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**ROBERT JEFFRIES—1656**

The ancestor of the Jeffries Family in America was Robert Jeffries, who was born in England in 1656, when Cromwell was in the height of his power as Lord Protector of the Commonwealth.

His father was John Jeffries, of Wiltshire, "a respectable country gentleman and land proprietor," whose family line traced back to the tenth century.

He spelled his name Jefferies. Members of his father's lineage then spelled their name five ways, viz: Jefferis, Jefferies, Jeffries, Jeffereys, Jeffreys, and descendants continue to do so to the present time in England and America.

**HE EMIGRATES FROM ENGLAND TO AMERICA IN 1681.**

Being a younger son, unmarried and vigorous, and with no special inheritance or prospects to look forward to at home, Robert Jeffries concluded to try his fortunes in the New World across the Atlantic, where English settlements had for some years been made, and whither had gone some colonists he personally knew.

Accordingly, with an adventurous spirit of enterprise, "in the 8th month," when twenty-five years old, he left the shores of England, where Charles II was King, sailing from Bristol harbor, and, after two months' voyage, "reached America on ye XVth of ye Tenth month, one thousand siv hundred eighty and one."

This was December 15th, 1681—for, according to the "Old Style" of calendar (until the year 1752), the year began in March, which was called the "first month."

**ROBERT LANDS AT CHESTER.**

The ship on which he came sailed up the Delaware Bay, and from thence went a short distance up a creek to a settlement. As to weather, they had a cold reception, for the record states that the waters of the creek were frozen, and, on account of ice, much trouble was experienced by the passengers in getting ashore at "Robert Wade's landing." They were, however, warmly and hospitably received by the people of the settlement, who were English, Welsh, Dutch, Swedes and Indians.

#### THE UPLANDS SETTLEMENT.

This settlement was called "Uplands," and was the earliest made in the "Province of Pennsylvania." It is now known as (old) "Chester" (so afterwards named by William Penn)—the most ancient town in Pennsylvania—the present county seat of Delaware county, 13 miles south-west of Philadelphia.

But Philadelphia then did not have existence, no special settlement having been made there.

William Penn had not yet come across the ocean, though he was known and regarded by the settlers as the proprietor and Governor of the Province, as he had, in the previous year, 1681, been granted a Charter, embracing the lands of the whole territory, "by our Sovereigne Lord Charles ye Second, by the Grace of God Kinge of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, & soforth."

#### WILLIAM PENN COMES TO AMERICA.

The following year, in the last of October, 1682, William Penn for the first time visited America, and the first of November of that year he came to the colony at Uplands, which was the only settlement of any importance in the Province at that time. Robert Jeffries was one of those who welcomed him, and he had joined the Society of Friends or Quakers, of which Penn was the acknowledged head in England and America. For some time Penn made Uplands his headquarters, from whence he made prospecting tours of his land possessions, and there perfected his plans for establishing his city of "Brotherly Love" where Philadelphia now stands. Here also Penn held "Assemblies" of the settlers, and organized the Government of his new Province.

#### PURCHASE OF LAND.

During the years from 1682 to 1691 Robert Jeffries bought tracts of land in that locality from William Penn and others, 600 acres of which was in vicinity of "Chichester," a new settlement made about that time near Uplands.

Except in land transactions, he is first mentioned in 1685 in the records of the Court at Uplands (Chester) as a witness for others in a law suit.

Among the lands he purchased were 190 acres from Richard Buffington, which farm he, some thirty years later, (appraised at "600 pounds value"), gave to one of his sons. This Richard Buffington from whom the land was bought, was one of the early settlers in Uplands, and his son Richard Buffington, Jr., is historically recorded as being "the first child born of English parents in Pennsylvania," having been born at Uplands in 1679.

Robert Jeffries also owned land in Philadelphia, for, according to the speculation inducing conditions of sale, every purchaser of land from Penn was entitled to "a lot free" in that embryonic city, which was founded in 1683.

#### HIS FIRST MARRIAGE.

In 1688, at Chichester—when William and Mary were King and Queen of England—Robert Jeffries married Jane Chandler, daughter of George and Jane Chandler. She was born in Marlborough, England, in 1670, and emigrated with her parents' family to Chichester in 1687.

Her father died of small pox when on this voyage to America. The record says: "He Deceased on the Xth of the Seaventh mo. in his passage to pensilvania." Undaunted by the loss of her husband, the widow Chandler bought property and land at Chichester and settled with her family of seven children, of whom Jane was the oldest. In 1689 the widow married Wm. Hawkes, who died in 1694; and in 1695 she married her third husband James Baylis, who died in Philadelphia in 1716. Two years afterwards, in 1718, the widow died at the home of her son-in-law Robert Jeffries. All were Quakers.

With a family of children growing up around him, Robert Jeffries continued to reside at Chichester, prospering well in all things.

#### HIS PERSONAL APPEARANCE.

No portrait of him exists, but tradition of his personal appearance and character, handed down by his children and neighbors from generation to generation, is that he was a man of fine physique, about six feet tall, of dignified bearing and good manners, cordial and hospitable, and one who enjoyed the pleasures of social life. He was noted as a man of energy, industry and business capacity, whose judgment was consulted in private and public affairs.

#### ROBERT'S SEAL, AND THE JEFFRIES FAMILY ARMS.

His signature seal, affixed to documents of importance, was this:—



The Jeffries Family coat-of-arms (crest) in England long has been, and still is this:—Device—*Post nubila Phoebus*—[“The sun shines forth after the clouds have passed.”]

Robert Jeffries was a cousin of Judge George Jeffries, Baron of Wem, Chief Justice under King Charles II, and Lord Chancellor of England under King James II, and who died a prisoner in the Tower of London in 1689.

ROBERT REMOVES TO EAST BRADFORD IN 1702.

While residing at Chichester Robert had, by purchase and exchange of property, acquired about 1,000 acres of land a few miles distant, in East Bradford (now Birmingham) township, near the town of West Chester, now the county seat of Chester County, Pa., 23 miles west of Philadelphia. Thither he removed and permanently settled with his family in 1702—according to the records, “in the first year of ye Reigne of our Sovereigne Lady Queen Anne.”

In October, 1712, he records the market price of products as being:

	s	d
“Bushel of wheat.....	2:	3
Bushel of corn.....	0:	22
Bushel of rye.....	0:	20
Cask of flour.....	9:	10
Barrel of cider.....	6:	”

He owned a mill, and a sample item of sales is this:

	£	s	d
“30 casks flour.....	14:	16:	6”

His wife Jane died at their home in East Bradford in 1726, aged 56 years. She was the mother of his twelve children—7 sons and 5 daughters—all of whom survived her, namely:—

George,	James,	Benjamin,	Jane,
John,	Robert,	Patience,	Anne,
William,	Thomas,	Charity,	Mary.

HIS SECOND MARRIAGE.

Three years later, at the age of 73, he married his second wife, a young woman, Anne Archer, who bore him only one child, a son, Richard, born Feb. 24th, 1730. Robert Jeffries had grand children over 20 years before this marriage. But this young wife seems to have been acceptable to his family, as it is recorded that his sons and daughters bestowed bridal gifts upon her, one of which was “a Bay Mare and Equipments for Riding,” presented to her by his son James, who was several years her senior.

HIS DEATH.

Robert Jeffries, aged 83 years, died at his home in East Bradford on “ye 4th of 2d month (April), 1739, the ninth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George II, King of Great Britian.”

## ROBERT JEFFRIES' WILL—1738.

It is dated Aug. 4th, 1738, and is now on record in the Court of Chester County, as are other papers of the Jeffries Family.

The will was probated in that Court on April 19th, 1739, by "Jo: Parker, Deputy Register." The cost of probate was as follows:

	£	s
"Cash paid for Coppy of ye Will, Probate, &c	1	5
"Expences on Evidence when Proved.....	0	5

The paper size of the will is described in the will as being "written upon one sheet of Paper in three Pages in Folio." It is a lengthy document, occupying about from 4 to 5 pages of what is now known as "legal cap" paper.

The three witnesses who proved the will were Joseph Taylor, Benj. Taylor and William Lowery. The Executors appointed (as named in the will) were his wife Anne and Joseph Webb. The Appraisers of his personal property were Richard Woodward and William Temple. Anthony Arnold was appointed Guardian of his one minor child, Richard.

Notwithstanding that he had his life time bestowed the bulk of his property upon his children, he died possessed of considerable personal estate for those days, the last of which—246£: 17s:10¾d—was distributed to heirs by "final settlement" of his estate made by the executors May 28th, 1742, as is shown by the records of the Court.

To his youngest son Richard he gave part of the homestead land; and in his will, after giving his wife certain household effects, live stock and money, he said:

"I bequeath unto my said beloved wife Anne the privilege of abiding, dwelling and inhabiting in the Mansion Home wherein she and I together dwell at this present time, during the time she shall remain a widow, for the better subsistence of her and my son Richard."

His "wareing apparrill," "gold ring," "silver shoebuckles," "purss," etc.—"divided among his children" as keepsakes—were appraised at "9£:15s." His clock was appraised at 6£:10s.

## HIS COFFIN AND GRAVE.

Among the items of "Funeral Expences" recorded as paid by the Executors of his estate, are—

	£	s	d
Payd to Benj Ring for his Cofing.....	3	0	0
Payd to Wm Dean for Diging his grave.....	0	4	6

## ROBERT JEFFRIES' CHILDREN.

Patience Jeffries married Henry Betterton in 1708.

Charity first married John Evans in 1710; second, married John Cope in 1721.

William married Elizabeth Neild. He died at the old

homestead during Revolutionary War.

James married Elizabeth Carter. He settled near the family seat, and died in 1743.

George married Lydia Webb. He died in 1763.

Jane married Joseph Skeen.

Anne married Alexander Duncan.

Mary married Thomas Temple.

Benjamin married Prudence Claypoole.

Robert married ——. Thomas married ——. John married ——.

Richard married, first, Jane Logue, and, second, Nancy Davis.

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## RICHARD JEFFRIES—1730

Richard Jeffries, youngest of Robert's thirteen children, was born in East Bradford (Birmingham) township, Chester County, Pa., on Feb. 24th, 1730.

Like his father, he twice married. He was the father of 29 children, 21 of whom grew to man and womanhood.

Richard's first wife was Jane Logue, whose nine surviving children were:—

Jesse,  
Samuel,  
Saleb,

John,  
George,  
Joseph,

James,  
Hannah,  
Abigail.

### RICHARD REMOVES TO HUNTINGDON COUNTY.

In 1785 Richard Jeffries removed from Chester County to Tell Township, Huntingdon County, Pa., where his wife Jane Logue died the same year, and was buried in a graveyard on the home farm, on north bank of Tuscarora river.

A year thereafter he married his second wife, Nancy Davis, who was born May 5th, 1765. She was the mother of his twelve surviving children, namely:—

Mark,  
Amor,  
David,

Nesbit,  
Richard,  
Robert,

Isaiah,  
Mary,  
Rachel,

Nancy,  
Elizabeth,  
Sarah.

### HIS DEATH.

Richard Jeffries died at his home in Tell Township on March 27th, 1817, aged 87 years. He is there buried in a graveyard on the home farm, on bank of the Tuscarora, one mile from where the sons of Mark Jeffries were born.

Nancy Davis (Richard Jeffries' second wife) survived him, and died in 1841, aged 76 years, at Piqua, Ohio, where then lived her son Robert and her daughter Elizabeth, wife of James Thompson. She was buried in a graveyard two miles north of Piqua.

### RICHARD JEFFRIES' CHILDREN.

Jesse Jeffries married Susannah Parsons, a sister of the father of Mark Jeffries' wife, Rebecca. George married ——. Joseph married ——. Abigail married ——. Sam-



uel married ——. James married ——. John married Rachel Trogo. Caleb married ——. Hannah married ——.

Mark married Rebecca Parsons, May 21st, 1811.

Isaiah married Elizabeth Parsons, daughter of John Parsons, a brother of Rebecca Parsons. Removed to Allen County, Ohio.

Rachel married James McNulin. Removed to Wabash County, Indiana.

Elizabeth married James Thompson. Removed to Piqua, Ohio.

Richard, Jr., married Mary Anderson. He died in 1832 near St. Marys, Ohio.

Robert married ——. He died at Piqua, Ohio.

Sarah married Benjamin Briggs. Removed to Wabash County, Indiana.

Nancy married — in Philadelphia.

Mary married Christopher Wagner, Springfield Township, Huntingdon County, Pa.

Amor married Elizabeth Rutter. He died in Stark County, Ohio.

David married Elizabeth Wilson-Campbell. He died in Shade Gap, Dublin Township, Huntingdon County, Pa., in 1857.

Nesbit married Hannah Swan. He died in Butler County, Ohio, in 1838.

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#### SETTLED IN VIRGINIA, MARYLAND, ETC. ..

Among the sons of Robert and Richard who in early days settled in other parts of the country were: Samuel and Caleb to Virginia; Robert to the South; John to Massachusetts; Joseph to Lancaster; Benjamin to Philadelphia; James (a sea Captain) to Baltimore; George to Fredrick, Maryland.

#### JEFFRIES FAMILY CONNECTIONS.

In Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia the families of Robert and Richard inter-married with the families of:—

Evans,	Simcox,	Truman,	Briggs,
Betterton,	Gorman,	Walton,	Wagner,
Neild,	Gilbert,	Willis,	Prior,
Carter,	Taylor,	Buffington,	Hamilton,
Duncan,	Claypoole,	Parsons,	McNealy,
Temple,	Gibbons,	Harlan,	Campbell,
Cope,	Homer,	Underwood	Cheyney,
Mackey,	Wade,	Wilson,	Coovert,
Webb,	Cooper,	Swan,	Butler,
Skeen,	Noakes,	Thompson,	McNulin,
Patterson,	Pemberton,	Anderson,	Clayton.

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During the Revolutionary War, from 1775 to 1784, the Jeffries Family—though many of them were Quakers and opposed to the principles of War—contributed supplies and furnished a full proportion of volunteers to the Pa-

triot army under Washington. Numbers of the Jeffries' name and their connections served as soldiers. The battle of Brandywine, in 1777, was fought almost at their very doors, their lands bordering on that historic stream.

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## **MARK JEFFRIES—1787**

Mark Jeffries, oldest son of Richard by his second wife, was born Feb. 10th, 1787, in Tell Township, Huntingdon County, Pa. He lived to be the oldest of the Jeffries Family in America. He died at Mt. Union, in his native county, on Feb. 11th, 1877. He is buried there in the churchyard at east side of the village, his grave being marked with a marble monument inscribed: "Mark Jeffries, aged 90 years and 1 day."

### **HIS MARRIAGE TO REBECCA PARSONS.**

On May 21st, 1811, by Thomas Morrow, Esq., in Tell Township, Mark Jeffries was married to Rebecca Parsons, who was born March 1st, 1783, in Huntingdon County. She died September 25th, 1863, aged 81 years, at Rossville, Clinton County, Indiana, where her husband and son Benjamin were then residing. Her grave is there, with that of her son Mark.

### **JEFFRIES—PARSONS FAMILY.**

Mark Jeffries' wife, Rebecca, was a daughter of John Parsons. Her grandfather, William Parsons, was born in England, and emigrated to America, landing at Philadelphia, where he remained some time, and then settled in Chester County.

### **CAPTURED BY INDIANS.**

Among the incidents of the career of William Parsons, and one that disabled him for life, is that during one of their raids in Chester County he was captured by Indians, and was cruelly tortured by them. After beating him terribly in "running the gantlet," they scored and cut the soles of his feet with knives, and then made him walk naked and barefooted through blazing fire and over red-hot, burning coals, until his body was all blistered and his feet a roasted mass. In this miserable condition he was turned over to squaws for curative treatment. He was nearly helpless, and supposing him incapable of exertion the Indians kept careless watch over his movements. He remained a prisoner in their camp several days, and, taking advantage of their lack of vigilance, he managed one night to crawl to the bank of the Susquehanna river near by, where he found a canoe, and getting into it, floated down the stream to Harris' Ferry. He was there taken ashore and cared for by John Harris, whose son, John Harris, Jr., was born at that pioneer settlement, and was

afterwards the founder of Harrisburg, the capital of Pennsylvania.

William Parsons had four children, namely: John, who was born in Chester County, June 10th, 1755, and Samuel, Hannah and Sarah. The Parsons' family were Quakers. His sons John and Samuel settled in Tell Township, Huntingdon County.

John Parsons married Elizabeth Simcox, born April 19th, 1757, and had eight children, namely: Rebecca, married to Mark Jeffries; Sarah, married to Andrew Walkup; Samuel, married to Margaret Stenire; Susannah, married to Matthew Prior; Elizabeth, married to Joseph Coovert; and Jesse, John and Amor.

His first wife, Elizabeth Simcox, died March 1st, 1803, in Tell Township, Huntingdon County, and he married Sarah Hamilton who had children, Nancy, Ruth and James. He died at Mifflin, Juniata County, Pa., Oct. 21st, 1822, aged 67 years, and is buried there. Sarah Hamilton, his second wife, died in 1824.

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#### CHILDREN OF MARK JEFFRIES.

Mark and Rebecca Parsons Jeffries had six children who grew to manhood (no daughters). All were born in Huntingdon County, Pa., namely:

1. Cyrus Jeffries—born June 6th, 1812. He married Catharine Kitelinger April 17th, 1834, in Greene Township, Wayne County, Ohio. His children were: Alonzo, Fredinand, Howard, Jacob, Ossian and Belle. Three sons were soldiers in the war for the Union—one was killed in battle. He was a minister, and died suddenly August 13th, 1877, at Williamstown, New Jersey, while preachnig a sermon.

2. Mark Jeffries—born Nov. 22d, 1813. Married Harriet Ihrig, Feb. 16th, 1837, in Greene Township, Wayne County, Ohio. He was a merchant. He died March 27th, 1848, at Rossville, Ind., from fever. Children—Margaret, Mary J., Louisa E., and Cyrus, who was a soldier in the 16th Regiment O. V. I. and died in 1862 at Cumberland Gap, Tenn.

3. John Parsons Jeffries—born July 19th, 1815. He removed from Huntingdon County, Pa., to Wayne County, Ohio, in May, 1836, where on August 17th, 1837, he married Jane McMonigal. He was a lawyer. He died suddenly in Wooster, Ohio, August 13th, 1888. His wife and 5 sons and 1 daughter survived him, namely: Lemuel, Linnæus Q., Joseph O., Delano C., Julian P., and Viola Rebecca Jeffries. Lemuel and Linnæus were soldiers in the Union Army.

4. Andrew Walkup Jeffries—born January 30th, 1820. Married Amanda Campbell September 3d, 1841, at Dalton, Wayne County, Ohio. He was a mill builder. He died very suddenly Sept. 26th, 1886, at his home in Mifflinsville, Franklin County, Ohio, near Columbus the State capital.

His wife and following children survived him: Josephne, Maria, Malcolm, Frank, Edwin, May (Mrs. Corwin) and Homer.

5. Benjamin Briggs Jeffries—born July 17th, 1824. Married Nancy J. Black June 22d, 1848, at Rossville, Ind. He is a merchant. Lives at Toledo, Ohio. His children are: Frank P., Uriah B., Walker, Netty, Jane and William.

6. Noah Lemuel Jeffries—born December 3d, 1827. Married Minerva Tidball January 16th, 1851, at Millersburg, Holmes County, Ohio, the union resulting in one daughter, Henrietta, who, in 1878, married W. L. Brown, of Youngstown, Ohio, now of New York City. His wife Minerva died, and in 1884 he married Marie Armstrong, of Washington, D. C. They have one child, Rebecca Parsons Jeffries. He lives at Washington, practicing law. During the war he was Brigadier General in the Union Army, and was Register of the United States Treasury under President Johnson.

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The following are specimens of the quaint old-time records, copied from the originals preserved by the Jeffries Family:

INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT OF PROPERTY—1688.

A True Inventory of the goods and Chattells of George Chandler [father of Robert Jeffries' wife Jane Chandler] who Deceased on the xth of the Seaventh mo. 1687 in his passage to pensilvania; Taken & Apprized by us Whose Names are heer under written The xiii Day of the third month 1688 at Chichester in the province of pensilvania—

	lb	s	d
first His wearing Apparrell.....	iii	00	00
⌘t one fether bed & two bolsters, 2 blankets, 1 Coverled, 1 pare of Sheets	iiii	00	00
⌘t in other beds & Bedding.....	vi	00	00
⌘t in tools & other Ironware.....	oi	x	00
⌘t in Pewter.....	oi	xi	00
⌘t in Brass.....	iii	x	iii
⌘t in nayles, Saws, Augrs, Chessells, Gouges, wedges, Locks, Keys, Rip- hooks & all other Iron Lumber.....	ii	xi	ix
⌘t 2 gunns & powder & shot & powder Horne .....	ci	xii	00
⌘t 2 Chests & five Boxes and 2 bedsteads	oi	x	00
⌘t in Sacks.....	00	xi	00
⌘t one Barrell, 1 pare of Bellows, 4 Ke- vers, 1 Doe trough, 2 pailles, 10 botles, & all other Lumber.....	oi	00	00
⌘t one Sow & 9 piggs.....	ii	00	00
⌘t 4 yards & halfe of Sarge at 4s p yard	00	xviii	00
⌘t in whitles and Childbed Linen.....	00	xviii	00
⌘t 1 Ell of holland or Scotch Cloth, thred, pins & tapes.....	00	v	00
⌘t one Coverled yt paid toward byeing of one Horse.....	oi	iiii	00
⌘t paid toward one Hundred Acres of Land .....	viii	x	00
in the whole.....	xl	xi	00
Debts			
paid A Debt to John Chandler.....	xxvii	x	00
To William Hues.....	00	xii	00
To philip Rummin for shooes.....	00	x	00
To William Hawks for work & provision	00	xv	00
To Fra'cis Chadsey.....	00	ov	00
To meat .....	00	iii	00
To William Clowd .....	oi	ii	00
The whole.....	xxx	xvii	00

John Chandler  
Thomas Rauellison  
George Strode

QUAKER MARRIAGE OF ROBERT JEFFRIES' DAUGHTER—1721.

Whereas John Cope, of Bradford, in the County of Chester and province of Pennsylvania, yeoman, and Charity Evans, daughter of Robert and Jane Jefferies, of the township aforesaid, widow of John Evans, having for a considerable time intended to take each other as husband and wife, and having obtained the consent and allowance of their friends and relations, having also set up a paper at Birmingham Meeting-House door, in the eighth month, one thousand seven hundred and twenty-one, to answer the law in that case made and provided.

Now, for a full determination of their intention, on the thirtieth day of the ninth month, commonly called November, one thousand seven hundred and twenty-one, they, the said John Cope and Charity Evans, appeared in a public assembly, met together for that end and purpose at the house of Robert Jefferies, situate in Bradford township.

The said John Cope, taking the said Charity Evans by the hand, did declare as followeth:—"Friends, in the presence of God and this assembly, I take this my Friend Charity Evans to be my wife, promising through God's assistance to be unto her a faithful and loving husband until it shall please God by death to separate us."

And then in the said assembly, the said Charity Evans did declare in like manner as followeth: "Friends, in the presence of God and this assembly, I take this my Friend John Cope to be my husband, promising through God's assistance to be unto him a loving, obedient and faithful wife, till it shall please God by death to separate us."

And the said John Cope and Charity Evans, as a further confirmation thereof, did then and there, in these presents set their hands; and we whose names are hereunto subscribed, being present among others, at the solemnization of said marriage and subscription, have unto these presents subscribed our names the day and year above written. The said Charity assuming the name of her husband, according to the usual custom.

CHARITY COPE.

HENRY NAGLE, JUSTICE.

JOHN COPE.

Robert Jefferies,  
Jane Jefferies,  
William Jefferies,  
James Jefferies,  
Robert Jefferies, Jr.,  
Jane Jefferies,  
Ruth Buffington, Jr.,  
Elias Ring,  
Margaret Farlow,  
Nathaniel Ring,  
George Strobe,  
Richard Woodward,  
Samuel Scott, Jr.,

William Cope,  
Thomas Chandler,  
William Chandler,  
Swithin Chandler,  
Charles Turner,  
George Carter,  
Abiah Taylor,  
John Willis,  
William Harlan,  
Charity Chandler,  
Ann Chandler,  
Mary Underwood,  
Deborah Taylor,

Mary Chandler,  
Esther Willis,  
Mary Donalds,  
Elizabeth Carter,  
Ann Scott,  
Mary Woodward,  
Elizabeth Taylor,  
Ruth Harlan,  
Ann Willis,  
Rebecca Buffington,  
Elizabeth Willis, Jr.,  
Elizabeth Blackwell.

## JOHN PARSONS JEFFRIES—1815

John Parsons Jeffries, great grand son of Robert, grand son of Richard, and son of Mark and Rebecca Jeffries, was born July 19th, 1815, on the left bank of the Tuscarora river, in Tell Township, Huntingdon County, Pa. In May, 1836, he removed to Wayne County, Ohio. On August 17th, 1837, he was united in marriage to Miss Jane McMonigal, daughter of Andrew and Sarah McMonigal, the ceremony being performed by Samuel Coulter, Esq., at the McMonigal homestead two miles south-west of Wooster.

He was admitted to the Bar by the Supreme Court of Ohio at Columbus the State capital in 1842, and for nearly half a century thereafter practiced the profession of law in Wooster, the County seat of Wayne County. He was Prosecuting Attorney of the county and Judge of the Probate Court, and held other public positions. He was a candidate for Congress, and an Ohio Delegate to the National Democratic Convention that nominated Stephen A. Douglas for President. He was author of an extensive work entitled "History of the Human Races," and contributed largely to the History of Wayne County, and to other publications. Extended biographical sketch will be found in "Douglas' History of Wayne County, Ohio," 1878, and in other published works.

Judge Jeffries died at his home in Wooster, very suddenly from neuralgia of heart, at 3:45 o'clock Monday afternoon, August 13th, 1888, aged 73 years. His wife and five sons and one daughter survived him, namely: Lemuel, Linnæus Q., Joseph O., Delano C., Julian P., and Miss Viola Rebecca. His oldest daughter, Sarah Matilda (Price) died Nov. 13th, 1865, at Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia, and was buried at Wooster, Nov. 19th. His sons Lemuel and Linnæus were soldiers in the war of 1861-5.

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## LEMUEL JEFFRIES—1838

Lemuel Jeffries, oldest son of John P., and Jane Jeffries, was born June 8th, 1838, on the McMonigal homestead farm, two miles south-west of Wooster, Ohio. His father was born in Huntingdon County Pa., in 1815, and came to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1836. His grandfather was Mark Jeffries, who was born in Huntingdon County, Pa., in 1787. Mark was a son of Richard Jeffries, born in Chester County, Pa., in 1730; Richard was a son of Robert Jeffries, a Quaker, born in England in 1656 and emigrated to Chester, Pa., in 1681. His grandmother, wife of Mark Jeffries, was Rebecca Parsons, of Quaker English ancestry, born in Huntingdon County, Pa., in 1783. His mother Jane was a daughter of Andrew McMonigal, and was born in Wayne County, Ohio, in 1818; her father was born in 1791 near Carlisle, Pa.; her grandfather, William McMon-

igal, was born in County Derry, Ireland, and emigrated to America in 1785; her mother, Sarah Glendenning, was born in County Tyrone in 1793, and came with her parents to America in 1801. His mother's parents, the McMonigals, settled as pioneers in Wayne County, Ohio, in 1814.

In youth Lemuel Jeffries learned the newspaper printing trade with Jacob A. Marchand, and for years was an Editor of the Wayne County *Democrat*, published in Wooster. During the War of Secession, 1861-5, he was a soldier in the Union Army.

On October 9th, 1862, by Rev. James Reed, at the Howard House on West Liberty street in Wooster, Ohio, he was united in marriage to Harriet E. Howard, oldest daughter of Charles and Eliza (McCracken) Howard, which union resulted in two daughters, Emily and Helen Jeffries. He was for three years Clerk of Wayne County Probate Court, and was Mayor of Wooster two terms, from 1883 to 1887.

#### MILITARY SKETCH.

Lemuel Jeffries enlisted as a private at Wooster, Ohio, on April 15th, 1861, under President Lincoln's first call for troops to support the Union, in Company E, 4th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was the first Company organized in Wayne County, for the War, his name being the 15th signed on the roll of volunteers. He was discharged from such "three months" service June 4th, 1861, at Camp Dennison, near Cincinnati, by reason of his re-enlistment under Lincoln's first call for "three years' troops," as a private in said Company E, (Capt. James McMillen), 4th Regiment O. V. I., commanded by Col. Lorin Andrews.

In Virginia, in August, 1861, he was promoted from private in Co. E to 5th Sergeant of Co. D, and also to 1st Sergeant of Co. D, by Capt. George Weaver of Co. D; and in October, 1861, after death of Col. Andrews, he was by Colonel James Cantwell, promoted to Sergeant-Major of the 4th Regiment O. V. I.

On recommendation for promotion by Col. John S. Mason, U. S. A., who succeeded Col. Cantwell, he was, on Dec. 22d, 1861, commissioned 2d Lieutenant by William Dennison, Governor of Ohio, and was assigned to duty in Co. G, (Capt. Peter Grubb) and afterwards in Co. D, (Capt. Gordon A. Stewart). He was Acting Adjutant of Regiment some time.

In September, 1862, he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant by David Todd, Governor of Ohio, and assigned to duty in his first Company, E, 4th Regiment O. V. I. He was honorably discharged at Fort Gaines, near Georgetown, D. C., June 7th, 1863, on Surgeon's certificate of physical disability, caused by the hardships he endured in the campaigns through which he had passed.

On recommendation of officers under whom he served, and after going before a Military Board at Washington



and passing a favorable examination as to soldiery qualifications, he was commissioned 1st Lieutenant of Co. C, 20th Regiment Veteran Reserve Corps February 11th, 1864, by Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States; and on Sept. 8th, 1864, President Lincoln promoted him to Captain of the Company at Point Lookout, Md. The Veteran Reserve Corps being a branch of the U. S. Army, not belonging to any State troops, these commissions of Lieutenant and Captain, issued by the President, had to be, and were, confirmed by the United States Senate.

For a time he was an officer, Captain and Inspector, on the staff of Gen. Wm. H. Browne, of New York City, on duty in Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia, with headquarters at Baltimore.

He participated in the following engagements in Maryland and Virginia:—Middle Fork Bridge, Rich Mountain, Mechanisburg Gap, Romney 1st; Romney 2d, Blue's Gap, French's Store, Bloomery Gap, Winchester, Cedar Creek, Woodstock, Edinburg, Mt. Jackson, Rood's Hill, Stony Creek, New Market, Salem, White Plains, Front Royal, Petersburg, Port Republic, Evlington Heights, Malvern Hill, Harrison's Landing, 2d Bull Run, Centerville, Snicker's Gap, Fredericksburg, Falmouth, Bank's Ford, Monocacy.

He served under the following Generals: J. D., Cox, Kelley, Schleigh, McClellan, Rosecrans, Benham, Lander, Shields, Nathan Kimbal, Keyes, Ferry, Casey, E. B. Tyler, John S. Mason, S. S. Carroll, N. P. Banks, John C. Fremont, O. Brown, W. H. Browne, W. B. Franklin, W. S. Hancock, Alex. Hayes, Couch, W. F. Smith, E. V. Sumner, French, James B. Fry, A. E. Burnside, Joe Hooker, Grant, John Gibbon, E. K. Warren, O. C. Ord, McDowell, O. O. Howard, Lew Wallace, etc.

With other soldiers then in that Department of the country, Captain Jeffries at once went to Washington at the time President Lincoln was assassinated by Wilkes Booth, and early in the morning of April 15th, 1865, he was in the excited and sad crowd of citizens and soldiers in front of the house (to which the night before Lincoln had been carried unconscious from Ford's theatre), when the President died. He was one of the many soldiers at the funeral of Lincoln at Washington, and was among the guard of honor that stood near the remains while thousands of citizens passed by, taking a "last view."

A month after this, on May 23d, 1865, he was among the tens of thousands who participated in the "Last Grand Review" of the Union Army at Washington.

After this he was sent on duty into Virginia on the "Reconstruction" service under Gen. O. O. Howard—Gen. O. Brown having charge of the State of Virginia, with headquarters at Richmond. Captain Jeffries was stationed at Jerusalem, Southampton County Va., on the Nottoway river, and near the great "Dismal Swamp" running into North Carolina.

In brief, Lemuel Jeffries served in the Union Army from 1861 to 1866, as follows:—

1. Private Co. E, 4th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry.
2. Fifth Sergeant Co. D, 4th Regiment O. V. I.
3. First Sergeant Co. D, 4th Regiment O. V. I.
4. Sergeant Major 4th Regiment O. V. I.
5. Second Lieutenant Co. G, 4th Regiment O. V. I.
6. Second Lieutenant Co. D, 4th Regiment O. V. I.
7. Acting Adjutant 4th Regiment O. V. I.
8. First Lieut. Co. E, 4th Regiment O. V. I.
9. First Lieut. Co. C, 20th Regiment Veteran Reserve Corps.
10. Captain Co. C, 20th Regiment Veteran Reserve Corps.
11. Captain on General's Staff.
12. Captain on "Reconstruction" duty in Virginia.

#### HIS MUSTER OUT OF SERVICE.

In April, 1866, he returned from Virginia to Washington, where, on May 4th, 1866, a year after the war closed, he was, as Captain of Co. C, 20th Regiment Veteran Reserve Corps, honorably discharged from service, and returned to his home at Wooster, Ohio.

#### JEFFRIES—McMONIGAL—GLENDENNING FAMILY

Jane Jeffries, wife of John P. Jeffries, was born August 3d, 1818, on a farm two miles west of Wooster. She was a daughter of Andrew and Sarah (Glendenning) McMonigal.

#### EMIGRATED FROM IRELAND TO AMERICA.

Her grandfather, William McMonigal, was born in County Derry, Ireland, and emigrated to America in 1785. In 1790 he married Nancy Manhattan, and settled at Carlisle, Pa., shortly afterwards.

Andrew McMonigal, (Mrs. Jeffries' father) was born in Newville, Cumberland County, Pa., April 21st, 1791. He married Sarah Glendenning at Carlisle, Pa., on April 21st, 1813. She was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, Nov. 11th, 1793, and with her father and mother, James and Jane Glendenning, emigrated to America in 1801, settling at Carlisle. Her parents were born in County Tyrone in 1758. They were members of the Seceder Church.

Their children were: Elizabeth, born Feb. 27th, 1783, married John Hanna; Martha, born Dec. 15th, 1785, married to — Dixon; Mary, born June 9th, 1787, married — Glendenning; Jane, born Feb. 3rd, 1790, married Josiah Given; Sarah Glendenning, born Nov. 11th, 1793, married Andrew McMonigal.

#### FROM PENNSYLVANIA TO OHIO.

In the year 1808 William McMonigal and his son Andrew came on horseback to the wilderness of Ohio prospecting for land, intending to purchase same from the

United States Government; and afterwards, in 1812, bought several farms in Wayne County by deed from President Madison, as the record of deeds show:

In May, 1814, Andrew and Sarah McMonigal permanently located as pioneers in Wayne County, settling on lands purchased from the Government. A few years later also came Mrs. McMonigal's relatives, the Givens, Hannas, Nixons, etc., who settled in Holmes and Knox Counties. Andrew's only brother, William McMonigal, Jr., came with him to Ohio. He was an unmarried man, blind of one eye. A school teacher. In 1826 he went away, and where he settled is unknown.

William McMonigal, Sr., died at Carlisle in 1818. Andrew McMonigal died in Wooster, Ohio, May 9th, 1846, aged 55 years. His wife Sarah McMonigal died in Wooster, Dec. 31, 1883, aged 90 years.

The children of Andrew and Sarah McMonigal were: James, born Nov. 4th, 1816, married Elizabeth Hall; Jane, born Aug. 3d, 1818, married John Parsons Jeffries; Sarah, born July 7th, 1820, married John R. Wilson; Martha, born July 9th, 1822, married Henry G. Saunders; Mary, born Nov. 6th, 1824, married William C. Rice; Eliza, born Feb. 11th, 1827, married Elias Cosper; William Hugh, born Nov. 9th, 1830, married Kate Carr; Andrew, Jr., born June 20th, 1833, married Mary Jane Hess.

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## **ANDREW WALKUP JEFFRIES—1820**

Was the fourth son of Mark and Rebecca Parsons Jeffries, born Jan. 30, 1820, in Huntingdon County, Pa. Died Sept. 26, 1886, in Franklin Co., Ohio. Having come to Ohio in 1836. He was a carpenter, millwright and lumber manufacturer. He was a large and dignified man, 6 ft. in height, and weighed 225 lbs.; light hair and blue eyes. Highly intelligent and industrious.

He married Amanda Jane Campbell, Sept. 3, 1841, at Dalton, Wayne County, Ohio. She was born May 28, 1821, died Jan. 8, 1898, the daughter of Joseph and Nancy Campbell, and was of highest type of womanhood. Her descendants can be justly proud of her.

To Andrew Walkup Jeffries and Amanda Jane Campbell Jeffries were born the following children: Josephine, Malcolm W., Maria C., Edwin F., May, Homer, Howard and Walter. The two last named having died in childhood.

JOSEPHINE JEFFRIES—born Nov. 30, 1842, died July 10, 1885, married Charles Haver of Indiana —, and 2 children were born to them. Bertha died in childhood and Minnie moved to California where she was married.

MALCOLM W. JEFFRIES—born Feb. 13, 1851, in Franklin County, Ohio. A very active and successful business man. Having been a manufacturer of clay prod-

ucts and lumber and was engaged to considerable extent in real estate. He was remarkable for initiative, industry, and business accumen. These qualities assured his success. A truly self-made man, having gone from home when a mere child to seek his fortune. With untiring effort and a policy of honesty and square dealing, he succeeded not only financially, but enjoys the high esteem of all who know him. He is of fine personal appearance, large, dignified and pleasing personality.

He married Margaret Wilkerson of Knox County, Ohio, Oct. 2, 1887. She was the widow of Warren Wilkerson. Her maiden name was Margaret Reed, daughter of John and Esther Reed. She was born in Knox County, Ohio, July 19, 1861. No children were born to this union, but a child taken at the age of 21 months, Geneva by name, was raised by them and was the source of very great pleasure to them. Geneva married Clay M. Neal of Columbus, Ohio, June 3, 1924, and to them was born on Nov. 20, 1925, a daughter, named Mary Margaret.

MARIA C. JEFFRIES—born March 23, 1853, in Franklin County, Ohio, died Dec. 5, 1926. She married Edmund N. Moore of Franklin County, Ohio, in 1877, and was widowed when her husband died in 1885, the result of an accidental gun shot wound. To this union two sons were born, Franklin A., born 1881, died May 11, 1925; unmarried. He was a graduate of Ohio State University. An Electrical Engineer.

Roscoe N., born 1885, in Franklin County, Ohio, died Jan. 20, 1925. He married Bernice — of Gary, Indiana, and a son, Franklin, was born to them in 1912. Roscoe was a skilled machinist.

JOHN FRANKLIN JEFFRIES—born in Gahanna, Franklin County, Ohio, Jan. 18, 1859, died March 20, 1907. Unmarried and engaged in carpentry.

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## **EDWIN FORREST JEFFRIES—1855**

Born in Gahanna, Franklin County, Ohio, July 23, 1855, died in Shadeville, Franklin County, Ohio, Feb. 2, 1892. He was married March 5, 1878, to Angeline Powell of Columbus, Ohio, by Rev. Garvin. She was the daughter of George A. and Mary Powell and was born in McConelsville, Morgan County, Ohio, Feb. 24, 1857. To this union was born Edison P., Homer, Mark E., Mary H., Maud, May, Joseph C., and Edith E. Homer, Mary and May died during childhood.

Edwin Forrest Jeffries was a lumber manufacturer with excellent prospects of a successful business career, but fate decreed otherwise and he died a victim of pneumonia at the early age of 37. He was of fine personal appearance, 6 ft. in height and fine physique. Industrious almost

to a fault, of a kind and pleasant personality, loved and respected by all who knew him.

MAY JEFFRIES—born May 1, 1862, died July 21, 1924. She was a school teacher before her marriage, and possessed many qualities of extraordinary womanhood. She married Edwin E. Corwin in June, 1883. He was of Columbus, Ohio, and an attorney-at-law. To them were born two children, Hilda, born July 18, 1885, died Dec. 21, 1926. She married Russell Burt of Columbus, Ohio, June 24, 1913. He is also an attorney. To them were born two children, John and Benjamin. They now reside in Canton, Ohio. She was a woman of beauty and admirable qualities, a graduate of Mt. Holyoke

Oliver Paul Corwin, son of May Jeffries Corwin and Edwin E. Corwin, was born July 8, 1892. A genial and capable young man, unmarried and engaged in advertising business.

HOMER A. JEFFRIES—youngest child of Andrew Walkup Jeffries and Amanda Campbell Jeffries, was born Jan. 10, 1866. He remained unmarried; first engaged in lumber manufacturing, later moving to the west, where he has spent a large part of his life in R. R. bridge construction. He, too, is a man of fine physique, being 6 ft. 2 in. in height and about 200 lbs. weight. Genial and of dignified bearing.

#### CHILDREN OF EDWIN FORREST JEFFRIES AND ANGELINE POWELL JEFFRIES

EDISON POWELL JEFFRIES—born Nov. 20, 1879, disappeared in 1912. He married Lucretia Whitehead of Lockbourne, Franklin Co., Ohio, in 1898, and four children were born to them: Edwin Forrest, born Jan. 5, 1890, died Jan. 31, 1919; Dorothy, born Oct. 28, 1901; Lulu, born Dec. 5, 1903; Carlos, born 1907, died 1910. Dorothy married Robert Hale Peterson, of Decatur, Indiana, July 7, 1921. To them was born a son, Robert, Jr., Feb., 1923.

#### MARK EMERSON JEFFRIES

Born March 27, 1882, in Franklin County, Ohio; married Ada Alice Huffman, Feb. 8, 1904, Rev. Dr. James Albert Patterson, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Ada Alice Huffman was born Feb. 28, 1887, in Franklin Co., Ohio, the daughter of Jacob and Eliza White Huffman. To this union were born four children: Howard, born June 22, 1905, died two days later; Marian Blake, born July 20, 1906; Malcolm Keeler, born Nov. 24, 1907; William Donald, born Dec. 20, 1909. Mark Emerson Jeffries, an exception to the rule of family in point of size, being 5 ft. 9 in. in height, weight about 155 lbs., dark hair and eyes, and is engaged in real estate and building business.

HENRIETTA MAUD JEFFRIES—born Feb. 19, 1886, in Franklin Co., Ohio, a woman of unusual quality and an excellent teacher in Franklin County schools. She became the wife of Harry B. Evans, July 11, 1906; the son of Benjamin Franklin Evans and Jennie Louise Evans of Shadeville, Franklin Co., Ohio. Benjamin Franklin Evans was a merchant and postmaster at Shadeville, Ohio. To this union was born a daughter, Virginia Louise Evans, Dec. 5, 1908, and a son, David, who died in infancy in 1912. Harry B. Evans was born July 11, 1884, and died in 1922. He was engaged in grocery business. His widow next married Chester Warren Sipes of Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 25, 1917, formerly of Delaware Co., Ohio. He had two children by former marriage, namely, Annabel Lee Sipes, born Oct. 25, 1907, and John Warren Sipes, born July 10, 1914.

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## JOSEPH CAMPBELL JEFFRIES

Youngest son of Edwin Forrest Jeffries and Angeline Powell Jeffries, was born Nov. 8, 1889, in Franklin Co., Ohio. He is of characteristic Jeffries type in point of size, being 5 ft. 11 in. in height and weight 225 lbs. He has dark eyes and hair, genial and of pleasant personality, engaged in grocery business. He married Mary Moninger Nov. 12, 1912, daughter of John and Rosa Moninger of Columbus, Ohio. To them was born a son, John Homer Jeffries, Aug. 15, 1926.

EDITH ELOISE JEFFRIES—youngest child of Edwin Forrest Jeffries and Angeline Powell Jeffries, was born Jan. 10, 1892, in Franklin Co., Ohio. Died April 3, 1928, of cerebral hemorrhage in Springfield, Mass. Burial in family lot in Greenlawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio. A woman of marked intelligence and grace. She resided in Washington, D. C., where she had a position in the U. S. Treasury Department until her marriage Sept. 8th, 1927, to John Francis Storey, also of Washington, D. C.