

SKETCH

OF

RICHARD IRWIN,

OF CHESTER COUNTY, PA.,

AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

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INTRODUCTORY.

Having been requested several times of late years by some of the lineage of RICHARD IRWIN, the immigrant ancestor, to write an account of him and his descendants as far as I was able to do so, I cheerfully attempt the task, though I must say I did not at first appreciate the magnitude of the undertaking.

It is indeed desirable to collect all the data obtainable before it is too late, as the thief, Time, steals our years away and families scatter more and more as the years progress. Therefore, I humbly attempt to frame a record, with the fond hope that it may be both useful and entertaining to all whom it may concern—useful, so far as it furnishes a basis for further elaboration by some future chronicler of the Irwin family; entertaining, inasmuch as it fairly outlines the early and present history of the family, which may now rightly be called an American family, with branches spread and scattered far and wide over the United States.

It has been no easy effort to collect as large a stock of information concerning the family as I have, from all sources available, especially that bearing upon the early records of our ancestors, and will honestly endeavor to communicate to others the knowledge that I possess, in this little book. This data has been procured from many sources, with considerable labor and some expense, yet after all I cannot undertake to say that I have recorded with absolute fidelity all that follows, but have endeavored to do the best I could with the light I possessed. I hope that all the family connection will forgive all imperfections in this pamphlet and look upon it with a common interest when it is true to history, giving personal matters concerning the departed worthies whom we reverently call our ancestors.

The Irwin family are of Scotch descent, and were very numerous along the banks of the river Irwin in Scotland, to which they are said to have given the name. This small river is quaintly alluded to by the poet Burns, who laments that the Scottish poets do not sing its praises as well as the beauties of other streams of Scotia.

It is a natural desire of the human heart, and a laudable one, to know all we can in relation to our ancestors, to go back in the past as far as we can and gather up all the fragments in our power concerning them. This I shall endeavor to do, even at the risk of possibly becoming too redundant. Nationality, religion or faith, modes of life—all become entertaining when connected with the ancestral story.

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THE FAMILY RECORDS.

The parents of RICHARD IRWIN, the emigrant ancestor, resided in the County of Armagh, province of Ulster, Ireland, and were of the people first called Ulster Scots, and latterly Scotch-Irish, descendants of those Protestant Scotch colonists whom the English government planted in the north of Ireland, in the province of Ulster, in the time of James I. "These colonists," we are informed by McIntosh, in his history of Scotland, "were Presbyterians mostly of the John Knox type, and were Being religious, economical and indusvery numerous. trious, they prospered in their adopted home, becoming the leading people, and ever loyal to the government that gave them better lands than those they left behind them."

The Irwin family of Chester county, Pa., subsequently of Northumberland and Union counties, then of Cherrytree, Venango county, as has been stated, is of Scotch-Irish extraction. The family traces its ancestry to David Irwin of the County of Armagh, Ireland, who

married Margaret Berry in 1725 and reared a family of eleven children—eight sons and three daughters. Of the sons, six emigrated to America and settled in several of the States, principally Pennsylvania, New York, Virginia and Ohio. Their descendants are now very numerous in the United States.

It is from Richard, who was born in the year 1740, in Armagh county, Ireland, and who married Ann Steele, who was the daughter of Samuel Steele, Esq., and Ann (Futhey) Steele, in November, 1764, at New London, Chester county, Pa., that the family whose record is here given is descended.

As every attainable item connected with the life of Richard Irwin, the American ancestor, is of interest to his descendants, I give all the extracts and records I can find relating to him as immigrant and pioneer, and have been greatly aided by references to him in the "Annals of the Buffalo Valley," written by the Hon. John Blair Linn, the accomplished historian of Central Pennsylvania, who exhibits great research in pioneer history. Although the accounts of a single person and his family in a work of its magnitude must of necessity be fragmentary, yet all contained therein concerning our ancestor cannot fail to be of interest.

When Richard Irwin was 36 years old he went himself to White Deer township, Union county, then North-umberland, which was then considered the frontier, to find a new home, leaving his wife and family in Chester county. At that time the frontiers were in a very disturbed condition owing to Indian troubles, the settlers driving back the Indians and occupying the lands, making the frontier to recede westward each year before advancing civilization. After this explanation, which is a matter of history, I quote from records of Chester county and from the Annals:

Copied by S. D. Irwin from records of Chester county, Pa., assessment duplicates.

"New London Township."

"1762. Richard Irwin. Freeman. Tax, 9 shillings."

"1763. Richard Erwin. Freeman. Poll tax, ."

Not found on tax list in New London township after that date.

Annals, page 113: "March 13, 1776, at a town meeting, Richard Irwin was appointed 1st Lieutenant of the Committee of Safety in Capt. Wm. Murray's Co."

Page 149: "Assessment list of inhabitants of White Deer, Northumberland county, for the year 1778, appears the name of Richard Irwin, 1 log cabin."

He afterwards purchased the Basher place at White Deer, in 1777, several years before he removed his family from Chester county. This was the year of the "Great Runaway," so known among the early settlers. As the account of this purchase is interesting and shows the state of the border at the time, I quote from the Annals in full:

Page 156. "At this time occurred the death of John Michael Basher. It was the time of the Great Runaway, and as Basher's name is dropped from the assessment of 1778, his death must have occurred in the first week of July, 1778. Basher came to the Valley in 1774 and in June of that year purchased the 'Jacob Rees' tract, near New Columbia, of Hawkins Boone. In April, 1777, he sold it again to Richard Irwin, and moved down on the place of Peter Swartz. Weyland and another person took up Basher's goods, and then pushed out into the river. Basher went to the stable, got a horse, and attempted to drive some cattle down along the shore. When he got down to the bluff that comes down to the river, at the present lime kiln of Hon. G. F. Miller, just by a red oak, that was still standing a

few years since, he was fired upon by some Indians in ambush and killed. Weyland and his comrade, who were lying down in the boat, rose to fire, and W. was struck on the lip with a spent ball, the mark of which he carried to his grave. He said Basher was buried on the river bank."

The next place in which Richard Irwin is mentioned in the Annals is on p. 258. "Officers elected in White Deer in 1789: Supervisors, John Lackey and Samuel Dale; Overseer, Richard Irwin."

Annals, p. 306. "Assessment of White Deer township, 1796. Irwin, Richard. Log house and barn. Occupation, weaver and farmer." This assessment also gives the names of two of his sons who afterwards settled in Cherrytree, as follows: "Irwin, Samuel, weaver; Irwin, John, surveyor."

Mr. Linn in his Annals publishes in two or three places extracts from the diary of a certain Flavel Roan, who was an eccentric and jolly bachelor of bibulous habits, if we can trust his journal, as well as being something of a poet. He writes in a dashing, off-hand way, and appeared to be on sociable terms with all the prominent early settlers of the Buffalo Valley. In his journal he speaks of visiting Richard Irwin and Samuel Dale (who afterwards went to Lancaster county), and of calling on the same day to see Dr. Joseph Priestly, the celebrated Unitarian preacher and philosopher, the discoverer of oxygen, who lived in the neighborhood. (Roan's) sketches are amusing, and instructive, too, as they furnish an insight to the times. The writer well remembers hearing his grandfather tell funny stories of the sayings and exploits of Flavel Roan. I quote two extracts from the Annals from said diary, inasmuch as they relate to Richard Irwin.

Annals, p. 361. "1807; July 29. Militia meeting. Field officers present. Election for company officers at Richard Irwin's, White Deer. Edw. Morton and I attended and clerked. We had plenty of talk and some whiskey."

Annals, p. 381. "1809; July 1. Called at Grier's and R. Irwin's. Sent a snuff box to Mrs. Robt. Lyons. Had business at Dr. Priestley's. Not a quart of whiskey in all the haying. Met Col. S. Dale on his way to the Assembly. Party at Rev. John Hood's."

This ends all that is said in the Annals concerning Richard Irwin. It is evident that he was living in July, 1809, and the writer understands by tradition that he lived until 1812. From what has been said he was an industrious man, led an exemplary life, and raised a large and useful family.

We subjoin a brief sketch of the Steele family of Chester county, Pa., which we extract from the history of that county by Hon. J. Smith Futhey:

"Ann Steele, who married Richard Irwin, was descended from Ninian Steele, who came from the north of Ireland and settled in New London township and died there in 1745, leaving six children, among whom was Samuel Steele, Esq., who lived at Thunder Hill, New London township, and died in May, 1760, leaving eleven children, among whom was Ann, who married Richard Irwin, and Ruth, who married Robert Futhey, whose daughter Ann married Samuel Dale in 1769, and removed to Buffalo Valley, near the present site of Lewisburg, Pa. The descendants of Ninian Steele, the emigrant, are very numerous and scattered over the country. The Steeles and Futheys are of Scotch-Irish descent and of Presbyterian faith generally."

Short sketches of the children of Richard Irwin and Ann Steele will follow, in place. As presenting a general summary, I adopt the record of his grandfather's family kept by Hon. Richard Irwin, of Franklin, which follows, to which is added other data omitted by him or occurring since his death.

NOTE.—The small figure affixed to a name in the lists hereinafter given shows the generation to which it belongs, numbering downward from the immigrant Richard ¹.

The Roman numerals designate the branch of the family to which the individual belongs. For example: "Ia. Richard Irwin 3" designates him the son of I. Samuel Irwin 2, and the grandson of Richard Irwin 1. The prefixed italic a. shows him to be the first child of Samuel 2, b. Fanny being the second, c. Samuel Miller the third, and so on.

RICHARD IRWIN'S FAMILY.

Richard Irwin, b. County Armagh, North Ireland, in the year 1740, came to New London township, Chester county, Pa., and was married to Ann Steele in November, 1764.

Ann Steele, b. May 18, 1744, of parents Samuel Steele, Esq., and Ann Futhey, in New London township, Chester county, Pa.

Their children as follows:

- I. Samuel Irwin² b. Aug. 17, 1765, at New London, Chester county, Pa.; m. Jane Miller, of Northampton county, Pa., March 9, 1797, at White Deer townsnip, Northumberlaud county, Pa. Died Sept. 10, 1847, at Cherrytree township. Venango county, Pa. Jane (Miller) Irwin died Nov. 4, 1865, at Cherrytree, in the 88th year of her age.
- II. David Irwin, born Dec. 15, 1766, at New London, Pa.; died March, 1767.
- III. John Irwin, b. Jan. 24, 1768, New London, Pa.; d. Dec. 28, 1838, at Cherrytree, Pa. Never married.
- IV. James Irwin, b. Feb. 13, 1770, West Fallowfield township, Chester county, Pa,; d. Sept. 27, 1827, at Cherrytree, Pa.
- V. Margaret, b. May 18, 1772; d. July, 1779.
- VI. Ninian, b. May 24, 1774, West Fallowfield town-ship; d. Aug. 10, 1826, at Cherrytree.
- VII. Elizabeth, b. May 7, 1777, West Fallowfield township; d. June 16, 1858, in Delaware township, Mercer county, Pa.

- VIII. Robert, b. Aug. 5, 1782, New London township, Chester county, Pa.; d. Nov. 7, 1858, in Harrison county, O.
- IX. Richard, b. Oct. 13, 1785, in West Fallowfield, Chester county, Pa.; died Sept. 25, 1857, in Cherrytree, Venango county, Pa.
- X. Joseph, b. May 20, 1788, in White Deer township, Northumberland county, Pa.; d. Oct. 9, 1827, in Mead township, Crawford county, Pa.
- I. Samuel Irwin², m. Jane Miller, of Mt. Bethel, Pa. Their children:
 - a. Richard Irwin, b. May 6, 1798; m. March 5, 1834;d. November 18, 1882.
 - b. Fanny, b. May 3, 1800; m. Wm. P. McKee, Oct. 20, 1829; d. July 14, 1887.
 - c. Samuel Miller; m. Eliza Hamilton; b. June 25, 1804; m. July 9, 1835; d. July 2, 1869.
 - d. Ann; b. Aug. 6, 1806; m. Charles Chase, Oct. 13, 1831.
 - e. John; b. Oct. 12, 1808; m. March 20, 1834; remarried November, 1844, Emily Newton, b. 1816.
 - f. William; b. Jan. 9, 1811; m. Eliza Stewart, Jan. 5, 1837; d. Oct. 16, 1863.
 - g. Eliza; b. Feb. 1, 1815; m. Asahel Lovell, Oct. 1, 1835; d. Sept. 1, 1851.
 [Note.—Asahel Lovell died Oct. 5. 1891.]
 - h. Jane; b. April 21, 1817; m. Joshua T. Currie, of Warren county, Pa., Feb. 4, 1846.

[Note:—Mr. C., her husband, b. in Province of Quebec in 1815; d. Aug. 18, 1879. No children.

- Ia. Richard Irwin³, born in White Deer township, Northumberland county, Pa., May 6, 1798; m. Hannah W. May, daughter of Rev. Hezekiah May, March 5, 1834; d. Nov. 18, 1882.

 Their children:
- Samuel Dale 4, b. March 12, 1835; m. Mary Thomas, March 13, 1871. No children.
- Frances Helen, b. Jan. 23, 1837; m. Christopher Heydrick, June 20, 1860.
- H. May, b. Sept'r 25, 1838; m. Mary Louise Leech, Sept. 11, 1879.

Margaret Jane, b. Oct 21, 1840; m. Willis B. Benedict, 1874; died April 14, 1877.

Hannah G., b. Sept. 17, 1842; res., Franklin, Pa.

Richard Lovell, b. Aug. 27, 1845; m. Nancy Eaton; d. March 13, 1878.

Frances Helen 4, b. Jan. 23, 1837; m. Christopher Heydrick, June 20, 1860.

Their children:

Carl Irwin, b. June 3, 1863. Attorney, Franklin, Pa. Harriet, b. Feb. 24, 1866.

Richard I., b. Feb. 24, 1866; d. Aug. 7, 1866.

Eva D., b. Nov. 7, 1867; d. Nov. 22, 1871.

Fred. Paul, b. Oct. 23, 1869. Bank teller, Franklin. Helen M., b. May 30, 1876.

H. May Irwin 4, b. Sept. 25, 1838; m. Mary Louise Leech, Sept. 11, 1879.

Their children:

Richard, b. June 7, 1880.

Hiram L., b. Feb. 11, 1882.

Arthur May, b. Sept. 1, 1883.

Francis Huntington, b. Sept. 5, 1885.

Katharine Gertrude, b. Aug. 3, 1887.

Mary Louise, b. Aug. 17, 1891.

Margaret Jane 4, born Oct. 21, 1840; m. Willis B. Benedict, June 18, 1874; d. April 14, 1877.

Their child, Selden Spencer, b. June 23, 1875. Resides at Titusville, Pa.

Richard L. 4, b. Aug. 27, 1845; m. Nancy Eaton; died March 13, 1878, at Olean, N. Y. Their children:

Helen E., b. March 30, 1871, at Pleasantville, Pa.; residence, Jacksonville, Fla.

Clara M., b. Nov. 16, 1875, at Pleasantville; residence, Jacksonville.

Ib. Frances 3, b. May 3, 1800, in White Deer township, Union county, Pa.; m. Wm. Parker McKee (b. Mar. 3, 1802), Oct. 20, 1829; d. at Farmington, Iowa,

- July 14, 1887, aged 87 years, 2 months and 11 days. Their children:
- Samuel Irwin 4, b. July 30, 1830; d. July 1, 1882, at Bradford, Pa.
- John Irwin, b. May 5, 1832; d. Feb. 15, 1852, at Kittanning, Pa.
- Mary Jane, b. April 7, 1834; d. June 16, 1866.
- Juliet P., b. in Venango county, June 30, 1836.
- Frances A., b. in Venango county, Jan. 9, 1840.
- Samuel I. McKee ⁴, m. Julia A. Forker, Harrisville, Pa., June 5, 1850. He was killed in a railroad accident July 1, 1883. His wife died March 6, 1887, at Bolivar, N. Y. They were both buried at Bradford, Pa. Their children:
 - Wm. James 5, b. in Harrisville, Pa., Feb. 22, 1851; residence, Ningpo, China.
 - John Irwin, b. in Brookville, Pa., Oct. 1, 1852; res., Chicago, Ill.
 - M. Fannie, b. in Clintonville, Pa., Sept. 6, 1854; res., Rochester, N. Y.
 - Samuel H., b. in Farmington, Ia., March 1, 1857; res., Tacoma, Wash.
 - Clarice Anna, b. in Farmington, Sept. 7, 1859; m. W. E. Smith; res., Chicago.
 - Julia Ella S., b, in Farmington, March 28, 1862; m. F. A. Robinson; res., Rochester, N. Y.
 - Thomas Clinton, born in Croton, Iowa, June 27, 1867; m, Kate Fuhes, Jan. 5, 1886; res., Wellsville, N. Y.
 - A. Dwight, b. in Clintonville, Sept. 8, 1869; m. Minnie K. Webster; res., Rochester, N. Y.
 - Mary F., b. in Rouseville, Pa., April 4, 1873; res., Rochester.
- Rev. William James McKee⁵, b. Feb. 22, 1851; m. Abbie P. Ketchum, of Marshall, Mich., Oct. 22, 1879, at Ningpo, China, where he is now a prominent missionary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

Their children, all born in Ningpo:

Irwin William, b. April 19, 1881.

Sidney, b. Oct. 23, 1882.

Samuel Clark, b. Nov. 5, 1884.

John Irwin McKee⁵; m. Edith E. Folsom, of Millerstown, P., Nov. 19, 1876. His wife died in July, 1882.

Their children:

Elsie G.

Frankie, who died in September, 1883.

- M. Fannie McKee ⁵, b. Sept. 6, 1854. Resldence, 35 Bartlett street, Rochester, N. Y.
- Samuel Harris McKee ⁵, b. March 1, 1857; m. Martha Sylva, Sept. 5, 1879, at Butler, Pa. No children. Residence, Tacoma, Wash.
- Clarice Anna 5, b. Sept. 7, 1859; m. W. E. Smith, Dec. 2, 1876. Residence, Chicago, Ill.
 Their children, four in number:
 Ella Frances 6, Julia, Andrew P. and Will E.
- Julia Ella S. ⁵, b. March 28, 1862; m. F. A. Robinson, August 6, 1882. Residence, Rochester, N. Y. They have two children: Arthur Best ⁶ and Vive McKee.
- Thomas Clinton 5, b. Croton, Ia., June 27, 1867; m. Kate Fuhes. Residence, Wellsville, N. Y. No children.
- A. Dwight 5, b. Clintonville, Sept. 8, 1869; m. Minnie K. Webster, Jan. 22, 1891. Residence, Rochester, N. Y.
- Mary Forker 5, b. Rouseville, April 4, 1873. Residence, Rochester, N. Y.
- Mary Jane 4, m. Jos. P. Gray, of Athens, Mo., June, 1858. She died June 16, 1866, on the plains, on her way to Pike's Peak, and was buried at Fort Laramie. Parents of three children—Joseph, Nellie and Samuel I. Parents and children all dead.

Juliet Parker ⁴, m. Paul S. Thome, of Athens, Mo., Feb. 24, 1856. Residence, Emporia, Kansas.

Their children, all born at Athens, Mo.:

Clarence M. 5, b. April 12, 1857; d. May 4, 1865.

Edwin T., b. Sept. 11, 1859.

Fannie McKee, b. Oct. 1, 1862.

Charles Irwin, b. Sept. 26, 1865.

Wm. McKee, b. May 10, 1869.

Fred Scott, b. Dec. 8, 1872; d. Aug. 24, 1874.

Watt Armstrong, b. Dec. 12, 1878.

[Note.—Paul S. Thome is a native of Missouri, and during the war was a prominent Union man. He was always full of energy. To his wife the compiler is much indebted for statistics, as well as to Frances A. (4) and M. Fannie McKee (5), of Rochester, N. Y.]

- Edwin T. 5, m. A. E. Boory, June 19, 1890. Residence, Dodge City, Kan.; merchant.
- Charles Irwin 5, m. Flora Glancy, Dec. 25, 1890. Residence, Dodge City, Kan.; railroad agent.

 One child, Paul Irwin 6, b. Oct. 12, 1891.
- Frances Ann 4, m. George King, a prominent citizen of Farmington, Iowa, Feb. 19, 1857.

 Their children:

Edgar Irwin 5, b. Oct. 17, 1858.

Carrie S., b. Sept. 7, 1862.

Mary Elsie Ora, b. Feb. 15, 1866.

Craig McKee, b. Oct. 20, 1873; d. Aug. 3, 1874.

Frank Forker, b. Dec. 29, 1878; d. July 3, 1880.

- Carrie Susan 5, m. Prof. S. B. Allison, superintendent public schools Elmwood, Ill., June 29, 1890.

 One child, Ruth 6, b. Dec. 6, 1891.
- Ic. Samuel Miller Irwin 3, m. Eliza T. Hamilton, July 9, 1835.

Their children:

- Emily Jane 4, b. May 17, 1836; m. Gleason Breed, March 28, 1865; d. April 5, 1891, at Galesburg, Ill. No children.
- Eliza Ann, b. July 26, 1838, Cherrytree, Pa.; d. at Chicago, July 18, 1887.

- Mary Reynolds, b. May 14, 1840, at Cherrytree, Pa. Residence, Galesburg, Ill.
- Lydia O., b. Sept. 17, 1841, at Cherrytree; d. April 3, 1843.
- Edward L., b. July 6, 1843, at Cherrytree; d. Feb. 9, 1863.
- Celia Frances, b. Nov. 2, 1844. Residence, Galesburg, Ill.
- Selina Louisa, b. Aug. 8, 1846; d. March 17.
- Dr. Harlan Miller, b. August 1, 1848; m. Della M. Childs, May 28, 1891.
- Richard H., b. March 19, 1850; died in infancy.

 [Note.—Dr. Irwin is a practicing physician in Chicago, residing at 344
 Warren Avenue. To him the writer is indebted for the record of
 his father's family. The Doctor was educated at Knox College.
 Galesburg. and completed his medical course at Heidelberg, Germany. His son, Harlan Childs Irwin, was born May 25, 1892.]
- Id. Ann 3, m. Charles Chase, October 13, 1831; d. at Painesville, O., August 13, 1884.

 Their child:
 - Jane A. 4, b. Dec. 1, 1834; m. A. S. Dobbs, March 18, 1854; d. May 30, 1891. Their children: Charles Chase 5, b. May 21, 1859. Residence,

Paines chase, b. May 21, 1859. Residence.

- Frank C., b. Dec. 11, 1865. Res., Painesville.
- Ie. John 3, m. March 20, 1834, to Ann Irwin, who died in 1842; on Nov. 21, 1844, m. Emily M. Newton. Their children:
 - Lucie A. 4, b. Nov. 27, 1846; m. August 5, 1873, to Rev. Isaac E. Carey. Residence, Chardon, O.
 - John Newton, b. Aug. 22, 1847; m. Angie McMasters, Feb. 21, 1872. Residence, Galesburg, Ill.
 - Sara I., b. Oct. 2, 1849; m. August 4, 1881, to Rev. R. G. McNiece, Salt Lake City, Utah.
 - Rev. Albert B., b. Oct. 2, 1851; m. Dec. 27, 1877, to Loretta E. Hart. Residence, Highland, Kan.
- Lucie A. 4 married Dr. I. E. Carey, Their children:
 - Anna Newton 5, b. March 5, 1875, at Waterloo, Ia.
 - John Dwight and Ben Irwin, twins, b. Sept. 20, 1877, at Huntsburg, O.
 - Alice Emily, b. Oct. 23, 1881, at Huntsburg, O.

John N. ⁴, of Galesburg, Ill., married Angie McMasters, of Pittsfield, Pa.

Their children:

Walter McMaster 5, b. November 9, 1872.

Herbert Elwood, b. April 19, 1875.

Lynn N., born June 9, 1877.

John Paul, born November 22, 1879.

Kieth Gordon, born March 13, 1885.

Florence Louisa, born March 11, 1890.

Sarah Irwin ⁴, m. Rev. R. G. McNiece, Aug. 11, 1881. Their children:

Irwin 5, b. June 17, 1882, at Salt Lake City, Utah. Renwick Sloan, b. June 28, 1886, at Salt Lake City. Theodora, b. Feb. 7, 1888; d. Dec. 15, 1888.

Rev. Albert B. ⁴, President Highland University, Highland, Kan.; m. Loretta E. Hart, Dec. 27, 1877.

Their children:

Ruth, born Sept. 22, 1878.

John Hart, born Aug. 7, 1880; died May 12, 1889.

Helen, born Aug. 29, 1882; died March 3, 1888.

Fannie T., born Sept. 7, 1884.

Ralph Alexis. born July 27, 1888.

If. William³, m. Eliza Stewart, daughter of Elijah Stewart, at Cherrytree, Pa., January 5, 1837.

Their children, all born at Cherrytree:

Elijah Stewart 4, b. Dec. 15, 1838; d. Dec. 20, 1865. John, b. May 4, 1841; m. Caroline B. Canfield, April 15, 1868.

Samuel, b. Dec. 26, 1842; d. June 30, 1863.

[Note.—Member of Company E. Sixteenth Pa. Cavalry (161st Pa. Vols.) in the war of the Rebellion; died in the service]

Lydia J., b. Sept. 8, 1844; m. Rev. W. C. Burchard, August 30, 1864. Residence, Allegheny, Pa.

James Harvey, b. August 5, 1846; m. Nellie E. Burchard, Sept. 20, 1877. Residence, St. Louis, Mo.

Wm. Alfred, born Oct. 16, 1848; m. Mina E. Meals, Sept. 25, 1879.

Hannah Louisa, born December 25, 1850; d. January 4, 1854.

Clarissa Lucille, b. April 12, 1853; m. Arthur B. Canfield, November 2, 1882.

Anna Eliza, born August 4, 1856. Resides at Pittsburg, Pa.

Child of John and Caroline (Canfield) Irwin, of Santa Paula, Cal.:

Ralph 5, born September 9, 1874.

Children of Wm. Alfred and Mina (Meals) Irwin, of Webster, St. Louis county, Mo.:
Wilburn M. 5, born November 21, 1880.

Howard Alfred, born April 19, 1886.

Child of Clarissa L. and Arthur B. Canfield, of Webster Grove, St. Louis county, Mo.:

Lois Eliza 5, born April 30, 1887.

Ig. Eliza³, m. Asahel Lovell, October 1, 1835, at Cherrytree, Pa.

Their children:

Marvin Hampson, b. Oct. 25, 1842; d. June 10, 1845. Eliza J., born September 9. 1850, in Allegheny township, Venango county, Pa.

IV. James Irwin 2, b. Feb. 13, 1770, in West Fallow-field; m. Feb. 23, 1793, in Chester county, Pa., Mary Stewart, who died in June, 1812; m. Margaret Stewart, second wife, who died in February, 1848.

Their children:

- a. James Steele³, born April 20, 1794; died January 3, 1798, at West Fallowfield.
- b. Margaret, born February 28, 1797; died August 8, 1866, at Cherrytree.
- c. Elizabeth Steele, born September 13, 1799.
- d. Andrew Stewart, b. August 10, 1803; died April 16, 1805, at Cherrytree.
- e. Richard S., born June 15, 1806; died November 23, 1887, at Cherrytree.
- f. Mary, born April 19, 1809; died October 7, 1850, at Cherrytree.

IVc. Elizabeth S., m. Richard Irwin 3 (of Ninian 2), March 1, 1827.

Names of children not obtained; all dead, excepting Mrs. Margaret S. Alsbaugh 4, of Cherrytree, who married J. H. Alsbaugh (now deceased), November 2, 1864.

IVe. Richard Steele 3, known as "Captain;" m. Feb. 14, 1850, to Mary Strawbridge, who was born March March 8, 1814, and died Oct. 25, 1880.

Their children:

Jennie M. 4, b. May 30, 1851; m. F. W. Irwin, April No children. 20, 1886.

Lizzie M., born October 24, 1852. Residence, Cherrytree, Venango county, Pa.

Lucy Ellen, b. March 22, 1854; m. Samuel Kerr, Titusville, Pa., March 22, 1881. No children.

Adaline N., born November 10, 1856.

[Note.—Acknowledgment is due Mrs. Kerr, of Titusville, for record of the family and descendants of James IV.]

- VI. Ninian², born West Fallowfield township, Chester county, Pa., May 24, 1774; died August 10, 1826, at Cherrytree, Pa. He was known among the Irwins of Cherrytree (to where he came in 1802) as "The Schoolmaster." Married April 2, 1800, to Frances Graham, of Cecil county, Md., who died January 17. 1820; married Mary W. Davison, May 3, 1821. Their children:
 - a. Richard 3. born August 14, 1801.
 - b. James, b. Sept. 4, 1802; m. Nancy Hamilton, Dec. Wife died Nov. 19, 1883; he died April 21, 1841. 3, 1884.
 - c. Ninian, b. Jan. 29, 1806; d. May 5, 1877,
 - d. Ann, b. March 21, 1807; m. Henry Hancox, 1834; d. Dec. 9, 1859.
 - e. William G., born October 22, 1812.
 - f. Catherine G., b. Aug. 4, 1818; m. Alex. Robinson, Oct. 13, 1836; d. March 31, 1878.
- a. Richard ³ (called "The Carpenter"), m. Elizabeth S. IV., March 1, 1827. Their children:

a. Margaret S. 4, b. August 27, 1830; m. J. H. Alsbaugh, Nov. 2, 1864.

James W., born March 31, 1834; died May 6, 1841, at Cherrytree.

John Franklin, b. May 12, 1839; d. May 6, 1841, at Cherrytree.

Mary J., born Sept. 13, 183-; died Oct. 2, 1850, at Cherrytree.

b. James Irwin³ and Nancy Hamilton.

Their children:

- a. Fannie E. 4, born Dec. 9, 1844.
- b. James Law, b. Oct. 10, 1847; m. ——; died Dec. 4, 1869, at Cherrytree.
- c. Nancy Ann, born April 27, 1854.
- a. Fannie E. 4, m. Andrew T. Alcorn, May 10, 1866. Residence, Cherrytree, Pa.

Their children:

- b. Irwin O. 5, born March 21, 1867.
- c. James Law, born Dec. 23, 1869.
- d. Olga, born Feb. 18, 1874.
- e. Bernice, born July 3, 1876; died June 14, 1889, at Cherrytree.
- f. Nancy J., born March 21, 1881.
- c. Anna 5, m. R. Henry Homan, Dec. 11, 1883. Resdence, Cherrytree, Pa.

Their children:

James I. 6, born April 3, 1885.

Henry G., born May 31, 1886.

Roy Arthur, born October 31, 1887.

c. Ninian³, m. Fannie Irwin, March 15, 1832, who died January 9, 1851, at Cherrytree.

Their children:

- Two died in infancy, and Ninian Nelson 4, b. August 31, 1836, d. July 11, 1864, in the U. S. service, at Alexandria, Va.
- Married his second wife, N. Adeline Irwin ³, April 20, 1852, at Cherrytree, Pa. She now resides at Norristown, Pa.

Their children:

George Graham 4, b. May 17, 1858, at Cherrytree.

Adda, b. March 20, 1861; d. March 19, 1863.

James B., born May 23, 1865; d. March 6, 1886, at Norristown, Pa.

[Note.—Geo. G. Irwin. the surviving child, married Ida M. Hitchings, of Virginia, Sept. 25, 1889. He resides at Norristown, Pa., where he is connected with the railroad business. Is an excellent penman, and is said to possess considerable mechanical talent. Their child, George Graham, was born Jan. 18, 1892.]

- d. Ann³, m. Henry Hancox, 1834, at Cherrytree. Their children:
 - Fanny I. 4, b. Dec. 4, 1836; m. A. J. Davidson, Dec. 5, 1863. He died in November, 1868, and she died Sept. 11, 1888, at Titusville, Pa. They had one child, Luella May.
 - E. Anna, b. Jan. 9, 1839; m. Oct. 26, 1865. Residence, Pleasantville, Pa.
 - Ninian I., born July, 1841; m. F. E. Collins. Residence, Olean, N. Y.; oil producer.
 - Wm. H., b. Oct. 6, 1843; m. Miss Johnson; d. June 17, 1885, at Titusville, Pa.
 - Kate H., b. April 20, 1847. Residence, Titusville, Pa.; musician, &c.
 - A. Sheffield, b. March 28, 1850; m. Miss Tuxford, of Freeport, Pa. Residence, Oakdale, Pa.; oil producer.
 - Mercy A., born March 21, 1853; d. May 20, 1860, at Titusville, Pa.
- E. Anna 4, m. T. McLaughlin, Oct. 26, 1865. Residence, Pleasantville, Pa.

Their children:

Roland E. 5, b. Jan. 14, 1868, at Pithole, Pa.

Edith M., b. Nov. 7, 1869, at Pleasantville.

Belle, b. Dec. 14, 1872, at Pleasantville.

Grace E., b. April 5, 1874, at Pleasantville.

Sam S., born Aug. 21, 1876, at Titusville.

[Note.—Special acknowledgments are due Miss Kate H. Hancox, of Titusville, and Mrs. E. A. McLaughlin for valuable statistics; also, N. Adeline Irwin, of Norristown. Pa., and James G., of Union City. Pa.]

e. William G. 3, b. Oct. 22, 1812, at Cherrytree, Pa.; m. Frances E. Breed, Nov. 3, 1842, at Cherrytree,

and she died May 18, 1851; m. Eleanor S. Wallace, of Crawford county, Pa., Sept. 8, 1853.

Their children:

Nathan B. 4, born March 17, 1844; d. June 17, 1844, at Cherrytree.

William E., born June 24, 1850; d. May 7, 1851, at Cherrytree.

Frank Wallace, b. March 26, 1857; m. Jane M. Irwin, daughter of R. S. Irwin, April 20th, 1886. No children.

James Graham, b. May 4, 1863. Residence, Union City, Pa.; manufacturer of patents.

f. Catherine G. ³, b. Aug. 4, 1818; d. March 31, 1878; m. Alex. Robinson, Oct. 13, 1836, who died July 26, 1887.

Their children:

Frances A. 4, b. Aug. 10, 1837.

Justin Arthur, born Oct. 26, 1844; m. Martha E. Logan, Oct. 15, 1873. Commissioners' Clerk of Erie county, Pa.

Ninian I., born Sept. 29, 1848; m. Addie L. Wilson, June 29, 1876. Residence, Titusville, Pa.

James Lynn, b. Dec. 2, 1850; d. Feb. 15, 1863.

Justin A. Robinson ⁴ and Martha E., of Erie, Pa. Their child:

Adah Maud 5, b. April 21, 1875, at Erie.

Ninian I. 4 and Addie L. Robinson.

Their children:

Samuel Ernest 5, b. July 22, 1878, at Titusville, Pa. Kittie Ethel, b. Sept. 9, 1884, at Titusville.

- VII. Elizabeth Irwin², m. George Reznor in Union county, Pa., Jan. 17, 1807. He died Feb. 28, 1838. Their children:
 - a. John³, b. June 3, 1808, in Union county, Pa.; d. in Mercer county, Pa., Dec. 22, 1827.
 - b. Ann Steele, b. Sept. 15, 1809, in Union county; d. in Mercer county, Feb. 23, 1841.

- c. David, b. March 10, 1811, in Union county; m. Jane Moore, April 5, 1838. She died July 25, 1851. On June 12, 1853, m. Prudence Kelly, who died Sept. 18, 1856. Married again, Feb. 18, 1859, to Eliza J. Blair. Residence, New Hamburg, Pa.
- d. Richard Irwin, b. in Union county, Feb. 25, 1813; m. Eliza Mann, Nov. 12, 1835. He died Feb. 21, 1890; she is still living.
- e. Rebecca, b. in Mercer county, Feb. 25, 1815; m. John White, Sept. 23, 1834; d. Jan. 25, 1847.
- f. Eliza C., b. July 3, 1817; m. Robert Irwin 3, Sept. 25, 1838; d. April 12, 1858, at Cherrytree. (For family of Eliza C. see Robert Irwin of Richard 2).
- c. David 3, married three times. (See above.)
 Children:
 - a. John 4, b. March 19, 1839; d. Jan. 12, 1841.
 - b. Geo. W., b. April 3, 1841; m. Lizzie M. Lundy, Dec. 26, 1865.
 - c. Richard M., b. July 8, 1843; m. Lavina A. Bram, January 1, 1868. Residence, Warren, Pa. Three children, Frank ⁵ and Elsie.
 - d. Wilson G., b. Aug. 30, 1846; unmarried. Residence, New Hamburg, Pa.
 - e. Alex. Reznor, b. June 24, 1851; d. Sept. 5, 1851.
 - f. Rebecca, m. John White. Reside in the West. Their children:
 - Eliza J. 5, m. John Jewell. Residence, Oregon. Four children—Bertus, Pearl, Frank and Gertrude.
 - Sarah A., m. J. M. Christy, Nov. 13, 1862. Residence, New Winsor, Mercer county, Pa. Five children—George ⁶, Adda, Benjamin, Jefferson and Gertrude White. Of the above, George is married and has one child ⁷. Residence, New Winsor: merchant.
- d. Richard I. ³ and Eliza (Mann) Reznor. Their children:
 - a. Robert I. 4, born Sept. 22, 1836; married Belinda Rhodes. Residence in Mercer county, Pa. Their children—James C. 5, Blanche Dora, Lamont E.

- b. Ann Eliza 4, b. Nov. 26, 1839.
- c. Harriet J., b. June 4, 1838; d. June 12, 1839.
- d. James Mann, b. April 18, 1841. Was a member of Co. B, 10th Pa. Vols., and died from wounds, Sept. 21, 1862.
- e. John N., b. July 2, 1843; d. July 6, 1889. Served in the war in Co. K, 139th Pa. Vols.
- f. Julius S., b. July 20, 1845. Res., New Hamburg.
- g. Adeline I., b. Jan. 24, 1847. Res., New Hamburg.
- h. Milton B., born Oct. 13, 1848; m. Mary E. Sloan, Oct. 2, 1873. Residence, Greenville, Pa. Two children—Irene ⁵ and Carl.
- i. Thomas J., b. July 9, 1852; m. Dec. 25, 1881, to Marila A. Wiley, of Pickering, Mo. Five children—Fred 5, Anna, Jessie, Edward and Leroy.
- j. Mary E., b. April 12, 1854; d. Sept. 4, 1854.
- k. Geo. H., b. June 4, 1855. Residence, Delaware Grove, Pa.
- 1. David W., b. Oct. 6, 1858; m. Millie E. Stewart, June 5, 1887. Residence, Greenville, Pa. One child, Grace.
- VIII. Robert Irwin². No record obtained of this family, which settled in Harrison county, O. From N. Adeline Irwin I obtain the following statement: Robert Irwin married Miss Aull and settled near Cadiz, Ohio. Names of his children—Sons, Richard and Ninian; daughters, Mary Ann and Catherine.
- IX. Family and descendants of Richard Irwin² and Nancy (Miller) Irwin.
- a. Fanny³, m. Ninian Irwin³, March 15, 1832; d. Jan. 9, 1851.
- b. Robert, b. May 1, 1814; d. March 14, 1882, at Garrettsville, O.
- c. Ann, m. John Irwin, March 20, 1834; d. 1843.
- d. Jane M. (Stewart), born August 3, 1819; d. April 5, 1865, at Cherrytree, Pa.
- e. Eliza R. (Shugert), born Nov. 12, 1821; d. April 22, 1885, at Oil City, Pa.

- f. Samuel M., born March 15, 1825; d. March 2, 1873, at Cherrytree.
- g. N. Adeline, b. Sept. 27, 1827. Resides at Norristown, Pa.
- b. Robert Irwin 3, m. Eliza C. Reznor, Sept. 25, 1838. Their children:
 - a. John Wilson, b. August 23, 1839; d. September, 1886, at Brazil, Ind.
 - b. James Newton, b. August 17, 1841; d. March 29, 1848, at Cherrytree, Pa.
 - c. A son, b. Oct. 3, 1846; another, b. June 19, 1848; both died in infancy.
 - d. Robert Hampson, b. March 3, 1850; m. Sue Killmer. Residence, Santa Paulo, Cal. Three children—Velera, Guy and Mabel.
 - c. Edwin E., b. Aug. 3, 1853; d. March 22, 1855.
 [Note.—R. H. Irwin is engaged in the oil business in the California field, along with John Irwin. of William.]
- d. Jane M. ³, m. Wm. R. Stewart, Cherrytree, January 4, 1838.

 Their children:
 - a. Milton, b. Sept. 24, 1838; m. Ella J. Marsh, Dec. 23, 1880, Titusville, Pa.
 - b. Lyman, b. July 22, 1840; m. Sarah A. Burrows, of Ellicottville, N. Y., May 2, 1867.
 - c. Eva A., b. Nov. 22, 1842.
 - d. Nancy J., b. Dec. 2, 1845; m. J. D. McFarland, Sept. 7, 1869.
 - e. Elijah, b. Aug. 22, 1847; d. April 17, 1863.
 - f. Lydia, b. December 13, 1851.
 - g. Wm. B., born July 30, 1860. Residence, Los Angeles, Cal.
- Children of Lyman and S. A. Stewart, of Los Angeles, Cal.
 - a. William L., born April 7, 1868, at Titusville, Pa.; m. Cristena Pitblado, June 15, 1892, at Los Angeles.
 - b. Mary, born December 12, 1870.
 - c. Alfred Clement, born November 24, 1874.

- Children of Nancy J. and J. D. McFarland, of Ontario,
 - a. Wendell S., born July 15, 1870.
 - b. Alice C., born February 20, 1872.
 - c. Arthur H., born June 4, 1873.
 - d. Mabel Irwin, b. May 11, 1877; d. Dec. 26, 1885.

 - e. Donald H., born September 18, 1879.

 [Note.—John D. McFarland and family reside at Ontario, Cal., where he is a prominent business man. Wm. Boyd Stewart and his two sisters, Eva and Lydia. also reside at the same place.]
- e. Eliza R. 3, m. Dr. Wm. B. Shugert, of Titusville, Pa., Sept. 4, 1845, who died Feb. 11, 1866. Their children (living):
 - a. Ninian I. 4, m. Adelaide Schofield, April 23, 1872; one child, Guy Schofield 5. Married second time to Leah Able. Residence, Rochester, Pa.
 - b. Richard I., m. Mary A. Miller, Sept. 2, 1880. Two children, William and Edith. Residence, Coraopolis, Pa.
 - c. A. J., m. Louise B. Payne, January 8, 1884. child, Eliza.
 - d. Jennie E., m. Rufus H. Heron, October 30, 1873. Three children—Fred Irwin, Edith and Paul An-Residence, Pittsburg, Pa. derson.
- f. Samuel M.³, m. Jane Reynolds, May 27, 1851. Their children:
 - a. Joshua, born May 3, 1852; died Sept. 24, 1852.
 - b. Lucinda C., born October 2, 1853; married J. A. McClintock, Dec. 28, 1873; died June 28, 1876.
 - c. Lemuel G., born January 9, 1855; married C. T. Romer, Feb. 18, 1881. Residence, Plumer, Pa.
 - d. Nancy E., born August 8, 1856; married Samuel Royds, July 4, 1876. Residence, Cherrytree, Pa.
 - e. Mary A., born January 4, 1858; married Wm. Romer, February 5, 1878. Residence, Plumer.
 - f. Sadie A., born May 16, 1859; m. J. A. McClintock, Feb. 25, 1877. Residence, Kingsville, O.
 - q. Elias, born July 7, 1860; died Sept. 15, 1860.
- X. Joseph Irwin 2 married M. A. Knight, in 1821, at Buffalo Valley, Pa., migrated to Mead township,

Crawford county, Pa., April, 1826, and died there October 9th, 1827, of malarial fever, leaving a widow and two sons, Wm. K., born May 5, 1822, and Richard, who died when young. Wm. K. married Miss C. Maxwell, of Meadville, since deceased. Have no facts about the widow of Joseph. The following I have from Mrs. C. Moore, of Meadville:

Wm. K. Irwin, born May 5, 1822, in Mead township; married March 6, 1851; died Nov. 20, 1863, leaving a widow, Corrinna, now living (who married B. Moore, now deceased).

Children, residents of Meadville, Pa.:

- a. Florence Irwin, born in 1852.
- b. Charles, born in 1854.
- c. Henry, born in 1860; blacksmith.
- d. Arthur, born in 1862. Killed in a railroad accident, December 31, 1887.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

SAMUEL IRWIN², who was married to Jane Miller, of Mt. Bethel, Northampton county, Pa., in 1797, migrated to Venango county, Pa., in 1802. He shortly afterwards bought the land of James Tuthill, in Cherrytree, and resided there until his death, Sept. 10, 1847. was the father of eight children, all of whom he raised to manhood and womanhood. "He came in 1802," says a writer, "to a portion of the country that was comparatively a wilderness, with limited means, yet he made that wilderness to blossom as the rose." In his later days he said: "My greatest comfort in life has been that I have a happy home, and have raised a family of which I am proud." In faith he was a Presbyterian. His funeral sermon was preached by his friend, Rev. G. W. Hampson, from the text, "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace." The writer was present and well remembers that impressive sermon and the vast concourse of people that attended the funeral of this respected pioneer.

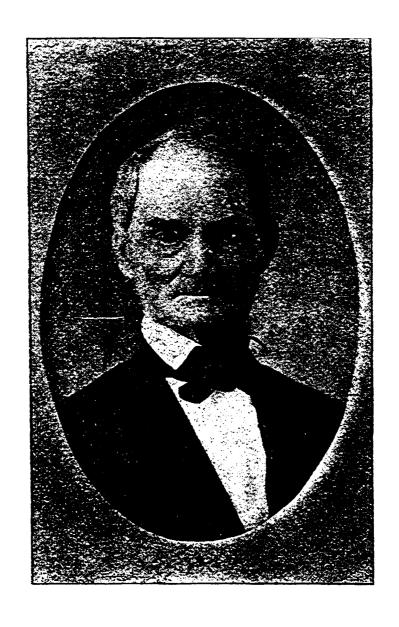
RICHARD IRWIN³, eldest son of Samuel, born May 6, 1798, in Buffalo Valley, three miles northwest of Lewis-In 1802 his parents migrated to Cherrytree, burg, Pa. where they made a settlement and passed the remainder Richard in his youth had the advantage of their days. of a home teacher of great erudition in the person of his uncle, Hon. John Irwin, who was well versed in history and sound literature and was proficient in civil engineering and surveying. Under him he acquired a sound knowledge of general literature and mastered the principles and practice of surveying in all its details. a surveyor," says the History of Venango County, "he was perhaps the most careful, methodical and correct that the county ever had. Beyond a doubt he was the most useful man in cases of land litigation that the courts have found, as his memory of surveys, locations, lines and corners of tracts seemed never to fail him."

The accurate and retentive memory which assisted him so greatly in his calling, remained strong and clear to the closing hour of his life. In a conversation just before his death he quoted in full the passage from Pope's translation of the 'Iliad," beginning with the lines:

"Like leaves on trees the race of man is found, Now green in youth, now with ring on the ground."

Judge Irwin held the office of County Surveyor for fifteen years; served a term as County Commissioner; in 1838 was appointed by Governor Ritner an Associate Judge, serving until 1843; was chosen a Presidential elector in 1848 on the Taylor-Fillmore ticket; served as a member of the State Board of Revenue Commissioners in 1851.

In his conduct and practice Judge Irwin was the soul of honor, truth and rectitude. He was singularly pure in life and speech. He was never heard to utter a harsh criticism of a neighbor, or to speak a word that savored of impurity or impiety. As Adam Smith wrote



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of his friend, so may I aptly write of him: "Upon the whole, I have always considered him, both in his lifetime and since his death, as approaching as nearly to the idea of a wise and good man as the nature of human frailty will permit."

He had an active and receptive mind, which was well stored by careful study of sound, standard literature. As the infirmities of age encroached, he kept his mind well exercised in the reading of prose and poetry. His mental make-up blended the practical with the imaginative. He appreciated true poetry, and in his later years he improved this faculty by the composition of numerous short poems, all of them faultless in measure and correct in diction, and some of them worthy of wider publicity than he chose to give them.

In 1834 he married Hannah White May, daughter of Rev. Hezekiah May. She died Aug. 27, 1845. February, 1855, he married Mary A. Lamberton, since deceased.

SAMUEL D. IRWIN, Tionesta, Pa.; attorney. 1855 to 1857 he attended Jefferson College, Cannonsburg, Pa., and in 1858 was principal of the high school at Farmington, Iowa. Moved to Paola, Kansas, and surveyed the lands belonging to the Peoria, Wea, Miami and Piankeshaw Indians, as well as the lands of settlers in Miami county. Studied law under Hon. W. R. Wagstaff and was admitted to the bar in March, 1862. ticipated in the border troubles from 1860 to 1863 under Lane, Montgomery and the Union leaders against Quantrell and other guerrillas, and while with the militia was in several skirmishes, both in Kansas and Missouri. August, 1863, joined Co. I, 12th Kansas Volunteers, which regiment went to Fort Smith, Ark., where he was assigned to duty at the headquarters of the Frontier Division of the Seventh Army Corps. Took part in the

Arkansas Expedition in 1864-5, principally with the engineers and scouts, and was honorably discharged at Little Rock, Ark., July 15, 1865. Returned to Pennsylvania, where he was admitted to the bar in 1867. In 1868 he made the first map of Forest county which was adopted as the official map, and followed it by two revised editions, in 1881 and 1883. In 1868 he had published in the *Forest Press* the pioneer history of Forest county in twenty-eight chapters. August 13, 1873, he was made a member of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Was three times elected District Attorney of Forest county, and at present is actively engaged in the practice of the law. Is a member of Stow Post, No. 274, G. A. R.

FRANCES HELEN IRWIN (HEYDRICK), eldest daughter of R. Irwin; b. Franklin, Pa., Jan. 23, 1837; residence, Franklin. In girlhood she received and improved the best educational opportunities that her native place afforded; attended the Franklin Seminary for young ladies, and subsequently took a classical and scientific course under the tutelage of Rev. S. J. M. Eaton, D. D. To a well-disciplined mind she adds the qualities which brighten the social circle and domestic life. years has been actively interested in the Mission work of the Presbyterian Church. Christopher Heydrick, whom she married June 20, 1860, is an attorney at law, who in the past thirty years has practiced extensively in the courts of Venango and surrounding counties, and also in the State Supreme Court and U. S. District Court. Judge Heydrick ranks with the leading members of his profession in the western part of the State. Was appointed by Gov. Pattison to fill a vacancy on the bench of the Supreme Court, serving from the fall of 1891 to January, 1893. The family consists of two sons and two daughters, viz.: Carl I., a lawyer, in practice in Franklin and Western Pennsylvania; Fred P., employed in a bank in Franklin; Harriet and Helen.

H. MAY IRWIN, named after his maternal grandfather, Rev. Hezekiah May, was born and grew up in Franklin. Attended the public schools and the Franklin Academy; took a course of study in classics under the tuition of Rev. S. J. M. Eaton, D. D. In 1852 he began to learn the printing trade in Franklin, in the office of the Whig Banner (R. Lyle White, proprietor); spent a year at the trade in Conneautville, Pa., to which place Mr. White removed; subsequently was employed in the several newspaper offices in Franklin. In 1863-4 was employed as city editor of the Harrisburg Patriot, and in 1868, in company with other gentlemen, established The Leader, a weekly literary journal of Baltimore. was editor of the Washington (D. C.) Daily Express; for five years reported the proceedings of the National House of Representatives for the American Press Association, at the same time performing work on the local Since 1880 he has been connected with the newspaper business in Franklin, being editor of The Independent Press until Jan. 1, 1884, and since that time the principal writer on The Evening News. His literary style is easy, fluent and versatile. The distinguishing mark of his work is the outcropping of the humorous element, which, in the language of one of his critics, "is characterized by a certain flavor peculiarly his own." Sept. 11, 1879, he married Mary Louise, daughter of H. P. Leech, of Washington, D. C., formerly of Dubuque, Ia. They have four sons and two daughters.

MARGARET JANE (known better to her kindred and friends as "Jennie") was a most amiable person. Untiring in her efforts for the good of others, always cheerful and hopeful, of even temper and kind disposition and

pleasant manners, her memory is cherished by her wide circle of friends. In June, 1874, she married Hon. Willis B. Benedict, of Warren county, a prominent citizen, oil producer and lumberman, who has represented that county in the State Legislature. Their child, Selden Spencer, born June 23, 1875, is attaining a good education in the schools of Titusville, and inherits many of the excellent traits of his mother; is of a studious disposition and gives promise of being a good scholar.

HANNAH GERTRUDE IRWIN resides in the old home at Franklin. She takes great interest in church and Sunday school work.

RICHARD L. IRWIN, the youngest son, whose early demise the family mourns, died at Olean, N. Y., on March 13, 1878, in his 33d year. Kind, cheerful and genial in his disposition, he made friends wherever he Having received in New York an education adapted to the banking business, he followed his chosen vocation with credit to himself, profit to his employers, and to the satisfaction of the public, at Franklin, Oil City, and latterly at Pleasantville. He was a paragon of energy and despatch. Possessing a mind that readily grasped at details and a will that overcame obstacles, he would have been successful in any profession or calling that he might have chosen to adopt, for he had a fine memory, a ready judgment, engaging manners, and a rare faculty of adaptation. His widow, Nancy Eaton Irwin, accomplished as a scholar and writer, resides at Jacksonville, Fla., along with the two daughters, Helen E. and Clara, both of whom graduated with first honors and have been presented with gold medals by the High Schools of that progressive city.

FRANCES (IRWIN) MCKEE³, born May 3, 1800, in White Deer, Pa., died July 14, 1887, lived a long and

useful life. She was a lady of great energy and industry and devoted to her family and the church. Her companion in life, Wm. P. McKee, born May 3, 1802, died at Farmington, Ia., in November, 1892. Blessed with a strong constitution, of sturdy Pennsylvania ancestry, he attained the age of over 91 years, in the full possession of his faculties. He was liberal and kind to a fault, yet firm in his religious and political convictions throughout life. If a man was a Democrat and a Presbyterian, in his mind he was practically one of the elect. He was a man of extraordinary energy and force, and his fund of cheerfulness and good spirits never failed him throughout the vicissitudes of his long life.

CAPT. SAMUEL IRWIN MCKEE, educated at the best schools the country afforded, became a good practical scholar and taught school in early life. Married Julia A. Forker, an estimable lady, and migrated to Farmington, Ia., where he was Burgess of the place, railroad agent and President of the School Board. Was elected and commissioned Captain of a company which he raised at Farmington and mustered into the U.S. service. Within ten days after they were mustered into the service, and within ten miles of the place, they were introduced into battle, fighting the Missouri rebels in the water of the Des Moines River, fording the same and capturing Athens, Mo. He was subsequently in the great battles in Tennessee and Mississippi. Returning to Pennsylvania after the war, he lived at Clintonville, Millerstown, Rouseville and Bradford, Pa. killed in a railroad accident on July 1, 1882, near Bradford, Pa., lamented by his large family and the whole community. He was a member of the G. A. R. and I. O. O. F. and of the Presbyterian Church. He and his wife lie buried side by side in the cemetery at Bradford. His eldest son, Rev. Wm. James McKee, of the Presbyterian Board, has been a missionary at Ningpo, China, since 1876. He is quite noted as a missionary, having made several long and hazardous trips into the interior of the country, and has contributed several interesting articles on the subject to the missionary periodicals. He found a good companion in Abbie P. Ketchum, whom he married Oct. 22, 1879. Their three sons were all born at Ningpo. Of the other children, John I. and Clarice A. (married to Wm. E. Smith) reside in Chicago, while Samuel H. lives at Tacoma, Wash., and M. Fannie McKee, to whom I am much indebted for valuable statistics, resides at Rochester, N. Y., as well as her sister, Ella S., wife of Frank A. Robinson, and her brother, Dwight.

Frances Ann, youngest daughter of W. P. and Fanny McKee, married Geo. King, a leading citizen of Farmington, Ia. She is a lady of good education and pleasant manners. They have raised a family of three children. Of these, Edgar I. and Mary Ora Elsie reside with their parents, while Carrie S. is married to Prof. S. B. Allison, of Elmwood, Ill., Sup't of Public Instruction there.

SAMUEL M. IRWIN³ spent his boyhood days on his father's farm. Was diligent and studious, and when a young man had mastered the principles and practice of surveying, an avocation, while in connection with farming, he pursued during life. He was a great lover of books, especially those that treated on ancient history, philosophy and the sciences generally. In his habits he was methodical and accurate, and as a man he always occupied a high place in the esteem of his fellow-men. He died at Galesburg, Ill., July 2, 1869, in the 66th year of his age. His wife, Eliza T. (Hamilton), died at Cherrytree, Pa., Oct. 15, 1855.

ANN (IRWIN) CHASE was an estimable lady, and tho' not having the benefit of schools acquired an excellent education. Was talented as an artist and delineator, took a course in New York city in oil painting, in which she became quite proficent, and was particularly expert as a portrait painter. Her husband, Charles Chase, was the son of Rev. Amos Chase, the famous minister, missionary and scholar, who settled on Oil Creek at an early date and "established a church where there was never a meeting of any Protestant denomination before." This good patriarch died in 1849 at the age of 90. wife, Joanna, died a year before him. Charles was a social, friendly man, and was a useful man in his day and generation, being of great energy and perseverance. He died suddenly while attending service in church in They had only one child, Jane A., Painesville, O. who, when quite young, married Rev. A. S. Dobbs. Through life she was a student and thinker, was popular and successful as a lecturer and organized classes and meetings, interesting herself particularly for the poor and those in prison. She died at Painesville, O., May 30, 1891, leaving two sons, Charles C. and Frank Dobbs, who are engaged in business at that place.

JOHN IRWIN³, son of Samuel ², married Ann S. Irwin March 20, 1834, who died April 20, 1843. On November 21, 1844, he married Emily M. Newton, a lady of fine education, and a sister of Rev. John Newton, of the Presbyterian Missions, a famous missionary in India, who died there in 1891, having been in that land over 60 years, and said to have been at the time of his death the oldest Protestant missionary on the globe. John Irwin migrated from Cherrytree, Pa., in 1856 to Peoria, Ill., lived there a few years, and for the benefit of his family moved to Galesburg, "the city of schools," where most of his children graduated from Knox Col-

lege. He was always interested in the church, and has been an elder for over half a century, devoted to the church and education. Lucie A., the eldest child, married Rev. Dr. Carey, a noted divine in Ohio. resides on the farm, and is a good business man. I. graduated at Knox College, and for a period taught in the South. In 1878 she went to Salt Lake City as Principal of the High School Department of the Collegiate Institute. In August, 1881, she was married to Rev. R. G. McNiece, pastor First Presbyterian Church, Salt Lake City, Utah, where she resides with her husband, who has preached there for many years. teresting articles in the Church at Home and Abroad are widely read. It was no sinecure when Mr. McN. first went there to preach among the Mormons, sometimes under the guns of the U. S. fort.

REV. ALBERT BARNES IRWIN graduated with honors from Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., after which he took a course of study at the Theological Seminary, and preached with great success in Nebraska and Kansas. His qualifications attracting attention, he was elected to the Presidency of Highland University, which position he fills with great great acceptance to the officers and students of that institution. As a speaker, he is earnest, logical and eloquent.

WILLIAM IRWIN³, youngest son of Samuel², was born, raised and died in Cherrytree. He owned a farm adjoining that of his father on the Franklin and Titusville turnpike. He was a model of honesty and industry, and raised a large and useful family. His marriage was a happy one, his wife, Eliza (who died in Allegheny City, Pa., Jan. 7, 1893, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Lydia Burchard), being a daughter of that excellent old pioneer, Elijah Stewart, "who was a man to all the country dear."

JOHN IRWIN⁴ (his oldest son living), now resides at Santa Paul, Cal. Is engaged in the oil business there along with Lyman Stewart. John has been the antiquarian of the family, for he has preserved quite a collection. He has the black walnut chest that his greatgrandfather, Richard, brought over the sea; also the penknife of Hon. John Irwin that was bought out of the first cutlery that was brought to Titusville. Also, red morroco pocketbook and the knee buckles of his ancestor, which were given him by his grandfather, Samuel Irwin. John has been since 1865 engaged in drilling for and producing petroleum, and is very expert as a machinist. Samuel, his brother, died a hero's death in the U. S. Army June 30, 1863.

LYDIA J.⁴, who married Rev. W. C. Burchard, resides in Allegheny City. Her husband was a talented and earnest minister, who died there in 1892. She has written a beautiful tribute to his memory in the form of a memorial book. She is active in church and mission work of the Presbyterian Church.

JAMES HARVEY 4, who resides at St. Louis, Mo., is actively engaged in business there, being connected with several enterprises, among which I might mention the Electric Light Works, of which he is an officer, and is also engaged in zinc mining in Jasper co., Mo. Also connected with the Beck & Corbett Iron Co.

WILLIAM ALFRED⁴ resides in Webster, Mo., as does his sister, Clara L. (intermarried with Arthur B. Canfield). W. A. and Mr. C. are engaged extensively in the manufacture and sale of agricultural implements at St. Louis, their warehouse being on the wharf in that city, where they are doing a good business in mowers, reapers and agricultural machinery generally. Annie E

resides at Pittsburg, Pa., along with her sister, Mrs. Burchard.

JANE (IRWIN) CURRIE³, the youngest child of Samuel and Jane (Miller) Irwin, was born and raised at Cherry-After her marriage to Joshua T. Currie, she tree, Pa. settled at Youngsville, Pa., where her husband was in business as a millwright. He was a man of great energy of character, a deep reader and thinker, and very liberal in his views. He died at Youngsville, Aug. 18, Mrs. C. takes an interest in the community in which her lot has been cast, especially in school and She was raised in the Presbyterian church matters. faith, but there being no church of that denomination there, she united with the Episcopal Church some years She is the last daughter of her father's family. In 1850 her brother, Hon. Richard Irwin, wrote in her album among other lines this verse:

> I, the first born of eight, and you the last, All living yet, can scarcely be surpassed In any clime, and calls for heart-felt praise To Him who thus hath lengthened out our days.

III. JOHN IRWIN², 3d son of the American ancestor, was a man of great ability, learning and probity. He early came to Venango county, and was known as a surveyor, associate judge and general scholar. Never married, yet he educated his nephews and nieces, and by them was regarded as an oracle. So useful a man was he in settling disputes among the earlier settlers, and being learned in the law and well-equipped with books, that he was kept in the office of Associate Judge from 1805 till his death, Dec. 28, 1838. The scope of this book will not permit as lengthy a notice of the subject of this sketch as is desirable considering his prominence. In the history of Venango county may be found a fuller account of him, as well as of some of his brothers. Two

of his nephews, Richard and Samuel Miller, he thoroughly educated as surveyors and civil engineers. As a thinker he was independent. Was well versed in history, philosophy and the sciences. His nephew, Richard ³, wrote this tribute to his memory, which is cut on his tombstone at the old Cherrytree Church yard:

IN MEMORY OF HON. JOHN IRWIN, WHO DIED DECEMBER 28, 1838, IN THE 71ST YEAR OF HIS AGE.

If justice, temp'rance, truth could save
A fellow-mortal from the grave,
The tenant of this tomb had ne'er
Been laid within this narrow sphere,
But naught, when death the summons sends,
Can stay his hand or make amends;
Tho' fame and worth be spread afar,
"There's no discharging in that war."

- IV. James Irwin² migrated to Cherrytree shortly after his brother, and died there in 1827. He was industrious and cleared up a farm there. He married Mary Stewart, February 23, 1793. He raised a son and two daughters, other children dying in their youth. His son, Richard S. Irwin³, known as "the Captain" on account of the part he took in the militia years ago, was a prominent citizen of Venango county; was married to Mary Strawbridge, daughter of an old settler. Two daughters living, one married to Saml. Kerr, of Titusville, Pa., and the other to Frank W. Irwin, of Union City, Pa.
- VI. NINIAN IRWIN², known to the family as "the school master," was a man of good ability, and taught school for many years. He did much to equip his relatives in the early settlement of Cherrytree with an education. Says the *History of Venango County*: "He was elected County Commissioner in 1805 by a large majority. The first school house in the township was built through his effort, and at different times he taught the schools. He was an accomplished penman. He acted as Justice of

the Peace for many years. His son, Ninian, was a surveyor and merchant, and the founder of Cherrytree village." Ninian2 was three times commissioned Captain of Pennsylvania Militia; was elder of the Presbyterian Church at Titusville, Pa.; was Deputy Marshal and took the census of Venango co. in 1820. One of his granddaughters writes: "I remember of reading in my youthful days a small book of advice written by him to his daughters, which seemed to me to be the production of a well-cultivated mind, written in a clear, fine hand, plain as print—a kind father's solicitude for his motherless girls." Says another descendant: "He was an excellent mechanic, being a carpenter, wagonmager and wheelwright, all of which he taught to each of his four sons. Of his sons, Richard, born 1801, died at Cherrytree and was by occupation a carpenter. James, the second son, followed the same business and farming.

NINIAN3, third son of Ninian2, was born in Cherrytree and lived there until 19; went to Pittsburg and worked there with his brother as builder and carpenter until 1843. On April 20, 1852, he married N. Adeline Irwin³. Was appointed postmaster and served from 1847 to 1864. Was Justice of the Peace 1864-5. 1866 moved to Norristown, Pa., where he resided until the time of his death. In politics he was a Republican. In faith a Presbyterian, being an elder in the church. His education was good, and his knowledge of church history excellent. He was a good surveyor, and followed that profession for some time. During the war he was an active member of the Christian Commission. He was, in short, an able and useful man. His son, Ninian, by his first wife, died while in the U.S. service in 1864.

ANN (IRWIN) HANCOX³, 1807-1859, was an accomplished lady, having been taught at home by her excel-

lent father. She was a neat writer and good singer. Her husband, Henry Hancox, was a man of enterprise and a good citizen, always prominent in township affairs.

WM. G. IRWIN was first married in 1842 to Frances E. Breed. She dying in May, 1851, he married Elenor S. Wallace, Sept. 8, 1853. They had two children—Frank W. and James Graham. The family reside at Union City. Mr. I. early in life learned the carpenter trade, worked awhile in Pittsburg; returned to Cherrytree, taking charge of the flouring mill. Was at Tionesta in 1876; from there moved to Union City, Pa., where he now resides. He is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. To James G. Irwin, his son, I acknowledge myself much indebted for valuable aid in perfecting these sketches. J. G. is a manufacturer of novelties at Union City, Pa., and is a very ingenious mechanic.

CATHERINE GRAHAM IRWIN (ROBINSON)³, 1818–1878, was a lady of good education, kind and hospitable. Her husband, Alex. Robinson, died in 1887. He was an influential and respected citizen. They raised a large and useful family.

VII. ELIZABETH IRWIN (REZNOR), 1777–1858; married George Reznor in Union co. Jan. 17, 1808; moved to Delaware tp., Mercer co., Pa., 1818. They had six children. They were among the early settlers of Mercer co., and were of the Presbyterian faith. The family have increased in numbers and flourished—in fact, have grown so large they are holding Harvest Homes to celebrate their settlement. In the tables foregoing I give as far as I am able the names and ages of this large and influential family; I have but little to add. David Reznor, born 1811, lives near New Hamburg, "and is

yet as active as a young man." Richard Irwin Reznor3 was the father of 12 children and served in many township offices. Of his sons, James M.4 was a member of Co. B, 10th Pa. Vols.; died in the service in 1862. John Newton Reznor, 1843-1889; member of Co. K, 139th Pa.; received wounds in battle; was twice elected Clerk of Courts of Mercer co.; removed to Youngstown, O., where he died; was a member of Tod Post, G. A. Julius Sylvester Reznor has held various township and county offices, and is a prominent man in the Presbyterian Church. Robert Irwin Reznor⁴ (born in 1836), married Belinda Rhodes in 1861; he is a man of energy and ability and prominent in township affairs. pies the old Reznor homestead. To his daughter, Blanche Dora, the writer is indebted for much information concerning this branch of the Irwin family.

RICHARD IRWIN², born at West Fallowfield, IX. Chester county, Pa., Oct. 13, 1785; died as Cherrytree, Pa.. Sept. 25, 1857, was a man of great enterprise. Known among his relatives familiarly as "Richard at the Mill." Built the first grist mill in Cherrytree, which was known to all the settlers; as business increased, he built a new and larger mill about 1835. This was and is a large building on Cherrytree run, just below the village. The wheels of the new mill were all made by Ninian, William and James Irwin, who were ingenious mechanics and mill-wrights; so the whole mill was built by members of his brother Ninian's family. likewise cleared up a small farm, on which his son, Robert, settled and lived for many years until his removal to Greenville, Pa. He was a domestic man, and loved to be at home. He pur up several houses on his farm. his old age he was cheerful, contented and resigned, the natural result of his industrious and blameless life. politics he was a Whig, in faith a Presbyterian.

ROBERT IRWIN³, the oldest son of Richard², lived several years at Greenville, Pa.; moved to Ohio from there and died. Of his 5 sons only one remains, R. H. Irwin⁴, who moved to Brazil, Ind., and from there to Santa Paula, Cal., where he is now (1892) engaged in business with Lyman Stewart & Co. in the oil trade and other enterprises.

JANE M. STEWART, 1819-1865, married Wm. R. Stewart Jan. 4, 1838; was the third daughter of Richard Irwin²; was a woman of great kindness of heart and a favorite of her relatives and acquaintances. She raised a large and nseful family, some of whom have become prominent business men. Milton Stewart⁴, of Titusville. Pa., 1838, is a well-known name in the oil fields of Northwestern Pennsylvania. As a producer, stands in the front rank. To give anything like a full account of his oil operations and enterprises would require a small pamphlet. He also has been and is interested in various manufacturing establishments, refining oil, &c., and is well and favorably known. Frank and honest dealing has marked his successful career. family relations are pleasant. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Lyman Stewart⁴, of Los Angeles, Cal., is extensively engaged, along with Collins, Hardison & Co., in the production of oil in the California fields. where his efforts have been crowned with suc-His cousins, John Irwin and Hampson Irwin, are with him and under his employ. His marriage was a happy one, and they have been blessed with three children, the eldest of whom, Wm. Lyman⁵, was married June 15th, 1892, to Miss Christena Pitblado, of Los Angeles, Cal. During the war Lyman served his country "in the tented field" as a member of a Pa. regiment. He is one of the officers of the Pacific Gospel Union of his adopted town, and takes great interest in the welfare

of the church on the Pacific slope. He has recently entered upon the enterprise of manufacturing printers' ink from petroleum, which is pronounced a great success. His younger brother, W. Boyd, resides near him, and is engaged in the oil business also.

N. ADELINE IRWIN³, 1827, was born in Cherrytree, Pa., where she lived until she removed to Norristown, Pa. (See Ninian Irwin³.) Being the youngest child, and remaining with her parents until her marriage, she was their comfort and delight, being of a cheerful and pleasant disposition, and administering to their wants. For many years she has resided in Norristown, Pa., where in the church and Sabbath school and in every good work she has been active. She is endowed with an excellent memory, and the writer especially notes the obligations he is under to her for valuable statistical aid furnished for this book.

APPENDIX.

Two of the sons of Richard Irwin¹, American ancestor, were married to Millers, as is shown elsewhere. The Miller family of Mt. Bethel, Pa., like the Irwin of Ulster, is of Scotch extraction. I obtain the following facts from N. Adeline Irwin:

Wm. Miller, of Mt. Bethel, married Jane Moore. They had three sons, William, James and Samuel; five daughters: Jane (wife of Samuel Irwin²); Anne, who married J. Conner, of Mercer county; Ellen, who married a man named Shaw; Nancy, who married Richard Irwin²; and Fanny Miller, the youngest of the family, who is unmarried and lives with her brother, Samuel Miller, at Freeport, Ills. James Miller moved to Whiteside co., Ill., and is a farmer by occupation.

William, the older brother, resided at Buffalo Valley, Pa. One of his children was Ellen, who married Seth McCormick, of Williamsport, Pa. Among their children are Hon. H. Clay McCormick (late member of Congress), attorney at law, who is associated with his brother, Seth, in business; Wm. McCormick, a prominent lumberman; Dr. Horace McCormick, and Frank McCormick, in the real estate business, all of Williamsport.

OLD-TIME SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

By request, I insert the following poem by Richard Irwin, descriptive of the early schools, as it closely describes the difficulties and experiences of that pioneer:

> I am what's called a self-made man, So far as I am made; For I had little chance when young Of school to give me aid.

I never went a year to school,
Put all the time together,
And, for the most part, traveled then
Two miles in windy weather.

The Webster spelling book was then Just coming into play, And was a great improvement on The Dilworth of that day.

The Walsh's plain Arithmetic Was mostly then in use, And superseded Pike's dry work, More complex and abstruse.

No English grammar then was taught In those old-fashioned schools, And I've acquired, by practice, more Than e'er I learned from rules.

To write and cipher was as far
As teaching then did go,
And these, with reading, were adjudged
Enough for boys to know.

And girls, as schools were managed then, Had little time to spend At ciphering, which their teachers taught They could not comprehend.

But great advancement has been made Within the sixty years Since I attended those poor schools. As plainly now appears.

FAREWELL HYMN TO THE IRWIN VALLEY.

BY DR. JOHN LANGHORNE (1760).

How oft within yon vacant shade
Has evening closed my careless eye;
How oft along those banks I've strayed
And watched the stream that wandered by;
Full long their loss I shall bewail;
Farewell, the fields of Irwin's vale.

Yet still within yon vacant grove,
To mark the close of parting day;
Along yon flowery banks to rove,
And watch the wave that winds away,
Fair Fancy sure shall never fail.
Though far from these and Irwin's vale.

