

# TAYLOR

AND

## ALLIED FAMILIES

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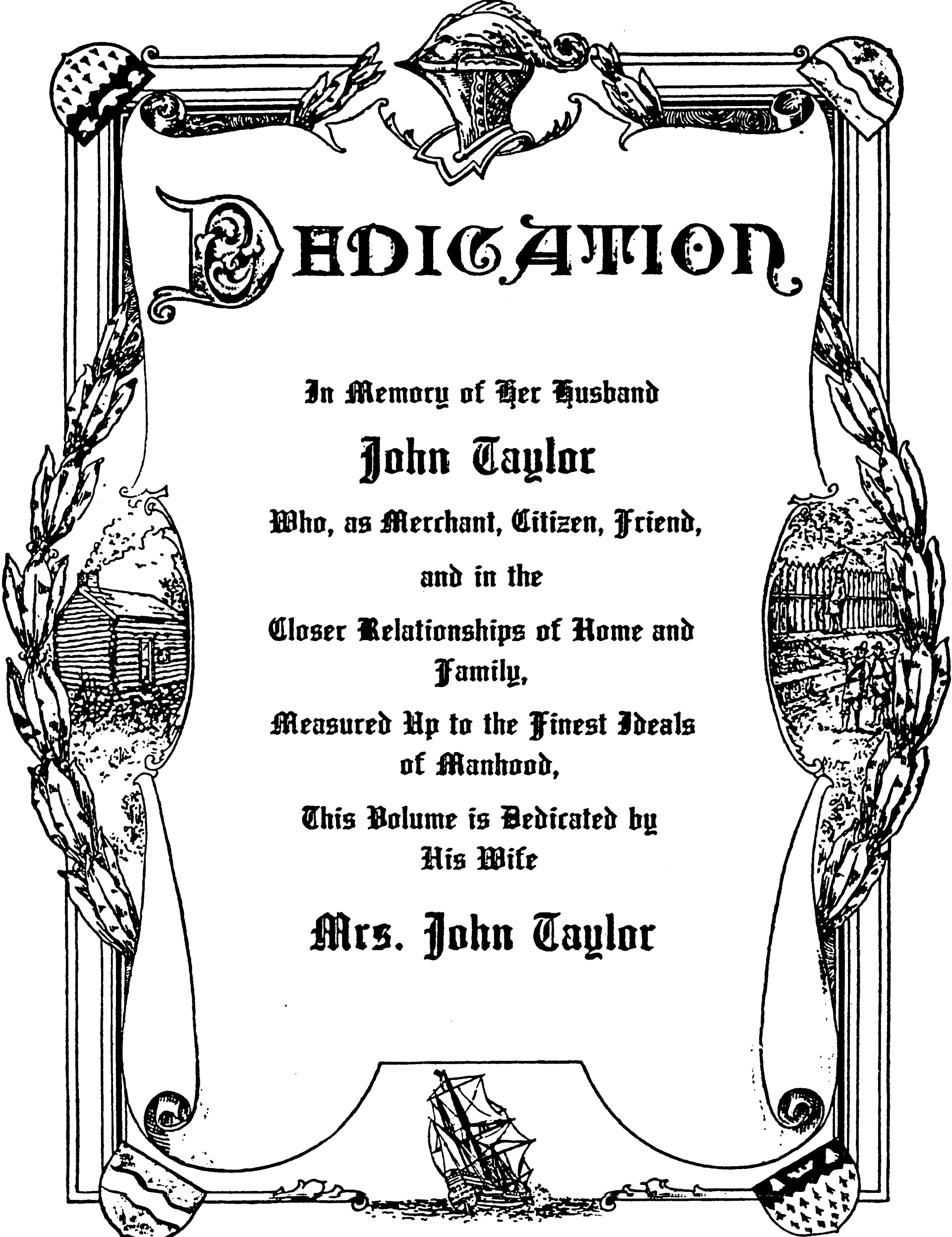
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# DEDICATION

In Memory of Her Husband

**John Taylor**

Who, as Merchant, Citizen, Friend,

and in the

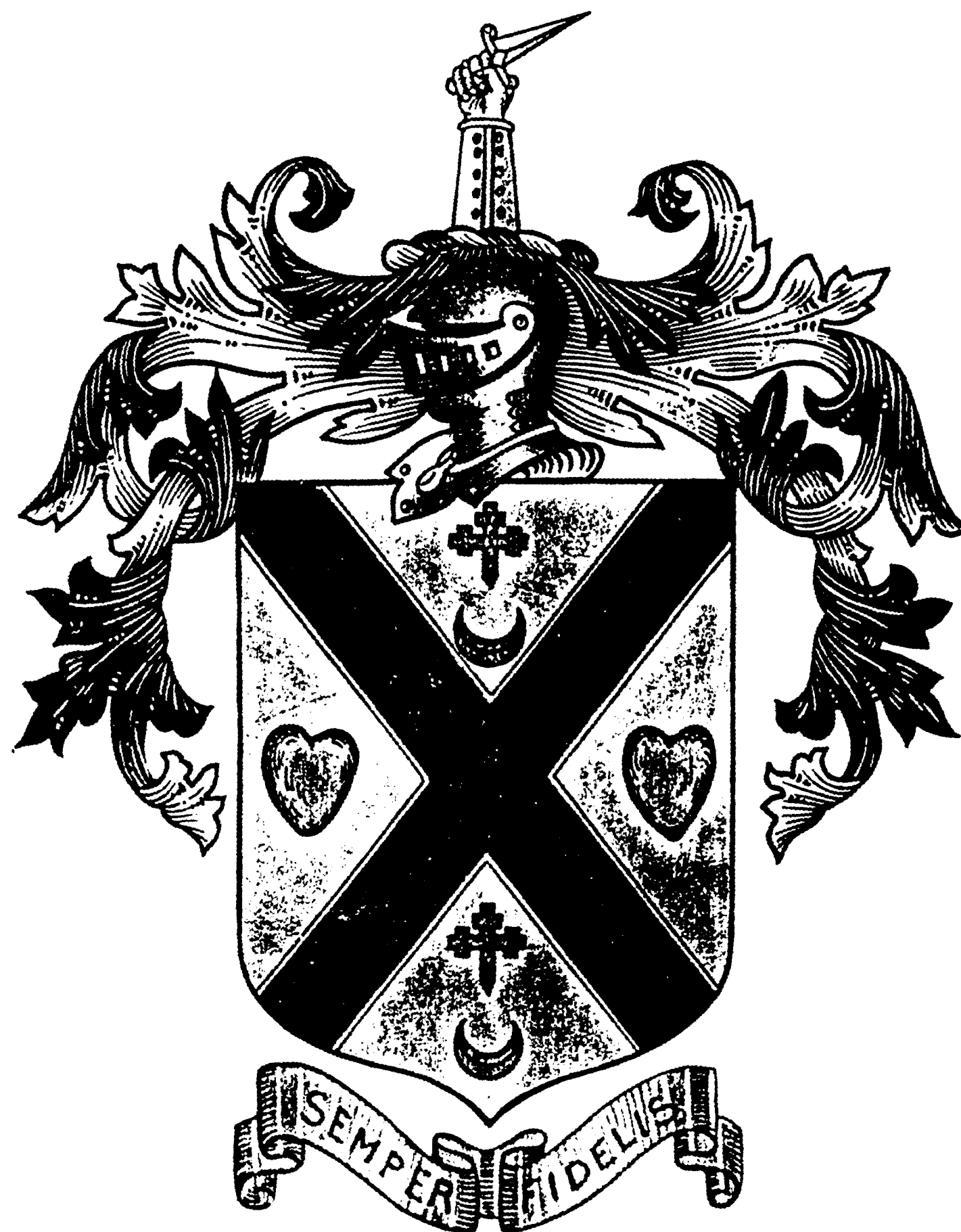
Closer Relationships of Home and  
Family,

Measured Up to the Finest Ideals  
of Manhood,

This Volume is Dedicated by  
His Wife

**Mrs. John Taylor**





Taylor



## TAYLOR ARMS

*Arms*—Or, a saltire sable between a crescent, surmounted by a cross cross-let fitchée azure in chief and in base, and a heart in each flank gules.

*Crest*—An arm from the elbow, in armour, holding a dagger both proper.

*Motto*—*Semper fidelis.*

(Burke's "Encyclopedia of Heraldry.")





# Taylor



OF the large class of occupational surnames, the patronymic Taylor is of early origin. The early records show many variations in the spelling of the name; in the Hundred Rolls are listed: Taillar, Taillour, Tail-lur, Taylour, Tayler, and many others. A Henry C. Taliur is found in County Norfolk, in 1273, and a Roger le Taylur in County Lincoln at the same period.

Branches of the family have long been seated both in many of the counties of England and also in Scotland. (Bardsley: "Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames.")

## I

JAMES TAYLOR is the first of this line of whom record is found, and his home was Torphichen, Scotland, a town near Edinburgh, famous as the birthplace of Mary, Queen of Scots. James Taylor followed the calling of stone cutter, as had his father before him, and he spent his entire life in the place of his birth. He married Mary Thompson, of the family of the poet Thompson.

## II

JAMES TAYLOR, son of James Taylor and Mary (Thompson) Taylor, was born in Torphichen, Scotland, January 10, 1828. When he chose his life work it was in the field that had engaged his father and grandfather, and he served an apprenticeship as a stone carver with James Steele, noted Scotch sculptor, an example of whose work is the dog on the Mall in Central Park, New York City. On May 1, 1850, less than a year after their marriage, he and his wife came to the United States. New York City, their first home, did not appeal to them, and since Mrs. Taylor had a brother who was a surveyor at Georgian Bay, Canada, they went to that place, purchasing a beautiful home where they spent one or two years. Mr. Taylor, however, decided to return to New York City, where he was joined by his family after he had established himself in business. He was exceptionally talented in stone carving and typical specimens of his work along this line were the



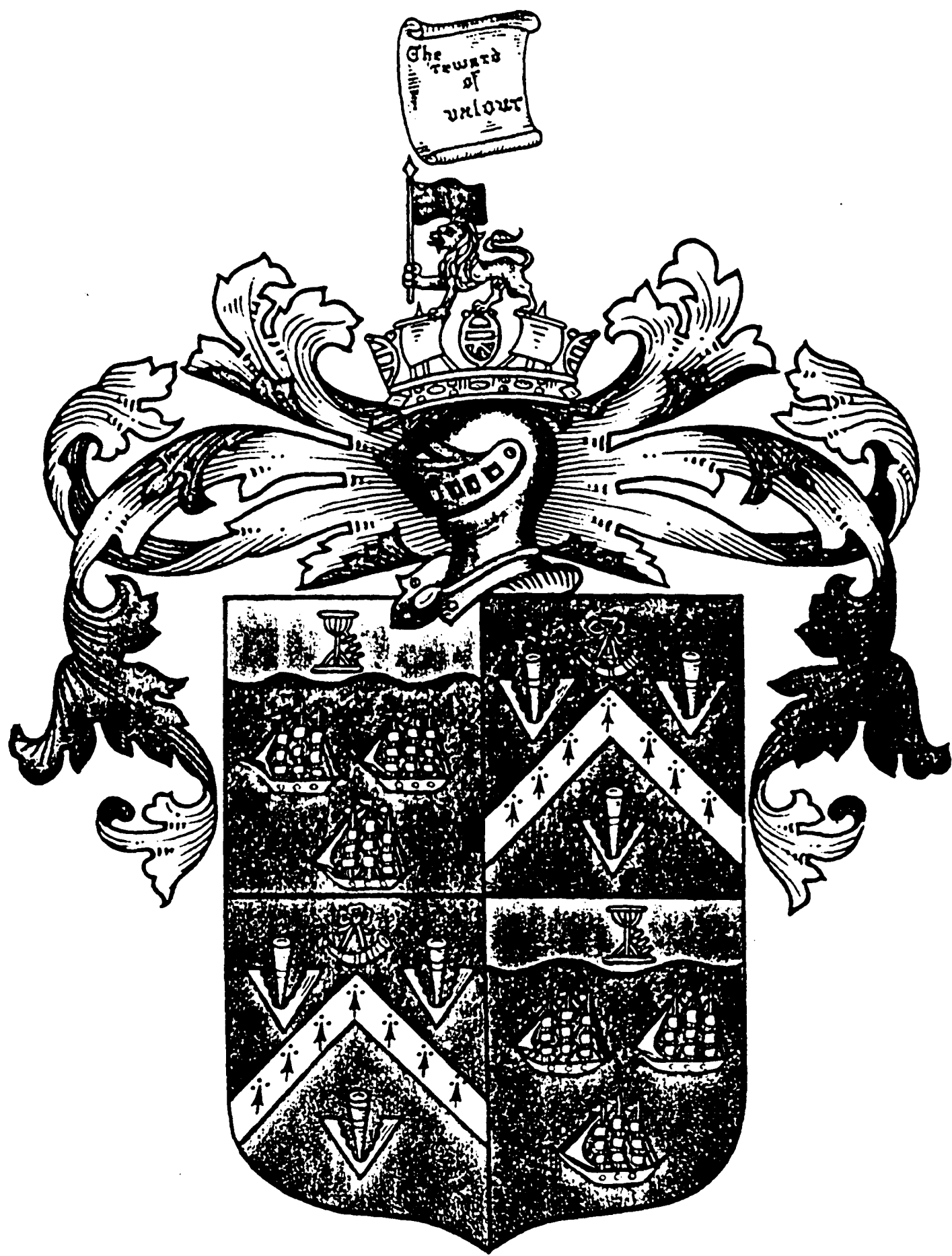
lions over the old Trinity Building, and the doorway of the Fifth Avenue home of James Gordon Bennett. By 1858 he had established his own business in New York, but at the outbreak of the Civil War he went to the front with the Seventy-ninth Highlanders of New York as first lieutenant and quartermaster. After a short period of service he resigned to return to the care of his wife and five children, and resumed his work in sculpture and stone carving. He continued active until 1875, when ill health caused his retirement, and at his death in New York City, October 10, 1877, he was possessed of an estate of considerable value.

James Taylor married, November 14, 1849, at No. 49 Indian Place, Stockbridge, Edingburgh, Scotland, Olivia Young Moodie, born in Edinburgh, Scotland, February 14, 1830, died in Kansas City, Missouri, January 14, 1908. The Reverend William F. Tasker performed the ceremony.

Children:

1. Mary Young, born December 19, 1850, died in Poughkeepsie, New York, June 11, 1925; married, in New York City, April 21, 1874, Lewis Wentworth Harrington.
2. Olivia Thompson, born April 22, 1852, died October 22, 1856.
3. *John*, of whom further.
4. William, born June 23, 1856, died at Pueblo, Colorado, August 12, 1915; married (first), in 1881, at South Cleveland, Ohio, Mary Ayars; (second), May 14, 1912, Katharine Sleeper, of Kansas City, Missouri.
5. Bessie, born September 1, 1858; married, at Columbus, Ohio, April 14, 1880, Frank Royall Houghton, of New York City.
6. James, Jr., born September 22, 1860, died March 10, 1878.
7. Robert Lenox, born August 3, 1862, died in Nevada, July 26, 1900; married, in 1890, Frances Somerend, of Kansas City, Missouri.
8. George Moodie, born December 29, 1864; married (first) Caroline Link, of New York City; (second), at Millburn, New Jersey, September 21, 1892, Belle Lewis.
9. Frederick Almy, born June 19, 1868; married Virginia Alexander, of Independence, Missouri.
10. Ralph Davidson, born August 6, 1870, died March 22, 1872.





Moodie



### MOODIE ARMS

*Arms*—Quarterly, 1st and 4th, azure three ships in full sail argent on a chief wavy gules a beacon or; 2nd and 3rd azure a chevron ermine between three pheons argent in chief a hunting-horn or.

*Crest*—On a naval coronet a lion passant holding a flag, on a scroll above the same, "The reward of valour."

(Burke's "General Armory.")







John Taylor





Gertrude R. Taylor



## III

JOHN TAYLOR, son of James and Olivia (Moodie) Taylor, was born in New York City, June 30, 1854. He received a good practical education in the public schools of New York City and in the Packard Business School. When he was but sixteen years of age, his father died and the exigencies of the family situation necessitated his starting out to make his own way. His first business position was in Nashua, New Hampshire, where he was employed by an uncle, William Taylor, later of the William Taylor and Son dry goods store, of Cleveland, Ohio. From here, he entered the employ of another uncle, who was in business under the firm name of Hogg, Brown and Taylor, of Boston, Massachusetts.

At the age of twenty-one, the young man, John Taylor, went to New Haven, Connecticut, and here entered in business for himself, establishing the firm of Adams and Taylor in partnership with J. N. Adams. Another venture of the same nature was later launched by Mr. Taylor in Columbus, Ohio, this time with George Sinclair as partner. It has been said that at this time Kansas City was the "best advertised town in the United States." Of John Taylor, it can be truly said that he had ability to take a long look ahead, and as far back as 1881, he envisioned the greatness and coming place of Kansas City. Together with Mr. Sinclair, he, accordingly, started new endeavors in that place, establishing a dry goods business, September 5, 1881. The first move of the partners was the leasing of the first floor and basement of the south half of the new Ridge Building at No. 1038 Main Street, before it was finished. These were the days when real estate dealers were booming the town, when Main Street had boardwalks, plank street crossings and a pavement of broken macadam. Mr. Taylor noticed that men "sat on fences, whittled and swapped lies and traded in dirt." His partner abandoned the venture within a year and sold his interest to Mr. Taylor, who hung on. His was ever the faith to stick to his enterprise in spite of disappointments. His name "John Taylor" appeared on a sign before the modest entrance to the simple little store. The proprietor and a Scotch employee swept the shavings from the new store and labored night and day putting up shelving, unpacking boxes and placing conveniently and attractively the new stock. Said the employee of his hardworking superior:

Mr. Taylor worked very hard in those days and did pretty much of everything. He did all the buying, and he wrote all the advertisements. He painted all the signs and price cards for the stock and windows. In fact, he did everything.



The business prospered and grew, and so firmly was it established that the crash which wrecked the financial world and disturbed the whole community, did not wreck John Taylor's firmly founded business.

Within a few years after he became sole owner, Mr. Taylor built his shallow store not more than sixty-five feet in depth back to the alley. Then he took over and occupied the second and third floors and finally took a lease on the whole building, one hundred feet of frontage. Wider and wider prosperity, founded on fair dealing, industry and keen ability, came. In 1903, he bought two hundred feet of ground on Baltimore Avenue and erected a five-story and basement building which is now part of the Taylor store. Some years later, his growing enterprise called for still more room, and was installed in newly purchased additions, purchased at different times as the volume of business increased and the reasonable expectation of future growth made expansion seem wise. The first twenty-six were bought from Mrs. Robert Lakenan; the second obtained by purchase from Thomas Corrigan. Both of these previous owners were members of old Kansas City families. These additions included fifty-two feet of the Main Street building, as well as the long time lease on the remaining forty-eight feet of the original Ridge Building. Thus had this business of modest beginnings grown to be an organization of great size. In 1914, the building was replaced by one of six stories with steel strong enough to carry four additional stories. The ten employees grew in number to several hundred and these are still connected with the business. Many of them are of Scotch birth and lineage, chosen by the founder, Mr. Taylor, always aware of the fine heritage that his own Scotch ancestry had given him. Then, too, many in the neighborhood are of the same descent and find congenial the Scotch atmosphere which pervades the establishment. The department store which had its humble beginnings in the small dry goods concern, bears strong testimony to the faculty of Mr. Taylor of securing the confidence and co-operation of both patrons and employees. For a long period, he worked actively in its upbuilding, and though for many years not resident in Kansas City, he still remained president of the company and closely associated with its progress, as well as that of Kansas City itself, for he bent his energies as earnestly toward upbuilding the city as toward erecting his own fortunes.







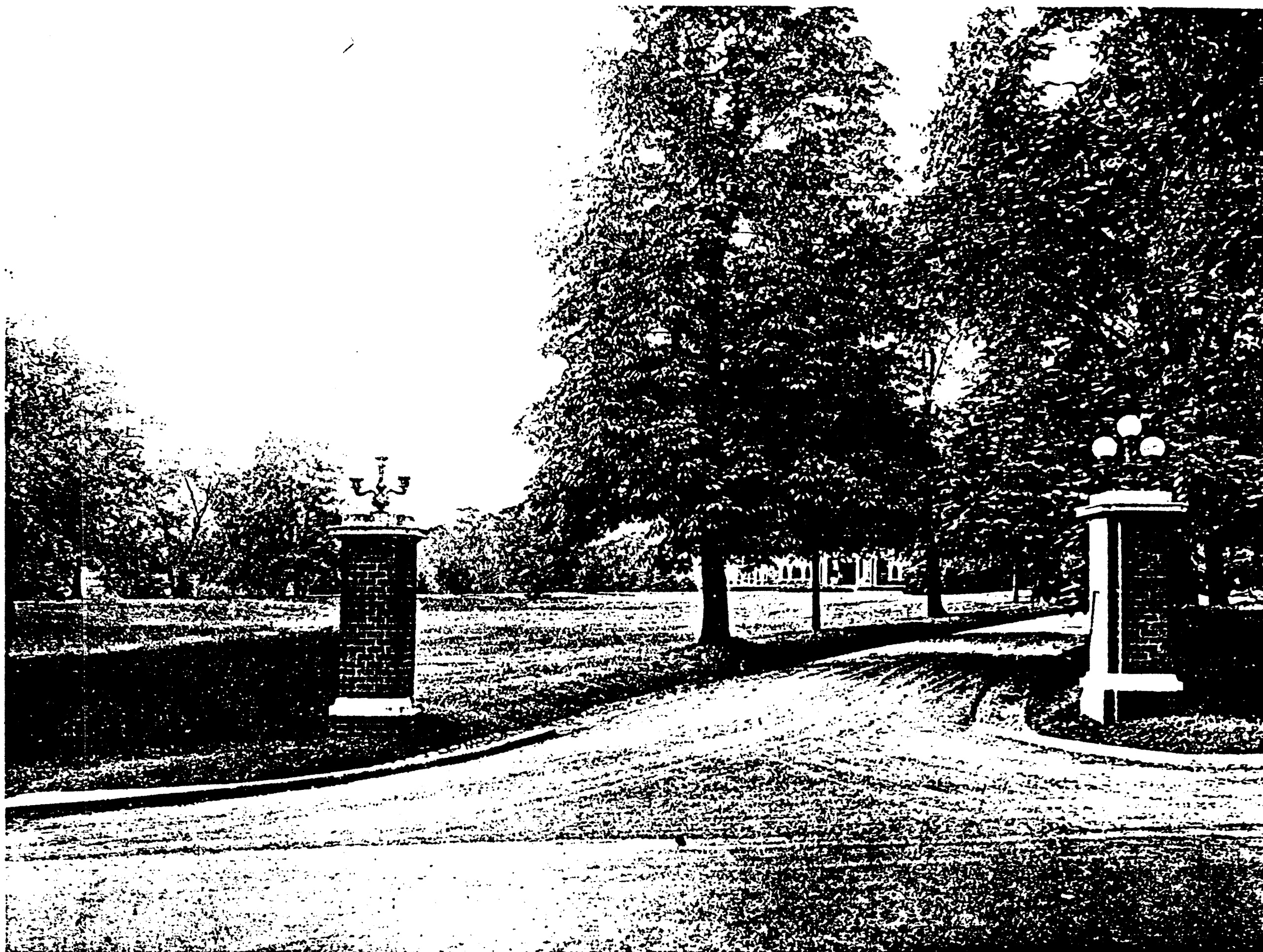
WOODFIELD, SHORT HILLS,  
MILLBURN, N. J.





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ENTRANCE TO WOODFIELD,  
SHORT HILLS,  
MILLBURN, N. J.



The last nineteen years of John Taylor's life were not spent in Kansas City, for he took up his residence in Millburn, New Jersey, and had an office in New York City. So greatly did his store prosper, that Mr. Taylor's three thousand two hundred and ninety-seven shares of its capital stock were valued, at the time of his death, at \$329,700. His real estate holdings in other places than Kansas City included property in the vicinity of New Chambers Street and New Bowery in New York, and fifty acres of land in Essex County, New Jersey. The success of Mr. Taylor awakes admiration and this is the recognition well-founded, that his career illustrates certain virtues of man and character, typical of the strong, able and high-minded American.

John Taylor was a life member of the Kansas City St. Andrew Society, and showed deep interest in the prime purpose of the organization, namely the building of an old folks' home. A sincere Christian, rather than a rigorous adherent of a creed, the man was noted for his home-loving disposition and his interest in his fellow-men. His ideals were humanitarian, and he worked in a spirit of coöperation with a true desire to serve. Mr. Taylor was a member of the Christian Church in Kansas City. For a time in New York he went to the Presbyterian Church, and while in New Jersey attended the little Presbyterian Church in Springfield, known for its memorable historic associations. He later found inspiration and satisfaction in allying himself with the Church of Christ, Scientist, the church to which his wife belongs. His political views were those of the Republican party. His clubs were the Baltusrol Golf Club, Short Hills, New Jersey; the Short Hills Club; the Kansas City Club, of Kansas City; and the Country Club, of Kansas City. Driving horses and golf provided him with his chosen forms of recreation.







TAYLOR TOMBSTONE  
PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY  
SPRINGFIELD, N. J.



Death came to Mr. Taylor at his New Jersey home, November 30, 1919, at the end of sixty-five years of productivity and broad usefulness. In business astute, farsighted, firm, and able, he was a success, and his success was the success of his city. He was quite literally a shaping element in the formative period of Kansas City and impressed the young city with something of his own high ideals and ambitions. Among those who "believed" in Kansas City at all times and under even adverse conditions was Mr. Taylor, who was willing to fortify his belief with all his fortune. He built up an institution which is a proverb for square dealing, for reliability, and for sound business policy.

A tangible monument to his ability, the John Taylor Dry Goods Company is far more than the most imposing and progressive department store in an alert community; it connotes high ideals of public service in merchandising, substantial merit, and dependability. His methods, ability, and integrity helped to establish for the whole retail trade of the city such high standards that the city became the retail trade capital of the territory. His generosity and public spirit had a share in every worthy civic or philanthropic enterprise. His personality entered into creating an ideal of citizenship for the city which has colored all its subsequent history.

Of John Taylor as a citizen and contributor to public progress, the Kansas City "Journal" speaks thus on its editorial page:

The John Taylor Dry Goods Company has always been dependable as a leader in all those public-spirited enterprises which make for the progress and prosperity of the community, even those which are often looked at somewhat askance by those short-sighted business men who are inclined to relegate "art" to the background. The Symphony Orchestra had no more sympathetic or generous supporter than Mr. Taylor, and his name and that of his firm could always be found on the subscription lists of all worthy projects for the betterment of the condition of the people or for the general uplift of the community. He was always in the most intimate communication with everything which concerned the welfare of the city and Kansas City has not in a long time lost a more devoted or valuable friend than in the death of John Taylor, whose passing will be universally regretted, but who leaves behind as a legacy the certainty that his firm will "carry on" with the same broad civic vision and fine genius for commercial cleanness and soundness which characterized him during his life time.



On the other hand, his personal life was pure and noble, imbued with a love of those who surrounded him in the way of family and friends, and with a humanitarianism which sought to help all of his fellow-men. A good man, a kindly man, he was a great American.

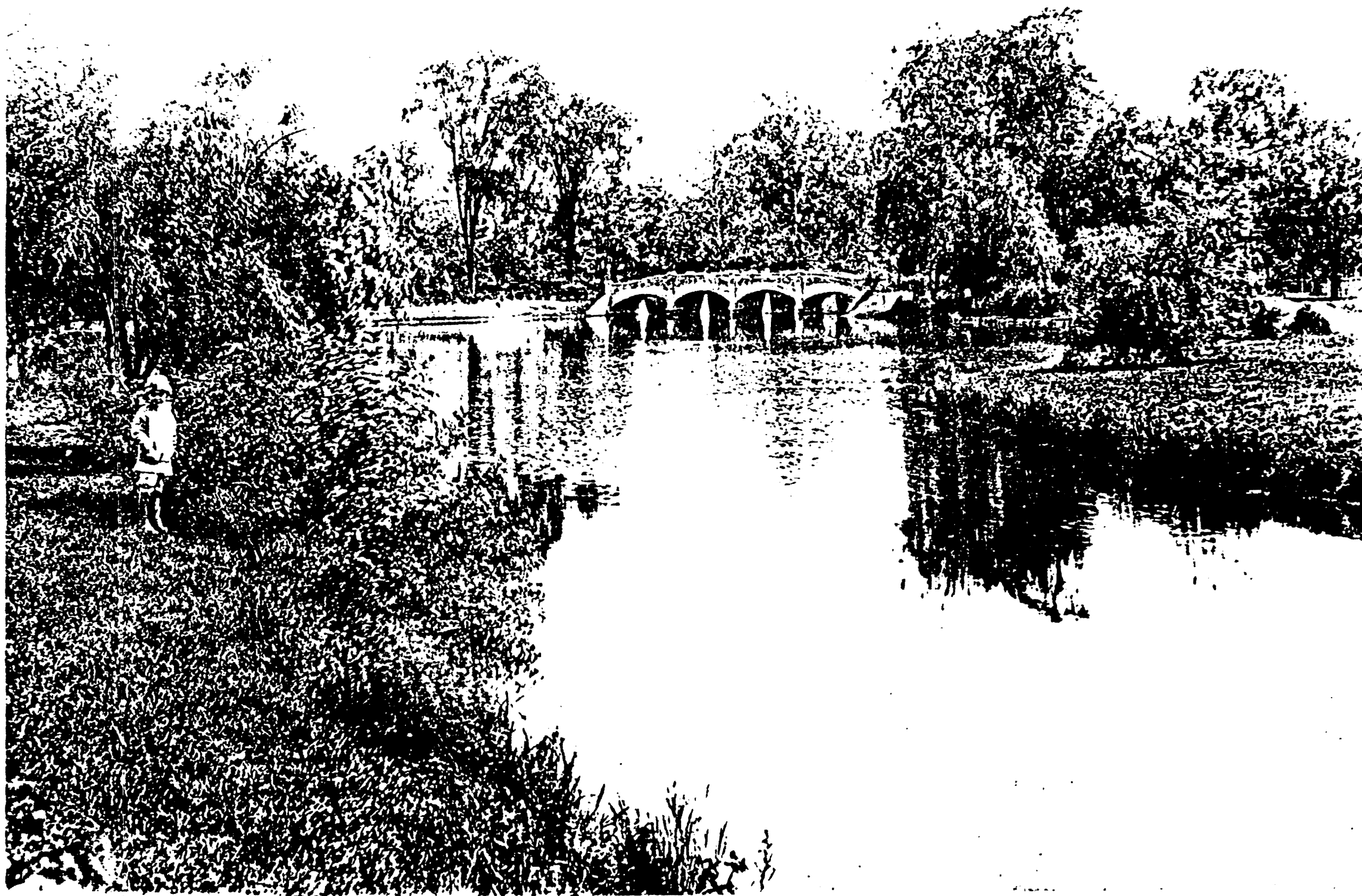
John Taylor married (first), at Columbus, Ohio, in 1881, Elizabeth Allen, of Lexington, Kentucky, who died in Kansas City. He married (second), at Kansas City, Gertrude Riner. (See Riner IV.)

Children of the first marriage:

1. Albert Allen, born in Kansas City, October 3, 1889, president of the Kansas City store (1927). He married, October 27, 1913, Nita Naomi Abraham, of Kansas City, and they have two children: William Robert, and Nita Nannette.
2. John Taylor, Jr., born in Kansas City, January 13, 1891, chairman of the board of directors of the Kansas City store (1927). He married, June 25, 1913, Kathleen Fredericka Cox, of Millburn, New Jersey, and they have children: Katharine, Jane and Ruth, and John Taylor, III.

By family arrangement, the offices of president and chairman of the board of directors of the Kansas City store are shared by these two sons of the first marriage of Mr. Taylor. The basis of this arrangement is the alternation of these offices yearly, this year (1927) Albert Allen Taylor being president and John Taylor chairman of the board of directors. Next year, the latter will hold the chief executive position, and his brother act in the capacity of head of the directorship. This will be indefinitely continued.





VIEW OF TAYLOR PARK SHOWING BRIDGE.  
MILLBURN, N. J.







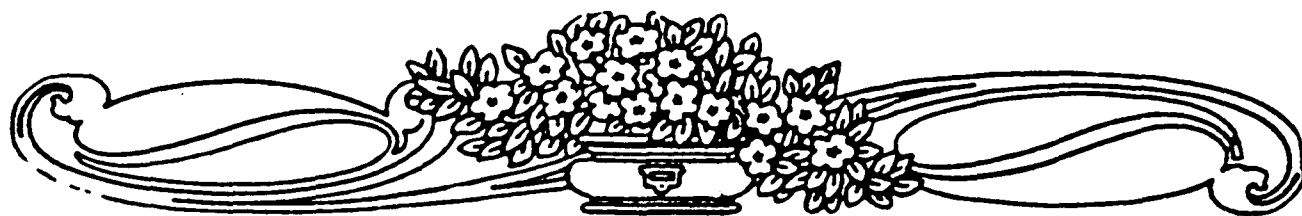
TAYLOR MEMORIAL TABLET IN TAYLOR PARK  
MILL BURN, N. J.



Children of the second marriage:

1. Harold Kenneth, born in Millburn, New Jersey, May 9, 1902; married, at Spring Lake, New Jersey, August 5, 1925, Harriette Dorothy Borden, of New York City.
2. Ruth Cecilia, born at Belmar, New Jersey, September 2, 1903; a graduate of Dana Hall and Pine Manor School, Wellesley, Massachusetts; married, at Sound Beach, Connecticut, July 23, 1927, George J. De Garmo, Jr., of Miami, Florida.
3. Olivia, born at Belmar, New Jersey, July 21, 1905, a graduate of Principia College, St. Louis, Missouri; married, at Short Hills, New Jersey, October 3, 1925, Maurice Fornachon Griffin, of New York City. They have one son, George Theodore Griffin.

In true appreciation of the modest and unassuming, yet deep humanitarian trend of the life of Mr. Taylor, a most fitting tribute has been made by Mrs. Taylor and her three children, Harold Kenneth Taylor, Ruth Taylor DeGarmo and Olivia (Taylor) Griffin. A park has been donated, appropriately situated in Millburn, New Jersey, the place of John Taylor's residence for so many years. Dedicated May 30, 1924, this park is complete in every detail. It covers a space of fourteen acres and its trees and lawns will serve the need of many people, perpetuating in most beautiful manner remembrance of the man in whose name it has been founded. Within its confines there has been erected a bronze tablet in his memory, placed there by the donors who have thus honored him.







Rhiner  
(Reiner)  
(Riner)



RHEINER (REINER-RINER) ARMS

*Arms*—Azure, a fess wavy argent.

*Crest*—Two wings l'antique, colors as in the shield.

(Rietstap's "Armorial General.")





## Riner



OTH authorities Pott and Yonge refer the German family name Reiner or Rheiner to the old German Raginher, judgment or guide of the army; French Regnier, Anglo-Norman Rayner.

### THE FAMILY IN AMERICA

#### I

PETER RINER, born in 1776, was son of a Reiner who came in the Palatine German immigration, but it is not known whether his father was Valentin Reiner, who took the oath of allegiance to Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, September 5, 1748; Christian Reiner; Christian or Johan Friedric Reiner both of whom came on the ship "Fane," and took oath October 17, 1749; Balthas Reiner, who took oath September 30, 1754; Michael Reiner, who took oath October 20, 1764; or Johann Georg Reiner, who took oath September 18, 1773; but most likely one of the first three. The family to which he belonged, later settled in what is now Berkeley County, West Virginia. The family were planters, and Peter became the wealthiest man in his section. He died April 26, 1848. He married (first) Mrs. Mary (Lingamfelter) Hoffman, who had two sons by her Hoffman marriage. He married (second) Mrs. Mary (Folck) Lingamfelter, born in 1780, sister-in-law of his first wife, who had Lingamfelter (Lingenfeldter) sons John and Jacob, and a daughter Elizabeth.

(Egle: "Names of Foreigners who Took the Oath, 1727-1775," pp. 262-509.)

Children born in Berkeley County, Virginia.

By first marriage:

1. Elizabeth.
2. Mary.
3. Henry.
4. Catherine.

By second marriage:

5. *David*, of whom further.

(Flagg: "Descendants of Josiah Flagg," pp. 30-33.)



## II

DAVID RINER, son of Peter and Mary (Folck-Lingamfelter) Riner, was born at Little Georgetown, Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia), December 8, 1819, and died in Riner (originally Auburn), Montgomery County, Virginia, March 8, 1902. He was a farmer in Little Georgetown, nine miles from Martinsburg, Virginia (now West Virginia), owning fine farming lands and several sawmills on the Potomac River. The great freshet of 1853 destroyed his mills, and he moved to Auburn, renamed Riner in his honor in 1880. He was a strong Unionist in the Civil War, an upright and good citizen; once a representative of Montgomery County in the State Legislature, and a County Magistrate. He was married by Rev. Philip Lipscomb, in Martinsburg, December 12, 1848, to Margaret Melissa Flagg. (See Flagg VIII.)

Children, except first two, born in Auburn, West Virginia:

1. *George Henry*, of whom further.
2. Mary Elizabeth born September 2, 1851, died at Auburn, August 2, 1853.
3. John Daniel, born November 9, 1853, died at Riner, May 16, 1882.
4. Martha Jane, born November 28, 1855, died at Tucumcari, New Mexico, March 20, 1914; married, March 10, 1874, James H. Altizer.
5. William Thomas, born October 12, 1857, removed about 1918, to Locust Grove, Floyd County, Virginia; married December 19, 1883, Sallie Ann Altizer.
6. Alice Burkhart, born April 9, 1860; married, June 15, 1884, Rev. Noah Berry Wickham, who for several years traveled for the American Sunday School Union, settled in Oklahoma in missionary work; residence, Norman, Oklahoma.
7. Margaret Catherine, born September 7, 1863, died at Dublin, Pulaski County, Virginia, December 28, 1909; married February 6, 1884, James Jackson Wall.
8. Emmaline Virginia, born February 21, 1865; married, December 12, 1889, Simon Peter Willis, merchant of Willis, Floyd County, Virginia, who died February 17, 1915; follows his business.
9. Lucy Flaherty (twin), born October 28, 1868; married, June 13, 1888, Rev. Edward Leesing Folk, a Lutheran minister of Doubs, Maryland.
10. David Hughes (twin), born October 28, 1868; civil engineer, now in Buena Park, California; married, in California, November 15, 1908, Julia Stankey, who has since died.



## III

GEORGE HENRY RINER, son of David and Margaret Melissa (Flagg) Riner, was born at Little Georgetown, Berkeley County, Virginia, September 10, 1849, and died in Omaha, Nebraska, August 11, 1916. He went West and settled first at Mount Morris, Illinois, as a carpenter and builder in 1873. He made a trip to Missouri, but returned to Illinois, and several years later, in 1882, established as a lumber dealer at Rosedale, Kansas. In February, 1883, he moved his family from Illinois to this place, where he remained until 1885, when he became a partner in the Roach and Riner Sash and Door Company, at Kansas City, Missouri. He married, at Mount Morris, Illinois, March 2, 1876, Augusta C. Stroh. (See Stroh II.) To George Henry and Augusta C. (Stroh) Riner three daughters and two sons were born:

1. Margaret Adele, born at Mount Morris, Illinois, May 31, 1877; married, August 19, 1901, Edward Everard Canham, Jr. They live in Kansas City, and have three children: Margaret, Dorothy Ruth, and Virginia Edward.
2. *Gertrude*, of whom further.
3. Alice Josephine, born at Mount Morris, Illinois, August 25, 1880, died at Short Hills, New Jersey, April 11, 1922.
4. John David, born at Mount Morris, Illinois, August 24, 1882; married, at Gentry, Arkansas, September 1, 1915, Nell June Sturgeon, and they reside in Kansas City.
5. George Holly, born at Rosedale, Kansas, July 14, 1885, died at Kansas City, January 7, 1886.

## IV

GERTRUDE RINER, daughter of George Henry and Augusta C. (Stroh) Riner, was born at Mount Morris, Illinois, November 28, 1878. She married (as second wife), at Kansas City, Missouri, October 29, 1900, John Taylor. (See Taylor II.) Mrs. Taylor is a Christian Scientist, member of the Mother Church in Boston.

(“History of Ogle County, Illinois,” p. 778.)







Stroh





## STROH ARMS

*Arms*—Or, a man habited argent, breeches gules, a border of the second, holding in the dexter hand a grenade of war, in the sinister a square.  
(Rietstap's "Armorial General.")



## THE FAMILY IN AMERICA

## I

NICHOLAS JOHN STROH was born in Lykens Valley, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, May 5, 1798, and was probably a descendant of the above-named Michael. Nicholas J. Stroh received his early education in the grammar schools of Dauphin County, and entered college under the direction of Rev. Mr. Lockman, a Lutheran minister who educated a number of young men for the ministry. After completing his college course, Mr. Stroh was ordained to the ministry by the Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, about 1823. After preaching for various churches in the East, he traveled through Illinois and other Western States with a view to restoration of impaired health. On returning to Pennsylvania, he married, March 2, 1826, near Newville, Pennsylvania, Elizabeth Givler, born December 2, 1807. They came to Ogle County, Illinois, in 1845, and resided at Oregon one year and organized the Lutheran Church at that place. They then moved to Mount Morris, where he purchased two large farms, on one of which he made his home, and for many years engaged in farming, meanwhile preaching in the region round about. Rev. Nicholas J. Stroh organized the Lutheran Church in Mount Morris, and was its minister for a number of years. He died January 1, 1897, aged ninety-eight, and his wife died November 10, 1894.



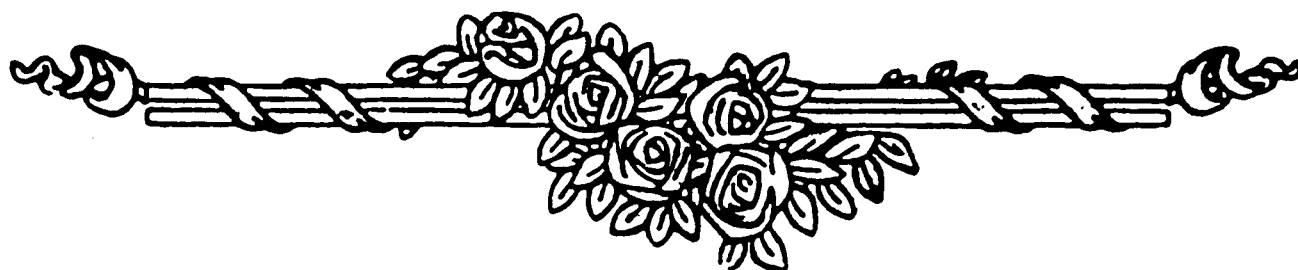
## Children:

1. Maria, born November 23, 1828; married, July 4, 1846, Philip R. Bennett, merchant in Oregon, Illinois, born in Massachusetts, October 10, 1824. He died, March 1, 1855, and she married (second) William Schultz, born in New York, May 23, 1823. Four children by each marriage.
2. Luther M., born April 17, 1830.
3. Muehlenberg, born July 28, 1832.
4. Martha E., born September 6, 1835.
5. Rhenius, born April 27, 1837.
6. Gustavus A., born September 16, 1840.
7. Alfred E., born March 6, 1842.
8. *Augusta C.* (twin), of whom further.
9. Cecilia A. (twin), born February 16, 1844.
10. Josephine, born at Mount Morris, Illinois, June 6, 1848.

## II

AUGUSTA C. STROH, daughter of Nicholas J. and Elizabeth (Givler) Stroh, was born February 16, 1844, and died at Kansas City, Missouri, January 9, 1922. She married George Henry Riner. (See Riner III.)

("Biographical Record of Ogle County, Illinois," pp. 216-217 (portrait); Egle: "History of Lebanon County," p. 351; Egle: "Notes and Queries, Annual Volume, 1896," pp. 170-171.)







Flegg  
(Flegg)





### FLEGG (FLAGG) ARMS

*Arms*—Per pale or and sable, a chevron counterchanged.

*Crest*—Two lions' gambs in saltire sable, enfiled with two laurel branches  
in orle vert. (Burke's "General Armory.")



# Flagg



F the class derived from localities, the surname Flegg (in America, Flagg) originated from Flegg hundred, now divided into East and West Flegg, hundreds in County Norfolk, England. Algar de Flegg is in Blomefield and Parkin, History of Norfolk in the reign of Henry II (1154-1189); Henry de Flegg in the reign of Richard I (1189-1199); John de Flegg in the reign of Henry III (1216-1272), and John Flegg in the seventh year of Henry VIII.

(Bardsley: "Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames.")

## THE FAMILY IN AMERICA

### I

THOMAS FLEGG, the ancestor of most, if not all, of the Flaggs in the United States, was the second of four sons of Bartholomew Flegg of Whimbergh and Shipdham, County Norfolk, and of Alicia, his wife, and was baptized at Whimbergh in 1615. He was entered as one of the three servants of Richard Carver, at Scratby, Norfolk, the point of their embarkation for New England, April 11, 1637 ("Hotten's Lists," p. 291), and as of the age of twenty-one years. He was a proprietor in Watertown, Massachusetts, in 1641, and served the town as surveyor, assessor, and as selectman, 1671, 1674-76-78, and died in Watertown, February 6, 1697-98. His wife, Mary, whose family name does not appear, died in 1703, aged eighty-three. (Flagg: "Descendants of Josiah Flagg," pp. 60-67.)



## Children, born in Watertown, Massachusetts:

1. *Gershom*, of whom further.
2. John, born June 14, 1643; lived in Watertown; died February 6, 1696-97; married, March 30, 1670, Mary Gale.
3. Bartholomew, born February 23, 1644-45; served in King Philip's War.
4. Thomas, born April 28, 1646; married, February 18, 1667-68, Rebecca Dix.
5. William, born in 1648(?), killed in 1675, at Lancaster, by Indians.
6. Michael, born March 23, 1650-51, died October 16, 1711.
7. Eleazar, born May 14, 1653, died in 1722.
8. Elizabeth, born March 22, 1654-55, died August 9, 1729; married, October 20, 1676, Joshua Bigelow.
9. Mary, born June 14, 1657, died September 7, 1720; married, June 3, 1674, Samuel Bigelow.
10. Rebecca, born September 5, 1660, died in 1721; married, November 19, 1679, Stephen Cook.
11. Benjamin, born June 25, 1662, died in Worcester, May 3, 1741.
12. Allen, born May 16, 1665, died in November, 1711; descendants in Connecticut.

(Bond: "Genealogies of Watertown," pp. 219-221.)



## II

GERSHOM FLAGG, son of Thomas and Mary Flegg, was born at Watertown, Massachusetts, April 16, 1641, killed at Lamprey River, New Hampshire, by Indians, July 6, 1690. He was a tanner and settled in Woburn, Massachusetts, about 1668. In King William's War he was a lieutenant in Captain Wiswall's Company in a fight with the Indians in what is now Lee, New Hampshire, until he was killed. He married, in Woburn, April 15, 1668, Hannah Lepingwell (or Leppingwell.) (See Lepingwell II.)

Children, born in Woburn, Massachusetts:

1. Gershom, born March 10, 1669.
2. Eliezer, born in August, 1670, died July 12, 1726; married, in 1695, Esther Green.
3. John, born May 25, 1673.
4. Hannah, born March 12, 1675; married January 9, 1695, Henry Green.
5. Thomas, born June 22, died June 23, 1677.
6. *Ebenzer*, of whom further.
7. Abigail, born January 8, 1680-81; married (first) David Cutler; (second) Stephen Wright.
8. Mary, born February 2, 1682-83.
9. Thomas, born April 19, 1685; married Hannah, surname unknown.
10. Benoni, born and died August 19, 1687.

(Woburn, Births, etc., Part I, p. 92.)





## III

EBENEZER FLAGG, son of Gershom and Hannah Lepingwell (or Leppingwell) Flagg, was born in Woburn, Massachusetts, December 21, 1678, died there July 10, 1746. He married, December 25, 1700, Elizabeth Carter. (See Carter III.)

Children, born in Woburn, Massachusetts:

1. Elizabeth, born July 25, 1701; married Jacob Whitmore.
2. Mary, born December 25, 1702.
3. *Ebeneser*, of whom further.
4. John, born September 7, 1706, died June 23, 1724.
5. Gershom, born July 29, 1708, died in 1730, Wilmington residence.
6. Thomas, born November 9, 1710, died in 1747; married Mary (Locke) Richardson.
7. Josiah, born November 12, 1712, died in 1741; married Mary Willis.
8. Ruth, born October 14, 1714.
9. Hannah, born October 1, 1716; married Nathaniel Reed.
10. Abigail, born July 20, 1718.
11. Abigail, born June 7, 1722; married Samuel Estabrook.



## IV

REVEREND EBENEZER FLAGG, son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Carter) Flagg, was born at Woburn, Massachusetts, October 18, 1704, and died in Chester, New Hampshire, November 14, 1796. He was a graduate of Harvard College in 1725; and later prepared for the ministry. In 1736 he was invited to become the successor of Reverend Moses Hale, the first minister of Chester, and was ordained September 22, 1736. He purchased a house and lot in 1736 from his predecessor; and was one of the great preachers of his day. Ebenezer Flagg was instrumental in the "Great Revival of 1741." In 1793, on reaching the age of eighty-nine he withdrew from the active pastorate; the church granting him £30 a year and settling Reverend Mr. Bradstreet as his colleague. He married, in Boston, November 15, 1739, Lucretia Keyes. (See Keyes IV.)

Children, born in Chester, New Hampshire:

1. Lucretia, born in 1741; married Peter Coffin, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire.
2. John, born in 1743, died in 1793; Harvard, 1761; colonel in the Revolution; physician in Lynn, Massachusetts; married Susanna Towle.
3. *Thomas*, of whom further.
4. Josiah, born in 1748, died in 1799; served in the Revolution; married Anna Webster.
5. Sarah, born in 1751, died in 1831; married ——— Evans.
6. Richard, born in 1754, died in 1762.
7. Ebenezer, born in 1757, died in 1796; lived at Salem; married Mary Emerson.
8. Mary, born in 1759, died in 1842; married Ebenezer Greenough.
9. Catherine, born in 1762, died young.



## V

THOMAS FLAGG, son of Reverend Ebenezer and Lucretia (Keyes) Flagg, was born at Chester, New Hampshire, October 17, 1745; probably lost at sea, for tradition says he was a sea captain. He married, August 7, 1765, Elizabeth Foss, daughter of Captain Zachariah and Sarah (Waterhouse) Foss, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Children:

1. Thomas, born about 1767. He was taken south by his "Aunt Keyes," his mother having died when her children were young. He later settled in Charlestown, Jefferson County, Virginia, now a part of West Virginia.
2. *Josiah*, of whom further.
3. John, said to have lived in Boston, Massachusetts.

## VI

JOSIAH FLAGG, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Foss) Flagg, was born about 1770, and died at Flagg's Mills, Berkeley County, Virginia, May 9, 1849. He and his brother Thomas were taken by their great aunt, Miss Ruth Keyes, sister of Mrs. Ebenezer (Keyes) Flagg, of Chester, New Hampshire, to the Virginia plantation of her father, Gershom Keyes. Josiah, having no trade and being an excellent violinist and dancer, on becoming of age became temporarily a dancing master. Among his pupils was Margaretta Shively, daughter of John Shively, a Swiss merchant who had emigrated before the Revolutionary War, and purchased large tracts of land in old Frederick County, Virginia (the part set off in 1772 as Berkeley County, and now in West Virginia). Josiah Flagg married, January 28, 1790, Margaretta Shively, born about 1772, died February 20, 1835. After the death of her father in 1792, she inherited his whole estate, and brought it to her husband, who sold part of the land, and built "Flagg's Mills." These consisted of one large three-story flour mill, one plaster mill, and one sawmill, all run by water power from the Tuscarora, and about one mile from Martinsburg.



Children, born at Flagg's Mills, Berkeley County, Virginia:

1. Ruth Keyes, born December 17, 1790, died at Martinsburg, March 16, 1873; married, in 1812, Daniel Burkhart.
2. Molly, born July 2, 1792, died April 6, 1807.
3. Elizabeth, born May 21, 1794, died probably in her "teens."
4. Martha Matilda, born June 13, 1797, died August 22, 1800.
5. Ruhamah, born April 7, died June 25, 1800.
6. *John Magnus*, of whom further.
7. Thomas George, born November 14, 1803, died May 11, 1879, at Flagg's Mills; married, in 1828, Margaret B. Slemons.
8. Esther Joida Ann, born August 9, 1806; married (first) Joseph Minghini; (second) James Barnard.
9. Josiah David, born August 20, 1809, died August 24, 1885, a farmer; left an estate of some \$60,000, eventually divided between the families of his brothers and sisters. He married Caroline Burkhart, but had no issue.
10. Margaret Louisa, born May 18, 1811, died young.





## VII

JOHN MAGNUS FLAGG, son of Josiah and Margaretta (Shively) Flagg, was born at Flagg's Mills, Berkeley County, Virginia, July 28, 1801, died at sea, September 24, 1849. He received a liberal education and as a medical student attended lectures at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, 1823-24. It is thought he began practice in Baltimore, but he removed later to Martinsburg. Being in ill health in 1849, he sailed at the time of the "gold fever" of 1849, for California, by way of Cape Horn, but died at sea near Cape Horn, September 24 (another account says October 19), and was buried at sea. John Magnus Flagg married, in Martinsburg, November 7, 1822, Elizabeth Roughton Hughes, born in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, January 31, 1800, died at Rogersville, Tennessee, December 16, 1859, daughter of Nathaniel and Nancy (Roughton-Tanquary) Hughes. She retained a home in Martinsburg or in Little Georgetown, Berkeley County, until 1854; then lived with her children and friends until 1857, when she followed her youngest child, Henry G. Flagg, to Rogersville, Tennessee. Her love for her children was remarkable, and was repaid by remarkable loyalty.



## Children:

1. John Shively, born at Flagg's Mills, September 2, 1823; received a good general and medical education; but having remarkable mechanical ability, he became a carpenter and cabinet maker, contractor and builder, and invented several mechanical devices. He was also a dealer in furniture and coffins, and patented, July 9, 1895, a permanent device for lowering caskets into the grave. At the opening of the Civil War, he served as lieutenant-colonel of the 89th Regiment of Virginia militia, Confederate States of America, under Colonel Samuel Johnson. It is believed he was at Gettysburg, and he was certainly in military service in Tennessee at one time. He ended his days with his younger brother Henry, in Whitesburg, Tennessee, July 11, 1900. He married, in Berkeley Springs, Virginia, October 15, 1845, Rosamah M. T. Hunter, born at Berkeley Springs, in 1818, died there, February 17, 1887.
2. Thomas George, born at Martinsburg, Virginia, March 12, 1825, died there January 10, 1910; married, in 1853, Martha M. Flagg.
3. *Margaret Melissa*, of whom further.
4. Henry Garther, born at Martinsburg, Virginia, June 20, 1828, died at Whitesburg, Tennessee, April 9, 1905; married, in 1860, Martha A. Campbell.

## VIII

MARGARET MELISSA FLAGG, daughter of John M. and Elizabeth R. (Hughes) Flagg, was born at Martinsburg, Virginia, July 9, 1826, and died at Willis, Virginia, April 22, 1905. She received her education in the city of Washington, District of Columbia. She married David Riner. (See Riner II.) After her husband's death Mrs. Riner lived with her daughter Emmaline (Mrs. Willis) in Willis, Virginia, and died there. (Flagg: "Descendants of Josiah Flagg," pp. 13-33.)





## Lepingwell



REPRESENTED, in 1495, by Lawrence Leppingwell, the surname Leppingwell appears in County Essex, England. In 1552 there is a variation Leffingwell. It is evidently a place-name.

### I

MICHAEL LEPINGWELL (or LEPPINGWELL), perhaps son of Thomas, of White Colne, Essex, baptized February 19, 1603, is on the records of Boston, Massachusetts, in 1636, and in the first tax list of Woburn, levied September 8, 1645. He died March 22, 1687. He married Isabel (surname unknown), who died November 17, 1671.

Children, born in Woburn, Massachusetts:

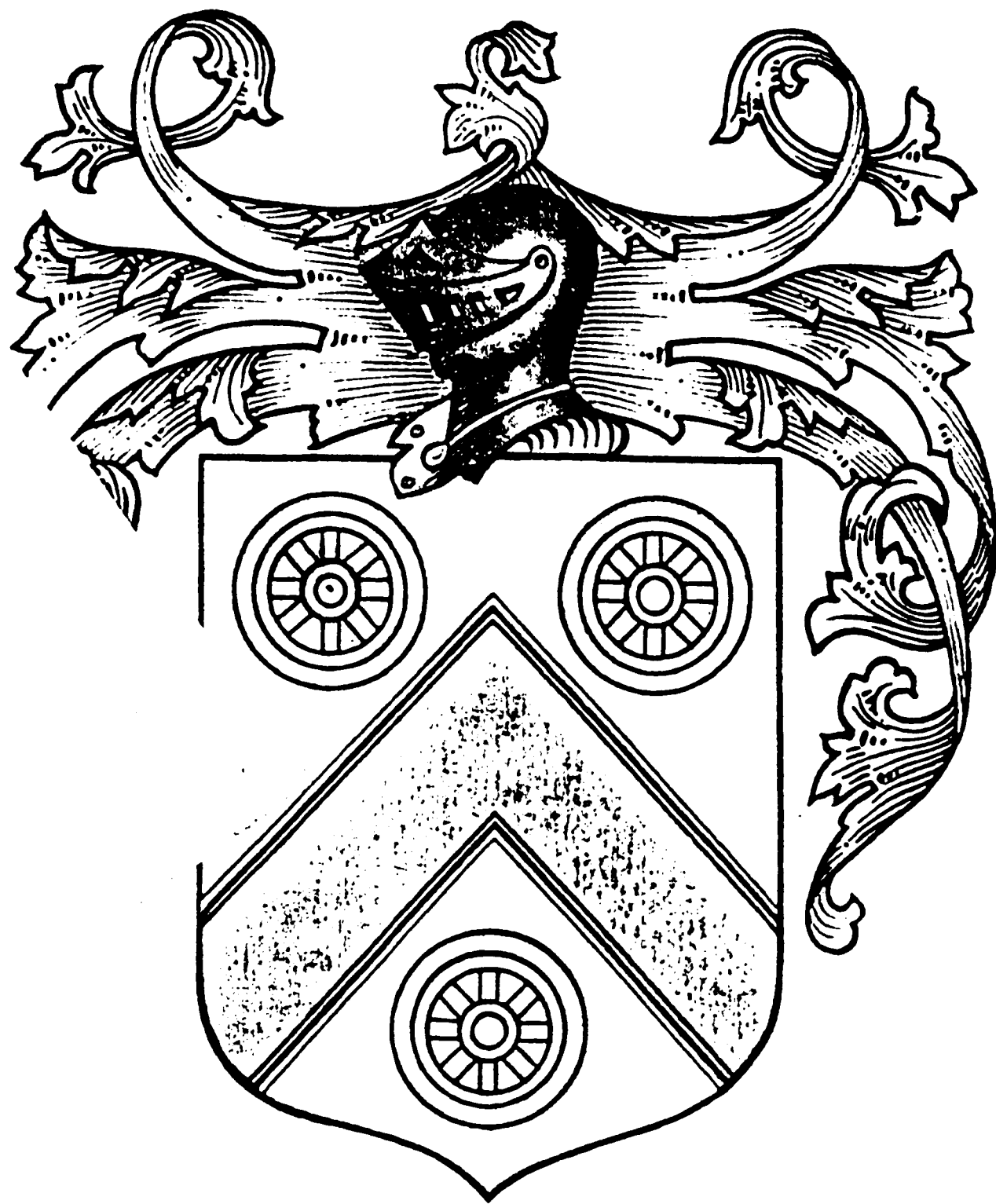
1. Hannah, born September 1, 1642, and died February 10, 1643.
2. *Hannah*, of whom further.
3. Sarah, born March 10, 1648.
4. Thomas, born January 13, 1649; married, in 1675, Sarah Knight; (second) Hannah Dunthin.
5. Ruth, born January 2, 1650.
6. Michael, born June 8, 1651, died June 15, 1651.
7. Rachel, born March 4, 1653.
8. Abigail, born May 24, 1655.
9. Hester, born May 16, 1657.
10. Tabitha, born May 8, 1661.

### II

HANNAH LEFFINGWELL (or LEPPINGWELL), daughter of Michael and Isabel Lepingwell, was born in Woburn, Massachusetts, January 6, 1647, and died in Woburn, January 4, 1741. She married, April 15, 1668, Gershom Flagg. (See Flagg II.)

(Lepingwell: Sewall's "History of Woburn, Massachusetts." Woburn Records of Births, Deaths and Marriages, 1640-1873. Leffingwell, 1637-1897; The Leffingwell Record, pp. 1-10.)





Carter





## CARTER ARMS

*Arms*—Argent, a chevron between three cart-wheels vert.  
(Burke's "General Armory.")



## Carter



ELONGING to the large class of occupational surnames of which so many examples may be cited among surnames of today, the family name Carter is derived from the occupation of carter. Nicholas le Carter is in the Hundred Rolls of County Oxford, A. D. 1273, and John le Cartere in those of County Norfolk, Ricardus Carter in the Poll Tax of Yorkshire, A. D. 1379.

(Bardsley: "Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames.")

### THE FAMILY IN AMERICA

#### I

JOHN CARTER, who was in Charlestown, Massachusetts, in 1640, soon settled in Woburn, where he was a freeman in 1644. He was probably a relative, but not a son, of Rev. Thomas Carter, first minister of Woburn. He was styled "Captain" John, and died September 14, 1692, aged seventy-six. His first wife, Elizabeth, died May 6, 1691, aged seventy-eight. John Carter married (second), in 1691, Elizabeth Groce.

Children, born in Woburn, Massachusetts:

1. Elizabeth, born August 8, 1643, died December 20, 1653 (or February 23, 1654).
2. Mary, born March 8, 1646.
3. Abigail, born April 21, 1648.
4. Hannah, born January 19, 1651; married, January 1, 1668, James Converse, Jr.
5. *John, Jr.*, of whom further.



## II

JOHN CARTER, JR., son of John and Elizabeth Carter, was born in Woburn, Massachusetts, February 6, 1653-54, and died there April 13, 1727. He was styled "Lieutenant" John, and married, June 20, 1678, Ruth Burnham, who died January 4, 1723-24, aged sixty-five.

Children, born in Woburn, Massachusetts:

1. *Elizabeth*, of whom further.
2. Ruth, born October 18, 1681; married September 17, 1700, Josiah Wright.
3. Mary, born July 17, 1683.
4. John, born August 8, 1685, died May 2, 1705.
5. Thomas, born July 3, 1687.
6. Abigail, born March 30, 1689.
7. Phebe, born June 11, 1691.
8. Joseph, born February 16, 1692-93.
9. Samuel, born October 31, 1694.
10. Esther, born August 21, 1696.
11. Josiah, born August 3, 1698.
12. Jabez, born September 17, 1700.
13. Nathaniel (twin), born March 4, 1702.
14. Benjamin (twin), born March 4, 1702, killed by Indians, September 5, 1724.

(Savage—"Genealogical Dictionary," Vol. I; Woburn Records of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1640-1873; Sewall's "History of Woburn," p. 598.)

## III

ELIZABETH CARTER, daughter of John, Jr., and Ruth (Burnham) Carter, was born in Woburn, Massachusetts, September 18, 1680. She married Ebenezer Flagg. (See Flagg III.)







Reyes





## KEYES ARMS

*Arms*—Gules, a chevron ermine between three leopards' faces argent.

*Crest*—A griffin's head between two wings, holding a palm branch proper.  
(Burke's "General Armory.")



## Keyes



THE family name Keyes is the possessive case of Key, Kay, from residence at the quay, old English Kay, Key, from Old French Kail, John del Kai was sheriff of London, 1201, or from Welsh Cai, Latin Caius; Sir Kay of King Arthur's Knights of the Round Table.

(Bardsley: "Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames," and Harrison's "Surnames.")

### THE FAMILY IN AMERICA

#### I

SOLOMON KEYES, according to Bond, son of Robert and Sarah Keyes, who came from England to Watertown, Massachusetts, before 1633, married at Newbury, Massachusetts, October 2, 1653, Frances Grant, and in 1664 and 1665 took up land in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, where he was town clerk and tithing man. He lived in the part set off as Westford in 1729, and was styled "Sergeant." He died in Chelmsford, March 28, 1702, and his wife Frances in 1708. The name in Chelmsford varies in spelling.

Children, first five born in Newbury, the rest in Chelmsford:

1. Hannah, born September 12, 1654.
2. Sarah, born August 24, 1656.
3. May, born September 26, 1658.
4. Jane, born October 5, 1660; married, May 17, 1680, Samuel Cleveland.
5. Judith, born September 16, 1662.
6. Solomon, born June 24, 1665.
7. Joseph, born May 24, 1667.
8. Ruth, born April 4, 1669.
9. Moses, born March 25, 1671.
10. John, of whom further.

(Keyes: "Genealogy of Solomon Keyes.")



## II

JOHN KEYES, son of Solomon and Frances (Grant) Keyes, was born in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, August 4, 1674, and died in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, March 31, 1768. He settled first in Marlborough, Massachusetts, but removed to Shrewsbury about 1720, and was one of the founders of the church there. On August 7, 1723, his new house, which was nearly finished, was burned with three of his sons and two of carpenter Bragg's apprentices. John Keyes was styled "captain" and later became major. He married, March 11, 1696, Mary Eames, daughter of Gershom and Hannah (Johnson) Eames. She died April 16, 1772, aged ninety-five years.

Children, born in Marlborough, Massachusetts:

1. *Gershom*, of whom further.
2. Mary, born October 24, 1700; married, January 18, 1720, Daniel Rand.
3. Solomon, born August 30, 1703.
4. Hannah, born July 9, 1706; married (first), in 1725, Gershom Flagg; (second) Eleazar Taylor.
5. Thankful, born May 24, 1709; married, August 21, 1721, Jonas Keyes.
6. John, born April 30, 1712.
7. Sarah, born March 5, 1714-15; married, December 21, 1731, Joshua Wilder.
8. Stephen, born April 2, 1718.

(Keyes: "Genealogy of Solomon Keyes," p. 158.)



## III

GERSHOM KEYES, son of John and Mary (Eames) Keyes, was born at Marlborough, Massachusetts, March 1, 1697-98, and died at Keyes Ferry, near Charlestown, Jefferson County, Virginia. He was living in Shrewsbury in 1729, but later became a merchant in Boston; but before 1755 settled on the Shenandoah River in Virginia. Gershom Keyes married, in 1719, Sarah Eager, daughter of Graham and Lydia Eager, of Marlborough. Children, born in Marlborough, Massachusetts:

1. Frances, born December 5, 1719.
2. Humphrey, born August 29, 1721, died April 19, 1793; married (first) Marcella Wade; (second) Sarah Hall.
3. *Lucretia*, of whom further.
4. Levina, born February 16, 1726.
5. Elizabeth, born April 4, 1728.
6. Ruth, who took Thomas and Josiah Flagg to Virginia about 1770. (Flagg: "Descendants of Josiah Flagg," pp. 71-72.)

## IV

LUCRETIA KEYES, daughter of Gershom and Sarah (Eager) Keyes, born in Marlborough, Massachusetts, August 18, 1723, died in Chester, New Hampshire, March 20, 1794. She married Reverend Ebenezer Flagg. (See Flagg IV.)



