issue.
 - c. Emma Louise, married Perry H. Smith
Had issue.

- d. Reubenia. married Edward T. Blair.
Had issue.
- e. Lucy Virginia. married Samuel R. Jewett.
Had issue.
- S. Lucy Maria Grigsby. married Norbourne E. Chandler.
Had issue.
- a. Reuben G..
- b. Walter Temple.
- c. Verlinda Porter.
- d. Lucian Hamilton.
- e. Mary Blair died in her twenty-fifth year.
- f. Elizabeth Gertrude.
- g. Norbourne S..
- h. Lucy S..
- i. Juliette S.
- 9. Reuben W. Grigsby. married S. Temple Chandler. M. D.
Had issue:
- a. DeLacy M..
- b. Lucy Verlinda.
- c. Joseph S..
- d. Anna Hamilton.

- e. Emma Temple.
- f. Frank Paxton.
- g. Warren M..
- h. M. Louise.
- 10. Emma S. Grigsby. married George S. Herbert.

No issue.

Elizabeth. daughter of John Grigsby. married William McNutt.

Had issue:

- 1. John. married Frances Steele.

Had issue.

- 2. Reuben. married Elizabeth Ruff.

No issue.

- 3. Robert B.. M. D.. married Elizabeth E. Peck.

Had issue.

- 4. Benjamin G.. married.

Had issue.

- 5. Elizabeth. married Mr. Cowherd

Had issue.

- 6. Elisha G. B.. married.

Had issue.

Rachel, daughter of John Grigsby, was born May 7, 1771, and spent her girlhood at Fruit Hill Place, Rockbridge County, Va. She was five feet eight inches in height; had gray eyes, flaxen hair and fair complexion. In 1788, she married Alexander McNutt, of the same County, and had issue, thirteen children. Her husband's death, in 1812, left her a widow at forty-one years of age, with this large family to bring up and educate. Such an undertaking, was no light one, but she realized her fondest hopes and expectations in regard to them. She was a strict Presbyterian, and, with her family, attended Falling Spring Church. Notwithstanding all her domestic cares and duties, in connection with her vocation, that of planting, she found time to devote to the reading of politics and theology, as was customary for ladies in those days. Mrs. McNutt was known throughout the County, and almost throughout the State, as a woman of remarkable worth and force of character, and although fifty years have elapsed since her decease, her name still commands the highest respect. After marrying her daughters satisfactorily and settling her sons in professions and business, and when her work was done, and well done, she departed this life in her seventy-first year. Her death was caused by an accidental fall. She was buried in the cemetery at Lexington.

In 1784, there was presented to the General Assembly, in the House of Delegates, of Virginia, a petition against religious assessments, for the support of ministers of the

gospel of all denominations. They, the petitioners, say that, "by a general tax, all will be rendered so independent of the will of the particular societies for their support, that all will be infected with the common contagion, and we shall be more likely to have the State swarming with fools, sots and gamblers, than with a sober, sensible and exemplary clergy."

Among the hundred and twenty-two signers, appears the name of John McNutt, father of Alexander McNutt.

John McNutt, and his wife, Katherine Anderson, came from Ulster Province, Ireland, about the year 1750, and located in Rockbridge County, Va., on the North River, about six miles east of Lexington, where he had grants of land from the government.

Although the McNutt's came from Ireland, they were of Scotch descent, and John McNutt bore the soubriquet of "Johnny, the Scotchman."

It is said, that the original name was McKnight, and that on their emigration from Scotland to Ireland, they changed it to McNutt. This statement is quite confirmed by the fact that on examination of a full and complete directory of Scotland, in 1889, the name McNutt was not found.

Katherine Anderson, wife of John McNutt, had a brother, ancestor of the Anderson family, of Botetourt Co., Va.

Among the descendants of Colonel William Anderson and Anne Thomas, his wife, were John T. and William Anderson, of Botetourt County, Judge Frank T. Anderson, of Lexington, Katherine Anderson, who married Robert

Glasgow. and General Joseph R. Anderson. of Richmond. The last named. graduated at West Point. with distinction. served in the Florida war. engineer of his native State. and built up successfully the Tredegar Iron Works. at Richmond.

John McNutt and his wife Katherine. had issue, seven sons:

Alexander,

Robert.

John.

Isaac.

Benjamin.

William.

Joseph.

And two daughters.

Margaret. and

Rebecca.

Robert McNutt. fell. mortally wounded. at the battle of Cowpens. S. C.. Jan. 17, 1781.

No issue.

John McNutt. married Mary Laird.

No issue.

Isaac McNutt removed to Louisiana.

Benjamin McNutt removed to Tennessee.

William McNutt, married Elizabeth Grigsby.

Had issue:

Joseph McNutt, history unknown.

Margaret McNutt, married ——— Rhodes.

No issue.

Rebecca McNutt, married John McCorkle, who fell mortally wounded. at Cowpens. He left two sons:

1. Samuel.

2. Alexander, Captain in second war with England.
Married Mildred Welch.

Had issue:

a. Samuel, married.

Had issue.

b. Thomas, married.

Had issue.

c. John, married.

Had issue:

d. Alexander B., D. D.

e. William A., married.

Had issue:

William A., Governor of West Virginia

f. Melinda, married James Bumgardner.

Had issue.

g. Rebecca, married Baxter Brawford.

Had issue.

Mrs. McCorkle afterwards married Arthur Glasgow.

Had issue:

1. Joseph, married.

Had issue.

2. John, married Martha McNutt.

Had issue.

3. Robert, married Katherine Anderson.

Had issue:

a. Margaret Gordon.

b. Joseph.

c. William A., Attorney-at-Law, State Senator. Married.

Had issue:

d. Rebekah A.

e. Frank, married.

Had issue:

f. Robert.

g. Kate, married James H. Paxton.

Had issue:

h. Mary. married John Dunlop.

No issue.

4. Margaret. daughter of Arthur Glasgow. married James Edmondson.

Had issue:

a. Judge James K.. of Lexington. Colonel. Confederate Army.

b. Rebecca. married John Conevey.

5. Rebecca. daughter of Arthur Glasgow, married John Carr.

No issue.

Alexander, son of John McNutt. was born Dec. 10. 1754. In 1788, he married Rachel, daughter of John and Elizabeth Porter Grigsby, of Fruit Hill, and had issue, thirteen children, as before stated. He was a Revolutionary soldier, and fought against the British at the battle of Cowpens. The powder-horn which he carried in that engagement, is in the possession of his grand-daughter, Henrietta Hamilton McCormick, and will be given to her grandson, Robert Hall McCormick, Jr. But little is known of Alexander McNutt, by his descendants, except that he was a planter, slave-holder, and Presbyterian. He had extensive landed property on North River, seven miles east of Lexington, on which he and his family resided, and which his widow occupied afterwards. A portion of this land was granted by the Commonwealth to his father, John McNutt, in the year 1798. The place is situated about a mile west of the new town of Buena Vista.

Alexander McNutt died of pneumonia, March 29, 1812, and was buried in the cemetery at Lexington, Va.

Alexander McNutt had an uncle of the same name, brother of John McNutt, concerning whom there are some interesting details. This Alexander McNutt took part, in 1756, in an expedition, called the "Sandy Creek Expedition," against the Shawnee Indians. Being recommended by Governor Dinwiddie, of Virginia, to the King, he received from the English government extensive grants of land in the province of Nova Scotia (since the French had been driven out of Acadia), upon condition of introducing other settlers, and accordingly, in 1762, brought over many persons from the North of Ireland, including some of his own name, and settled them in and around Halifax, Nova Scotia. The lands, which he had received from the English government, proved to be of little avail to him, as a few years later, his property was confiscated, when he took part against the English in the Revolutionary war. He joined the American army at Saratoga, and was afterwards an officer under De Kalb, in the South. He never married, and died in Rockbridge County, in 1811.

The children of Alexander and Rachel Grigsby McNutt, were large, fine looking and healthy, of the blonde and half-blonde type, with grey or blue eyes, and light, golden, or brown hair, the daughters, averaging in height, five feet seven inches, and the sons, five feet eleven inches. In all the relations of life they displayed great moral worth, combined with remarkable energy.

The following are their names :

John.

Margaret.

Elizabeth.

Anderson.

Rebecca.

Martha.

Alexander Gallatin.

Katherine.

Janetta.

Frances.

Joseph P.,

Benjamin F.. and

Sally.

John, born 1790. went south to Louisiana. and died early.

Margaret, born July 8. 1792. married Elisha Paxton.

Had issue:

1. William Hays. born April 1. 1811. Died at New Orleans. Married.

Had issue:

Louisa.

Mary,

Virginia.

2. Alexander M., born March 17, 1814. Married.
Removed to Mississippi.

Had issue.

3. Andrew Jackson, born March 18, 1816. Married.
Removed to Mississippi. He was a venerable and useful member of the Convention which framed the late new Constitution of that State.

4. James Gardner, born November 4, 1821. Remained in Virginia. "For several years he represented Rockbridge, as its Senator and Delegate, with a tact and vigilance, unusual in a deliberative body." He was the father of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. He married Ann Maria White.

Had issue:

a. Mary White, married Rev. F. B. Webb.

Had issue:

b. Susan White.

c. Margaret.

d. James Gardner.

James Gardner Paxton, and his son of the same name, and also a nephew, McNutt Paxton, lost their lives in a railroad accident, on the Chesapeake & Ohio R. R., at Jerry's Run, Aug. 6, 1870.

5. Rachel Eleanor, daughter of Elisha and Margaret Paxton, was born March 4, 1825. Married John W. Buckner. Died July 25, 1865.

Had issue.

6. Elisha Franklin, son of Elisha Paxton, was born March 4, 1828. Entered Washington College and graduated in 1845. He next became a graduate of Yale College in 1847, and afterwards took the degree of Bachelor of Law, at the University of Virginia. He married Elizabeth H. White, in Lexington, 1854.

Had issue:

- a. Matthew White,
- b. John Gallatin,
- c. Frank.

On April 18, 1861, E. Franklin Paxton, marched, as Lieutenant of the Rockbridge Rifles, for Harper's Ferry, and thenceforward, to its close, his life was devoted to the cause, which he held dearest, the defence of his native State, and her liberties. He was Brigadier General of the Stonewall Brigade, Colston's Division, and fell on the same day as his great commander, on the memorable field of Chancellorsville, May 3, 1863.

7. John Gallatin, son of Elisha Paxton, was born Nov. 19, 1832. Died at Greenville, Mississippi, Sept. 15, 1859.

Elizabeth McNutt, born March 23, 1794. Married John Hamilton.

Anderson McNutt, born 1795. Removed to Louisiana. Was a wealthy sugar planter, owning one hundred and fifty slaves, whom he freed by will. Died in 1860.

Martha McNutt, born 1798. Married John Glasgow.

Had issue:

- a. Arthur.
- b. Rachel, married Robert McDowell.
No issue.
- c. Alexander M., married Laura Mackey.
Had issue.
- d. Martha, married John C. Bell.
Had issue.

Rebecca McNutt, married Hugh Hickman. Removed to Missouri, 1830.

Had issue:

- 1. Alexander McNutt.
- 2. John Anderson,
- 3. Reuben Grigsby.
- 4. Philander Allen,
- 5. Jacob Jackson,
- 6. Hugh Lafayette,
- 7. Ann Louisa,
- 8. Benjamin Franklin.
- 9. Joseph Gallatin,
- 10. James Gardner.

James Gardner Hickman, the last mentioned, was a physician at Hannibal, Mo. Married. Died without issue, aged 50 years, August, 1893. He gave to Henrietta Hamilton McCormick, the powder-horn carried by Alexander McNutt

in the Revolutionary war. It was taken to Missouri from Virginia by the Hickman family in 1830. and remained in their possession until 1891. Dr. Hickman wrote a poem of some merit on "The Red Man."

Alexander Gallatin McNutt. born Sept. 12, 1801; "graduated at Washington College. Va.. 1821; emigrated to Mississippi in 1828; settled in Vicksburg. in the practice of law. and soon established a reputation as a political speaker. He was in the Legislature for several years. Speaker of the Senate in 1837. and Governor of the State the next year." an office which he held two terms. He was a candidate for Congress at the time of his death. which occurred Oct 22. 1848, from typhoid fever. His last words were. "What's the news from Pennsylvania?" He was married.

No issue.

Katherine McNutt, born 1804. Died 1874.

Janetta McNutt, born 1804. Married William Jenkins. a wealthy planter. Removed to Kanawha County, Va.

Had issue:

1. Jefferson. married.

Had issue.

2. William A., M. D., married.

Had issue.

3. Eustatia. married Pembroke Waugh.

Had issue.

4. Albert Gallatin, born Nov. 10, 1830. "Was educated at the Virginia Military Institute, at Jefferson College, Pa., where he was graduated in 1848, and at Harvard Law School, where he was graduated in 1850. He was admitted to the bar, but never practiced, devoting himself, instead, to agriculture. He was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention, in Cincinnati, in 1856, a member of Congress from Cabell County, Va., 1857-1861, and a delegate from Virginia to the Provisional Confederate Congress, in the latter year. He then entered the Confederate army, and was appointed a Brigadier General, Aug. 5, 1862. He commanded a Brigade in A. P. Hill's Division, and afterwards in Stuart's Cavalry." He was in the field at Gettysburg, and served in the Shenandoah Valley and Western Virginia. He was killed, in action, at Dublin, Va., May 7, 1864, aged thirty-three years and five months.

Frances McNutt, born Sept. 6, 1806. Married James McChesney.

Had issue:

1. Elizabeth J., married Robert Echols.

Had issue.

2. Alexander Gallatin, M. D., married Sally Moffett.

Had issue.

3. Robert, Lieutenant Company H, 14th Virginia Cavalry, C. S. A. He was the first man killed in the war from Rockbridge, Va., June 29, 1861.

4. Rachel Grigsby, married William M. Crawford. M. D.
Had issue.

5. Martha E., married W. B. Moffett.
Had issue.

6. Frances Ann Louisa. married ——— Lewis.

7. Mary, married Edward Lewis.
Had issue.

8. James Z., Elder First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, W. Va. Married Lucy Johnson.
Had issue.

Joseph P., son of Alexander and Rachel Grigsby McNutt, born in 1808; graduated at Washington College in 1827; removed to Vicksburg, Miss.; was a distinguished lawyer and advocate. Died of cholera in 1833.

No issue.

Benjamin F. McNutt, born in 1810; graduated at Washington College in 1829; studied medicine in Philadelphia. In 1834, when on a voyage to South America, he was shipwrecked and drowned.

Sally McNutt, born in 1812; married Ferdinand Sims at Vicksburg, Miss., when visiting her brother, Governor McNutt.

Had issue:

1. Laura, married Henry de Veuve.

Had issue:

- a. Harry P.,
 - b. Prentiss A.,
 - c. James Hamilton,
 - d. Julia Eugenia. married Lieutenant Fred G. Dodge,
U. S. N.,
 - e. Clarence,
 - f. Earle,
 - g. Gardner.
- 2. Smith D.. lived and died in Galveston.
 - 3. Eugenie M.. married Louis Alaric Clifton, of Gal-
veston.
Had issue.
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James Hamilton. father of John Hamilton, gave the following account of his ancestry, in a paper found in a hidden drawer in an old desk. sixty-eight years after his death:

..My original progenitors came from Stirling. Scotland. (three brothers). at the time of the great Rebellion, (the Cromwellian). and landed in the North of Ireland. My grandfather's name was James Hamilton, who died at ninety years of age; my father's name was also James Hamilton; he died in his eighty-sixth year. He lived in the village, Glen Garland, in the parish of Donaghedy, County Tyrone, six miles from Londonderry and seven from Strabane. The

name of my mother's father was James Laury. of my mother's mother. Gean Bell. They lived in Coleraine. I, James Hamilton. was born Sept. 2. 1748."

From recent heraldic investigations and foreign correspondence, it would appear that the three brothers, who landed in the North of Ireland at the time of the great Rebellion, were in direct descent from Sir Gilbert Hamilton, the founder of the family of Hamilton in Scotland, in the reign of Edward II, of England, between 1307 and 1327. The coat of arms recorded in the counties of Tyrone, Down, and Antrim, Ireland, (where the three brothers, respectively, settled), as well as those of Scotland, show descent from Sir Gilbert Hamilton.

Of James Hamilton, we have the following traditional account: He was seven years at school in Londonderry; was especially proficient in mathematics, and attended dancing school, while there. On coming to this country, he was attired in the gentleman's costume of the times, short breeches and knee buckles, etc., and brought twenty-seven linen shirts with him. He landed at Philadelphia, Oct. 9, 1771, when twenty-three years of age, after a passage of seven weeks and three days, from Londonderry, just one century previous to the great Chicago Fire, when many of his descendants were fleeing from the flames. He had two brothers and two or three sisters, who, either came before, or followed him to America.

John, the eldest one of the family, settled near Winchester, Va., and purchased considerable property there. His home a fine brick residence, was situated on the main turn

pike road leading to Staunton. Doubtless many of his descendants are now living in that section of the country.

He had a sister, Jane, who married a Mr. Barton, of Winchester.

His brother, Samuel, settled in Rockbridge County, Va.

James Hamilton married Jane Gilbreath, at Hagarstown, Maryland, about five years after his arrival in this country. Where his life was spent, in the meantime, is not known. His wife, Jane Gilbreath, was said to have been the prettiest girl at Tuscarora meeting house, a small church in either Berkeley or Jefferson County, Va. She was born at sea, (the voyage having lasted six months by the ship losing its bearings); she was three or four months old when she landed, about the year 1750. She was of medium size. The exact date of her birth or death is not known, but she died at an advanced age.

James Hamilton and his wife, Jane, started with wagons and teams, to remove to Tennessee, but when they had gone as far as Pattonsburg, Va., their horses were taken with the glanders. They could proceed no further, and decided to remain in Virginia, and purchased land in Botetourt County. He was a teacher, surveyor and farmer. He died of dysentery, Jan. 19, 1812. A short time before he expired, he was asked if he felt prepared to die? He replied: "I feel that I have a building above, 'a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.'" He left a little history of his family to his son William, and he, gave it to his son, John G., who, being but nineteen years of age

and not appreciating its value, lost it. and thereby the descendants are deprived of their family history, except the meager accounts given above.

They, James and Jane,

Had issue:

1. William, born Dec. 25, 1777. married Mary Thompson.

Had issue:

a. Jane, married John McCown.

Had issue.

b. Eliza, married James Douglas.

Had issue.

c. Phœbe, married William Lackey.

Had issue.

d. Julia.

e. William T., died aged twenty-four years.

f. Nancy, married Henry Mackey.

Had issue, four sons and three daughters:

Mattie,

Laura,

Lucy.

g. John Gilbreath, born in Rockbridge County, Va.,
Feb. 3, 1820, married Hannah Frances Grigsby.

Had issue:

a. Cornelia, married Edward H. Noyes.

Had issue.

- b. Abbie, married Augustus S. Campbell.
Had issue.
- c. Maria, married William B. Keen.
Had issue.
- d. Elizabeth, married Francis C. Pope.
Had issue.
- e. Virginia, married R. Grisby Chandler.
Had issue.
- f. William T., accidentally drowned, aged twenty-three years.

John G. Hamilton removed with his family to Chicago in 1865.

h. Mary Margaret, daughter of William Hamilton, married Nathan Taliaferro.

Had issue:

- 1. Frank, M. D., married Mary Courtenay Watkins.
Had issue.
- 2. Lucy, married Edward H. Pettit.
No issue.
- i. Alfred L. Hamilton, M. D., married Lucy Steele.
No issue.

William Hamilton was for many years an Elder in the Presbyterian Church, at Lexington. Died in his sixty-second year.

2. Margaret, daughter of James and Jane Hamilton. was born in 1780. Married William Miller. Died in her eighty-fifth year.

Had issue:

James,

David,

William.

Mary Jane, married Benjamin Davis.

Nancy, married James William Henshaw.

Had issue.

3. Gilbreath, son of James and Jane Hamilton, was born in 1782. Married Nancy Jacobs. Died aged seventy-five years.

Had issue:

a. James, married Rachel Thompson.

Had issue.

b. John W., whose memory should never fade from the community in which he lived and labored with the true missionary spirit. Married Paulina Ann Watts.

Had issue:

I. Elizabeth, married Preston B. Hogshead.

Had issue.

II. William Watts, married Virginia Mish.

Had issue.



LOCUST HILL—1890.
Erected, 1825.

III. Frank Gilbreath, married Callie Perney.

Had issue.

IV. Hubert Alexander.

V. Mary Ella, married Charles F. Jordan.

Had issue.

VI. Emma Buckner, married Samuel McDowell Gold.

Had issue.

c. Eliza, daughter of Gilbreath Hamilton, married James Watts.

Had issue.

d. Harriet, married John S. Cummins.

Had issue.

e. William G., married Evaline McCormick.

Had issue:

Emma B., married Robert Craig.

William A.,

James W.,

Andrew S.

f. Andrew J., son of Gilbreath Hamilton, was educated at the Virginia Military Institute. Married Mary Jones.

Had issue:

Warren,

Fannie H., married William C. Gilmore.

Had issue:

Joseph.

g. Margaret Ann, daughter of Gilbreath Hamilton.
married James Thompson.

Had issue.

h. Alexander L. Hamilton, Principal of a Ladies' Sem-
inary. at Cuthbert. Georgia. Married.

Had issue.

4. James, son of James Hamilton, born in 1784. Died
aged sixty-five years.

No issue.

5. Isabel, daughter of James Hamilton, born in 1787.
Married James Hartness. Died aged eighty years.

Had issue:

Elizabeth,

Margaret.

6. Jane, daughter of James Hamilton, born in 1791.
Married Richard Lockett. Removed with her family from
Wythe County, Virginia, to Illinois, in 1830. Died aged
eighty-eight years and six months.

Had issue:

James Hamilton, married.

Had issue.

Daniel G., married.

Had issue.

Eliza E., married A. B. Smith.

Had issue.

Margaret J.

Sarah H., married Rev. Walton C. Smith.

Had issue.

John, son of James Hamilton, was born June 9, 1789, near Pattonsburg, Botetourt County, Va. He was five feet seven inches in height, fair complexion, light blue eyes, Roman nose, fine dark hair, and physically very strong and healthy. He removed to Rockbridge, at twenty-four years of age, and married Elizabeth, daughter of Alexander and Rachel Grigsby McNutt. Aug. 29, 1816.

They had issue:

James Gilbreath,

Rachel Grigsby,

Henrietta Maria,

Margaret Jane,

Martha Elizabeth,

Alexander McNutt.

Isabella Rebecca.

Soon after his marriage he purchased five hundred acres of land, five miles east of Lexington, and commenced planting, which vocation he continued during life. In 1825,

he built a brick residence. Locust Hill, where he brought up his family. It still remains in a good state of preservation, (1894), although the interior was burned out in 1855, and afterwards restored plainly. It is now in possession of his grandson, Hamilton Krebs. John Hamilton was an energetic, enterprising and prosperous man, of a very strong, decided and upright character. He was public spirited, and always took part in promoting every movement brought forward for the public welfare. He was an exceptionally genial and hospitable man, and was greatly beloved and respected by a large circle of friends and acquaintances, over whom he exerted a wide influence for good, as well as upon his children and servants.

When forty-three years of age, he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and by his confession, was "born again, Aug. 21, 1832." From that time he had family worship every night and morning, and had the satisfaction of seeing his children grow up honorable men and women, with great respect for their father and mother. From the time of his conversion—a period of forty years—he served God "in spirit and in truth," and devoted himself to religious works and charities, in connection with the Church, particularly Wesley Chapel, of which he was a leading member. He was an ardent lover of natural scenery, and was especially enthusiastic in his admiration of the Blue Ridge and the Valley of Virginia. He was a great rider, and frequently, in his old age, rode to the Natural Bridge, a distance of twelve miles, to see that wonderful curiosity, to which he was so much attached, and often pointed out,

with keen interest, the figures of the eagle and the lion in the arch overhead.

He and his wife Elizabeth, made three visits to Chicago, when it required three or four days to make the journey. In 1852, on their first visit, he was fully impressed with the prospective greatness of the city, and purchased forty acres in the south-western division. Their second visit was in the autumn of 1856. At that time he became quite enthusiastic over the growth and enterprise of the place. Their third visit was made in 1859-60, when they remained six months with their children, and returned home to undergo the vicissitudes and privations of the civil war, which broke out the following spring. Fortunately, they were not molested, nor their threshold invaded at any time during the struggle.

At Stonewall Jackson's funeral, in Lexington, in 1863, John Hamilton was one of the honorary pall bearers.

He had often questioned whether people were conscious of dying, at the moment of death, and expressed the opinion, that, if so, one should make a sign to that effect. Accordingly, when dying, he waved his right hand, as a token of knowledge of the fact, and throwing out both hands twice, as if to say: "Good-bye! Good-bye!" immediately expired, and thus ended a long life of great usefulness and happiness. His daughter, Henrietta, and son Alexander, were present and witnessed this remarkable instance of consciousness at the last moment. This event occurred, Aug. 7, 1871, in his eighty-fourth year, at his

own home, Locust Hill. He and his wife, Elizabeth McNutt, were buried in the cemetery, at Lexington.

Elizabeth, third child of Alexander and Rachel Grigsby McNutt, was born March 23, 1794. She had fair complexion, blue eyes, long straight nose, dark hair, and was five feet seven inches in height. She was a pupil, at one time, at Ann Smith Academy, Lexington. On August 29, 1816, when twenty-two years of age, she married John Hamilton, son of James Hamilton, as before stated. Her wedding dress was of a closely woven, white twilled silk, called, "Laventine," made demi-train, gored, and plain in the front and sides, plaited or gathered in the back, the bodice being short, with low neck and short sleeves, trimmed with a quilling of white satin ribbon.

After the wedding, they made a bridal tour to Winchester, about one hundred and fifty miles distant, where the groom had relatives, the chief of these, an uncle, John Hamilton, and an aunt, Jane Hamilton Barton. They made the journey in a new gig, which was considered very stylish and novel in those primitive days. After enjoying the hospitality of their relatives for a few weeks, they returned to set up a home for themselves.

Mrs. Hamilton was a faithful wife and mother, a kind neighbor, and a most hospitable hostess to her numerous guests, who loved to visit in the old Virginia style.

"There, ne'er again the host's convivial voice
Shall bid, with cordial greetings, to rejoice,
Nor careful housewife's kindly proffered board
Be spent to tempt the traveler to her board."

As with all women of "ye olden time," her home was her sphere. She was a person of fine breeding and culture. She not only possessed physical and mental strength, but a strong character, and such charity as is described in 1 Cor., xiii. 4-5. Her religious life and sound principles were impressed upon her children, by both precept and example. She died on Good Friday, April 7, 1871, in her seventy-eighth year, and was buried on Easter Sunday.

James Gilbreath, son of John and Elizabeth Hamilton, was born in Rockbridge County, Va., Oct. 18, 1817. He was five feet eight inches in height, and of fair complexion. He graduated at Dickinson College, Pa., in 1838, and in 1842, commenced the practice of law in Lexington. In the same year, he married Martha Ann Smith, daughter of Abram Smith, of Rockingham County.

No issue.

They removed to Chicago in May, 1853. After the great fire, 1871, they made their home in Evanston, where they became deeply interested in the Northwestern University, and in its religious and classical surroundings. He was a trustee of the University for more than thirty years and during that period held every office within its gift except that of the Presidency. His signature may be found on many diplomas granted by that institution. He was religious, kind, honorable and charitable, and spent much of his time working for others. The Methodist Episcopal Church was the denomination to which he belonged, and for which he most earnestly labored and prayed. He died in Evanston,

June 13, 1893, of paralysis, in his seventy-sixth year, and was buried by the side of his wife, in Graceland, Chicago.

Rachel Grigsby, daughter of John and Elizabeth Hamilton, was born April 24, 1820. She was five feet eight inches in height, had a large Roman nose, blue eyes and dark hair. She married Rev. John W. Osborne, August 4, 1836.

Had issue:

1. Sarah Georgiana, married John G. Cress.

No issue.

2. Mary Josephine, married James P. Clark.

Had issue:

Ernest Lyle. Married.

Had issue.

Tracy Hamilton.

3. John Hamilton. Removed to Kansas.

4. William Yeatman. Removed to Missouri. Married.

Had issue.

5. Frank Olin. Received degree of M. A. from Racine College, and that of B. L. from University of Wisconsin. Married.

Had issue:

Rachel Grigsby.

6. Virginia E., married George Ross.

Had issue:

Robert.

7. Grace, married William H. Mortimer.

Had issue:

Arthur Osborne.

Elsie Maud.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborne and family, removed from Virginia to Chicago in 1853. In November, 1863, Mrs. Osborne died of heart disease, and was buried in Graceland, Chicago. She was a woman of noble character, fine mental ability and superior worth.

Margaret Jane, daughter of John and Elizabeth Hamilton, was born Sept. 16, 1824. She had large blue eyes straight nose, dark hair, fair complexion, and was five feet seven inches in height. She received a good education at the country schools, and was afterwards sent to boarding school at Ann Smith Academy, Lexington. She married Rev. William Krebs.

Had issue:

1. Betty Bell, married William H. Crawford, of Baltimore.

Had issue:

Helen.

Arthur Krebs.

2. Kate, married William H. Beebe. of Chicago.

Had issue:

William Hempstead.

Margaret Hamilton.

Betty Bell.

Krebs.

3. James Harry. graduated at St. John's College. Annapolis. Later, took the degree of B. L. at the University of Virginia. Married.

4. William Samuel. Married.

Had issue:

William.

5. John Hamilton. married Nettie Jones.

Had issue:

Florence.

William.

6. Alexander.

Martha Elizabeth. daughter of John and Elizabeth Hamilton. was born March 9, 1827. She had hazel eyes, very abundant long brown hair. and was five feet seven inches in height. Like her sisters, she finished her education at Ann Smith Academy. She married William T. Smithson.

Had issue:

1. Elizabeth M., married Charles H. Paxton.

Had issue:

Martha Hamilton.

2. Ella Marshall.

3. Margaret L., married Howard G. Avery.

Alexander McNutt, son of John and Elizabeth Hamilton, was born Feb. 24, 1830; graduated at Dickinson College, Pa., 1850. He was five feet ten inches in height; blonde in complexion, and was a polished gentleman, of most honorable character; a very kind and true friend. In 1857, he married Virginia B. Smith, half-sister of his brother's wife, and daughter of Abram Smith.

Had issue:

1. Lenwood.
2. Alexander Burns.

He was actively engaged in the great civil strife, on the Confederate side, the Regiment to which he belonged, being the Fourth Virginia, Co. C., (Stonewall Brigade.) He was in the battles of Manassas and Bull Run, and other engagements, and served in the army three years. Captain Alexander Hamilton died Sept. 7, 1880, aged fifty years, and was buried at Harrisonburg, Virginia, greatly lamented by a large circle of friends, relatives and acquaintances.

Isabella Rebecca, daughter of John and Elizabeth Hamilton, was born May 3, 1833. She was five feet five inches in height, fair complexion, large Roman nose, grey eyes and

most abundant light brown hair. She married Charles E. Haas, attorney-at-law, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Had issue:

1. Mary Samuels, married John H. Christian, attorney-at-law, Lynchburg, Virginia.

Had issue:

Arthur Hallam.

2. Talfourd N., graduated in law at the University of Virginia; succeeded his father in Harrisonburg.

3. Nettie McCormick, died in her sixteenth year, of typhoid fever.

4. Harold Hamilton.

Henrietta Maria, daughter of John and Elizabeth McNutt Hamilton, was born in Rockbridge, Va., five miles east of Lexington, and twelve miles north of the Natural Bridge, May 25, 1822. She was five feet four inches in height, with fair complexion, blue eyes and dark hair. Her childhood was principally passed in the Old field school house, sitting on hard benches from half-past seven in the morning until five or six in the afternoon. She was brought up to riding on horseback, by which her life was sometimes endangered. At one time, she rode one hundred and fifty miles in ten days, with ladies only as her companions, visiting in the Alleghany Mountains. At fourteen years of age she was sent to boarding school, at Ann Smith Academy, Lexington, of which Charles Chapin was Principal.



MARTHA HAMILTON SMITHSON.

1891.

Miss Ann Smith, the founder of this institution, was one of the earliest promoters of female education in this country. The school was established about the year 1812.

Henrietta studied natural philosophy, chemistry, astronomy, logic, rhetoric, botany, ancient and modern histories and music, modern languages being but little studied at that time, were not taken up, much to her regret. Among other pleasant reminiscences of her happy days at this Seminary and of her dear schoolmates, she recalls the time when she was unanimously chosen "Queen of May." The festival took place in May, 1838, in the school grounds, amid a crowd of spectators, just as the sun was setting. She remembers a few of the words spoken on that occasion.

The opening address was made by Mary Cumings:

"We have assembled this evening for the purpose of crowning our favorite, Henrietta, 'Queen of May.' Nature hath greatly aided in displaying her beauties in rich profusion, and our youthful hearts beat high with pleasure as we hail thee, Henrietta, 'Queen of May.'"

The crown, decreed thy youthful brow,
By those who stand around thee now,
May it a beauteous emblem prove
Of smiling joy, of peace and love."

After the playing of an air by the band, Phœbe Alexander placed the crown of rare flowers on her head, saying:

"Accept, dear girl, this crown of flowers,
Becoming thee far more
Than the richest jeweled diadem
That ever monarch wore.

Accept this gift of genuine love,
Of friendship, pure and gay,
And, as we bind it on thy brow,
Hail! Henrietta, Queen of May!

And oh! As sinks the setting sun,
Brightening the arch of Heaven,
So may to thee, when life is done,
A glorious rest be given."

After the playing of another air, the Queen replied:

"Whilst all around have conspired to honor and render me happy,
shall I remain silent? No! My youthful heart beats high with gratitude,
first, to our Creator, from whom we receive every blessing, and then to
you, my dear friends and schoolmates,

Whose fairy footsteps press the green,
To hail me as your May-Day Queen;
And may sweet Hope her aid still lend,
And be to me and mine a friend."

After the playing of another air, a poetical closing
address was given by Ann Ruffner.

There was a reception of invited guests, later in the
evening, in the large school-room.

Two years later she left school and returned home,
where, in addition to social pleasures, she found time for the
more important duties of life. She was brought up relig-
iously, and had become familiar with the Scriptures by attend-
ance at Sunday School and family prayers, as well as by
private reading of the Holy Bible. Although a good consci-
entious girl and member of the church, she felt the need of
a greater consecration, and, accordingly, in her twentieth



ISABELLA HAMILTON HAAS.

1893.

year. gave her heart to God unreservedly. A remarkable vision of the Crucifixion was granted her at that time.

"I saw One hanging on a tree
In agonies and blood,
Who fixed His languid eyes on me,
As near His cross I stood.

Sure, never, till my latest breath,
Can I forget that look,
It seemed to charge me with His death
Though not a word He spoke."
—JOHN NEWTON.

After enjoying a period of five years at home with her parents, she was married on Wednesday, Oct. 22, 1845, at five o'clock in the afternoon, by Rev. B. N. Brown, to Leander James McCormick, son of Robert McCormick, of Walnut Grove. Imagine a diffident young man, six feet in height, well proportioned, perfectly healthy, with abundant dark hair, hazel eyes, and full black beard, and so industrious and energetic that he could not spare time for a bridal tour, being enthusiastically interested in the development of the "Reaper," to which he had already added the "Raker's Seat," and other valuable and indispensable features. That autumn he formed a partnership with his father, holding one-third interest, in building seventy-five for the harvest of 1846. The wedding was a quiet one, but was followed, a week later, by a handsome reception, and by a similar entertainment at Walnut Grove, where they had the pleasure of spending the early months, after marriage. It was a beautiful place, commanding from the front porch, a fine view of the Blue Ridge Mountains, four miles distant.

On July 4, 1846, Robert McCormick died, and this ended the manufacture of Reapers in Virginia. On August 10, they removed to their farm of seven hundred acres, situated on South River, about ten miles distant from either of the old homesteads. This was a wild, romantic spot, embracing hill, mountain, river and vale. After enjoying this beautiful scenery for two years, to find greater scope for their energies, they decided to remove to Chicago, and join Cyrus H. McCormick, with whom they had formed a partnership, before leaving home, in the manufacture of the Virginia Reaper, and its introduction into the broad prairies of the West.

On the last day of October, 1848, they sold their personal property, and stayed several days at Locust Hill, preparing for their long journey. After stopping a day or two at Walnut Grove, to bid the family farewell, they started on horseback, with their only child, Robert Hall. At Steele's Tavern, they took the stage coach to Winchester. From thence they proceeded by train and steamer to Chicago, arriving Monday evening, November 20, having accomplished the journey in ten days. On their arrival, they were met by Cyrus H. McCormick, who conducted them to the Sherman House. Ten days later, they commenced housekeeping, on the North side of the river, in the little frontier town of Chicago, with its population of about twenty thousand.

After an absence of three years, they returned home to Virginia, on a visit, and this they continued to do, at short intervals, enjoying greatly a few weeks spent with "the old folks at home," as well as some time at the Springs, particularly the "Rockbridge Alum" and "White Sulphur."

In the autumn of 1851. Mrs. McCormick, Leander's mother, returned with them to Chicago, and spent six months very happily with her children. She was a very handsome old lady. of commanding appearance, five feet eight inches in height, with dark hair and eyes. She died of typhoid fever, in Virginia, June 1, 1853, aged seventy-three years.

Their first trip abroad was made in 1862. They, and their three children, left Chicago, May 11, and after a passage of fourteen days on the steamship "America," arrived in Liverpool. May 27. They traveled in France, Switzerland, Germany. England and Scotland, and returned home in December.

A year later, they removed into their new house, 78 Rush Street, which was totally destroyed at the time of the Great Fire, October 9, 1871. It was situated on the Northwest corner of Ohio and Rush Streets, where "The Virginia" now stands. It was a handsome double house, built of Milwaukee brick, with grey stone trimmings, and there were several large native willow trees on the grounds. At about half-past three o'clock, in the morning, after the explosion of the city gas works, when fires were breaking out around them, they left their home and consigned it to the flames. Their son, Robert Hall, drove his wife and sister, behind a fast horse, to the West side, leaving Hamilton with his father and mother. Robert S. McCormick, who was their guest at the time, very energetically and kindly assisted them in removing to a place of safety. With their carriage and horses, they drove across Chicago Avenue

Bridge. amid a fiery shower that was falling around them, and took shelter with Mrs. Osborne's family, where they were welcomed, and where they found the other members of the family. John H. Osborne very kindly and promptly came to their relief in their time of need, and heroically helped them to escape.

After three days, they removed to 515 West Adams Street. As can well be imagined, they, like others, lost very heavily by this great calamity, in property and other material resources, including houses, pictures, plate, furniture, books, etc., and were truly thankful to escape with their lives.

On April 7, 1875, they returned to the North side, and took up their abode at 126 Rush Street, as a temporary residence, but remained much longer than they had anticipated.

Their second trip abroad was made in 1880, when they, with their daughter Nettie, made a very extended tour through Great Britain and Europe. They also had the pleasure of Hamilton's company a portion of the time. They landed at Queenstown, and much enjoyed the old-fashioned simplicity of the place and people, as well as the natural scenery of the Emerald Isle. After visiting the principal cities, the Lakes of Killarney and the Giant's Causeway, they crossed to Scotland, and went as far north as Inverness, returning via the Caledonian Canal to Glasgow. While in Edinburgh, they greatly enjoyed seeing many famous places of historical interest, and had the pleasure of lunching in Holyrood, (Darnley's Room), with Lord and Lady Rosslyn.

After admiring Scottish scenery and visiting the English Lakes, they proceeded for the most part by private conveyance to London, where they spent several weeks, viewing the wonders of the great metropolis. They then left Great Britain to make a general tour of the Continent. They particularly enjoyed seeing Rome and other Italian cities. Fortunately, the Passion Play, which takes place only once in ten years, was performed that season at Ober-Ammergau, in the Tyrol, and they witnessed it on Sunday, August 10. As touching and interesting as the scene was, it was wonderfully enhanced by the lofty mountains which encircled the small village, with its pure and simple peasant population, and recalled to mind so vividly incidents in the life of Christ, when

"Cold mountains and the midnight air,
Witnessed the fervor of his prayer."

It seemed a sacred place, as well as a sacred occasion.

Their third trip to Europe was made in 1884, when they spent most of their time in London, at 32 James Street, Buckingham Gate, S. W., where their daughter, Nettie, (Mrs. Goodhart), was living, through whom they had opportunities of seeing and enjoying much of the social life of England.

On their next visit, in 1887, they passed the greater part of their time in Canterbury, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Goodhart, and made many charming acquaintances.

The next trip was made in 1889, when their time was passed in London and Canterbury, with the exception of a few weeks spent in the Highlands of Scotland, accom-

panied by Mr. and Mrs. Goodhart and their two little boys.

Their sixth visit was made in 1892, when, after passing three summer months in London, they returned home, making the whole trip in nine days from Southampton to Chicago.

During their long residence in Chicago, they not only experienced the trials and inconveniences of the great conflagration, but were in the city during the visitations of cholera in 1849, and several succeeding years. Amidst all these untoward circumstances they had much to enjoy in a large circle of relatives and acquaintances, much to interest them in the building and rebuilding of the city, and were not without success in their undertakings.

Leander J. McCormick's life in Chicago was one of great activity, covering a period of forty-six years, more than thirty of which were devoted to completing and perfecting the Reaper. Without his application of mind to the needs and improvements of the machine it would doubtless have long remained in the unfinished state in which he found it on his arrival in Chicago in 1848. He gave his close attention and untiring devotion to the management and conduct of the business, as well as to the necessities of the farmer for a perfect machine, whereby to supply the growing population of the West, and, in fact, the world, with food, and spared neither time nor health, but studied day and night to accomplish that object. The important changes and inventions made by him, personally, in connection with it, number about thirty, upon some of which he took out patents.

It was under his personal supervision, that the present Reaper Works were built and equipped with special machinery, after the fire of 1871. He laid out, planned, directed and carried out his own ideas in the construction of the various departments and their relation to each other, and to the facilities for transportation. He also did much in rebuilding and improving real estate in the city, since the great fire. It was he who gave the large refracting Telescope with the Observatory in which it is mounted, to the University of Virginia. It is under the direction and control of Professor Ormond Stone, M. A., one of the most scientific astronomers in this country.

While Mr. McCormick was devoting his time to these important enterprises, Mrs. McCormick was actively engaged in other directions, attending to family, social and charitable duties, having always greater desire for her children's spiritual welfare than for their temporal. The following great inventions and discoveries were made within her recollection:

Chloroform, daguerreotype miniatures, envelopes, postage stamps, electric light, gas lighting, horse railroads, India rubber shoes, ice making, lucifer matches, photography, sewing machines, sleeping cars, telegraphic messages, telephones, threshing machines, submarine cable, artesian wells, coal-oil, natural gas, canned fruits, meats and vegetables, and many others.

She well remembers when domestic woolen goods were mostly made at home; also, bed and table linen, and when

ladies conducted such industries and spent their leisure hours making patch-work bed quilts, in beautiful designs, out of calico pieces, and when the favorite social gathering was the quilting-bee.

Leander James and Henrietta Hamilton McCormick had four children:

1. Robert Hall McCormick, born at Locust Hill, Rockbridge County, Virginia, at ten o'clock, Monday morning, September 6, 1847. He was brought to Chicago in his infancy, and has made his home there ever since; he was educated at the Chicago University, Cottage Grove, and is one of Chicago's enterprising business men. He married June 1, 1871, Sarah Lord, daughter of the late Henry Day, Esq., of New York City.

They had issue:

Henrietta Hamilton, born February 22, 1872.

Elizabeth Day, born July 11, 1873.

Robert Hall, born July 10, 1878.

Phœbe Lord, born October 6, 1879.

Mildred Day, born September 11, 1888.

2. Elizabeth Maria, second child of Leander and Henrietta McCormick, was born in Chicago, May 2, 1850. Died from scarlet fever, March 31, 1853, aged two years and eleven months. About an hour before the disease appeared, while playing about the room, she sang perfectly,

"There is a happy land,
Far, far away,
Where saints and angels stand,
Bright, bright as day."

She was a fine, healthy and beautiful child, with dark hair and eyes, and fair complexion.

3. Henrietta Laura McCormick, was born in Chicago, south side of Indiana Street, west of Rush Street, on Thursday morning, April 22, 1857. She graduated at Mrs. Sylvanus Reed's Seminary, New York City, in 1876. November 14, 1883, she married Frederick E. Goodhart, Esq., of Langley Park, Kent, England. After living eight years in England, they returned, in August 1892, to make their home in America.

They had issue:

Leander McCormick, born August 10, 1884.

Frederick Hamilton, born November 13, 1887.

4. Leander Hamilton McCormick was born in Chicago, north side of Indiana Street, east of Cass Street, at four o'clock, Wednesday morning, May 27, 1859. He graduated at Amherst College; studied law at Columbia College, and returned to make his home in Chicago. He married Constance, daughter of the late Edward Plummer, Esq., Canterbury, England, February 14, 1887.

They had issue:

1. Leander James, born January 5, 1888.

2. Edward Hamilton, born August 4, 1889.

3. Allister Hamilton, born August 4, 1891.

"Thanks be unto God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy."

