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Including the Maternal Genealogy
of the Descendants of

Joseph and Hannah Hussey Pettit



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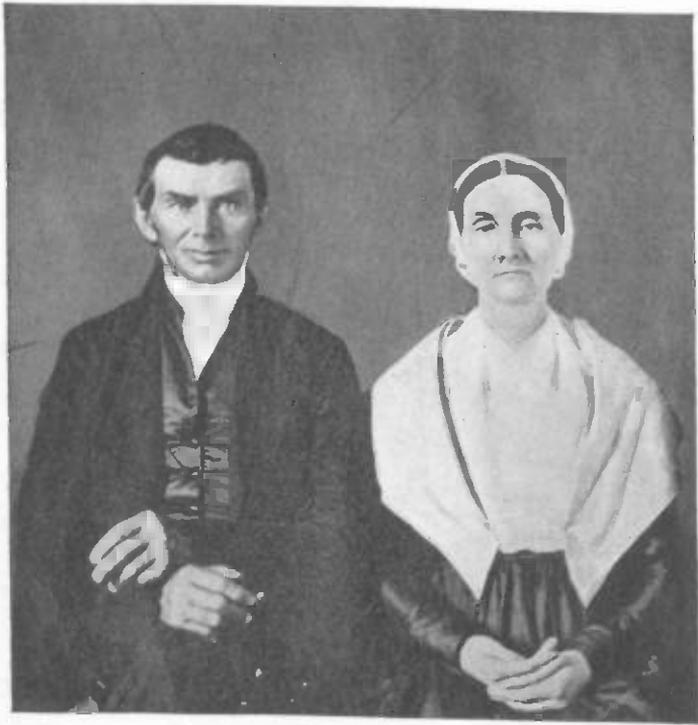
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JOSEPH AND HANNAH HUSSEY PETTIT

Blessing those who follow, through the immortality of love—
Their souls are ours—simple, modest, true;
Progenitors of our lives, revered and loved,
Though unknown to the many, yet honored by the few.

—H. P. A.

TO THE DESCENDANTS
OF
JOSEPH AND HANNAH HUSSEY PETTIT

I most affectionately dedicate this labor of mine, trusting they may cultivate therefrom an increased reverence for the family generations, which have passed away, and a more intimate knowledge of, and acquaintance with the living.

ASAHEL H. PETTIT.

PREFACE

I have long believed, that for the benefit of present and future generations, a compilation of all existing records, history and tradition of the Pettit family in America, so far as can be learned at this time, would be invaluable as a reference, and of great historical interest.

It is to be regretted, that some person possessing a passion for family lore, had not taken this work in hand fifty or a hundred years earlier. At that time there is little doubt, that a common ancestry might have been traced for a majority of the Pettits in this country, whose progenitors lived here in Colonial days. With time and proper facilities, it might yet be possible to make this record more complete and satisfactory.

It is remarkable that so few people have any regard for, or take any interest in genealogical research. It has been necessary in gathering the data for this work, to correspond with many, and to ask for much information. It has been a source of surprise to me, to learn the meager knowledge of family history many possess, and the little disposition manifested by some to render any assistance.

I desire to give Mr. Charles E. Rice of Alliance, Ohio, a grandson of Charity Pettit Rice, credit for important contributions toward making this volume so complete in its records and history of the Pettit-Hallett branch. It is proper to say here that Mr. Rice has in his possession many family relics, which, if they could be made available for this work, would add largely to its interest.

Many of the historical notes embodied in the article: "Pettit, Earliest American Families of the Name," are from the pen of Mr. Henry Pettit of Philadelphia, who has placed me under obligations for his many acts of kindness.

There are several others, who have rendered valuable assistance, and are hereafter appropriately referred to throughout this work.

A. H. PETTIT.

Portland, Oregon, May 1, 1906.

PETTIT

EARLIEST AMERICAN FAMILIES OF THE NAME

With regard to the American families of this name, records show their first settlements, during Colonial days, to have been on the Connecticut shore, at or near Stamford, and also about the same time upon Long Island, but whether both settlements were made by near relatives, has not yet been definitely ascertained. There cannot, however, be any cause for doubting, that the contemporary immigrants of the name were allied, by close consanguinity, indeed there are many reasons for believing this to be true, which will become apparent as the following pages are perused. It is a well established fact that the particular branches now bearing the family name in America, to whom special reference will be made in the genealogical tables of this volume, trace their ancestry among those who settled upon Long Island, or on the neighboring shore of Connecticut.

Historical notes as to Stamford and Wethersford, Connecticut, giving memoranda as to the families at those places in early days will be found later in separate notes on Stamford.

For my present purpose the following facts may be stated. In regard to the first recorded settlements in Connecticut, we find John Pettit appears among the settlers, at or near Stamford, between 1642 and 1666, as having children recorded to him before 1650 and in connection with transfers of property in 1669. His wife's name was Sarah, and besides two sons, he had three daughters, Sarah, Mary and Bethia.

During this period the name appears written Pettit, Petit and also Petet, and besides the constant repetition of the Christian name of John, the names of Sarah and Jonathan, have been preserved in all branches to this day. The first of the name thus far found recorded in America was the said John Pettit, mentioned as coming to Stamford "early," who had children previous to 1650 and who died in 1676. At the time of the settlement of Stamford in 1640-41, companies were commencing to break ground for sites for their colonies at Guilford, Fairfield, Millford and Stratford along Long Island Sound.

Everywhere about them the savages and the wilderness held sway. Among subsequent records of Stamford, the name appears at different

dates. John Pettit was residing there in 1699; Mary Pettit in 1731, and John Pettit in 1771. This one is the latest record of the name in that locality.

We know that many Pettits had removed from Stamford, and joined their kindred on Long Island, where the name had already been known for several generations.

Reference is made to the following publications, which might be expected to throw light on the subject, besides giving valuable data, as follows:

“Historical Notes of the Settlement of Massachusetts Bay Co.” (See same, page 345).

“Wethersfield, Connecticut,” by Church (See same, page 347).

“New Rochelle, New York” (See same, pages 350-417).

“Greenwich, Connecticut” (See same, page 353).

“Huguenot Emigration to America,” by Dr. C. W. Baird (See same, page 417).

“History of Stamford,” by Rev. Huntington (See same, page 355).

“Annals of Newtown, L. I.,” by James Ricker, Jr. (See same, pages 48, 79, etc., etc.).

“Newtown (Cambridge),” by Francis Jackson (See same, page 346).

“History of Greenwich, Conn.,” by D. M. Mead (See same, page 353).

“Trenton, New Jersey” (See same, page 399).

“Flemington and Amwell, N. J.” (See same, pages 405-8).

Although no family records exist, or have been found to establish the relationship between the families of this name who resided early in Stamford, Connecticut, and those recorded a little later in Long Island, yet there are strong points of collateral evidence which seem to show that such a relationship did exist.

Thompson, in his history of Long Island, 1843, when speaking of its first settlements, in the days when the Delaware Indians still roamed through the woods, states that “The first white inhabitants” of the section, which we have since known as Newtown, “were enterprising English settlers,” who came here by the way of New England and established themselves under the “Dutch Government.” The settle-

ment was commenced in 1651. Ricker, in his admirable and more complete "Annals of Newtown, L. I.," gives a graphic description of the conflicts and well-nigh insurmountable difficulties which the first settlers in 1642 experienced, and which resulted in their failure to establish a colony upon a good working basis, goes on to state "In the year 1652 a goodly company of Englishmen arrived in the colony from New England, and obtained from Director Stuyvessant permission to plant a town within his jurisdiction." The fertile lands of Mespat (afterward Newtown), being yet for the most part unoccupied, offered a bright field for their enterprise.

Several of the new-comers were direct from Greenwich, Stamford, Fairfield and other villages along the Connecticut shore; others again are supposed to have recently arrived directly from England. This settlement of Newtown, L. I., then Mispeth or Mespat, in 1651-52, received accessions by new-comers from Stamford and elsewhere in Connecticut, which fact in connection with the records that Thomas Pettit, Moses Pettit and Nathaniel Pettit were established there as residents and freeholders three years later, in 1655, and again that Thomas Pettit, marshal of the town court in 1658, would make it highly probable that they were identified with the Stamford contingent to the new colony. The family name appearing at previous dates in Stamford suggests this, that if the new-comers came direct from England in 1652, they were at least connected with the older residents of the name in Connecticut.

The same Christian name, especially "John," frequently occurred in both colonies.

The name "John Pettit," which by its frequency might be said to characterize the head of each generation in Cornwall, again appears with unusual frequency in Long Island and it is a notable fact that even down to the present day a large majority of the Pettits in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and the Western States trace their lineage accurately to a John Pettit. The very frequent repetition of this name in contemporary generations has greatly increased the difficulty of discovering common descent, for the numerous families of the name now found throughout the West. It is also noticeable that as in Connecticut where the name does not appear to have been scattered in different localities, but to be found only at and near Stamford, so also in Long Island it is associated only with Newtown and vicinity. Certain members occupied public positions, both in Connecticut and Newtown, and were evidently active, useful citizens in the communities in which they

lived. During the first century after their arrival in America, they appear to have remained in the two localities only. The family characteristics in this regard have been carried from Cornwall into Connecticut and thence into Long Island.

As the name in Cornwall had been associated with the same locality Andover (Andevera) for eleven generations, so the American branches seem to have started, at least with a somewhat similar tendency to constancy towards their adopted homes.

It is not until nearly a century after their arrival at Newtown that there is found any record of changes from the locality.

About the year 1737 commenced the move of certain members, notably six brothers of one family, into New Jersey, which resulted in a more general dispersion of the name throughout that province, and eventually into Pennsylvania and other States of the Union.

The "annals of Newtown, L. I." by James Ricker, Jr., (1852) contain much information of general interest as to the environment of these early Long Island generations of the name. Certain extracts from these "annals" are later given in this work, in so far as they relate to our present object, viz., to trace the name in general until we reach the particular families in New Jersey and Pennsylvania in which we are directly interested.

The first of the name recorded as resident in Long Island, are Thomas Pettit, Moses Pettit and Nathaniel Pettit of Newtown (1655-1658). Thomas Pettit, Sr., was elected marshal of the town court in 1658.

In 1652 that district of the Island known as the out plantations received a valuable accession to the population in the person of William Hallett, a native of Dorsetshire, England, born 1616.

He first emigrated to New England and joined the settlement at Greenwich, Connecticut, and from thence came to Long Island.

In December, 1652, William Hallett obtained a brief for a tract of land which had previously been in the possession of a member of Director Vantwillers Council, which tract was described as a plat of ground at "Hellgat" upon Long Island called Jaques farm, and "beginning at a great rock that lies in the meadow," etc., etc. This tract is at the present day included in the Village of Astoria.

Interesting information has been preserved in "Rickers Annals" concerning this place adjacent to "Hallett's Cove." These matters are of especial interest, from the fact that a great grand-daughter of

William Hallett, viz., Mary Hallett of "Hallett's Cove," married John Pettit of Newtown. It is this couple who became the progenitors of that numerous branch of the family which spread itself throughout Pennsylvania and Ohio, and to whom the descendants of Joseph and Hannah Hussey Pettit definitely trace their paternal lineage. A table showing the early generations on the Hallett side is hereafter given.

December 4, 1666, John Pettit and Thomas Pettit are recorded as freeholders; April 23, 1669, Thomas and Nathaniel Pettit are recorded with others as receiving apportionments of wood-lands. These were, therefore, among the earliest land-holders in that section of the township, then a dense wilderness. November 25, 1686, Thomas Pettit, Nathaniel Pettit, Moses Pettit and John Pettit, are among the list of freeholders and inhabitants mentioned in the New Patent then granted. September 13, 1673, Nathaniel Pettit, with three other Friends or Quakers, scrupled to take the oath, but promised fealty to the Dutch, who had but recently recaptured New York, and sent officers to Newtown to administer the oath of allegiance. This is the first recorded instance in which the name is found associated with the Society of Friends.

Among the list of assessors is found:

Thomas Pettit, elected September 27, 1687.

Thomas Pettit, elected June 27, 1691.

Thomas Pettit, elected May 27, 1693.

Also January 11, 1700, John Pettit was elected constable. Among the members of the Presbyterian Church at Newtown, L. I., we find recorded, as follows, 1708-1709: Thomas Pettit, Sr., "A member in full communion" at the time of Mr. Pumroy's settlement. Catherine Pettit is recorded as a member of same church, with no date of admission given. Also in 1768 James Pettit, and December 10, 1769, John Pettit and wife. Other records go to show that at different dates, 1737 and 1741, members of the family left Long Island and crossed into New Jersey. The genealogies of subsequent generations, in New Jersey have been traced, in a majority of cases, with comparative accuracy. Two of the most numerous branches in New Jersey trace their descent from John Pettit of Long Island, of whom no records exist, or at least have not been found showing that he himself ever left Long Island, in fact there may have been two of that name in that generation from each of whom descended a branch in New Jersey.

It is to be hoped that some time, some one may have the inclination and leisure to make a thorough examination of all the old records of

Newtown and Flushing; much light might thus be thrown on the history of these early generations.

All the information we now have seems to suggest three John Pettits and Jonathan Pettit all nearly contemporary. What relationship existed between these is not yet determined. They all left descendants, whose genealogy is traced in this work, (except John Pettit and wife, recorded as admitted into the Presbyterian Church in Newtown, L. I., upon December 10th, 1769), viz., John Pettit and Mary Hallett, his wife, of whom we have as yet no record, that he ever left Long Island, but whose son William resided for many years at Coreyells' Ferry, now New Hope, Bucks County, Penn. John Pettit and wife whose six sons were residents of Northern and Middle New Jersey. The eldest of these six sons (Jonathan of Hardwick, New Jersey), died in 1753. The youngest, Charles, was born at or near Amwell in 1737, which fact may suggest that the parents had moved into New Jersey previous to this date.

Jonathan Pettit and Mary Shourds, his wife, who resided at Tuckertown, New Jersey, he himself becoming connected after leaving Long Island with the Society of Friends—his wife being previously a birth-right member. According to one authority (Surveyors Association of West New Jersey Proceedings published in 1880) the above mentioned Jonathan Pettit and his brother Adam Pettit came to Egg Harbor previous to 1750, their names appearing in the list of those who came between the years of 1715 and 1750, and they are both recorded as among the men, who were heads of families living in Little Egg Harbor, at the time of the Revolutionary War. Strange to say, although Adam Pettit is here, and elsewhere mentioned in the work referred to, there are no records or tradition found elsewhere at this day, evidencing the existence of this man.

It is true that during comparatively recent years, others of the surname of Pettit appear to have come to America from England direct. I do not care, however, to refer to any except those branches whose antecedents have been in America since early Colonial days, and whose more immediate progenitors resided in Newtown, Long Island, and in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, as also to trace as much as possible the Stamford branches, who appear to have scattered through Fairfield and Litchfield Counties, Connecticut, from thence to New York State, and ultimately throughout the West. The name John Pettit among the early generations seems as ubiquitous as John Smith in his family relations. For instance in "Ricker's Annals" is recorded a marriage be-

tween John Pettit and Mary Alburdis, of whom we have the following record as to the maternal side (Alburdis). Peter Caesar Alburdis, native of Venice, in 1642 lived in New Amsterdam (New York). (All the Alburdis and Burtis in this country are supposed to be from this head); John Alburdis, eldest son, born 1645, died 1691, and other children. His third son born —, died 1752. Samuel Alburdis (eldest son) born —, died 1788; married June 1, 1724, Elizabeth Vandervost, born 1706, died 1771. Their daughter, Mary Alburdis, married John Pettit. She had brothers, Samuel, Paul, John, Peter, also sisters, Elizabeth, Anna, Nellie, Phoebe, Jemima and Abigail.

April 3, 1775, the names of Nathaniel Pettit and Stephen Pettit are in the list of one hundred Whig freeholders, who elected Colonel Blackwell as deputy to the Colonial Convention from Queens County (Ricker's Annals), showing members of the family, still in Long Island during the Revolutionary War. This is the latest record of any of the name as resident of Newtown, Long Island.

While in Long Island all of this name appear to have resided in the vicinity of Newtown, and on the out plantations around Halletts Cove, but after crossing over into New Jersey at different dates probably previous to 1737, they became scattered in a comparatively short time throughout the northern, middle and southern portions of the province, and on the border of Pennsylvania, on the Delaware near the present site of New Hope, Bucks County. Those who had affiliated with the Friends of Flushing, Long Island, went chiefly southward and became prominent citizens in Egg Harbor, Tuckertown, Salem, etc. Others affiliating with the Presbyterians in Newtown, L. I. (originally Congregationalists) and with the Church of England, settled in the vicinity of Newtown, Sussex County, Northern New Jersey, which town was probably named for their former abode in Long Island. Others again settled in Central New Jersey, near and about Anwell (see "Anwell"). We know that there were families of the name Petit from La Rochelle, France, who settled in New York City, and at New Rochelle with other refugees from religious persecution. It is impossible that these people could be related to the Long Island Pettits. It is not however improbable that among those comparatively few families, who settled along the Sound at about the same period, those bearing so similar names as Petit and Pettit, but residing upon opposite shores, should have occasionally met, and compared family histories with a view of tracing common descent. The result would have been just such a tradition as we find among the New

town Pettits, viz., that there were those of this name, who being French Huguenots, in order to escape religious persecutions, came to America, which fact being handed down from generation to generation, developed into a seemingly well founded story that they themselves were of close French extraction.

This tradition as to Huguenots of the name, and as to the American Pettits being of French descent, is found to exist even to this day, among the descendants of all the original Pettits of Newtown.

Many who trace their lineage to John and Mary Hallett Pettit have this tradition, and believe that said John Pettit came to this country from France. Also members of other branches of the family, having no other than traditional knowledge of this matter, believe and assert that their representative progenitor was a native of France.

While it is very true that the family and the name Pettit is of French origin, yet we must go back to remote generations—over eight hundred years—to the time of William the Conqueror to find the “Petit” Anglicized and our earliest French or Norman ancestor.

PETTIT-HALLETT BRANCH

Genealogical data concerning the maternal (Hallett) side have been found recorded and are later given.

It has never been satisfactorily ascertained that John and Mary Hallett Pettit came themselves from Long Island into New Jersey or Pennsylvania. Their son William, however, lived for many years upon his own place, a valuable property embracing some three hundred acres, within a mile of the Delaware River, at Coryell's Ferry, now New Hope, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. *

He was the captain of the first military company formed in that vicinity.

Said William Pettit married twice; by his first wife, Charity Stevenson of Amwell, New Jersey, he had eight children, viz., William, Daniel, Elnathan, Samuel, John, Sarah, Elizabeth and Charity. The name of his second wife is not at this day known. He had by her three children, Nathaniel, Beulah and Mary (see table descent later). *

A family of this surname but not of this branch, still resides near the old place, in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. *

William V. Pettit, born 1807, and still living (1891) a grand-son of above—William Pettit—writes under a late date as follows: *see p. 19*

"My grand-father (William Pettit) lived many years on a valuable property, I think some three hundred acres in extent, within a mile of the ferry, and on or near the old York road, over which the 'Swift Sure Line' of stages took passengers through from Philadelphia to New York, in three days. The property was crossed by a very living stream, the outlet for what was then, and for many years later, called 'Ingham's Big Spring,' which was never failing in its supply. On that he had a mill, much resorted to, and when in dry seasons others could not run, people came from quite distant places. I made a visit to it many years ago, with some thought of bringing the property back into the family again.

"I suppose he carried on the business of farming and milling. Late in life my grand-father moved to Sadsbury Township, Chester County, Penn., where he died early in the present century. He removed when his son William took his family to Chester County. This son lived in Chester County for some years, where I have been many times, living in the same house with him, in fact, many times after it came into the possession of my Uncle Nathaniel, who inherited it. Before my grand-father's death, his son William Pettit moved to Catawissa, Penn., with a family of several children, at which place he died. His sons and daughters removed to Columbiana County, Ohio."

There are quite a number of the name now living in Bucks County, Penn., not far from the old homestead of William Pettit, but they have

not been able to trace their connection with the original occupants of Colonial days. The following data show this, and taken in connection with the facts that the descendants of the above William Pettit, son of John and Mary Hallett Pettit of Long Island, and later of Coryell's Ferry, have been definitely traced, it becomes impossible for these to be of the Pettit-Hallett branch unless descended from a now unknown son of John and Mary Hallett Pettit.

Mr. Henry Pettit gives the following facts, in reference to the families now residing in Bucks County, Penn.

"Under date of December 31, 1889, Mr. William Pettit of Center Bridge, Bucks County, Penn., states: 'My father, William Pettit, married Sarah Sibbot. I was born three months after my father's death. I could not say what my grand-father's name was, as I have lived among strangers most of my life. My father's brothers were named Henry, Garrett and James; his sisters, Jane and Margerit, that I know of. My home is half a mile south of Center Bridge, where I have lived thirty years. I married Loraney Bard, October 19, 1848; she died April 2, 1883. We have children, Watson, Sallie, Kate, Jennie and Annie, all married'."

The following extract from another letter written by William V. Pettit under date of April 7, is interesting, as regards the locality, near which is located the homestead of William Pettit.

"New Hope is a considerable town in the north part of Bucks County, and opposite it on the New Jersey shore is another important town, Lambertville, to which it is united by a bridge.

"In Revolutionary times it was called Coryell's Ferry, from a resident of that name. With one of the last generations, of whom Lewis S. Coryell I was acquainted.

"He was prominent in local and state politics, and an intelligent and, I think, a useful citizen. The old York road, between Philadelphia and New York, crossed the river at that place, and the 'Swift Sure Line' of stages carried passengers over it from city to city in the space of three days. Lambertville is in Amwell township, Hunterdon County."

Family tradition as well as some old records we have, show that William Pettit, Jr., 1748, and William Pettit, 1773, his son, were natives of Buckingham, Bucks County, Penn. There is a postal town, Buckingham, a few miles northwest of New Hope, formerly Coryell's Ferry.

It is difficult to decide that the former was born elsewhere than on the original homestead, adjoining Coryell's Ferry, if born subsequent to the settlement of his parents in Pennsylvania. We could readily conclude that after his marriage, he might have settled a few miles further from the river, at Buckingham where his son William may have been born. Since writing the above, I requested Mr. Henry

Pettit, on March 26, 1892, to give me such information as he possessed and could procure regarding Buckingham, Bucks County, as a point of family interest. In response he writes after an interview with William V. Pettit:

"The old homestead was one mile from Coryell's Ferry, now called New Hope, which is in Solebury Township. Buckingham is the adjoining township some three miles west of New Hope. None of the Pettit-Hallett branch lived in Buckingham Township, but many of their friends did."

WILLIAM HALLETT

Grand Maternal Progenitor, Pettit-Hallett Branch

William Hallett was born in Dorsetshire, England, in 1616. No details of his early life are known.

He first emigrated to Greenwich, Connecticut, but we have no record as to the year in which he left England or how long he remained in the Greenwich Colony. It is however known that he crossed over the Sound to the Long Island settlements in 1652. The following quaint description, by metes and bounds of the land conveyed to William Hallett, together with the accompanying map, is of particular interest to us, as we can therefrom very satisfactorily locate the settlement of this remote maternal ancestor, and also of the large body of land he subsequently purchased direct from the Indians.

In his "Annals of Newtown" James Ricker, Jr., says (page 29): "The out plantations received a valuable accession to their population in the person of William Hallett, a native of Dorsetshire, England, who on December 1, 1652, obtained a brief for 161 acres of land, which had previously been in possession of Jaques Bentyne, one of the directors in Van Twillers Council.

It was described as a plat of ground at Hellegat upon Long Island called Jaques farm, and beginning at a great rock that lies in the meadow, goes upward, southeast, to the end of a very small swamp, two hundred and ten rods, from thence northeast two hundred and thirty rods. On the north it goes up to a running water two hundred and ten rods, containing in the whole eighty morgen and three hundred rods. This tract is now included in the village of Astoria, which name (no credit to the restive innovating spirit of the age) has been substituted for that of Halletts Cove, the latter a time honored memorial of its ancient owner, some of whose posterity still occupy portions of the land held by their ancestor." Twelve years later, in 1664, William Hallett purchased a large tract of land, adjoining the above piece, of

which Ricker refers to on pages 63 and 64 of his "Annals of Newtown" as follows: "Another purchase not less interesting was that effected August 1 of this year by William Hallett, Sr., of the town of Flushing, of a large tract of land, near Halletts Cove, from Shawestcont and Erramohar Indians residing at Shawcopsee upon Staten Island, by authority of Mattano, their Sagamore, and in the presence of two Indians, Warchan and Kethcaneparen and Randall Hewitt, John Coe, Jonathan Rite and Edward Fisher. It is described as beginning at the first creek called Sunswick, westward below Hellegat upon Long Island and from the mouth of aforesaid creek south to a markt tree fast by a great rock, and from that said markt tree southward fifteen score rods to another markt tree, which stands from another little rock a little westward, and from that markt tree east right to the point of an island which belongs to the Poor's Bowery round by the river through Hellegat, to the aforesaid creek westward where it began; also an island which is commonly called Hewletts Island, which island the aforesaid Hewlett did formerly live on; as also all other islands within this tract of land aforementioned. On December 5, 1664, the Sagamore Mattano Chief of Staten Island and Nyack confirmed the above sale and acknowledged to have received the full payment for the land, fifty-eight fathom of waupum, seven coats, one blanket and four kettles. This tract called by the Indians 'Sintsinek' and embracing nearly the whole of Hellegat Neck, was afterward confirmed to Hallett by the English Governors, Nicoll and Dongan, or "so much of the aforesaid Indian deed or purchase as had not before been disposed of to others, by ground brief or patent." It, therefore, did not affect the several grants, to individuals lying within its limits.

In the Fall of 1655, three years after coming to Long Island, the Indians destroyed the Hallett House and plantation at Halletts Cove, which induced him to take up his residence at Flushing. In his "Annals of Newtown," page 410, Ricker says of William Hallett, after his removal to Flushing: "Here he was appointed sheriff in 1656, but the same year was deposed by Stuyvessant, fined and imprisoned for entertaining the Rev. William Wickenden from Rhode Island, allowing him to preach at his house and receiving the sacrament of the Lord's supper from his hands. Disgusted at this treatment, Mr. Hallett on the revolt of Long Island from the Dutch warmly advocated the claims of Connecticut, and being sent as a delegate to the general court of that colony, he was appointed commissioner or justice of the peace for Flushing. Afterward he again located at Hellegat, where he lived to the age of about 90 years.

He had two sons, William and Samuel, between whom, in 1688, he divided his property in Hellegat Neck. William Hallett and his sons early commenced the successful manufacturing of brick and lime at Hallett's Cove. They were active and valuable members of the community and accumulated a large amount of property.

A copy of an ancient map of the western end of Long Island, on file in Albany, New York, referred to and found herewith, will be of special value to all the Pettits in America, who trace their ancestors to Long Island. All the points of interest in early settlements alluded to throughout this work can thereon be definitely located—Halletts Cove, Newtown, Hellegat, Flushing, etc., etc.

William Hallett had two sons, William Hallett, Jr., who has many descendants in New York City and elsewhere. *

Samuel Hallett, born 1651, died December 27, 1724. He was buried on his own premises in Astoria, beside the Methodist Church. He had only one son, Samuel Hallett, Jr., born 1678, died March 7, 1756. He was major in the militia of Queens County. Married Bridget Blackwell, daughter of Robert Blackwell. Samuel and Bridget Blackwell Hallett had twelve children, as follows: *

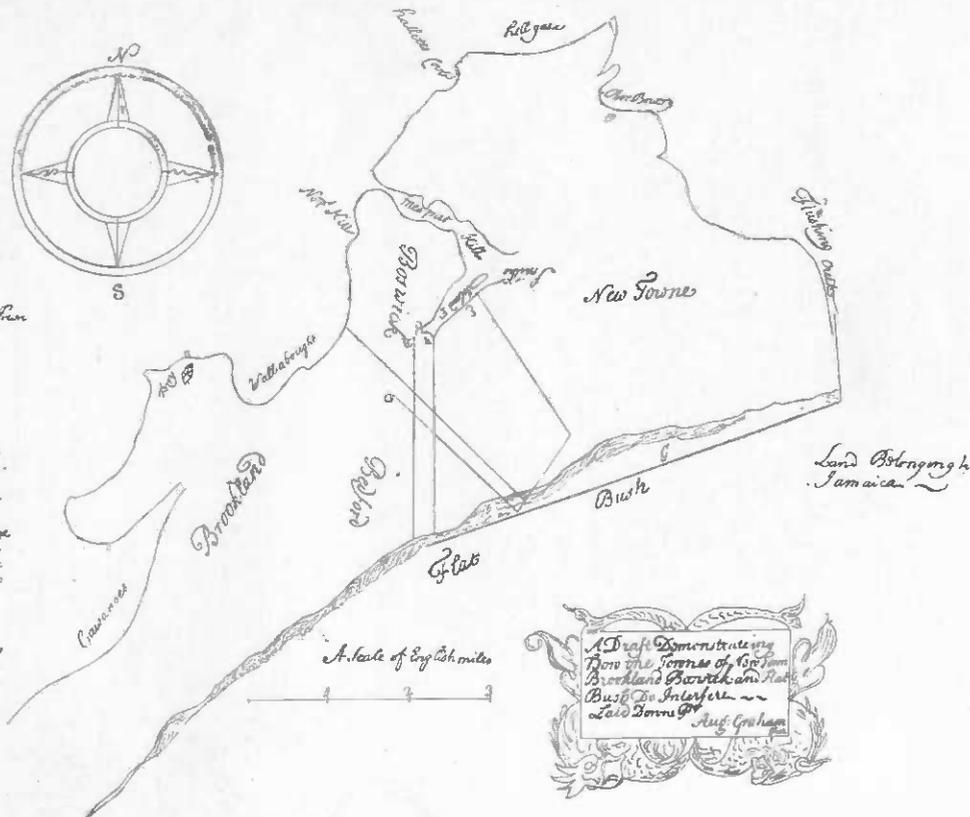
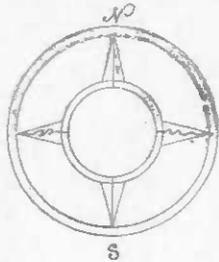
- I. Samuel Hallett.
- II. John Hallett.
- III. James Hallett.
- IV. Jacob Hallett.
- V. Mary Hallett; married John Pettit, from whom is descended the Pettit Hallett line of the family. *
- VI. Sarah Hallett; married Colonel Berrier.
- VII. Elizabeth Hallett; married first, William Lawrence; second, John McDonough.
- VIII. Bridget Hallett; married Joseph Wright.
- IX. Lydia Hallett; married Josiah Milliken.
- X. Martha Hallett; married — Welling.
- XI. Phoebe Hallett; married Robert Hallett.
- XII. Jemima Hallett; Married John Greenock.

WILLIAM PETTIT, SR. *

Son of John and Mary Hallett Pettit

Born January 1, 1726; died October 15, 1801. The exact locality of his place of nativity is not definitely known, but was without doubt, in Newtown, Long Island, or in the immediate vicinity. I have as yet been unable to discover any brothers or sisters, and in the light of our present knowledge must conclude that John and Mary Hallett Pettit raised but the one son. He married first Charity Stevenson, who died December 28, 1780, and married the second time Lydia —,

- A The Place from whence I think to have of Cattle brought or
- B The Place where I suppose most of the owners lay their Wild Brandy always kept their Run from
- C The Place of their houses
- D The small house or inn in British Bottom
- E Insects Pond
- F the West Branch of the River
- G the Place where it is said it was first found between the Run. Runica & Fox Bush.



Pursuant to his
 Excellency's
 Order of the 26th
 1692
 I have surveyed the Boundaries
 of the Towns of New Towne
 Fox Bush, Brookland, Brookland
 according to their respective Grants
 and the same I find them so
 therefore as the Draft above be
 demonstrates
 the 27th 1692
 Aug. Graham
 Surveyor

A Draft Demonstrating
 how the Towns of New Towne
 Brookland, Brookland and Fox
 Bush do Interfer
 the 27th 1692
 Aug. Graham

COPY OF AN EARLY MAP MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, AND ON PAGE 129 OF "RICKERS ANNALS."

(maiden name not known), who was the mother of the three last children in table below. For further particulars of the history of William Pettit, Sr., refer to "Pettit-Hallett Branch."

William Pettit, Sr., had eleven children, as follows:

- I. William Pettit, Jr., history and table descent later.
- II. Sarah Pettit, for descent see later "Sarah Pettit Bye."
- III. Daniel Pettit, for descent, see later.
- IV. Elizabeth Pettit; married Cottrell; have no history or further record of this family.
- V. Elnathan Pettit; we have been unable to find any records appertaining to Elnathan Pettit. William V. Pettit writes me, through his son Horace: "My father had a brother, Elnathan, and it was his son also named Elnathan who lived in Doylestown and afterwards in Philadelphia, who also had a son of the same name. They are all deceased."
- VI. Samuel Pettit; married Hannah Phillips, a sister of his brother John's wife. We know of two children, viz.: William Stevenson Pettit, who died unmarried, and John Pettit, resided in Cincinnati, and had a family. See later.
- VII. Charity Pettit, married — Dean. So far as is known there is no further record of this family.
- VIII. John Pettit. History and table descent later.
- IX. Nathaniel Pettit. No record.
- X. Beulah Pettit. No record.
- XI. Mary Pettit. No record.

SARAH PETTIT BYE

Second Child and Daughter of William and Charity Stevenson Pettit

Married in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, to Hezekiah Bye. They moved after some years to Centre County, same state, and afterwards to Columbiana County, Ohio.

Their descendants are numerous and have largely, to this day, remained within the State of Ohio. I have no official record for the descent as shown below, it being mostly obtained from my father as he remembers the family.

I. Charity Bye; married — Packer and remained in Centre County, Pennsylvania. See "Charity Bye Packer."

II. Mary Bye; married Levi Pennington. They settled on a small farm near Hanover and lived on it many years. She died at this place, approximately 1842. They had six children, as follows:

1. Sarah Pennington; married James Langstaff.
2. Martha Pennington, married Isaac Miller.
3. Charity Pennington; married Samuel Miller.
4. Lydia Pennington; married; had a daughter who married T. B. Higgs, of Columbus, Ohio; also a daughter, Lizzie, raised by Fannie Pennington McBride.
5. Maria Pennington; married Levi Miller.
6. Fannie Pennington; married William McBride.



LEVI PENNINGTON.

To Charles Butterworth I am indebted for the accompanying portrait of Levi Pennington, and the following valued data:

During the present year (1900) I formed the acquaintance of Charles and Etta Butterworth, living in this city (Portland, Oregon). Mrs. Butterworth is a great-grand-daughter of Mary Bye Pennington, a grand-daughter of our ancestor, William Pettit, Sr., son of John and Mary Hallett Pettit. Her father was Zadoc Miller, son of Isaac and Martha Pennington Miller.

This happy acquaintance has vividly brought to mind my early youth, when a younger brother of Zadoc Miller's, named Wilmer, and myself were close friends and playmates, being about the same age and near neighbors. Mrs. Butterworth wrote her Uncle Wilmer of meeting me. His wife replied for him, "Wilmer is deeply affected by this recalling to his mind many scenes and incidents when they were little boys together." I learned through Mrs. Butterworth's correspondence that Mary Bye Pennington deceased about 1842.

Levi Pennington later married June Cooper, a daughter of Calvin Cooper, a Sandy Spring Friend, who lived on a farm adjoining Joseph Pettit's, near Hanover. He died in Martinsville, Ohio, in 1868, at a good old age. He removed to this point from Hanover in 1857. His widow survived him twenty-four years, dying in 1892 at the age of 90 years.

- III. Hezekiah Bye; married Ann Jackson.
- IV. Samuel Bye; married Ruth —
- V. Elizabeth Bye; married Ezra Bailey.
- VI. William Bye; married — Smith (See "Hanover").
- VII. Lydia Bye; married John Whitaker, a prominent Campbellite (Christian) preacher.



WILLIAM FISHER PACKER,
Governor Pennsylvania, 1858-61.

CHARITY BYE PACKER

Daughter of Hezekiah and Sarah Pettit Bye

Born in Bucks County, Penn., and after removal of the family to Centre County married — Packer. They raised three sons, John Pettit Packer, Hezekiah Bye Packer and William Fisher Packer, and two other children, names not known. I presume neither Charity Bye Packer nor any of her family ever visited Ohio, where her parents, brothers and sisters had long since settled, otherwise my father would have retained some knowledge of them. Charity Bye was a woman of high standing in the community in which she lived. Dr. Henry M. Pettit, of Carrollton, Mo., sends me a letter written by his cousin, Mrs. Jennie Boulton, in which she speaks of Governor Packer's mother. Mrs. Boulton says: "She was a woman of more than ordinary ability and one of the brightest ornaments of the Society of Friends to whom she belonged. At a proceeding before the Orphans' Court the Judge from the bench remarked that the manner in which she had discharged her duty to her five orphan children as a mother was not only creditable to herself, but honorable to the country, and that her conduct furnished a bright example to her whole sex." She was a widow eight years and married again a Mr. Jobway. She died April 24, 1839, in her 59th year, in Howard Township, Centre County, Penn.

William Fisher Packer, alluded to above, her youngest son, was born in 1807 and died in 1870. He received a common school education and learned the printers' trade. He afterwards studied law, but was never in active practice. From 1827 to 1836 he was proprietor and editor of the "Lycoming Gazette." Became interested in politics and local improvement. He held the offices of Canal Commissioner and State Auditor three years each. In 1845 he was elected State Senator and at the close of his term was made President of the Susquehanna Railroad Company. When that corporation consolidated with the "Northern Central," he became a director of the joint company and continued so until 1858, when he was elected Governor of the state by the Republican party and served until 1861.

DANIEL PETTIT

Third Child and Son of William and Charity Stevenson Pettit

It is not known whether he ever came West. His children, however, part or all, removed and settled in Columbianna County, Ohio. My father well remembers the different families and gives me the details as here related. William V. Pettit writes that Phineas was the only child of Daniel Pettit. I shall conclude that in his old age he has forgotten much family detail, as my father lived among and associated with them all during his younger days, and knows of five sons and daughters, as follows:

I. Charles Pettit (See article "Hanover"). He had three children, Beulah Ann Pettit, Martha Pettit and Daniel Pettit.

II. Charity Pettit; married William Mercer and had three children—Martha Mercer, married Andrew Pettit; Mary Ann Mercer, married Enos Monnehan; Daniel Mercer, married Caroline Wolf.

III. Phineas Pettit; married — Middleton.

IV. Rebecca Pettit, second wife of Andrew Pettit, former husband of her niece, Martha Mercer.

V. Rachel Pettit; married Samuel Audery.

SAMUEL PETTIT

Sixth Child and Son of William and Charity Stevenson Pettit

It was always understood by the younger generations in the West that "Uncle Sam Pettit" was a bachelor. William V. Pettit, of Philadelphia, born 1807, who was his nephew, writes (1892): "Samuel Pettit married Hannah Phillips, a sister of my mother, and they had two sons, William S. and John Pettit. The latter settled in Cincinnati and raised a family."

He made several trips, on horseback, to Ohio, visiting his sister, Sarah Pettit Bye, and his nephews and nieces and other relatives, who had removed to Columbianna County. These trips over the mountains made by "Uncle Sam," must have been about the years 1820 or 1825, as they were well remembered by the grand-nephews and nieces. In the light of William V. Pettit's statement and the understanding had by the Ohio relatives that he was a single man at the time of his several trips across the mountains, besides being some years older than his brother, John Pettit, whose wife's sister he married, it is evident that he was well advanced

in years at the time of his marriage. According to certain traditions that have been handed down in the family concerning "Uncle Sam Pettit," his early history is somewhat vague. Much, however, might be cleared up by a personal interview with William V. Pettit.

It is now impossible at his age and enfeebled condition to elicit by correspondence the desired information that should be made a part of these records. It is unfortunate, indeed, that the knowledge he possesses of the early history of the Pettit-Hallett branch of the family in Bucks and Chester Counties cannot be preserved, but must at his death be forever lost.



JOHN PETTIT

Eighth Child and Son of William and Charity Stevenson Pettit

Born 1766 and died in 1861 in his 95th year. He married about the year 1790 Mary Phillips, of Yellow Springs, Chester County, Penn. She was born in 1770 and died in 1855. His son, Samuel Pettit, removed to the vicinity of New Lisbon, Columbiana County, Ohio.

I do not know that any other members of his family ever came West. They had thirteen children, viz.:

- I. Isaac; born 1791, died in infancy.
- II. Samuel; born 1793, died 1865; married Ann Alford; they had two children—Dr. Alfred Pettit, who was killed in Philadelphia while sick of fever by falling out of his hotel window. Mary Ann Pettit; no record.
- III. Lydia; born 1795, died 1884; married John Duer of West Chester, Pennsylvania; had two sons.
- IV. George; born 1797, died 1838; married Catherine Ferrell; had two daughters.
- V. Margaret; born 1799, died 1829; married Jifferies; children all died.
- VI. John (1); died young.
- VII. Sarah (1); died young.
- VIII. John (2); born 1804, died 1877; married Henretty Curtis.
- IX. Hannah; died young.
- * X. William V.; born 1807, still living (1891); see later.
- XI. Sarah (2); born 1809, died 1850; married Samuel Carpenter Jifferies.
- XII. Ralph; born 1812, died 1843; married — Bellow; one daughter.
- XIII. Oliver; born 1818, died 1861; single.



WILLIAM V. PETTIT

Tenth Son of John and Mary Phillips Pettit

* Born in 1807. He is still living (December, 1891), and is the last of his generation. He was 34 years younger and cousin germain to William Pettit, who married Mary Phipps.

Three later generations have grown up and the fourth is now taking its position in the world. He has always lived in and around Philadelphia, his home now being in Jenkintown, Montgomery County, a few miles out of the city.

Very much information might be obtained from him in a personal interview respecting the early history of the family. Owing to his great age, I find it impossible to learn many details that would be valuable in this work. I must, however, say here that he has been very kind as also his son, Horace, in replying to any special inquiries. He married December 21st, 1843, Miss Heloise Guillon, of Philadelphia, who died in 1854. In 1859 he again married Miss Letitia B. Taylor. By his first wife he had three children and by his second wife four children, as follows:

I. Silas Wright Pettit; born October 20th, 1844; married in 1872 to Susa N. Goddard. He is at this time (1891) a lawyer practicing in Philadelphia. Edith Pettit, William V. Pettit, Jr., and John R. Pettit are his three children.

II. Mary Acelia Pettit; married George T. Chapman; she is now deceased.

III. Charles Guillon Pettit; born 1853.

IV. Horace Pettit; born 1860; a practicing attorney in Philadelphia, his office now being 750 Drexel building.

V. Margaretta Pettit; no record.

Two children dead of which we have no record.

Mr. Henry Pettit writes under date of April 15th, 1892, after a visit to William V. Pettit's home at Jenkintown: "He has a charming place, delightfully located, overlooking an extensive landscape. His son, Horace, took me a long drive 'over the hills and far away' in his drag behind a spanking team. Mr. W. V. Pettit himself is now, however, quite feeble and does not venture out much alone."

Since writing the above William V. Pettit deceased January 25th, 1893, in the 86th year of his age. One month and eleven days later his widow departed this life on the 7th of March, 1893.

WILLIAM PETTIT, JR.

First Child and Son of William and Charity Stevenson Pettit

Born November 7th, 1748, presumably at Coryell's Ferry, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. He married Sarah Birdsall, born November 25th, 1748, therefore, just eighteen days the junior of her husband. She was the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Birdsall, of Amwell, New Jersey, at which place she and William Pettit were married. Her mother, Elizabeth, was born in 1715. She was the daughter of Elizabeth Wilson, born in 1682.

William Pettit, Jr., removed with his family some time subsequent to 1773 to Sadsbury Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, we suppose at or about the same time his father removed to the same locality; then William Pettit, Jr., again moved to Catawissa, in the same state. At this place he and his wife both died July

28th, 1804, within one hour and twenty minutes of each other. It is a remarkable circumstance and cause for reflection that man and wife, whose births occur so nearly at the same time, should travel hand in hand life's rugged paths more than thirty years; then what a beautiful thought, that death releases both at the same time—and as they had lived they depart together on their last journey for "that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns."

Their children all emigrated to what was then the Far West, and settled in Columbiana County, Ohio, taking up or purchasing claims in the dense forests of that region, except it was a son, Elnathan. This son has not been definitely located (see below). If they had a son, Elnathan, there were born to William and Sarah Birdsell Pettit six children, viz.:

I. Elizabeth Pettit; born July 4, 1771; married Jacob Paxton; died February 16, 1848. The following is gleaned from Ensign's History of Columbiana County, Ohio, page 309: "Jacob Paxton, of Chester County, Pennsylvania, settled in Butler Township in 1815. His daughter, Annie, married Hoops Bailey and removed to Smith Township, same county, in 1833. They had five sons, Howard H., Edward P., William Penn, Oakley H., and Frances C." Elizabeth and Jacob Paxton had five children, viz.:

Sarah Paxton; married David Galbraith.

Edward Paxton; died a young man.

Mary Paxton; married — Hoover.

Jacob Paxton; no record.

Annie Paxton; married Hoops Bailey; had five sons, referred to above.

II. William Pettit; history and table of descent later.

III. Jacob Pettit; born August 5th, 1775; died March 6th, 1853; married, first, Jenima Williams, mother of his children; married, second, Hannah W. John, a widow, whose maiden name was Winder, a sister of Benjamin Winder, a member of Sandy Spring meeting. Jacob and Jenima Williams Pettit had five children, as follows:

Martha Pettit; married Jonathan Battin.

David Pettit; died young.

Sarah Pettit; died single.

Elizabeth Pettit; married Charles Voglesong.

Andrew Pettit; married — Criss. On a Christmas day, about 1850, he was accidentally killed. A party of friends were practicing target shooting when he stepped between the target and marksman, the ball striking him, killing him almost instantly. He was a gunsmith by trade, lived on a farm, near New Garden, Columbiana County, Ohio.

IV. Elnathan Pettit. While there are many and excellent reasons for denying

the existence of such a son, yet it seems necessary to give him a place in this descent for the purpose of satisfying the opinion of most of the present generation of the descendants, of William Pettit (II. this table), who insist for the reason of having heard their father, or mother talk about "Uncle Elnathan," that said Elnathan was a brother of their grandfather's. It was their understanding and belief that "Uncle Elnathan" always lived in and about Doyelstown, Bucks County, Penn., at which place he for many years "kept tavern."

William V. Pettit, who has lived all his life in and around Philadelphia, and who was well acquainted with all of his relations in Eastern Pennsylvania, never knew that William and Sarah Birdsall Pettit had a son Elnathan, and unequivocally writes that the Elnathan Pettit, who "kept tavern" in Doyelstown, was his uncle, the son of William and Charity Stevenson Pettit. This "tavern" was later "kept" by another Elnathan Pettit, a son of the former proprietor.

Again Frank R. Raley, of Philadelphia and Beverly, writes that he has no knowledge of his Grandfather Pettit (II. this table), having a brother Elnathan. In view of these facts, we must conclude that there was no such a son of William and Sarah Birdsall Pettit, and the traditions existing in the family referring to him, are the results of a confusion of the names and generations of Elnathan Pettit, who did really keep tavern in Doyelstown, and who made several visits to his nephews and niece in Ohio, and was of course called by them "Uncle Elnathan."

The children, as young as they were, naturally knew him by the same name, and came to the conclusion he must be their father's brother. Hence the implicit faith existing in the following generations in "Uncle Elnathan" as the son of William and Sarah Birdsall Pettit.

V. Daniel Pettit. Table descent later.

VI. Andrew Pettit; born —, 1790; died — 1860; married, first, Martha Mercer, March 25, 1816. She was his first cousin once removed, being the daughter of Charity Pettit Mercer. He married, second, his first cousin, Rebecca Pettit, January 27, 1830. She was aunt to his first wife. (See "Daniel Pettit, third son of William and Charity Stevenson Pettit.") For the times and the locality in which he lived, Andrew Pettit was a good scholar and a fine teacher. He taught among the first schools established in the western part of Columbianna County, and was for many years the main dependence as a teacher for the colony. In fact, it might be said that all the education acquired by the first generation, was in schools taught by him. He afterwards settled on a farm, a few miles north of Hanover. (See reference to Andrew Pettit as a teacher in Article "Hanover.") He had children by his first wife, George Pettit; Samuel Pettit, never married; Rebecca Pettit, married William Frances King; they had one son, Cervantes King, who served on General Kilpatrick's staff during the Civil War (1861-5); Lewis Pettit married Emeline Wolf; they had one son, Rolandus Pettit. Martha Pettit was an only child by second marriage.

The following quaint records written by Andrew Pettit, are copied from his family Bible:

On the death of his sister Elizabeth, he says:

"In Christ a hearty welcome may she find,
Her body is back to dust consigned."

On the death of his brother William:

"His time on earth is fully done,
To Mother Earth he must return;
His spirit with his Lord to dwell
Forever and forever. Fare the well!"

On the death of his Brother Jacob:

"With him again I hope to meet
And walk together the golden street,
Where Christ himself will be the bride,
And trouble ne'er will any betide."

DANIEL PETTIT

Fifth Child and Son of William, Jr., and Sarah Birdsell Pettit

Born February 19, 1785, and died March 22, 1865. He possibly removed to Ohio about the same time as his brothers.

It has not been ascertained whether he married his first wife before coming west. He was married December 5, 1805, to Margaret Russell, daughter of William and Jane Russell. She died March 20, 1838. He afterwards married, July 25, 1839, Annie Davidson. Like his brother Andrew, he was in those days considered a great scholar and was one of the early popular teachers in the northern part of Columbiana County, where he originally settled and lived and died. His old family Bible is now in possession of Wesley L. Pettit (XII. this table) from which I have copied the data below. Daniel Pettit had by his first wife eleven children; by his second wife two children.

- I. William Pettit; born, 1806; descent later.
- II. Elizabeth Pettit. } Twins, born August 10, 1808; Elizabeth married
- III. Jane Pettit. } David Bricker; Jane married John Walker.
- IV. Mary H. Pettit; born, November 15, 1811; died, June 24, 1847.
- * V. Andrew Pettit; born, July 2, 1813; married Mary Elliott.
- VI. Elnathan Pettit; born, November 22, 1815.
- VII. Daniel Pettit; born, February 19, 1818.
- VIII. Austin Pettit; born, May 10, 1820.

- IX. Lydia D. Pettit; born, September 8, 1822; married William Harmon.
 X. Sarah Ann Pettit; born, February 10, 1825; married Charles Kelley,
 January 24, 1843.
 XI. Margaret Pettit; born, June 22, 1826; married Zadoc Lozier.
 XII. Wesley L. Pettit; born, August 20, 1840; married; lives in Minneapolis.
 XIII. Rebecca Ann Pettit; born, 1845; married; lives in Michigan.

WILLIAM PETTIT

First Child and Son of Daniel and Margaret Russell Pettit

Born, September 28, 1806. He married Marianna Ranier, daughter of Edward and Mary Ranier, born December 15, 1810. He deceased, May 22, 1844. His business was that of a carpenter and contractor. Lived and died in Salem, Ohio, or in that immediate vicinity. William and Marianna Ranier Pettit had children:

- I. Elizabeth Jane Pettit; born, May 31, 1829; married Moses Kale.
 1. Harry Kale; married November, 1896; living in Seattle.
 2. Emma Kale; married Dr. Sturgeon; now living in Everett, Wash.
 II. Hannah R. Pettit; born, October 17, 1830; died, November 9, 1830.
 III. Henry A. Pettit; born, June 21, 1832.
 IV. Daniel Pettit; born, July 17, 1834.
 V. Margaret Pettit; born July 4, 1836; married Snider; lives in Salem, Ohio.
 VI. Mary R. Pettit; born, July 27, 1839; married John W. Hemsworth, February 13, 1861. I am indebted to Mrs. Hemsworth for all the data found in this article. They have for several years lived in Portland, Oregon, where he is engaged in the restaurant business at the foot of Morrison Street. Mr. Hemsworth early enlisted in the Ohio Volunteers, 104th Regiment, and served throughout the Civil War. John W. and Mary Pettit Hemsworth had seven children, viz.:
 1. Elizabeth Hemsworth; born, December 20, 1861; married Elmer C. Dean, September 30, 1882.
 2. James R. Hemsworth; born, July 9, 1866; married Maud Hollister, June, 1894.
 3. Lyda Hemsworth; born, February 28, 1868; married William Wilson Caldwell.
 4. William Hemsworth; born, July 28, 1870.
 5. Mary Hemsworth; born, February 9, 1872; died, December 8, 1887.
 6. John W. Hemsworth; born, February 11, 1875; died, November 13, 1893.
 7. Frank Hemsworth; born, June 21, 1880.
 VII. William Pettit; born, July 5, 1841.
 VIII. Olive Pettit; born, March 2, 1843; died, March 22, 1843.
 IX. Louisa Pettit; born, August 15, 1844.

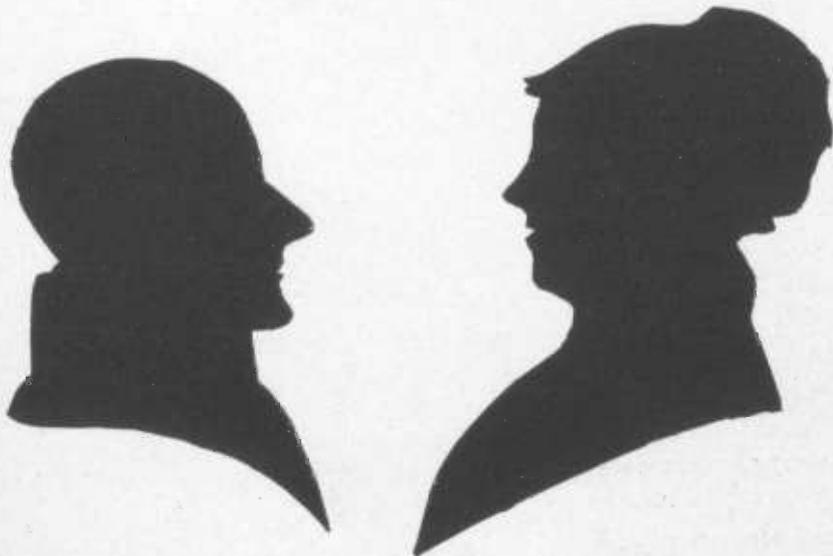


HOME OF WILLIAM AND MARY PHIPPS PETTIT.

This picture was taken in the Spring of 1893. The original cabin built by William Pettit, on his arrival in Columbiana County, Ohio, in which his son Joseph was born, stood on the same spot. The two-story part of this house was probably erected approximately 1815, and the one-story room to the left some years later. A few years before his death he built two additional rooms on the left and adjoining at right angles with the one-story part, shown in the engraving. These two rooms were removed some time after his decease. The two-story part shows to be weatherboarded; this was done subsequent to 1860, and after the property had passed from the family. It was originally built of hewed logs. The house has been unoccupied for years.

Over the brink of the hill to the left will be observed the roof timbers of the old spring house, through which ran the over-flow from an everlasting spring on the outside and under an extension of the roof. It was from this spring that our father, whenever on a visit to the neighborhood, was wont to drink and write to his children about it. What memories these visits awoke. How vividly the panorama of his childhood and youth appeared before him. It was here he was born, and grew to manhood. Here he dreamed of the future and experienced all the vicissitudes and pleasures of a young life, enjoying the companionship, love and affection of his parents and five brothers and three sisters.

The orchard, barns and sheds were back to the right of the house. Some of these old buildings, in a dilapidated condition, are still to be seen.



WILLIAM PETTIT.

MARY PHIPPS PETTIT.

WILLIAM PETTIT

Second Child and Son of William, Jr., and Sarah Birdsell Pettit

Born in Bucks County, Penn., presumably in the neighborhood of Coryells Ferry, April 18, 1773, where his grandfather first settled, after leaving Long Island. He died at the residence of his daughter, Charity Pettit Rice, in Columbiana County, Ohio, July 26, 1849, age seventy-six years, three months and eight days. There is no record of the year that his grandfather and father removed to Chester County, and the latter from there to Columbia County. He married Mary Phipps, daughter of Benjamin and Margaret Evans Phipps, at East Cahn Meeting, Chester County, on the 23d day of October, 1799. (See "Mary Phipps Pettit and her mother, Margaret Evans Lawrence.")

Of his early life there is now but little known; he must have been but a youth when the move was made from Bucks to Chester County, Penn. The grandfather remained here until his death, which occurred in 1801. The father again moved, this time to Catawissa, on the north branch of the Susquehanna River, in Columbia County, the same state. At this late date there is no apparent means of determining at what time this last move was made, or whether William Pettit went with his parents or remained in Chester County until after his marriage.

It is, however, certain that he was living at Catawissa when his parents died in 1804, from which place a few years later they emigrated to Columbiana County, Ohio, and settled on the southeast quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) section twenty (20), township fifteen (15), range four (4), adjoining the site of the future village of Hanover.

William Pettit brought with him to Ohio about nine hundred dollars (\$900), a part of which may have been derived from his father's estate, the balance representing his accumulations to this time.

The land he bought had been entered by David Sinclair, a Friend, who had but a short time preceded him. The certificate of purchase was assigned by Sinclair and the patent issued by the government made directly to William Pettit. The original of this government deed is in possession of the writer and highly prized for the reason of bearing the signatures of Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States, and James Madison, Secretary of State. It is on parchment, and of date October 19, 1808 (see fac-simile on following page). His payment to Sinclair and balance paid to the government amounted to five dollars (\$5) per acre, or eight hundred dollars (\$800).

This land was covered by a dense forest, walnut, chestnut, sugar, beech, poplar and hickory abounding. The work was prodigious, even to open a few acres necessary for the log cabin and a "truck patch."

In the course of years, by indomitable perseverance and a vast amount of hard labor, nearly the whole of this quarter section of land was cleared and brought into a high state of cultivation. Two years after their arrival in Ohio in the Fall of 1810, William Pettit and his wife went back to Pennsylvania, leaving their four little children in their new home, in charge of strangers.

On their return in the Spring they brought along Great Grandmother Lawrence, who had now lost her third husband and come to Ohio to spend the remainder of her days with her two surviving children, Mary Phipps Pettit and Ann Guthrie Warren. She made her home with the former, and died May 7, 1826. There seems no doubt that William Pettit was born a Friend. His father, however, could not have had a birthright, as his parents are known to have been regular attendants of the Presbyterian Church, and possibly members, though nothing farther can now be definitely ascertained, more than that after the death of his mother, his father married a Quaker lady and it is supposed he himself became at that time a member of the same sect, as also his children, either by their own or their father's request.

William Pettit, after settling in Columbiana County, made many trips over the mountains to Eastern Pennsylvania and Virginia, buying up and taking with him horses, clover seed, or whatever might promise to make him a profit, bringing back loads of goods for the merchants and supplies for himself and neighbors.

It does not seem probable that these ventures proved very remunerative, as aside from the natural increase in the value of his farm, he never accumulated much more than was necessary to maintain respectably his large family and to give his six sons and three daughters what was in those days a liberal education. Ten years before his death his health began to fail, and finally a well defined cancer

Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States of America,

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Know Ye, That William Pettit, a citizen of David Sinclair
has deposited in the Treasury a certificate of the Register of the Land office at Steubenville whereby it appears that said petitioner
has made for the south East quarter of lot or Section Number Twenty, of Township
Number Jefferson, Range Number Four
of the Lands directed to be sold at Steubenville — by the act of Congress, entitled
an act providing for the sale of the Lands of the United States in the Territory north-west of the Ohio, and above the mouth of the river
and of the acts amendatory of the same, There is granted by the United States, unto the said William Pettit, the quarter
of land above described. To have and to hold the said quarter
land, with the appurtenances, unto the said William Pettit, his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, I have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the United States
to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my Hand at the City of Washington, the Ninth day of October
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Eighty, and of the Independence of
the United States of America, the thirty third

BY THE PRESIDENT,

James Hopson Secretary of State.

developed on his left cheek, which was ultimately the immediate cause of his decease. After his wife's death (January 25, 1843), he continued almost five years, at the old homstead. His daughter Margaret kept house for him until her marriage in 1846. After which and until he broke up house-keeping, Sarah Warren took charge and cared for him. She was the daughter of Peter and Ann Gutherie Warren, hence a niece by marriage.

The following letter written (1847), two years before his demise, to his son Dr. William Pettit, speaks of his great suffering and trouble from the cancer. It is painful to reflect, that he had yet two years to thus suffer before death came to his relief.

HANOVERTON, the 2d Mo. 17th, 1847.

Wm. Pettit—Dear Son: I may inform thee that we are all in usual health, except myself; I have suffered much with my face, since thee left us, and also am much afflicted with coldness, followed by a burning fever in my feet and ankles so as to hinder me of sleep at night. My face, I think, is a little better; the doctor has dressed it for me this morning and thinks it in a good way. He is a botanick doctor by the name of Jas. Rawsel; lives in a part of Chas. Nicholas' house; his wash powders and salve have been hard to bear, they being of a sharp and stinging kind. I often, yes very often, think of thee with desire for thy welfare in the best things. I am aware that thou art very much exposed, but I want thee to be strictly on thy watch, as we are no longer safe, and if temptations are thrown in thy way, by the old adversary of our soul's peace, say as our dear Lord and Master said when he had such great offers, "Get thee behind me, Satan." I hope thee will bear with me a little, as it is in love and intended for thy good. I do not know that I could be better suited with a hired housekeeper. Sarah is very attentive in waiting on me. I believe I must close for the present, as I feel tired and a good deal nervous. Give my love to Jane and Eliza; tell them I want to see them.

Farewell, affectionately, my son Wm. Pettit.

These from thy aged father; they may be the last. This is not for me to know.

WM. PETTIT.

About eighteen months previous to his decease he went to live with his daughter Charity Pettit Rice. He suffered much from the cancer, which by this time had assumed a malignant form. He had all the advantages of good nursing and the remedies then known to science, all however of no avail, and he quietly passed away on the 26th of July, 1849.

He was buried in the Sandy Spring grave-yard, by the side of his wife; the two graves remain marked to this day by small head-stones, undressed and irregular in shape. Upon one of these is inscribed by no artistic hand the letters "W. P." and on the other "M. P." in accordance with the plain unostentatious manner then prevailing among Friends.

See "Mary Phipps Pettit," "Joseph Pettit," "Home of William Pettit," "Hanover," etc., for further details of interest in the life of William Pettit.

There were born to William and Mary Phipps Pettit ten children, as below:

- I. Benjamin Pettit. See record and table descent later.
- II. Elizabeth Pettit. See record and table descent later.
- III. Sarah Pettit; born, September 1, 1805; died, 18th same month.
- IV. William Pettit. See record and table descent later.
- V. Joseph Pettit. See record and table descent later.
- VI. Margaret Pettit. See later.
- VII. Charity Dean Pettit. See record and table descent later.
- VIII. Elnathan Pettit. See record and table descent later.
- IX. Jesse Kersey Pettit. See record and table descent later.
- X. Milton R. Pettit. See record and table descent later.

Written by William Pettit, Sr. (1778-1842)

1819: ~~to~~ ~~making~~ ~~one~~ ~~pair~~ ~~of~~ ~~boots~~ ~~for~~ ~~Benjamin~~ ~~and~~ ~~making~~ ~~one~~ ~~pair~~ ~~of~~ ~~shoes~~ ~~for~~ ~~William~~ ~~and~~ ~~mending~~ ~~Elnathan~~ ~~and~~ ~~making~~ ~~one~~ ~~pair~~ ~~for~~ ~~Petsy~~ ~~and~~ ~~making~~ ~~one~~ ~~pair~~ ~~for~~ ~~my~~ ~~self~~ ~~and~~ ~~a~~ ~~pair~~ ~~for~~ ~~Joseph~~ ~~and~~ ~~making~~ ~~one~~ ~~pair~~ ~~for~~ ~~Charity~~

1820: ~~the~~ ~~33rd~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~2nd~~ ~~to~~ ~~make~~ ~~well~~ ~~and~~ ~~half~~ ~~soaling~~ ~~one~~ ~~shoe~~ ~~to~~ ~~half~~ ~~soaling~~ ~~one~~ ~~shoe~~ ~~for~~ ~~etsy~~ ~~and~~ ~~one~~ ~~for~~ ~~Margaret~~ ~~to~~ ~~half~~ ~~soaling~~ ~~one~~ ~~pair~~ ~~for~~ ~~Benjamin~~ ~~the~~ ~~9th~~ ~~to~~ ~~half~~ ~~soaling~~ ~~and~~ ~~heating~~ ~~up~~ ~~Charity~~ ~~the~~ ~~11th~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~by~~ ~~making~~ ~~my~~ ~~shoes~~ ~~to~~ ~~half~~ ~~soaling~~ ~~one~~ ~~of~~ ~~my~~ ~~boots~~ ~~to~~ ~~half~~ ~~soaling~~ ~~one~~ ~~of~~ ~~Benjamin~~ ~~to~~ ~~putting~~ ~~new~~ ~~bottoms~~ ~~to~~ ~~William~~ ~~and~~ ~~making~~ ~~new~~ ~~boots~~



SANDY SPRING MEETING HOUSE.

This is a point of special interest to all the different branches and generations of the Pettits, who trace any period of their history to Columbiana County, Ohio. On this identical spot was erected in 1806, by Friends, a log structure and christened "Sandy Spring Meeting House." It was for several years the only place of worship in that part of the county, and to it on "first days" everybody disposed to attend church came for many miles around. In 1827 the old log meeting house was replaced by the present building, which was then considered commodious and elaborate in all its appointments.

Sandy Spring Meeting will ever be most intimately associated with William and Mary Phipps Pettit and the first and second generations of their descendants.

Their memberships and birthrights were all in this meeting. Here for half a century they assembled each first and fourth days of the week to worship after the peculiar manner of the Friends of those days.

Sandy Spring grave-yard, seen on the left of the meeting house, was the first one laid out in the settlement. William Craig, father of James Craig, the founder of Hanover, is supposed to be the first person buried in it. He died early in 1808.

This piece of ground is most sacred to the memory of most of the older generations of Pettits, who early came to Ohio, and to many of their descendants who have been therein laid to rest. To us of the Pettit-Hallett branch, it becomes a

WILLIAM PETTIT AND FOUR SUCCEEDING GENERATIONS.



HIS SON,
JOSEPH PETTIT.



HIS GRAND-SON,
ASAHEL H. PETTIT.



WILLIAM PETTIT
(1775)



HIS GREAT-GRAND-DAUGHTER,
JANIE PETTIT WOODS.



HIS GREAT-GREAT-GRAND-DAUGHTER,
MARY PETTIT WOODS.

hallowed spot, by reason of being the depository of the mortal remains of William and Mary Phipps Pettit, and alongside of them the latter's mother (Margaret Lawrence). These three graves are located in the cut where a man is standing, a little distance inside the fence. Oliver Miller, a son of Morris Miller, an early Friend and settler is seen standing in front of the meeting house. About sixty rods south of the grave-yard stood the Sandy Spring school house, of which frequent mention is made throughout this work, wherever the early generations of the Ohio Pettits are spoken of. It was for years the principle "seat of learning" in the vicinity. All or a large part of the education acquired by many in those days was received in the house from the leading educators of the times and locality. Nothing remains at this time (1893) of the old school house save heaps of bats and mortar. (See "Hanover.")



COPY SILHOUETTE
MARGARET EVANS PHIPPS.



COPY SILHOUETTE BENJAMIN PHIPPS.

MARY PHIPPS PETTIT AND HER MOTHER, MARGARET PHIPPS LAWRENCE

Mary Phipps Pettit, wife of William Pettit, was born in Uwchland, Chester County, Penn., July 6, 1782; daughter of Benjamin and Margaret Evans Phipps. She married William Pettit, October 23, 1799, at East Calm, in same county. Uwchland, usually spelled in the family records with the omission of the "w," is in the north central part of the county. East Calm I have not been able definitely

to locate, and conclude it must be the name of a Friend's settlement or meeting, in the neighborhood of Uwehland.

The following shows ancestry of Mary Phipps Pettit. Her great-grandparents were Isaac Lewis and wife, Esther Lewis, whose daughter, Sarah Lewis, married Robert Phipps. Their son, Benjamin Phipps, born at Uwehland, May 9, 1760, married Margaret Evans. They had two daughters, Mary Phipps, who married William Pettit, and Elizabeth Phipps, born September 22, 1783; died about three years of age.

Margaret Evans Phipps was a native of Wales, and born A. D. 1750, and was therefore ten years the senior of her husband, who died May 6, 1786, in the 26th year of his age. She afterwards successively married James Guthrie and Samuel Lawrence. By James Guthrie she had one daughter Ann, who married Peter Warren and removed from Pennsylvania and settled in Carroll County, Ohio.

It is proper to say here, Benjamin and Margaret Evans Phipps were married by Abel Griffith, a Baptist minister. The original marriage certificate is in the possession of their great, great grand-son, Mr. Charles E. Rice, of Alliance, Ohio, who has kindly furnished me with the following copy of same, at this day a curiously constructed document:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
GREETING.

Whereas, Benjamin Phipps and Margaret Evans, both of Uchland, in the County of Chester and State of Pennsylvania, have had their intentions of marriage duly published at the Baptist meeting at Vincent, in the said county, and nothing appearing to obstruct their proceeding. These are therefore to certify that the said persons did proceed to take each other in the holy bonds of marriage, on the 26 day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one (1781) and were by the minister pronounced Husband and Wife.

Signed by the said parties.

*Benj. Phipps.
Margret Phipps.*

Witnesses Present:

<i>Esther Crosby.</i>	<i>David Owen.</i>
<i>George Crosby.</i>	<i>Robert Phipps.</i>
<i>Eliz. Treat.</i>	<i>Sarah Phipps.</i>
<i>Hannah Borch.</i>	<i>Esther Lewis.</i>
<i>Phrenia Jones.</i>	<i>Isaac Lewis.</i>

On the back of the certificate, in her hand-writing, Margaret Phipps has made a record of the birth of her two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth, also a record of the death of her first husband, Benjamin Phipps. At the bottom of the same her son-in-law, William Pettit, has recorded her own death, as follows: "Margaret Lawrence departed this life the 7th of the fifth month, about 10 o'clock in the evening, in the year of our Lord A. D. 1826." It is evident from the marriage certificate that neither one of the contracting parties were members of the Society of Friends,

nor were the groom's parents or grand-parents, as they are present and subscribing witnesses to the ceremony, a proceeding prohibited by old rules or "discipline" of the Society. Yet we know that when Margaret Lawrence, formerly Phipps, came to Ohio to live in the latter years of her life that she belonged to the Society.

Family records inform us that her daughter, Mary Phipps, and William Pettit were married in Friends' meeting at East Calm. It is therefore probable that both mother and daughter became members of the Society by conviction some time previous to 1799. In this connection the following extract from a letter written to my daughter, Hannah, by Charles E. Rice in September, 1890, will be of interest:

"Our great-great-grand-mother, Margaret Evans, came from Wales in 1759 when she was but 9 years old, and she became a dressmaker in Philadelphia before the Revolutionary war. She made over two silk dresses that had been the Queen's (Queen Caroline, wife of George II of England). I have a silk patch made by Grandmother Lawrence, which contains a piece of one of those dresses, now 180 or 190 years old. It is a heavy brocade, much the worse for the wear and tear. I enclose for thee a small piece of embroidery, which was made by her in 1799. I have a large piece of same work, same silk and all, and it has the date worked in it. It was made during the year that our great-grandmother (her daughter) was married.

"It is interesting to think that the fingers which worked this little patch began to work one hundred and forty years ago. I also enclose a piece of a silk dress that belonged to thy Great-Grandmother Pettit. I also have thy great-grandfather and mother's certificate, a large folio sheepskin, or parchment document, signed by the contracting parties and some fifty witnesses. Among these are the autographs of Samuel and Margaret Lawrence (her mother and third husband); William Pettit (his father, and a beautiful writer); Jacob and Elizabeth Paxton (his sister and husband)."

After the death of her last husband (Samuel Lawrence) probably about 1810, her son-in-law, William Pettit, made the trip "over the mountains" to Chester County, and brought her to their Ohio home, where she resided the remainder of her days.

Her death occurred May 7, 1826. She was buried in the Sandy Spring graveyard, near Hanover, where by her side was laid, 17 years later, her daughter, Mary Phipps Pettit, who died January 25, 1843, her husband outliving her six years and six months.

William and Mary Phipps Pettit lived a grand life of almost forty years on the same spot and in almost the same house. They both lived to see their nine children (one having died in infancy) grow up to manhood and womanhood, the most of them settled and with families of their own around them, all models for the world—moral, industrious and prosperous people.

In conclusion, it is eminently fitting to give the following tribute to the memory of Mary Phipps Pettit, taken from "The Friend," a religious and literary paper published at Philadelphia of date March 25th, 1843:

"Departed this life on fourth day, the 25th of first month last, at Sandy Spring, Columbiana County, Ohio, after an illness of a week, with congestion of the lungs (typhoid pneumonia), Mary Pettit, wife of William Pettit, in the sixty-first year of her age. She was an exemplary member of the Sandy Spring Meeting for about thirty-

six years; was a diligent attender of meetings and for several years filled the station of overseer to satisfaction. Her life seemed one continual manifestation of love to her Creator and to her fellow-creatures, which was strikingly evinced by her unremitting attention to the wants of the afflicted, for up to the hour of her sickness she was assiduous in visiting and nursing her sick neighbors, without any regard to sect or condition. So remarkable was this trial that when the intelligence of her life being in danger was known there was an unusual anxiety manifested in the inquiries of the indigent of the neighborhood, who thronged the house to hear of her estate. A large concourse of truly sincere mourners followed her remains to the place of interment in Friends' burying ground at Sandy Spring.

"During her short illness she expressed no desire to recover on her own account, but if it was the Divine Will, on account of her family, and especially that of her husband, who had long been in a feeble state of health, that she should be spared longer, she was resigned. She remarked, among other things, that the aged in Society were fast passing away and she hoped there would be a succession of standard-bearers coming up in the church. She admonished those about her to be careful of their deportment at religious meetings; she said that she had been tried with so much standing around the meeting-house, conversing in groups after meetings, and she also discouraged the young people from frequenting the 'parties' (as they were called) of the neighborhood, believing they tended to draw away from the truth."

HANOVER

COLUMBIANA COUNTY, OHIO

This village was laid out in 1808, being originally a subdivision of the northwest quarter of section twenty-eight (28), township fifteen (15), range four (4). Hanover, Columbiana County, will ever be associated with the early settlement of the Pettits, who emigrated from Pennsylvania, and will be of especial interest, so long as family history is preserved, to the descendants of William and Mary Phipps Pettit, who settled on the southeast quarter of section twenty (20), immediately adjoining the village plat, and at about the time the same was made. James Craig bought the land of Joseph Milner, platted the prospective town and gave it the name of Hanover. Milner was an immigrant from Virginia. It is not now known how long he occupied this land before selling to Craig.

James Craig was the son of William, who had the previous year located on section twenty-nine (29). After laying out the original townsite, Craig with others organized a stock company known as the "Manufacturing and Mercantile Company of Sandy" (certainly an imposing title for a little store and mill in the wilderness). The store-house was built on what was known to later residents as the "Sloan corner." A grist and sawmill was also put in operation, all of which was of great convenience to the few settlers then scattered through the adjoining country, but very disastrous to the stockholders, as after a checkered career of about four years the company made a bad failure. Through Craig's instrumentality a postoffice called Hanoverton was established, and altogether he gave the town a good start.

Among the first settlers in the new town was Charles Pettit (See "Daniel

Pettit") who moved in from Pennsylvania and brought with him what was then a fine case of joiners' tools. He built and opened a shop for making fanning mills, and later began the manufacture of window sash and coffins. Soon after the Craig concern failed George Sloan opened a store, and a little later one, Charles Pope, began selling goods. This man Pope produced the first genuine sensation in the new community by one morning deliberately committing suicide by cutting his throat. The reason for this act of Pope's seems not to have been known. At all events tradition gives us no explanation of it.

The history of Hanover from this time to 1834 seems to be uneventful. Then the Sandy and Beaver Canal was projected through the village and there came a general awakening to possible results. Property was bought along the projected line, and what is now Canal street became the business thoroughfare.

The Arters and Nichols erected great warehouses. George Sloan built what was in those days a large mill. General expectations were bright. Mills, warehouses, stores and residences were built. Real estate was active and Hanover was to have an important future. The canal scheme was checked by the panic of 1837 and likewise the progress of the town; to be, however, more emphatically revived in 1845, 1846 and 1847, in which latter year the canal was an apparently realized hope.

During a period of a few months a very large amount of produce was bought and shipped by the way of the canal. No sooner was the canal complete and its navigation fairly commenced, than along comes the Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad, missing the town about two miles. The usefulness of the canal quickly ceases and the railroad claims the business. Hanover's bright prospects were blasted and it settled down, and has since moved in a groove of very moderate existence. The Friends' meeting-house (Sandy Spring) was a log structure, built less than two miles west of Hanover, in 1806 or 1807. For several years there was no other house of worship in this part of the county, and Friends' meetings were attended by all classes of people. The first elders were Stephen McBride, Sarah John and Levi Miller, and the first preacher Sarah Shaw. In 1827 the old log meeting-house was replaced by a good, commodious brick structure, which is still standing, 1892. It has not been used for several years, Friends as a society having ceased to exist in the neighborhood. (See "Sandy Spring Meeting-House.")

In the old log meeting-house, above referred to, was the first school taught in this part of Columbiana County. This was in 1809, and the teacher was Isaac Craig, a brother of James. It was, of course, a subscription school. Andrew Pettit (VI William and Sarah Birdsell Pettit) succeeded Craig.

Ensign says, in his History of Columbiana County, when speaking of Andrew Pettit as a teacher: "His school was exceedingly popular and his teaching somewhat better than the average." In the same work is found mention of Dr. William Bye, a "practicing and successful physician" in the county, who died in 1829. He was the son of Hezekiah and Sarah Pettit Bye.

In this connection it will be proper to say that in looking over the rosters of

the many companies sent out by Columbiana County into the War of the Rebellion we find many family names, some of whom can be readily placed by these records. The others are doubtlessly likewise descendants of early immigrants who came from Pennsylvania.

Among these are Wesley Pettit, Company K, Third Regiment, Ohio Volunteers; served from June 15th, 1861, to June 20, 1864. Captain Stacey Pettit, entered the service as First Sergeant, Company K, 104th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, August 11th, 1862; was regularly promoted to Captain and served until the close of the war. William Bye and Joseph E. Bye were members of different companies and served until peace was established.



MAP OF COLUMBIANA COUNTY, OHIO.

Including five towns of Mahoning County, formerly a part of Columbiana, within which territory all the children of William and Sarah Birdsell Pettit settled after leaving Pennsylvania, as also many of their relatives.

BENJAMIN PETTIT

First Son of William and Mary Phipps Pettit

Born August 30th, 1800; died February 27th, 1883, at his homestead about three miles west of Hanover, on the same farm he had occupied for more than half a century. He married, April 29th, 1824, Abigail Whinery, daughter of William and Abigail Whinery, born February 25th, 1799, by whom he had two daughters (I and II of this table). She died May 30th, 1827. He again, February 4th, 1829, married Deborah Johnson, who died April 13th, 1885, age 74 years.

I. Mary Jane Pettit (See later "Mary Jane Pettit Cook.")

II. Sarah Pettit; born December 6th, 1826; died when six months old.

III. John J. Pettit; born September 28th, 1830; married Sarah Ann Dutton February 11th, 1856; has lived in Pittsburgh since before marriage, engaged in the produce business. They had two children.

1. Clarence Pettit; born January 26, 1857; married Mary Dravo, February 15, 1883; resides in Pittsburgh and is in business with his father (1891); Clarence and Mary Dravo Pettit had three children born to them, viz.:

(1). Robert M. Pettit; born May 5, 1884.

(2). Ruth Dutton Pettit; born May 16, 1887.

(3). Karl Dravo Pettit; born November 6, 1889.

2. Emily Pettit; born August 24, 1863.

IV. Emily B. Pettit; born May 27th, 1834; died December 16th, 1859; married Kenworthy Hoge, December, 1850. They had two children.

1. Mary Jane Hoge; born June, 1852; died July, 1881; married Isaac H. Langdon, 1875; had one child—

Grace Emily Langdon; born February 23, 1877.

2. J. Clayton Hoge; born August 1, 1853; married Sabina Mansfield, February 2, 1877. They have five children, as follows, and live near Mount Pleasant, where his father also resides:

(1) Margaret Hoge; born December, 1877.

(2) Kenworthy Hoge; born December, 1879.

(3) Mary Alma Hoge; born March, 1881.

(4) Clara V. Hoge; born December, 1885.

(5) John A. Hoge; born April, 1890.

V. Benjamin F. Pettit; born June 30, 1836; died January 18, 1868; married Margaret Culbertson October 27, 1858. He was by profession a dentist and practiced in Pittsburgh, where his widow still resides (1890). No issue.

VI. William Lindley Pettit. (See descent later.)

VII. Alfred E. Pettit; born April 18, 1845. He is a farmer and general trader, residing (1891) at Kensington, formerly called Hanover Station. He first married Verlinda Chambers, November 1, 1871; she died April 10, 1877. His second wife, who is still living, was Martha J. Pottorff, married August 29, 1878. He had three children:

1. Carrie D. Pettit; only child by first wife; born July 26, 1873.
2. Charles Henry Pettit; born September 13, 1879.
5. Laura Verna Pettit; born June 17, 1882.



MARY JANE PETTIT COOK

Daughter of Benjamin and Abigail Whinery Pettit

Born at Hanover, May 18, 1825; she was only 2 years old when her mother deceased, leaving her in the care of her aunt and uncle, Jane and David Burson, of Mount Pleasant, Ohio. She grew up devotedly attached to her foster-parents and they to her. In her early womanhood she felt the importance of Sabbath school education, and with some of her intimate friends organized a Scripture class. This was some years before Friends as a society took hold of this work.

Their class gradually increased and became an institution in Mount Pleasant, and doubtless its influence had much to do with the stand eventually taken by Friends in favor of Sabbath teaching. She married, September 15, 1858, Elisha Cook, a widower, of Smithfield, Jefferson County, Ohio. He had four sons and one daughter by his former wife, all of whom seemed to welcome her to the vacancy made by the death of their mother. Her five children were all born at Smithfield.

In April, 1868, they removed to Oskaloosa, Iowa. Soon after coming to this place she became greatly interested in the cause of temperance. She was soon prominently and zealously identified with the W. C. T. U. organization and its struggle against the saloon, and was its first leader in that part of the country in its crusade campaign against the liquor traffic. She served eight years as President of the W. C. T. U. of the Sixth district of Iowa, attending nearly all the state conventions, and was delegate to five National conventions.

Her husband died, June 2, 1885, aged 68 years, 6 months and 23 days; after which time she continued to reside at the homestead in Oskaloosa until her death, which occurred December 19, 1892.

Mary Jane Pettit Cook from early girlhood was a most lovely character, universally esteemed by every one with whom she came in contact in the different communities in which she lived. Her character and great work accomplished during life cannot be better told than by quoting from the Oskaloosa Daily Herald of December 23, 1892, when writing of her death:

"Mrs. Cook was a devoted member of the Society of Friends and a lady widely known through her many philanthropies. She was the initiator of the white ribbon movement in this city, one of the leaders of the W. C. T. U. and active and zealous in all directions tending to the betterment of society and the world. She was a woman of keen intelligence, and so long as health and strength permitted, of unremitting activity in general church and charitable work. Her loss will be deeply felt in this community, where she was held in such universal respect, and especially will her children, two sons and two daughters, be sadly bereft in such a loss, as also her four step-sons, by whom she was greatly beloved.

"As an entire family there has always existed between them the tenderest affection and deepest attachment. With one exception the four oldest sons, who now reside in Chicago, and the two younger with the two sisters, were at the funeral. Mary Jane Cook was a life-long member of the Friends Church, to which she was deeply attached, having been an earnest advocate of its principles and exemplifying them in her daily life. For years and at the time of her death she was an elder in the Friends City Church. She had long been deeply interested in the temperance cause and in the poor of the city, having been President of the Ladies' Aid Society, which position she held at the time of her death. In all life's relations she faithfully performed her duties, and besides her family she leaves a large circle of friends who sincerely mourn her death, and each feel they have lost a personal friend and adviser."

Elisha and Mary Jane Pettit Cook had children:

I. Edward Burson Cook; born December 5, 1860; married Eva Bell Case, October 28, 1888.

- II. Mary Eva Cook; born March 12, 1862.
- III. Oliver Matthew Cook; born July 31, 1863.
- IV. Florence Pettit Cook; born May 11, 1865.
- V. Abbie Louisa Cook; born March 21, 1867; died April 30, 1869.

WILLIAM LINDLEY PETTIT

Sixth Child and Son of Benjamin and Deborah Johnson Pettit

Born at Hanover, Columbiana County, Ohio, May 28, 1841. Being about the same age as the writer, we were together much during our younger days, in fact for years, we were in the same school and classes. Attending the Hanover graded school. I well remember the friendly rivalry that always existed between us, as to advancement in our studies and for the approbation of our teachers and classmates. In 1857 or 1858 he went to Pittsburgh into business, and on breaking out of the Civil War, enlisted May, 1861, in the Ninth Pennsylvania Regiment, served three years and re-enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Pennsylvania, and was mustered out May, 1865. He was wounded at Gettysburg, at which battle, for gallant conduct, he was breveted major, having formerly been in command as captain. He married Carrie D. Nuttman, November 6, 1872. She died June 12, 1876. He again married Bertha Langel, October 5, 1882.

I do not know just what time he removed to Fort Wayne, Indiana, presumably, however, about the time of his first marriage. He still resides there (1893) and continues with the banking house of Nuttman & Company.

Has five children, of whom three are by his first wife, as follows:

- I. Benjamin F. Pettit; born, August 10, 1873.
- II. William L. Pettit, Jr.; born, November 16, 1874.
- III. Dayton Nuttman Pettit; born, June 3, 1876.
- IV. Loyd D. Pettit; born, October 15, 1883.
- V. Bertlin Pettit; born June 6, 1887.



ELIZABETH PETTIT RALEY

Second Child and Daughter of William and Mary Phipps Pettit

Born, March 22, 1803, and died April 1, 1845. She married James Raley of Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting, Columbiana County, Ohio, November 6, 1822. Her husband outlived her 27 years. He afterward married Margaret Pettit, a younger sister of his first wife (see "Margaret Pettit Raley"). James and Elizabeth Pettit Raley had five children, all born at the old homestead about one mile northwest of Hanover.

I. Elizan Raley; born, August 19, 1824; died, March 3, 1864. She married Joshua Bonsell, May 26, 1852, at Sandy Spring Friends' Meeting. They settled near Salem, in the same county, where they continued to reside until time of her death. They had four children born to them as follows:

1. James R. Bonsell; born, April 2, 1853; died, July 13, 1853.
2. Elizabeth R. Bonsell; born, February 4, 1856; married Geo. H. Hamlin, January 12, 1881; reside in Grinnell, Iowa.
3. Edward W. Bonsell; born, October, 1861; married Dora Taylor, January 1, 1887. They have one son, Harold C. Bonsell, born September 26, 1889.
4. Elizan Bonsell; born, February 28, 1864; raised and adopted by her uncle and aunt, S. A. and Mary Raley Cravath, of Grinnell, Iowa (V. this table). She is now known by name of her adopted parents.

II. William P. Raley; born, September 16, 1825. (See later "William P. Raley").

III. Robert Franklin Raley; born, February 1, 1829 (see later "Robert Franklin Raley").

IV. James Raley, Jr.; born, August 20, 1834 (see later "James Raley, Jr.").

V. Mary Raley; born, September 16, 1836; married Samuel Austin Cravath at Philadelphia, Penn., July 11, 1860. They lived at Marion, Ohio, and Mitchell, Iowa, and finally about 1870 removed to Grinnell, Iowa, where they have since resided (1891). He is the proprietor and editor of the "Grinnell Herald." They adopted in 1864 the infant child of her sister Elizan Raley Bonsell. They had three children, viz.:

1. Emily Cravath; born, April 3, 1863; at Marion, Ohio; died, April 12, 1868.
2. Rose M. Cravath; born, November 28, 1868, at Mitchell, Iowa; died, August 22, 1870.
3. James R. Cravath; born, July 11, 1872, at Grinnell, Iowa. He has given much of his time and attention to the subject of electricity and its application to machinery. He is a member of the Chicago Electrical Association (1906); was for a number of years electrical editor of "The Street Railway Review of Chicago."

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WILLIAM P. RALEY

Second Child and Son of James and Elizabeth Pettit Raley

He was born September 16, 1825. When a young man he went with his uncle, Dr. William Pettit, to the copper regions of Michigan, where he has ever since remained, making his home at Copper Harbor and Eagle Harbor, Keweenaw County. He is now (1891) residing at the latter place, where he is engaged in the forwarding and commission business. He married in October, 1855, Lydia H. Grubb, of Mount Pleasant, Ohio. She was only a bride six weeks when she died, and was interred at Copper Harbor.

June 14, 1867, he married Rosebelle Stoddard. They have seven children, and he writes, under date 25th of January, 1891: "We have been fortunate enough, not to have lost any." They are as follows:

- I. William P. Raley; born, February 17, 1868.
- II. Franklin A. Raley; born, September 9, 1870.
- III. Hiram S. Raley; born, May 30, 1873.
- IV. Edwin M. Raley; born, November 20, 1875.
- V. Mary Bell Raley; born, January 26, 1878.
- VI. James G. Raley; born, April 27, 1881.
- VII. Charles Raley; born, September 6, 1883.



ROBERT FRANKLIN RALEY.



MARY FRANCES RALEY.

ROBERT FRANKLIN RALEY

Third Child and Son of James and Elizabeth Pettit Raley

Born, February 1, 1829. He went to Philadelphia while yet a young man, probably some time before the year 1850, and made his home with his uncle, Dr. William Pettit. After his uncle's death, he continued to live in Philadelphia, until his marriage, when he settled in Beverly, Burlington County, New Jersey, where he still (1892) resides, but continues business in the city.

He married Mary Frances Allen, at Fairfield Friends Meeting, Somerset County, Maine, on the 4th day of September, 1862. They had the following children:

- I. Walter Raley; born at Beverly, New Jersey, June 24, 1864; died, November, 3, 1881, at Providence, R. I., where he was attending school.
- II. Alice Raley; born, September 21, 1866, at Kendalls Mills, Somerset County, Maine.
- III. William Raley; born at Beverly, New Jersey, January 21, 1868.
- IV. Elizabeth Raley; born at Beverly, New Jersey, October 25, 1869.
- V. Delia Raley; born at Beverly, New Jersey, December 8, 1871; died, December 28, 1881.
- VI. Jane Pettit Raley; born at Beverly, New Jersey, December 7, 1873.



JAMES RALEY, JR. AND FAMILY.

JAMES RALEY, JR.

Fourth Child and Son of James and Elizabeth Pettit Raley

Born, August 20, 1834. Until fifteen years of age he remained at home with his father on the farm, receiving what education was possible in three or four months' school each year, mostly at Sandy Spring and some in the neighboring district school. Among his early teachers were Lydia Ann Arnold, John Gruell and Israel Hole, names of pedagogues familiar to our generation in and around Hanover and Sandy Spring. In 1849 he, with his sister Mary, were sent to Friends' Boarding School, Mount Pleasant, Ohio, for one year, when they both entered Oberlin College. Here they remained five years, when he began the study of law in the Ohio Law School at Cleveland. In 1857 he graduated and was admitted to the bar.

He first began the practice of law at Keokuk, Iowa. In 1861 he located at Bloomfield in the same state, and two years later, at Lancaster, Missouri, where he remained until 1887, when he removed to San Antonio, Texas, his present place of residence and practice (1891). About the time he began the practice of his profession (1857) he united with the Congregational Church, of which body he remains to this day a consistent member. June 1, 1864, he married, at Hamilton, Illinois, Miss R. Annie Elder. In speaking of this important event of his life, he remarks in a recent letter: "I have never been sorry for it." They had four children, as follows:

- I. Jennie Raley; born, October 9, 1865.
- II. Edwin Raley; born, February 29, 1868; died, April 27, 1869.
- III. Mabel Raley; born, November 30, 1870; died, June 30, 1875.
- IV. Helen Raley; born, September 27, 1877.



DR. WILLIAM PETTIT.



JANE R. HUSSEY PETTIT.

WILLIAM PETTIT

Fourth Child and Son of William and Mary Phipps Pettit

Born at Catawissa, Pennsylvania, October 2, 1806. He was about two years of age when his parents emigrated to Ohio. The story, as handed down, is that he was brought across the mountains in a kneading trough. One day while passing over some very rough trail, the trough, baby and all slid out of the wagon and was not immediately missed by the family. On going back some distance to look for him he was found playing by the roadside.

He received a common school education, such as may be acquired by attending a country school, three or four months of each year. When eighteen years old he went to New Lisbon and contracted with Joseph Gillingham to learn the chair and wheel-making trade.

While here, about the second year, there came around a traveling grammar teacher, giving lessons during the evenings, consisting mainly of a course of lectures, which must be committed to memory. William Pettit was a precocious student, and soon insisted that he had mastered the science and could parse any sentence.

He managed to procure a release of his contract from Gillingham, and quit his trade, returned home and got a small class for evenings at the log



ELIZABETH PETTIT ALLEN,
Daughter of William and Jane Hussey Pettit.

He remained with Dr. Heaton less than three years, during which time he studiously applied himself.

He then attended medical lectures at Philadelphia and received his diploma.

He located at Damascus, Ohio, ten miles north of Hanover, and in the same county. Here he practiced several years, when he removed to Pittsburgh, Penn., in 1835.

Here he continued in the practice, in addition to conducting the drug business. In this connection it will be interesting to relate that after he had accumulated a competency, in the year 1850, accompanied by his wife, he visited the Heaton family, and the neighborhood in which he had taught "grammar school" and studied medicine; Dr. Heaton had been dead some time. The following letter, written by Dr. Pettit, to his daughter Elizabeth, gives some account of this visit:

school house, which then stood on the southwest quarter of his father's farm. At the same time he had a day class, at the Friends' New Garden school house, in the neighborhood of his Uncle Jacob Paxton's. By boarding at home and using his father's horse, he had cleared at the end of the month what then was to him the princely sum of thirty dollars.

About this time his father went to Loudoun County, Virginia, with a small drove of horses, and took William along to Goose Creek, in same county, where his great uncle, Whitson Birdsell, resided.

Here he was successful in teaching several months of "grammar school." In the meanwhile, Dr. Heaton, of this place, offered him an opportunity to study medicine, which he accepted.



WILLIE PETTIT ALLEN,
Son of Charles and Elizabeth Pettit Allen.

Wood Grove, 6th Month, 1850.

Elizabeth Hussey Pettit.

Dear Daughter: We are at the place Loudoun County, Virginia, where I studied medicine. Dr. Heaton deceased about four years ago and his widow, Patience Heaton, and her several children, were very kind and glad to see us. One of her sons, Nathaniel, went to Harper's Ferry for us, fifteen miles.

We had spent 24 hours at Harper's Ferry, and the weather being hot, we had not a pleasant time to see the sights of the place. We are pleasantly situated here, and while we remain, perhaps three days longer, I think, shall enjoy ourselves. We were one day in Baltimore. Home, after all, is the pleasantest place in hot weather.

I only hasten to write a few words just to inform thee where we are. We shall get thy letter and Frank's, perhaps, in Washington last of the week. Be a good girl. I trust we shall learn of your good health and prosperity.

Dr. Abram Heaton has gone to the Northwest Mine.

Farewell, affectionately,

WILLIAM PETTIT.

Dr. Pettit ultimately became interested with Pittsburgh parties, particularly his brother-in-law, Dr. C. G. Hussey, in the Cliff copper mine in the Lake Superior regions. During the Spring of 1845 he disposed of his various interests in Pittsburgh, and in company with his family went to Copper Harbor, Michigan, in the employ of the company as superintendent of the mine. They fixed for housekeeping for an indefinite time. The accompanying cut and description of Fort Wilkins show location of their new home. (The original of this is a crude painting in water colors, and the description is written by his wife.)



"Eliza asks me to say that she sends this picture of our home, Fort Wilkins, drawn by her teacher. The house next to the last one on the right hand, is the one we live in. Outside of the pickets or railings which should be white, also all the houses are snow white.

"The house out on the point, in the water near the vessel, is on 'Hay's Point.' The black spots in the water are 'Gull Rocks,' that run part way across the mouth or inlet of 'Copper Harbor,' towards 'Porter's Island' on the left, on which island the government agency house is seen. The flag staff is in the center of the 'parade ground' one way, and on the out edge the other way. It stands on the margin of the beautiful 'Black Oxide Lake,' where on this lake you will see the little boat and soldiers fishing.

"You can only see a part of the harbor and only part of 'Little Lake.' The ship has just got outside of the harbor (north) into the Great Lake, starting east for 'Sault St. Marie.'"

The community at this time was largely composed of miners and soldiers, making the environments anything but congenial to the family. Dr. Pettit was pleased after about three years, to throw up his position and to return to the East. He sold considerable amount of his holdings, realizing therefrom a handsome fortune. They then moved to Philadelphia. He bought a lot at the corner of Sixteenth and Arch Streets, on which he erected a dwelling in which the family resided until his death. This property still belongs to his widow during her life (1891). He married, April 23, 1834, Jane R. Hussey, of Mount Pleasant, Ohio, a sister of Hannah G. (Hussey) Pettit. The marriage occurred during the time he was practicing medicine at Damascus. During the years of 1851-1852 they made the tour of Europe, visiting the World's Fair and celebrated Crystal Palace in London.

Before leaving on this trip he was made a delegate to the World's Peace Congress, as shown by the following credentials.

"This is to certify that at a meeting of the Pennsylvania State Peace Society, held in the City of Philadelphia, United States of America, May 1, A. D. 1851, William Pettit, M. D., was appointed a delegate to the World's Peace Congress to be held in London in the present year. Philadelphia, May 1, 1851."

HENRY T. CHILDS, M. D.,
Secretary. 104 Arch Street.

GEORGE W. TAYLOR.
President.

(The original of the above, with passports and many other interesting mementoes of Dr. Pettit and family, found in A. H. Pettit's collections.)

About one year after their return from Europe, Dr. Pettit died very suddenly. None of his Western friends knew of his sickness. The first intelligence was received through a letter from Curtis H. Pettit.

The following is the text and fac-simile of same:

Pg. Aug. 4, 1853

Mrs. Pettit

Dear Father

I enclose a Telegraph Dispatch from Frank Rely recd. This morning stating uncle W. died last evening Fourth day Aug. 3, 1853. We had not heard of his sickness.

I will leave this evening at 10 o'clock for Philadelphia

In great haste off
C. H. Pettit

His death was a great shock to his relatives and to his friends throughout the different communities in which he had lived.

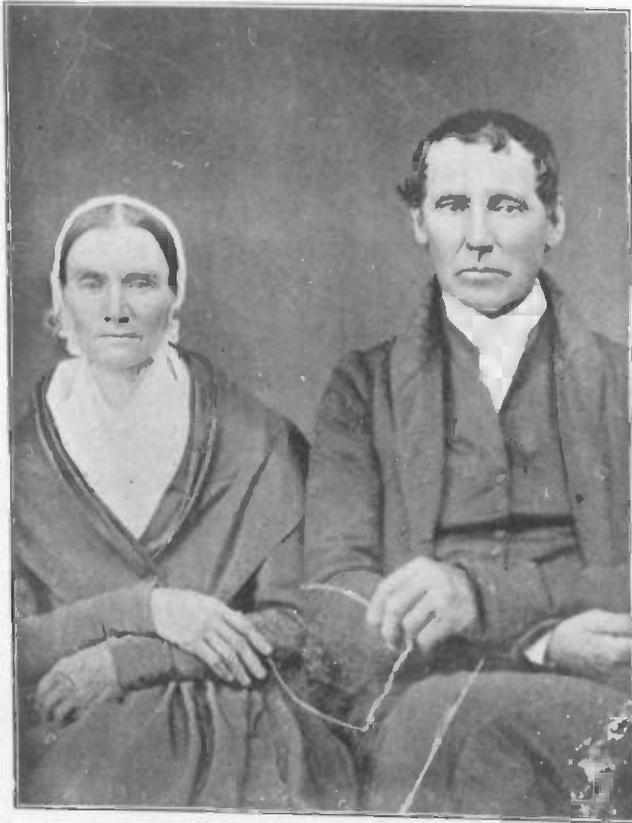
His wife has remained a widow now (1893) forty years, and at the advanced age of 81 years, is residing at Cleveland, Ohio, to which city she moved some time after her daughter's death.

William and Jane R. (Hussey) Pettit's only child, Elizabeth Hussey Pettit, was born at Damascus, Ohio, March 20, 1835, and died at Philadelphia, February 27, 1862. She married Charles Allen, May 23, 1855. They had one son, William Pettit Allen, born August 13, 1858; he died August 21, 1862. The husband still survives her, and is again married, living at Beverly, New Jersey.

Since writing the above Jane Hussey Pettit died at her residence, 365 Prospect street, Cleveland, Ohio, November 8, 1895, forty-two years, three months and five days after the death of her husband, Dr. William Pettit, which occurred August 3, 1853.



Deborah L. Douglas.



JAMES AND MARGARET PETTIT RALEY.

MARGARET PETTIT RALEY

Sixth Child and Daughter of William and Mary Phipps Pettit.

Born at Hanover, November 16, 1811; died, June 3, 1861.

She married James Raley, June 23, 1846. His former wife was her sister, Elizabeth. They were both members of the Friends' Meeting. It being contrary to "discipline" for a man to marry his deceased wife's sister, they were compelled to be married "out of meeting." They went to New Lisbon, the county seat, where the marriage ceremony was performed. For this breach of propriety they were both "disowned" by Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting, of which they were members. A short time only elapsed until they were reinstated, by request. She had one child only, which died in infancy. Her husband survived her eleven years and was again married to Unity Hole. He died October 19, 1872, at Damascus, to which place he had removed.



CHARLES AND CHARITY PETTIT RICE.

CHARITY DEAN (PETTIT) RICE

Seventh Child and Daughter of William and Mary Phipps Pettit

Born, September 17, 1814; died, November 18, 1887. Her grand-son, Charles E. Rice, has kindly contributed the following biographical sketch.

"Her early years were passed on her father's farm at Hanover, where she was born. One of her earliest recollections was of attending Sandy Spring Meeting of Friends, in company of her mother and grand-mother (Margaret Lawrence), all three riding on one horse; her mother got down from her pillion to walk down a steep hill, leaving little Charity in her grand-mother's arms. The horse brushed up against a wasp or hornets' nest, and soon coming to a realization of what it had done, rushed madly down the hill, and out of sight, around a sharp curve.

Great-grand-mother Pettit was of course greatly alarmed, and ran after them, expecting to find her mother and child killed, or seriously injured, but the old great-great-grand-mother had succeeded in keeping her seat, and holding the child safely. After attending school at Sandy Spring, Charity was sent to a school in Salem, Ohio, and was the pupil of Platt R. Spencer, the originator of the Spencerian system of penmanship.

"On the 28th day of January, 1835, she married, by Friends' ceremony at Sandy Spring Meeting, Charles H. Rice, son of William and Mary (Hawley) Rice, of Belmont County, Ohio. They began house-keeping in a small log house in Damascus, Columbiana County, Ohio, where they remained for several years, her husband pursuing his trade of tailoring. After leaving Damascus, their wanderings and removals are too numerous to recite.

"During the period of her married life, I have heard her say that she had moved twenty-two times. Her only son and child, William Pettit Rice, was born near Hanover on the 27th of November, 1835. In 1858 he married Rachel Hole, of Carroll County, Ohio, and Charity and Charles Rice removed with the young couple to Stearns County, Minnesota, on the first of April, 1859, remaining in Minnesota until the fall of 1862. They underwent many privations and hardships, a part of the time living in the blockhouse, in order to be protected from the Indians. At the time of the Sioux outbreak in 1862, they were obliged to leave their home and return to Ohio. They left Fair Haven in the night, under guard, and in company with fourteen wagon loads of citizens, who were likewise escaping from the Indians. Charles H. and William P. Rice, after seeing their families safe on their way south from Minneapolis, returned to Fair Haven, and remained for some months, living in a blockhouse and harvesting their crops while sentinels around protected them.

"Returning to Ohio, Charles H. and Charity Rice settled in Mount Pleasant, Jefferson County, thence removed to Island Run, Pennsylvania; thence to Alliance, Ohio, where they remained until Charity's death, which occurred on the 18th day of November, 1887, in her 74th year. She had lived with her husband nearly 54 years, and while never strong or robust, had always been able to do her own house-work until within four months of her decease. Her husband, Charles H. Rice, survives her, and on June 4, 1889, married Deborah (Bently) Trescott of Salem, Ohio. Charles H. Rice was born in Belmont County, Ohio, November 25, 1811, and is now (1891) in his 81st year."



WILLIAM PETTIT RICE AND FAMILY.

WILLIAM PETTIT RICE

Son of Charles H. and Charity Dean Pettit Rice

Born, November 27, 1835, in Columbiana County, Ohio; died at Alliance, Ohio, December 9, 1891. He resided at home with his parents until his marriage, except while attending a few terms of school at a distance. After leaving the farm, his father and self engaged in the goods business, at what was then called Hanover Station, now Kensington, Ohio. He married, December 29, 1858, Rachel Hole, of Augusta Friends' Meeting, Carroll County, Ohio. This occurrence will ever be remembered by the writer, as he occupied a prominent position in the bridal party as one of the "waiters." Being just seventeen years old, and my first experience, I entered upon the task with much trepidation. Yet for all I

know, at this late date, Miss Sallie Pim and myself, together with the parties most interested, got through the ceremonies of the day very satisfactorily.

The "wedding card," as it might at this day be called, is still in my collection. The style of same was at that time universal among Friends, but in the light of the great change in customs and habits of the Society in the last quarter of a century, it has become unique, and will be a curiosity to the coming generations; will therefore make a copy of it, as follows:

Locust Grove, 13th, 12th Mo., 1858.

Wm. P. Rice and Rachel Hole present their compliments to Asahel H. Pettit, and respectfully solicit the pleasure of his company to dine with them, at John Hole's, on Fourth day, 29th of 12th Mo., 1858.

*Proposed company,
Sallie Pim.*

Soon after their marriage, William and Rachel, together with his parents, removed to Fair Haven, Stearns County, Minnesota, where they remained until the Sioux Indian outbreak in 1862, and were compelled to abandon their Minnesota home.

On his return to Ohio, he studied dentistry and began the practice of his profession at Mount Union, now part of Alliance, Ohio, at which place he continued until the time of his last sickness. His death occurred December 9, 1891.

I visited the family about five months before his decease. He had a beautiful home, a lovely wife and a family of bright, intelligent sons and daughters around him. Together with our wives and his youngest son, we went from Alliance to Hanover, and visited the few relatives remaining there, besides looking over the homes and scenes of our childhood. Of seven children born to William P. and Rachel Hole Rice, two died young and five are still living, as follows:

- I. Ida M. Rice; born at Fair Haven, Minnesota, May 14, 1860.
- II. Charles E. Rice; born at Fair Haven, Minnesota, March 2, 1862. He adopted dentistry as his profession, and on the death of his father, succeeded to his business. He has always been a great reader and student of Archaeology, in all its branches, and has made a collection of a general nature, excelled by few, if any individual collector. Autography has been made by him a specialty, and his collection in this line alone is very valuable.
- III. William Oscar Rice; died in infancy.
- IV. J. Clarence Rice; born, September 18, 1866.
- V. Robert Emmerson Rice; died in infancy.
- VI. Virginia A. Rice; born, June 13, 1875.
- VII. William H. Rice; born, August 26, 1877.

ELNATHAN PETTIT

Eighth Child and Son of William and Mary Phipps Pettit

Born, March 27, 1817. He married, first, January 22, 1840, Hannah G. Eyre, the daughter of Robert and Jemima Grubb Eyre (see maternal genealogy of Hannah Hussey Pettit). She died June 1, 1861, at her home two miles east of Mount Pleasant. He married, second, Margaret H. Woods, on December 2, 1863, of Smithfield, Jefferson County, Ohio. Elnathan Pettit, after his first marriage, settled in the vicinity of Mount Pleasant, and lived in the same neighborhood until the marriage and location of his daughter Mary Ann in Columbus, Ohio, when he removed to the same place and engaged in business. He remained in Columbus until his death, which occurred February 23, 1893.

Of his four children, the last one, Elnathan, Jr., is by his second wife, Margaret Woods Pettit. They are as follows:

I. John G. Pettit, born November 2, 1840; married Mrs. Louisa J. Crippen (nee Orerm) January 3, 1881. They now (1891) reside in Harvey, a suburb of Chicago. No issue.

II. Milton E. Pettit, born May 23, 1843; died, April 5, 1862.

III. Mary Ann Pettit, born July 2, 1846, at Mount Pleasant, Ohio. Sometime after her



ELNATHAN PETTIT.

father's second marriage, she learned telegraphy and procured a position in Minneapolis, where she became acquainted, over the wires, with her future husband. Married Charles E. Markeson January 12, 1871. They settled at Columbus, Ohio. To Charles E. and Mary Ann Pettit Markeson were born seven children:

1. William P. Markeson; born, November 12, 1874.
2. Clara Eyre Markeson; born, January 27, 1878.
3. Charles E. Markeson, Jr.; born, September 1, 1880.
4. John Milton Markeson; born, August 21, 1882.



HANNAH EYRE PETTIT.

5. Elnathan P. Markeson; born, May 10, 1884.
6. Mary Pettit Markeson; born, September 10, 1886.
7. Helen Gilpin Markeson; born, February 4, 1890.

IV. Elnathan Pettit, Jr., born April 19, 1869; married Jennie De Haven December 30, 1890. They have two children:

1. Ruth Pettit; born, November, 1891.
2. Walter Pettit; born, May 31, 1894.

AMWELL, NEW JERSEY

This town is of much interest to us, it being the native place of Sarah Birdsell Pettit, wife of William Pettit, Jr., as it also was the location of many by the name of Pettit, who moved here in early Colonial days, notably John Pettit of Long Island and his six sons. The Township of Amwell was originally a tract of country, about twelve miles square, bounded on the west by the Delaware river, and on the east by the south branch of the Raritan river. Tradition states that in the early settlement of the colony of New Jersey two relatives by the name of Stout immigrated into this part of the province. One settled on the south side of the rocky ridge lying between this and Princeton; the other on the north side of same in what is now called the Amwell Valley. These men often met, their uniform salutation being "I hope you are well" and "I am well." In the course of time the one became known as "Hopewell" Stout and the other as "Amwell" Stout.

Hence the names of the Townships Hopewell and Amwell. The above derivation of the names "Hopewell" and "Amwell" is picturesque, and the name Amwell is probably obtained through some such experience. As to the name "Hopewell," however, it is more than probable that the early settlers transferred into New Jersey the name of the particular district in old England from which they came. Thus, for instance, as early as 1695, land was deeded by Jonathan Eldrige of Burlington to a Moses Pettit of Hopewell, in the township of Nottingham, England.

JESSE KERSEY PETTIT

Ninth Child and Son of William and Mary Phipps Pettit



JESSE KERSEY PETTIT.

Born at the old homestead at Hanover, October 24, 1819; married Charlotte Hole, of Augusta Meeting, October 31, 1844. He has always lived in the neighborhood of his native place. After marriage, settling near his wife's parents, six miles from Hanover, and, though making several moves from one farm to another, has ever remained in the same vicinity.

"Uncle Kersey," at this writing (1893) is quite feeble. He is the last one of his father's family, three brothers having deceased since March of last year, viz., Milton, Joseph and Elnathan. His wife's health was always delicate, having ever been subject to violent sick headaches. Their son, Jared, never married, and remains with his parents. Lucretia resides about one mile from her father's.

Jesse Kersey and Charlotte Hole Pettit had three children, as follows:

I. Lucretia Pettit, born June 30, 1846; married June 13, 1869, John P. Crew, who died at Marysville, Missouri, July 8, 1869. She again married March 22, 1871, Lunsford H. Bashaw. They had the following children:

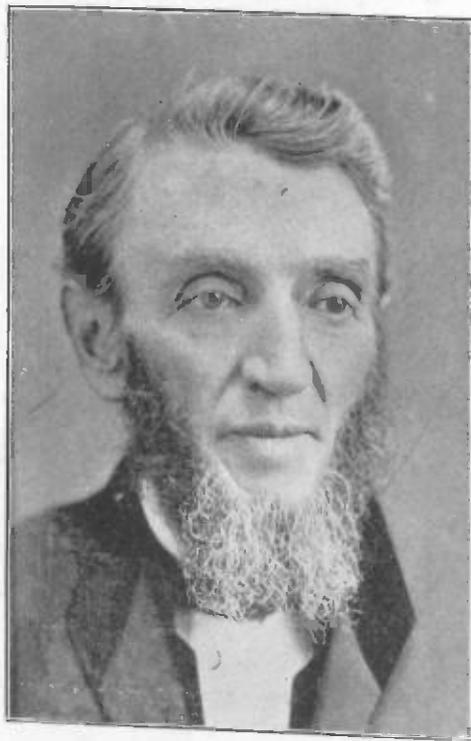
1. Leon Hamilton Bashaw; born, December 18, 1871.
2. Leslie Dinsmore Bashaw; born, December 22, 1873.
3. Raymond Odell Bashaw; born, October 24, 1876.
4. Alzade M. Bashaw; born, January 20, 1884.

II. Almira Pettit, born August 30, 1848; died October 13, 1863.

III. Jared H. Pettit, born December 18, 1851.



CHARLOTTE HOLE PETTIT.



MILTON R. PETTIT

Youngest Son and Tenth Child of William and Mary Phipps Pettit

Born at Hanover, July 14, 1822; died, March 21, 1892, at his home near Mount Pleasant. He never seemed to have the vitality or constitution of his older brothers and sisters.

February 21, 1844, he married Hannah G. Grubb, at Short Creek Friends' Meeting, near Mount Pleasant. She was the daughter of Curtis and Ann Crozier Grubb (see Maternal Genealogy of Hannah Hussey Pettit). He settled in this neighborhood, and ever since resided there, except about four years he lived at Hanover. Having disposed of his interests at Mount Pleasant, he purchased of his brother, Joseph Pettit, the old farm at Hanover, on which all of his brothers and sisters had grown up. He made this move in 1859, and in 1863 sold the property and returned to Mount Pleasant. His wife, Hannah Grubb, died June 19, 1857, and he again married, December 1, 1858, Sarah L. Ladd, of Harrisville, Harrison County, Ohio. She survives him and makes her home with her daughter, Emma C. Scott.

He was almost continuously confined to the house for several years pre-

ceeding his death. He had been for many years a "recommended" minister in the Society of Friends and traveled extensively in the cause of religion until compelled, by increased feebleness, to remain closely at home.

I. Curtis G. Pettit; born, December 31, 1844; died, February 5, 1845.

II. William B. Pettit; born, March 15, 1846; married Kate E. Potter, approximately 1870.

III. Annie E. Pettit; born, April 11, 1849; married Logan L. Glass, May 14, 1868. No issue.

IV. Mary C. Pettit; born, April 23, 1851; married George E. Jackson, October 26, 1870. They reside in Logan County, Ohio. They had five children.

1. Rebecca H. Jackson; born, February 24, 1872.

2. Milton P. Jackson; born, April 16, 1874.

3. J. Wesley Jackson. } twins, born, May 14, 1877.

4. J. Leslie Jackson; }

5. J. Dwight Jackson; born, March 9, 1888.

V. Franklin R. Pettit; born, October 5, 1853; married, October 15, 1878, Emma F. Rollins, of Minneapolis. Their only child was Fredrick J. Pettit; born, September 2, 1882; died, September 7, 1882.

VI. Hannah L. Pettit; born, July 30, 1856; married Thomas Blackburn, September 15, 1881. Their home is in Kansas. They have two children, viz.:

1. William F. Blackburn; born, July 1, 1882.

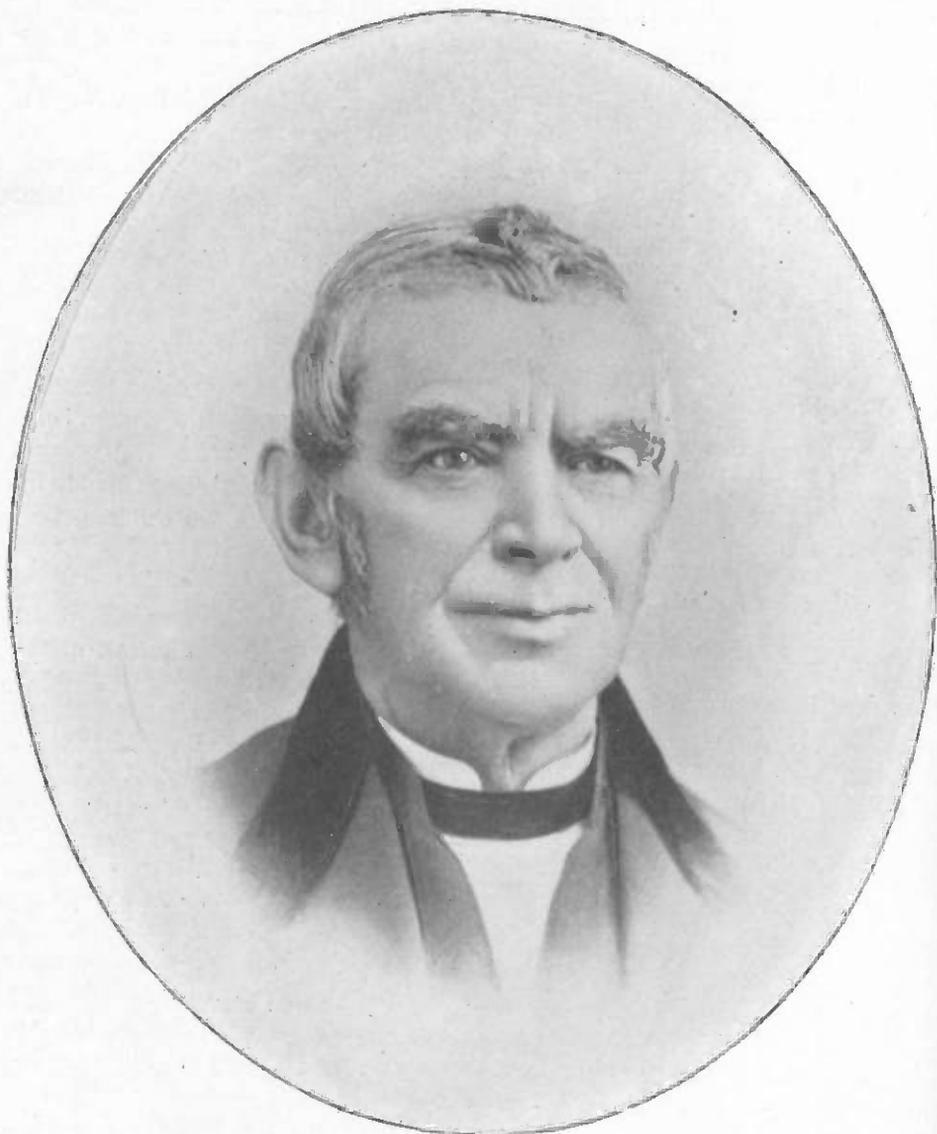
2. Clara M. Blackburn; born, October 28, 1885.

VII. Emma C. Pettit; born, September 17, 1859; married George E. Scott, of Mount Pleasant, Ohio, September 12, 1878. They live two miles east of the town, and have the two following children:

1. Edith Clara Scott; born, December 25, 1879.

2. Sarah Elma Scott; born, May 21, 1886.

VIII. Milton E. Pettit; born, September 26, 1865; died in infancy.



JOSEPH PETTIT.



HANNAH HUSSEY PETTIT,

JOSEPH PETTIT

Fifth-Child and Son of William and Mary Phipps Pettit

Born, June 28, 1809, on his father's farm, adjoining Hanover, Columbiana County, Ohio. As he grew up he became his father's principal dependence in conducting his business.

He received but little education aside from a few winter terms in the Sandy Spring School, in which he acquired a fair knowledge of the common branches. His earliest recollections are of the vast wilderness surrounding them, and of the few scattered settlers in the vicinity. It seems remarkable to reflect of the difference between border life those days and that which prevails in later years. Money was an almost unknown factor. Months and years were necessary to chop and pile, grub and burn, to make even a small farm, and after this was done, for the small amount of grain and stock produced they could get but little money. All commerce was barter. They tanned the hides for footwear. A traveling shoemaker came around once a year, and the family was shod with great rough boots and shoes, for which he was paid, besides board, with whatever might be agreed on from off the farm. The village hatter made the hats and caps for the boys, save such as were plaited and fixed up at home. The cobbler, the hatter, the blacksmith, carpenter, gunsmith and all skilled labor the neighborhood afforded, was paid for in potatoes, corn, wheat, cattle, hogs, or perhaps the jeans and tow-linen made by the mother and sisters. Their jeans, linsey-wolsey, tow-linens, and yarn were all made at home, the raw material being products of the farm. The tariff question was of no interest in that home. No time was lost in discussing it.

After awhile there came a new era. Life might seem better worth living. The Ohio Canal had been completed to Massillion, Stark County, a distance of forty miles from Hanover, over corduroy roads, through woods and swamps, and the family learned that large warehouses were being built and filled with great stores of staples, such as might be required by the settlers, and that the same would be exchanged for wheat, corn and other produce.

It was now possible that the mother and sisters need no longer slave themselves, day and night, to clothe the family. A portion, at least, of the necessary goods could be bought and paid for with products of the farm.

A four-horse team hauled through mud and over rough corduroy, thirty to forty bushels of wheat to Massillion. The trip usually occupying about three days, and made without any expense, feed for man and beast being taken along, and the covered wagon was sufficient to camp in at night. The wheat brought 25 cents, perhaps 30 cents, and was paid for in such goods as the family council had decided best to carry home.

Such was the environment of Joseph Pettit's early life. As he approached

manhood a second era dawned. His father learned that the great merchants of Massillion would pay 40 cents cash for wheat. The roads were bad, yet four good horses must pull a big load. He put 36 bushels on the old Pennsylvania wagon and started his son Joseph to market. When he arrived at Massillion, he found wheat had advanced, and was then worth 52 cents a bushel. The load realized \$18.75. Not one cent of the money was used, he and the team having subsisted on food carried from home.

In his later days, Joseph Pettit often referred to this trip home from Massillion, with so much money stored carefully away in his pockets, and of the astonishment of father, mother, brothers and sisters at the sight of so large an



THE "OLD HOUSE."

amount of clean hard cash. His father now believed there was nothing between him and great prosperity. Joseph was quickly loaded and again on his way to Massillion.

Joseph Pettit married, November 21, 1832, Hannah G. Hussey, daughter of Christopher and Lydia Grubb Hussey, of Mount Pleasant, Ohio. (See Genealogical record of Hannah Hussey Pettit, showing Paternal and Maternal ancestry.)

They settled at Hanover, on the south part of the home farm, on which stood the "old house." This he bought of his father, later acquiring the balance of the farm, besides other pieces of adjoining land. There seems to be nothing extant, explaining for what purpose or at what time his father built the "old

house," as it was ever designated. Suffice it to say that it was here Joseph and Hannah Hussey Pettit went to housekeeping immediately after marriage.

This picture shows the property as it was seen in 1891, unoccupied and in a dilapidated condition. The porch in front and outbuildings all torn away. The Rambow, June, Blair and other apple trees, all friends of our youth, had disappeared from the great orchard in the rear of the house. The few fruit trees standing in their places were unfamiliar, and seemed as strangers to that orchard.

In front and a little to the right stood the old barn. This was built of logs on ground inclining sufficient to give cellar for stabling with ample storage above



THE "NEW HOUSE."

for hay and grain together with a large barn floor. The children all remember grain being threshed on this floor with flails, also by tramping out with horses; then the old fanning mill, run by hand power, separated the chaff from the kernel. This barn was used until 1852, when it was torn down, after building the new one, the gable-end of which can be seen on the extreme right of picture. The new barn was a fine structure in its day, erected a few rods back and a little west of the "new house." This barn was built of frame on a large stone basement, weather-boarded, painted white, with green shutters and trimmings. It is still standing (1893), and like its surroundings shows the want of care, being sadly out of repair. The brick

for the "new house" were made in front and to the extreme left of the "old house."

At this point, close by the roadside, clay for the brick was dug, making quite a hole, which filled with water, much to the satisfaction of the small boys and a source of much uneasiness to their mothers. It was to them a lake of large dimensions, though probably not more than eight square rods in area and four to five feet deep. In front is the road, running west from Hanover, and of much interest to the family, as it led to the neighborhood of many of their relations and friends. To the present and all future generations of the descendants of Joseph and Hannah Hussey Pettit there will ever cluster around the spot where the "old house" now stands lingering remembrances and hallowed associations. Here all their children were born. Here, at this place, was the early home of the grand progenitors of a new line, which has already in three succeeding generations become widely diffused throughout the country.

The bricks were burned, put into the walls and the "new house" enclosed during the season of 1842, as shown by the initials "J. P." and the date carved on the cap-stone of the upper central window. It was not until late in the Fall of the following year that the finishing work was completed and the family moved into the "new house." This stood about forty rods south of the "old house," and being on an eleva-

tion, gave a fine view in all directions, particularly overlooking the town of Hanover. None of the children have much recollection of other than this house as their early home. It was here their associations were formed and where they experienced all their youthful pleasures and vicissitudes.

In 1859 Joseph Pettit sold the homestead and most of his land around Hanover to his brother, Milton R. Pettit. He purchased of Jonathan Binns a house on Main street, in Mount Pleasant, which had been for many years identified with the Hussey family and is shown by accompanying engraving.

This had long been the home of Hannah Hussey Pettit's sister, Eliza Hussey Binns, and the house in which their father, Christopher Hussey, died in 1851.



THE MOUNT PLEASANT HOME.
Erected in 1818—Still in good condition and occupied.

Late in the Fall of 1859 Joseph and Hannah Hussey Pettit removed to Mount Pleasant and occupied this house, and continued to reside in it the remainder of their lives.

Hannah Hussey Pettit died ten years later, November 11th, 1869. Joseph Pettit married again, December 28, 1870, Lydia Rankin. His children all live in Minnesota (1892). He has spent part or all of several Summers with them, the last time in 1891, in his eighty-third year.

Joseph Pettit died October 30th, 1892, in the eighty-fourth year of his age at his home in Mount Pleasant and was buried by the side of his wife, Hannah Hussey Pettit in the Short Creek graveyard, in which great numbers of different generations of the Hussey and Grubb families had been laid to rest.

A letter to his son, Asabel, written eighteen days before his decease, is copied herein. It is much valued, as it is believed to be the last letter he ever wrote:

A. H. Pettit.

Mt. Pleasant, 10th Mo., 12th, 1892.

Dear Son: Thy very welcome letter of the 15th ult, was duly received. We were glad to hear so favorably from you all. We learn since, through a letter from William, that Hannah has gone to Vancouver, Washington. Let us know how she likes her new location, so far away, among strangers, and how she is prospering as a music teacher. We are in usual health and getting along comfortably. On receiving Elma's last letter she speaks of urging that we go out and board with them the approaching Winter, it looked so pleasant I thought we would try to arrange to do so, but on mature consideration I found there is some business matter, that requires my attention about the first of the year and also the first of the 4th month next; consequently it will not be best to leave until after that time. We have a fair prospect of renting our house 1st of 4th mo. to a man who has no family but his wife. Think they will be good tenants; will reserve the rooms above and below next to the bank and one bedroom above on the opposite side; will not expect to run housekeeping any more, but when at home take our meals with the tenants or at the hotel. I am anxious to see all my dear ones in Minnesota once more and believe will be favored to spend next Summer with them. The wheat and corn crops here this season are good, but potatoes and fruit crops are light.

The weather is warm and dry now. I have not heard from Uncle Kersey since yearly meeting. He was quite unwell then. I hear favorably from the folks at Columbus lately. Very glad to hear Meribah is gaining, getting out visiting some. Please write me soon. Our love to all. Aff'y, Thy Father,

JOSEPH PETTIT.

The Mount Pleasant Yearly Meeting House is of peculiar interest to all the generations of the Hussey and Grubb families, who settled and remained in this part of the State, as also to several of the Columbiana County Pettits who married into these families. The house was erected in 1813-14 for the accommodation of the Ohio yearly meeting of Friends. A part of the building was also used for more than half a century by the local meetings of the Society.

Here Hannah Hussey Pettit and three of her sisters were married. She lived to see her youngest child and daughter, Mary Elma Pettit Griffith, married in the same house.



MOUNT PLEASANT YEARLY MEETING HOUSE.

Joseph and Hannah Hussey Pettit were married in the Mount Pleasant Meeting House. The preliminaries of "declaration of intentions" and "passing meeting" were done at Short Creek, where all business meetings were held and all records kept. We have no knowledge of their original marriage certificate, but have through the kindness of Asahel H. Hussey, procured the copy of same found below, from the Short Creek monthly meetings "Book of Records of Marriage Certificates":

"Whereas, Joseph Pettit, of Hanover Township, in the County of Columbiana and State of Ohio, son of William Pettit, of the same place, and Mary, his wife, and Hannah G. Hussey, daughter of Christopher Hussey, of Mt. Pleasant Township, in the County of Jefferson and State aforesaid, and Lydia, his wife, having declared their intentions of marriage with each other before a monthly meeting of the religious Society of Friends, held at Short Creek, and having consent of parents, their said proposals of marriage were allowed by said meeting. These are to certify to whom it may concern that for the full accomplishment of their said intentions, this 21st day of 11th month, in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and thirty-two, they, the said Joseph Pettit and Hannah G. Hussey, appeared in a public meeting of the said people, held at Mt. Pleasant, O., and the said Joseph Pettit, taking the said Hannah G. Hussey by the hand, declared that he took her, the said Hannah G. Hussey, to be his wife, promising with divine assistance to be unto her a loving and faithful husband until death should separate them.

"And then the said Hannah G. Hussey did in like manner declare that she took

him, the said Joseph Pettit, to be her husband, promising with divine assistance to be unto him a loving and faithful wife until death should separate them. And moreover they, the said Joseph Pettit and Hannah G. Hussey (she according to the custom of marriage adopting the name of her husband) did as a further confirmation thereof then and there to these presents set their hands.

"JOSEPH PETTIT.

"HANNAH G. PETTIT.

"And we whose names are hereunto subscribed, being present at the solemnization of the said marriage, have as witnesses thereto set our hands, the day and year above written."

Witnesses:

CHRISTOPHER HUSSEY.
 LYDIA HUSSEY.
 MARY ANN PATTERSON.
 JANE R. HUSSEY.
 HANNAH G. EYRE.
 ANN P. EYRE.
 WILLIAM PETTIT.
 JOHN W. WATKINS.
 JOSEPH STURGIS.
 GEORGE MICHNER.
 ISAREL WILSON.
 DANIEL ANDREWS.
 THOMAS THOMASSON, JR.
 MERRICK STAR.
 ELISHA BATES.
 WILLIAM ATKINSON.
 ANN TAYLOR.
 RUTH LLOYD.
 D. H. BATES.
 ANN D. LAWRENCE.
 G. FLANNER.
 WILLIAM HUSSEY.
 NATHAN HUSSEY.

Witnesses:

ANN GRUBB.
 CURTIS GRUBB.
 ELIZA M. HUSSEY.
 ABIGAIL PARKER.
 THOMAS UPDEGRAFF.
 MARGARET L. PETTIT.
 SAMUEL STEER.
 HARRIET STEER.
 MARY GRUBB.
 JOSEPH G. HUSSEY.
 HANNAH UPDEGRAFF.
 JONATHAN WILSON.
 LEWIS WALKER.
 RACHEL WALKER.
 MARY ANN JONES.
 ELIZABETH WALKER.
 JERMIMA EYRE.
 JACOB PARKER.
 WILLIAM J. BATES.
 MAHLON PATTERSON.
 LYDIA PATTERSON.
 PENROSE HUSSEY.
 SUSANNAH HUSSEY.
 RUTH HUSSEY.

A retrospect of the names witnessing this marriage forcibly reminds the succeeding generation of the "end of all things." During early recollections the greater part of these subscribing witnesses were living and prominent in family and church circles and active in the walks of life. Now they have all long since passed away, our father (the groom) being the last one of that notable gathering to depart this life.

Hannah Hussey Pettit lived to see her three sons and one daughter all satisfactorily married and settled in life, which was to her a great comfort in her last days.

The following beautiful tribute to the memory of Hannah Hussey Pettit is copied from the "Friends' Review":

"She died at Mount Pleasant, Ohio, on the 11th of the eleventh month, 1869, in the 60th year of her age, an exemplary, dedicated and beloved member and elder of Short Creek monthly meeting, Ohio. Of a meek and quiet spirit and discriminating judgment, she was eminently qualified for usefulness in the church. On several occasions she felt constrained to leave her home and go forth on missions of love as companion of ambassadors of Christ. Although she was ardently at-

tached to the principles of our religious society, her enlarged Christian sympathy and charity towards all classes had a tendency to endear her to many who were not of the same household of faith with herself. During her last illness, which she bore with much patience and Christian resignation, many very impressive and instructive words fell from her lips.

"Soon after she was stricken down she said to some of her friends that in all probability this sickness might be unto death.

"At one time, when a dear sister remarked, 'I hope thy example may incite us to more diligence in good works,' she replied, 'You have all done as much as I; it is not works but faith that brings me this great joy.'" At another time she said, 'I wish I had strength to tell you of all the joys that have been shown to me on this sick bed. I have not had one anxious or troubled thought; my Savior has taken them all away and every fold of my garment is perfumed with His love.' During her sickness and near her close she uttered many heavenly expressions, and being favored with a blessed view of joys with which those of earth could not compare, she exclaimed with emphasis, 'Oh, what a glorious prospect!' Thus in the triumph of the Christian's faith, she passed calmly and serenely away, leaving to a large circle of mourning relatives and friends the consoling evidence that her end was peace. (Her edifying and truly Christian deportment while in attendance at Philadelphia yearly meeting endeared her to many friends.—Ed.)"

Almost 23 years later the following brief notice appears in the same publication, announcing the death of her husband:

"He died tenth month 30th, 1892, at the age of 83 years. He was a life-long member and regular attender of Friends' meeting, and was an earnest advocate of the truth as held by that branch of the church. His sickness was of short duration. He was conscious to the last moments of his life, and frequently expressed himself as entirely resigned to the will of the Lord, either to live or die, as his only trust was in Jesus, to whose saving grace he was often heard testifying in meeting and elsewhere.

"So, not only by a consistent walk, but through the blood of the Lamb and the word of his testimony, we reverently believe our friend has passed into eternal rest."

The following exhibit is an epitomized statement of the family record of Joseph Pettit, son of William and Mary Phipps Pettit: Born June 28, 1809; died October 30, 1892; married Hannah G. Hussey, daughter of Christopher and Lydia Grubb Hussey, November 21, 1832; she was born August 29, 1810; died November 11, 1869. Their children were:

- I. Curtis H. Pettit; born September 18, 1833; married Deborah M. Williams, June 2, 1857. Table descent and biographical sketch later.
- II. William Pettit; born December 14, 1835; married Meribah Penrose, September 26, 1860. Table descent and biographical sketch later.
- III. Asahel H. Pettit; born July 2, 1841; married Mary J. Wampler, June 4, 1863. Table descent and biographical sketch later.
- IV. Mary Elma Pettit; born October 12, 1843; married Oscar J. Griffith, July 26, 1865. Table descent and biographical sketch later.



CURTIS H. PETTIT.

CURTIS HUSSEY PETTIT

First Son of Joseph and Hannah Hussey Pettit

Born September 18th, 1833, near Hanover, Columbiana County, Ohio. His early education was received at the Sandy Spring Friends' school, and later in the public schools at Hanover.

Finally he was sent to Oberlin and began a regular collegiate course. This, however, after two or three years, was interrupted by a serious attack of sickness. On recovering, instead of returning to college, he entered as book-keeper to the Forest City Bank of Cleveland, which had just been organized with his uncle, Joseph G. Hussey, as President. Here he remained about one year, when he went to Pittsburgh in the employ of C. G. Hussey & Co.

He remained in Pittsburgh until the Winter or Spring of 1855, when he went



DEBORAH WILLIAMS PETTIT.

to Cleveland, Ohio, but in the following Fall (1855) at the suggestion of his uncle, C. G. Hussey, of Pittsburgh, he took a trip through the West, looking for a place to locate. After visiting various towns and cities, he decided on Minneapolis, at that time a village of about 200 population on the west side of the Mississippi River, at St. Anthony Falls; the village of St. Anthony Falls, on the east side of the river, having about 800 population. The site of Minneapolis had been a part of the Fort Snelling reservation until early in 1855, when Congress had reduced the fort reservation and the town Minneapolis had been platted.

He arrived in Minneapolis on October 22d, 1855, and returned to Pittsburgh, making arrangements to commence business in Minneapolis, and returned there before navigation closed. At that time it was a boat from Galena, Ill., up into Minnesota or a stage coach.

Minneapolis and St. Anthony villages have been united, and he has lived to



IRENE H. PETTIT.



LOUIS W. PETTIT.



BESSIE T. PETTIT.



EDWARD C. PETTIT.

see them grow to be one of the great and prosperous cities of the country, with a population of 275,000. Time has demonstrated that he read its destiny aright. He determined to make it his future home. He has not been disappointed, and has lived to see Minneapolis become the great metropolis of the Central Northwest. He



DEBORAH LOUISE DOUGLAS.

first engaged in the banking and real estate business; afterwards in hardware and lumber, and finally in the flour milling and elevator business. He has for many years taken an active interest in local and state politics, serving at different times as member, treasurer and chairman of both the Republican State and Congressional

Committees. He served as a member of the Minnesota State Training School for Boys and Girls (formerly the State Reform School) for about 32 years, and was President of the board for many years. In 1901, by an act of the Legislature, the separate or independent boards for the different state institutions were abolished, and the institutions all placed under the charge of a single Board of Control. He was



GEORGE P. DOUGLAS.

a member of the State Senate for the years of 1866, 1868, 1869, 1870 and 1871, and a member of the House of Representatives for the years 1874, 1875, 1876 and 1887. He has not been engaged in any active pursuit for the last twenty years, though largely interested in iron ore and railroad properties, which have proved profitable investments.

He married, June 2nd, 1857, Deborah M. Williams, of Minneapolis, born October 28th, 1833, daughter of Captain Louis H. and Tabitha P. Williams, who had removed to Minneapolis from Newville, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, the previous year.



BESSIE PETTIT DOUGLAS AND HER THREE DAUGHTERS,
DEBORAH LOUISE,
ELIZABETH PETTIT,
ELEANOR GEORGE.

The Westminster Presbyterian Church of Minneapolis was organized on August 23rd, 1857. Deborah M. Pettit was one of the original charter members, and is at this time (1906) the only one of the charter members living. Mr. Pettit was

elected a member of the board of trustees at its organization, and is still a member of the board and for many years has been chairman. He is the only surviving member of the first board.

Curtis H. and Deborah Williams Pettit had five children, as follows:

- I. Irene H. Pettit; born August 19th, 1858; died August 15th, 1877.
- II. Louis W. Pettit; born January 6th, 1862; died July 23d, 1884.
- III. Edward C. Pettit; born April 30th, 1864; died August 11th, 1865.
- IV. Alice M. Pettit; born October 18th, 1868; died June 6th, 1869.



RESIDENCE OF C. H. PETTIT,
Tenth Street and Second Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

V. Bessie T. Pettit; born October 22d, 1870; married October 18th, 1899, to George P. Douglas, son of Christopher F. and Louise Douglas, formerly of Stowe, Vermont; born October 7th, 1865. The family came to Minneapolis in 1873. He received his education largely at Yale, from which college he graduated in 1889. He later, in 1890, graduated from the Law Department of the University of Minnesota. George P. and Bessie Pettit Douglas have three children, as follows:

1. Deborah Louise Douglas; born in Minneapolis September 13, 1900.
2. Elizabeth Pettit Douglas; born in Minneapolis April 29, 1902.
3. Eleanor George Douglas; born in Minneapolis June 30, 1905.



MERIBAH PENROSE PETTIT.



WILLIAM PETTIT.

*Wm Pettit and Meribah Penrose
respectfully solicit the company of Mary Pettit to
dine with them at James Penrose,
on 4th day 26th inst.
Ninth Mo. 1861.
Proposed company (P. W. Reisdorff.*

WILLIAM PETTIT

Second Son of Joseph and Hannah G. Hussey Pettit

Born near Hanover, Columbiana County, Ohio, December 14, 1835. He acquired his education in the public and private schools of his native county. When 18 years old, and the last Winter before leaving home permanently, he

taught a term of school. The following Spring he went to Cleveland, Ohio, in the employ of a coal company as book-keeper, remaining there several years, the latter part of the time having charge of the business.

Later he spent six years in Iowa and Indiana in the pork-packing business.



WILLIAM PETTIT.



MARY S. PETTIT.



GERTRUDE R. PETTIT.

Eventually he settled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, engaging in lumber, grain and flour business. He has always been an interested member of Friends' Church.

On September 26th, 1860, at Winona, Ohio, he was married to Meribah Penrose, daughter of James and Rebecca Farmer Penrose of Columbiana County,



FRED BURTON ROWE.



LILLIAN PETTIT ROWE.



FRED BURTON AND AVIS SIBLEY ROWE.



MERIBAH LILLIAN ROWE.

Ohio. Meribah Penrose Pettit was born at Salineville, Ohio, June 3rd, 1840, and died at Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 3rd, 1900.

The following are the children of William and Meribah Penrose Pettit:

I. Lillian E. Pettit; born, July 15, 1862, at Gosport, Indiana; married to Fred Burton Rowe, of Sauk Center, Minnesota, October 24, 1888. Fred B. Rowe was born April 20, 1856, at Wyoming, Wyoming County, New York, the son of Moses G. and Avis Lavinda Sibley Rowe.

The children of Fred Burton and Lillian Pettit Rowe are:

1. Meribah Lillian Rowe; born, August 26, 1889, at Sauk Center, Minnesota; died, August 1, 1890.



JAMES PETTIT.



SAIDE PRESCOTT PETTIT.
Wife of James Pettit.

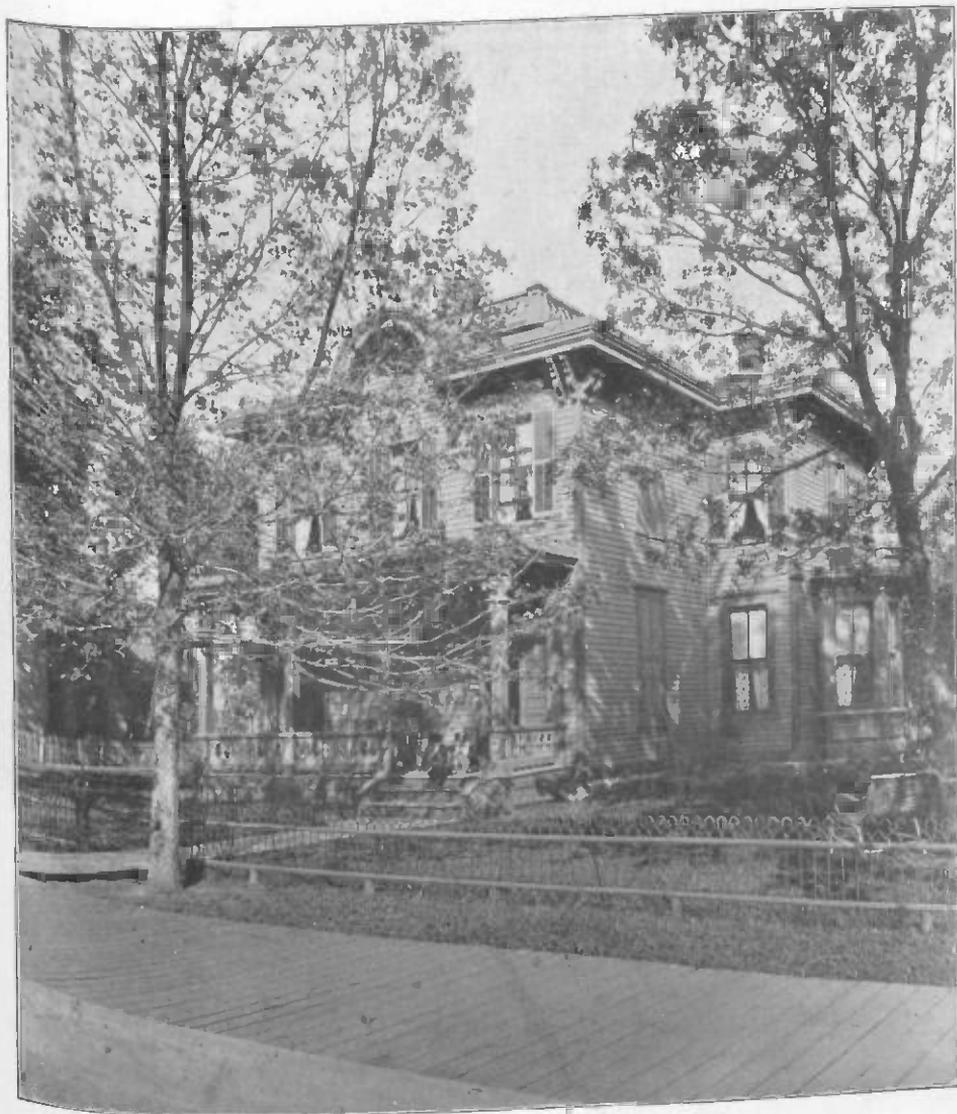
2. Fred Burton Rowe, Jr.; born, December 21, 1892, at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

3. Avis Sibley Rowe; born, August 30, 1894.

II. Gertrude R. Pettit; born, February 15, 1865, at Minneapolis, Minn. She was graduated from Bennett Seminary of Minneapolis, Minn., in 1883.

III. James Pettit; born, May 20, 1869, at Alliance, Ohio. He was graduated from the High School of Minneapolis, Minn., in 1888, and from Oberlin College, Ohio, in 1892. For six years afterward, he filled book-keeper's, cashier's and secretary's positions with companies engaged in the grain business in Minneapolis. In 1898 he went to Chicago, continuing in the same line of business there. He is now President and Manager of a corporation in Chicago, doing an

extensive grain business. On October 6, 1903, at Chicago, Illinois, he was married to Saide Elizabeth Prescott, who was born May 9, 1883, at Marinette, Wisconsin, the daughter of D. Clinton and Sarah Halgate Prescott, of Chicago.



RESIDENCE OF WILLIAM PETTIT,
Tenth Street and First Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

IV. Mary S. Pettit; born, May 30, 1874, at Minneapolis, Minn. She was graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1898.

V. William Pettit; born, August 24, 1879, at Minneapolis, Minn.



MARY WAMPLER PETTIT.



ASAHEL H. PETTIT.

ASAHEL H. PETTIT

Third Son of Joseph and Hannah Hussey Pettit

Born near Hanover, Ohio, July 2, 1841. After attending the public schools he was, at the age of seventeen, sent to Friends' boarding school (now Earlham College), at Richmond, Indiana. He remained there one year, and afterwards attended several terms of the Hopedale Normal School, Harrison County, Ohio.

His object at this time was to teach for a period and then go to Germany and enter the University of Heidleberg. Receiving, however, a proposition from his brother William, who was then located at Gosport, Indiana, he decided to accept same for one season. The result was the relinquishment of all former plans for a more extended education. He went to Gosport in 1860, and kept Hussey, Goss & Company's books during the ensuing packing season. The following Spring and Summer he visited with his brother Curtis, in Minncapolis, returning to Gosport in the Fall, where he remained until 1869, at which time he removed to Indianapolis. After ten years' residence in the latter place, he again re-

For my Father & Mother
 to whose tender care and whose wise advice I
 feel indebted for what I am, whose encouragement
 has enabled me to pursue my course, whose loving
 resolves disapproved my constant. Their presence in my life
 illuminates and sustains me constantly. And your purpose, and
 unmelancholy interest in my life I know will be to them, fraught
 devotion inspired for high purpose, and their joy and happiness is
 the foundation of my life, - and their joy and happiness is
 is the greatest interest, - and their joy and happiness is
 this little event in my life I know will be to them, fraught
 with the deepest interest, - and their joy and happiness is
 my ambitions highest aim

Joseph

NOTE WRITTEN BY JOSEPH A. PETTIT TO HIS PARENTS ACROSS THE ENVELOPE IN WHICH WAS ENCLOSED THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS GRADUATION FROM ST. LOUIS MEDICAL COLLEGE.

moved this time, to Sauk Center, Minnesota, remaining there until 1894, when he settled in Portland, Oregon. He was engaged in the general mercantile and pork-packing business while he remained in Gosport, continuing in the latter after removal to Indianapolis. June 4, 1863, he married Mary J. Wampler, born May 31, 1843, eldest daughter of Hezekiah and Jane Alexander Wampler, of Gosport, Indiana.

Hezekiah Wampler was born approximately 1805, a native of Virginia, and early emigrated with his parents to Indiana and settled in the same part of the state in which he grew up, lived and died. His wife was Jane Alexander, born near Gosport June 4, 1821. She was the daughter of Abner and Mary Alexander, who emigrated from North Carolina about the year 1816 and were among the earliest settlers of the State, then Territory, of Indiana.

Asahel H. and Mary Wampler Pettit, had five children, as follows:

- I. Annie E. Pettit; born, January 21, 1865, at Gosport, Indiana; died, July 31, 1865, at her Grand-father Pettit's home, in Mount Pleasant, Ohio.
- II. Jane Pettit; born, April 6, 1867, at Gosport, Indiana; married, May 2,



BERTRAND O. WOODS.



JANE PETTIT WOODS.

1889, Bertrand O. Woods, of Sauk Center, Minnesota. He was born August 21, 1865, near Farmersville, New York; son of William and Emily Woods.

To Bertrand O. and Jane Pettit Woods were born four children, viz.:

1. Infant daughter; born, February 6, 1890; died in infancy.
2. Mary Pettit Woods; born, February 25, 1891, at Sauk Center, Minnesota.
3. Emily B. Woods; born, August 11, 1893, at Sauk Center, Minn.
4. Bertrand O. Woods, Jr.; born March 31, 1899, at Portland, Oregon.

III. Hannah G. Pettit; born, January 9, 1870, at Indianapolis, Indiana. The family removed to Sauk Center, Minnesota, when she was ten years of age. She here took up her studies, graduating from High School in 1887, after which she attended Bennett's Seminary, at Minneapolis, taking a two years' course, graduating therefrom in 1889. She taught in the state schools of Indiana and Washington for several years. She married John C. Applewhite, of San Francisco, California, August 6, 1902. He was born October 14, 1863, on his grandfather's plantation near Vaiden, Mississippi. He was the son of Dr. James M. Applewhite, a native of Mississippi, and Sarah Campbell Applewhite, of Staten, Virginia. John and Hannah Pettit Applewhite settled in San Francisco, remaining two years; then removed to Clarkston, Washington, where at the present time



BERTRAND O. WOODS, JR.



EMILY B. WOODS.



MARY PETTIT WOODS



JOHN C. APPLEWHITE.

they reside (1906). They have one child, John Pettit Applewhite, born October 22, 1904, at Portland, Oregon.

IV. Asahel H. Pettit, Jr.; born, April 15, 1873, at Indianapolis, Indiana; died in infancy.

V. Joseph A. Pettit; born, August 14, 1875, at Indianapolis, Indiana. After graduating from the Sank Center High School, in 1894, he removed with the family to Portland, Oregon. For some time he was in the employ of the S. P. and O. R. & N. Railroad Companies, until taking up the study of medicine and during his college vacations he still continued in their employ.

He was graduated from the St. Louis Medical College with high honors in 1899, serving a term of one year in the St. Louis City Hospital.

Returning to Portland, he began the practice of his profession in 1900.



HANNAH PETTIT APPLEWHITE.



JOHN PETTIT APPLEWHITE.



ANNIE E. PETTIT.



FLORENCE ANDERSON PETTIT.



JOSEPH A. PETTIT, M. D.

and soon built up a successful and lucrative business. He married, October 17, 1901, Florence E. Anderson, of St. Louis, born April 7, 1876, daughter of Smith and Fannie Anderson.



MARY AND EMILY WOODS.



OSCAR J. GRIFFITH.



ELMA PETTIT GRIFFITH.

MARY ELMA PETTIT GRIFFITH

Fourth Child and Only Daughter of Joseph and Hannah Hussey Pettit

Born at the old homestead near Hanover, Columbiana County, Ohio, October 12, 1843. She attended the public schools of Hanover until 1858, when in her fifteenth year she entered Friends' Boarding School, at Richmond, Indiana.

While she was there her parents moved to Mount Pleasant, Ohio, where on her return in 1859, she attended the Mount Pleasant High School for the next two years. Her last year of school life was spent at Earlham College. She married, July 26, 1865, Oscar J. Griffith, of Washington County, Penn., in the old Yearly Meeting House at Mount Pleasant, by Friends' ceremony. Oscar J. Griffith was the son of Eli R. and Mary Ann Marsh Griffith, and was born July 17, 1842.

Like his wife, Oscar J. Griffith is descended from Record Hussey, of Warrington Township, Pa. His great-grand-father, Jacob Griffith, having married, April 16, 1778, Lydia Hussey, the daughter of Record and Miriam Hussey.

By a remarkable coincidence he is also descended from Record Hussey through his mother. James Marsh, her father, having married Edith, Record Hussey's youngest daughter, September 14, 1797.

Edith Hussey Marsh was born January 25, 1778, and was consequently less

than three months old when her sister Lydia was married, hence the anomaly, Record Hussey being great-great-grand-father to Oscar Griffith through one daughter, and great-grand-father through another daughter.

Soon after marriage Oscar J. and Elma Griffith went to Minneapolis, Minnesota, to visit her brother. While there they decided to remain, and have resided in the city ever since (1906). They were members, and regular attenders, of Friends' Church until 1878, at which time they united with the Plymouth Congregational Church. In 1897 Oscar J. Griffith was made a deacon of this church, and has served in such capacity since that time. For thirty years he has been engaged in the carpet and rug business, either as partner or manager. Elma



HOME OF OSCAR J. AND MARY ELMA PETTIT GRIFFITH,
1307 Fourth Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn.

Pettit Griffith organized the "Alden Chautauqua Circle" of Minneapolis, which met at her home in the evening every two weeks during the entire four years of the prescribed course. It proved to be one of the largest and most successful of the many "circles" in the city. The Summer of 1888, she spent at Chautauqua, New York, receiving her diploma on the historic ground where the great home study movement originated.

The following children were born to Oscar and Elma Pettit Griffith:

I. Hannah Mary Griffith; born, August 13, 1866. She was graduated from Carleton College in 1890. In 1891 she went to Urumiah, Persia, where for three years she taught the children of the missionaries of that station, also native

Certificate of

Witnessed Oscar J. Griffith of East Pittsburgh in the County of Washington & the State of Pennsylvania, of the 1st day of May 1866, and Elma Pettit, daughter of Joseph & Hannah Pettit of East Pleasant Ohio, having declared their intentions of marriage with each other, before a meeting of the religious society of Friends, held at East Pleasant having consent of parents their proposals of marriage were allowed by said meeting. They are to be fully and for the full accomplishment of their said intentions, this twenty sixth day of the seventh month of the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & sixty six. They the said Oscar J. Griffith & M. Elma Pettit appeared in public meeting of the said society held at East Pleasant Ohio & the said Oscar Griffith taking the said M. Elma Pettit by the hand, declared that he took her to be his wife, promising with Divine assistance, to be unto her a faithful & loving husband until death should separate them; & then the said M. Elma Pettit did in like manner declare that she took him the said Oscar J. Griffith to be her husband, promising, with Divine assistance, to be unto him a faithful & loving wife, until death should separate them. And moreover they the said Oscar J. Griffith & M. Elma Pettit, she according to the custom of marriage, adopting the name of her husband, did as a further confirmation thereof then & there, to these presents set their hands.

Oscar J. Griffith
M. Elma Pettit

And we, whose names are also hereunto subscribed being present at the solemnization of the said marriage, have as witnesses thereto, set our hands, the day and year above written

A. S. & H. P. H. H. H.
 Fannie Wright
 Geo. H. Smith
 J. J. Harrison
 R. H. H. H.
 Nathan H. H. H.
 Lucina H. H. H.
 William H. H. H.
 Edward H. H. H.
 Martha J. H. H. H.
 William H. H. H.
 Hannah H. H. H.
 J. H. H. H.
 Susan B. H. H. H.
 Geo. H. H. H.
 Ann H. H. H.
 Mary H. H. H.
 William H. H. H.
 Bull H. H. H.
 H. H. H. H.

Frank J. H. H.
 N. W. H. H.
 William H. H.
 Thomas H. H.
 Charles H. H.
 Milton R. H. H.
 George L. H. H.
 Miller H. H.
 Ann R. H. H.
 Mary Jane H. H.
 Geo. H. H.
 H. H. H.
 Stephen H. H.
 Peter H. H.
 Fanny H. H.
 George H. H.
 H. H. H.
 John H. H.
 James H. H.
 Mary H. H.

Joseph H. H.
 Hannah H. H.
 Eli. R. H. H.
 Mary H. H.
 Geo. H. H.
 H. H. H.
 Thomas H. H.
 Benjamin H. H.
 H. B. H.
 Geo. H. H.
 S. D. H.
 H. H. H.
 H. H. H.
 Mary H. H.
 W. H. H.
 H. H. H.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE
 of
 OSCAR J. GRIFFITH AND M. ELMA PETTIT
 26th day of 7th month, 1866.



HANNAH M. GRIFFITH.



EDITH GRIFFITH.

boys in the medical college of the mission. After returning to this country, she has spent one year in study at Radcliff, Cambridge, and has taught in Pomona College, California; also in Carleton College, Minnesota, and has for several years past held the position of preceptress and teacher of English in Windom Institute, Montevideo, Minnesota, where she feels there is a great work to be done for the Scandinavians of her own state.

II. Carl Curtis Griffith; born, October 23, 1869; died, November 18, 1870.

III. Josephine Henrietta Griffith; born, December 10, 1871; died, October 1, 1874.

IV. Edith Griffith; born, November 13, 1873. She was graduated from Carleton College in 1896. In 1897 she was assistant principal in Cumberland, Maryland, High School. From this time she devoted herself to handicraft study. Taking art for two years at the University of Minnesota. She spent the Summer of 1900, traveling in Europe. After returning, she commenced the study of artistic book binding, and after completing the course, under Miss Starr, of Chicago, she opened her handicraft binding in Minneapolis, where her work is steadily growing. She has taken two prizes of the Minnesota State Art Society.



CARL CURTIS GRIFFITH.



HELEN GRIFFITH.

V. Helen Griffith; born, January 24, 1882; was graduated from Bryn Mawr College, Philadelphia, in 1905, and is now an assistant in the Rhetoric department of the University of Minnesota.



Josephine Henrietta Griffith.



FOUR FIRST COUSINS.

Beginning at the right: Bessie T. Pettit (Douglas), as Lady Macbeth; Edith Griffith, as Portia; Hannah G. Pettit (Applewhite), as Ophelia; Gertrude R. Pettit, as Juliet.

Thanksgiving, 1887, a family gathering was had at Oscar Griffith's, at which the above four cousins-germain presented a burlesque on the Shakespearian characters, representing them as at a fashionable watering place.



CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND HANNAH HISSEY PITTET. From Photo Made Approximately 1870.

SCALEBY CASTLE

This picture came into possession of Jane Hussey Pettit while on a visit to England in 1852. On the lower edge of it she had written in pencil the name of Hannah Stokes. This may refer to the party of whom she received it.

Richard Gilpin was of same family as the maternal ancestors of Hannah Hussey Pettit.

Richard Gilpin, Esq., M. D., grand-father of Richard Gilpin, "ye present proprietor," alluded to in engraved description, was unquestionably cotemporaneous with Thomas Gilpin, direct ancestor. While it is impossible, at this late date, to absolutely establish any facts or details, yet without doubt consanguinity existed. They lived in the same neighborhood, in adjoining counties, in North of England, and we can see no reason for not concluding that they were nearly related. Brothers, perhaps, at least so near as cousins-germain. This picture is made more interesting by reason of its great age, having been printed and dedicated one hundred and sixty-five years ago, in the year A. D. 1739.

John Timbs, in "Abbey's Castles and Ancient Halls of England and Wales," says, "North of Carlisle are the ruins of Scaleby Castle, once a fortress of great strength in a flat situation. Its form was perfect until the time of the civil wars, when its resistance to Cromwell brought it to a state of partial demolition." Mr. Gilpin, the celebrated writer on picturesque scenery, who was born and brought up in it, has thus strikingly described its condition. The walls of this castle are uncommonly magnificent, they are not only of great height but also defended by a large bastion. The greatest of them is chambered within and wrought into several recesses.

A massive portcullis gate leads to the ruins of what was once the habitable part of the castle in which a large vaulted hall is the most remarkable apartment, and under it are dark and capacious dungeons.

The area within the moat, which consists of several acres, was originally intended to support the cattle, which should be driven thither in times of alarm. When the house was inhabited this area was a garden and also around the outside of the moat stood noble trees irregularly planted, the growth of a century.

Beneath the trees ran the walk around the moat, which on one hand commanded the castle in every point of view, and on the other looked over a country consisting of extensive meadows, bounded by lofty mountains."



THE MATERNAL GENEALOGY OF HANNAH HUSSEY PETTIT

By the way of preface to the Maternal as well as Paternal Genealogy of Hannah Hussey Pettit, it is proper to say that much of the history and many of the detailed records are the result of investigation made by Benezette Williams of Chicago, who some years since devoted much time and care to the collection of valuable data concerning the Gilpin, Grubb and Hussey families.

Hannah Hussey Pettit, on the maternal side, is descended from an ancient and honorable family, by the name of Gilpin, which was located from an early date in Kentmire, Westmoreland County, England.

The earliest mention of this name is that of Benard Gilpin, the great preacher and reformer, whose field of labor was largely in the North of England and on the Scottish border. His vigor and enthusiasm in this work acquired for him the title of "Apostle of the North."

George Gilpin, probably a cousin-germain of Benard, was a great scholar of that period, and a warm personal friend of the learned Roger Ascham.

Benard Gilpin was born in 1517, and died, 1583. George possibly died a few years earlier, as we have no mention of him after the death of Ascham.

They were both descended from Edward Gilpin, who lived in the latter part of the fifteenth century. Thomas Gilpin, a great nephew of the above Benard Gilpin, was a soldier in the parliamentary army. At a later period he became a member of the Society of Friends. From him we directly trace the Gilpin family in America, and the maternal ancestry of Hannah Hussey Pettit.

Joseph Gilpin, a son of the above Thomas Gilpin, was born in Warborough, England, in 1664; died in Chester County, Penn., November 9, 1741.

He married at Baghurst, South Hamptonshire, February 23, 1691, Hannah Glover, born in Fishingwell Parish of Kingsclerk, England, and died January 12,

1757. After marriage they resided in Dorchester four years, when they emigrated to America in 1695. They settled in Birmingham, Delaware County, Penn., near the border of Chester County, on the Brandywine Creek. Their first dwelling was a cave, on the side of a hill, the exact site of which is pointed out to this day, on the farm, the late property of John D. Gilpin, Esq., one mile south of Dilworth town. How long they occupied this cave as a dwelling is not definitely known. They were strict members and maintained a good standing in the Society of Friends, as also in the community in which they lived. He became a man of large estate and a useful citizen. Of his fifteen children, two were born in England.

- I. Hannah Gilpin; born, December 16, 1692; died, 1746.
- II. Samuel Gilpin; born, April 7, 1694; died, 1767.
- III. Rachel Gilpin; born, December 12, 1695.
- IV. Ruth Gilpin; born, June 28, 1697.
- V. Lydia Gilpin; born, November, 1698; died, 1753.
- VI. Thomas Gilpin; born, May 23, 1700; died, 1766.
- VII. Ann Gilpin; born, May 11, 1702.
- VIII. Joseph Gilpin (direct line); born, January 21, 1704; died, 1792; married Mary Caldwell.
- IX. Sarah Gilpin; born, February 4, 1706; died, 1783.
- X. George Gilpin; born, February 16, 1708; died, 1773.
- XI. Isaac Gilpin; born, January 23, 1709; died, 1745.
- XII. Moses Gilpin; born, March 1, 1711.
- XIII. Alice Gilpin; born, October 10, 1714.
- XIV. Mary Gilpin; born, November 16, 1716.
- XV. Esther Gilpin; born, January 9, 1718.

It is here worthy of remark that Joseph Gilpin, father of the above, lived to see thirteen of his children satisfactorily married and settled in life.

Joseph Gilpin, the eighth child of the above and in the direct line of the ancestry we are tracing, was born at Birmingham, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, January 21, 1704; died, December 31, 1792, at Wilmington, Delaware.

He married, October 17, 1729, Mary Caldwell, of Marlborough, Chester County, Pennsylvania. They resided at Birmingham until 1761, when they removed to Wilmington.

Mary Caldwell, the wife of Joseph Gilpin, was the daughter of Vincent and Betty Caldwell, prominent and active members of Kennet Monthly Meeting, Pennsylvania, until his death in 1719. After some years the widow removed to Newcastle, Delaware.

It will be interesting to insert at this point the copies of two "testimonies" found by Gertrude R. Pettit among her grand-mother's papers, relating to the parents of Mary Caldwell Gilpin. First, "A Testimony from Kennet Monthly Meeting in Pennsylvania, concerning Vincent Caldwell."

"He was born in Derbyshire, Great Britain, and was convinced about the seventeenth or eighteenth year of his age, by the ministry of John Gratton, having

received the truth in the love of it, and continuing faithful, the Lord was pleased to commit to him a dispensation of the Gospel, so that he had to declare to others of the goodness of God to his soul.

He came over into Pennsylvania, and after his marriage settled in East Marlborough, in Chester County. His ministry was sound and edifying, being attended with the power of truth, and adorned with an exemplary conversation, in the exercise whereof he twice visited the meetings of Friends in the Southern provinces, and once in the West India Islands, where he was made instrumental to the convincing of many, for though he had but little school learning, yet being a good scribe, well instructed unto the Kingdom, did at times bring forth, out of the treasury, things new and old. His last sickness continued about six days, wherein he was preserved in a sweet sensible and tender frame of spirit, and at times spoke in substance as follows, viz.: The doctor coming to visit him, he said with cheerfulness, "I would have thee speak thy mind freely concerning me, for I am not afraid to die." The doctor, after some pause, signified the doubt he had of his recovery, which, bringing an awful silence over his mind, he broke forth in earnest supplication to the Lord, for the welfare of Zion, and exhorted friends present to live in unity, and to beware of that spirit which would lead into a separation.

He spoke clearly to the states of same, warning them to fear the Lord and walk humbly before Him, and then they would be made partakers of his divine and heavenly blessing. He prayed the Lord to prosper his work, and said: "The Lord will cause his glorious truth to break forth, in the North Country and among the Ethiopians," in a sight and sense whereof he rejoiced.

Another time his wife, sitting by him, he looked earnestly at her, and said "My dear, don't be surprised, for in time thou wilt come into that rest that I am going into." She queried, "Dost thou think so?" He said, "Thou hast been a loving wife, a tender mother, and a good neighbor."

Taking leave of his children, one by one, he charged them to be loving and obedient to their mother and "not to go out in their marriages." He prayed the Lord to make his passage easy and receive him graciously into his arms of rest and peace forever, and desired his love to Friends in general, at their monthly, quarterly and yearly meetings and meetings of ministry, after which, being sensible, his end drew near, he said "Give me a little water and I think I shall not want any more till I drink at that fountain which springs up into eternal life."

Then in a resigned state of mind he finished his course, the 10th day of the 1st month, 1719, in the 46th year of his age, and was interred in Friends' burying ground at Kennet, concerning whom we believe is entered into the mansions of glory, where "the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

About thirty-eight years later in the year 1755, Betty Caldwell, widow of the above Vincent Caldwell, died, and the Newark Meeting issued the following testimonial.

"A Testimony from Newark Monthly Meeting in Newcastle County, in Delaware, concerning Betty Caldwell."

"She was the daughter of George Pierce, of Thornburg, in Chester County, was born in Gloucestershire, in Old England, and came into Pennsylvania with her parents, about the year 1683, who settled in Thornburg aforesaid. She was married to Vincent Caldwell in 1703 and soon after they settled in Marlborough,



SAMPLER OF HANNAH GILPIN.

Age and exposure have so badly defaced this heirloom, it becomes necessary to transcribe it in order to follow the wording. After working the letters of the alphabet, she has first the following couplet:

"Love the Lord and he will bee
A Trusty Friend unto thee."

Some scroll and fancy work follows and then comes:

"Neglect not thou, thy doing well,
But strive in virtue to excel."

She now concludes the sampler with the following:

"Hannah Gilpin, her work; wrote in the 10 year of her age, in the year 1756."

Chester County, where she continued and belonged to Kennet Meeting till a few years before her death, when she removed to Wilmington.

"She was from her youth remarkably exemplary, for plainness and sobriety, much concerned for peace in the church and amongst neighbors, laboring to restore it according to ability as occasion required, often with desired success. She was very servicable in the weighty work of visiting Friends families, in which she had at times to impart to others of her own experience, in the work of religion, and to exhort to faithfulness and obedience to what the Lord required; was a constant attender of meetings and exemplary and humble waiting therein and much concerned that her children might walk in the truth. After the death of her husband in 1720, she had the care of the family upon herself, remaining in a state of widowhood upwards of 37 years, in which station she behaved with such prudence and circumspection that her conduct in bringing up her children without much correction is worthy of imitation, which together with the pious concern for the welfare of the church, entitled her to be accounted of the number of "widows indeed." She had many years been in the station of an elder for Kennet Meeting, and several years before her death had a few words in testimony in meetings, which was generally well received, being seasonable and weighty. Her last sickness was a fever, which brought her very low, often praying the Lord to be near her, and by His supporting hand to bear up her spirit, now in this pinehing time, and finish her course here; we believe in peace with the Lord and in unity with friends, the 27th of the tenth month, 1757. And was interred in Kennet burying ground the 29th of the same month, in the seventy-seventh year of her age.

Joseph and Mary Caldwell Gilpin had children as follows:

1. Ruth Gilpin.
2. Orpha Gilpin.
3. Vincent Gilpin.
4. Gideon Gilpin.
5. Israel Gilpin.
6. Betty Gilpin.
7. Joseph Gilpin.
8. Hannah Gilpin (direct line); born, 1746.
9. Mary Gilpin.
10. Thomas Gilpin.

Hannah Gilpin, daughter and eighth child of the above Joseph and Mary Caldwell Gilpin (and in the direct line of Hannah Hussey Pettit), was born in the year 1746.

She married, about the year 1768, John Grubb, son of William Grubb, of Brandywine Hundred, whose ancestors came from England as early as 1669, a short time before William Penn's settlement, and located in Delaware County. John and Hannah Gilpin Grubb settled on a farm near Brandywine Hundred, where their children were born and grew up. Five of these emigrated to the then far West, settling around about Mount Pleasant, Jefferson County, Ohio. After the death of the father the mother also went to Mount Pleasant, making her home with her eldest son, Curtis Grubb, until her death.

In 1882 the old homestead at Brandywine Hundred belonged to Isaac Lodge

of the same family, to whom it was sold after the death of John Grubb. The mill at Brandywine, which in John Grubb's time was owned and run by Talnell & Sea, and in which John Grubb's son John clerked before going West, now (1892) belongs to a younger generation of Seas.

John and Hannah Gilpin Grubb had issue as follows:

I. Curtis Grubb; born, October 3, 1770; died at Mount Pleasant, November, 1854; married Ann Crozier.

II. Joseph Grubb; born, January 1, 1772; died, October 25, 1830, at Wilmington, Delaware.

III. Adam Grubb; born, November 28, 1773.

IV. Lydia Grubb; born, September 24, 1775; died, August 25, 1847; married Christopher Hussey. They were the parents of Hannah Hussey Pettit.

V. Mary Grubb; born, October 16, 1777; died at Mount Pleasant, December, 1852; she never married.

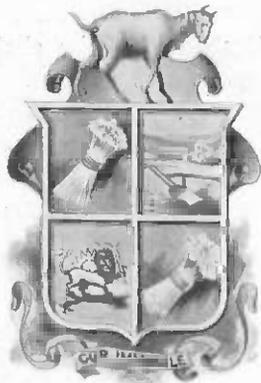
VI. Jemima Grubb; born, November 5, 1779; died at Mount Pleasant, December, 1863; married Robert Eyre.

VII. Elizabeth Grubb; born, February 25, 1782; died, November 7, 1843; married Daniel McPherson. She never came West.

VIII. John Grubb; born, June 21, 1784; died, March 18, 1853; never married; lived for many years at Mount Pleasant, where he died.



Bertrand O. Woods, Jr.



THE PATERNAL GENEALOGY OF HANNAH HUSSEY PETTIT

It appears that the records of some of the principal families of the third and fourth generations, following the settlement of Christopher and Theodate Bachelder Hussey at Lynn, Massachusetts, were not kept, or have been lost or destroyed, which fact has resulted in much speculation and differences of opinion in establishing a perfect line of descent to the present time. Reasoning from well authenticated facts and traditions obtained from various sources, in Pennsylvania, Delaware and elsewhere, confirmed by all the evidence which can at this late day throw any light on the subject, and from the preponderancy of conclusions arrived at, from well established premises, impel us to believe that the earliest Hussey generations in America are fixed, located and fully determined, in reference to their descendants of the present day.

There can be no sufficient objection to accepting the following as substantially correct, as will be understood as this article progresses.

John Hussey, of Dorking, in Surrey, England, about twenty-six miles from London, and Mary Moore were married December 5, 1593. They became the parents of Christopher, the ancestor of the American family of Husseys.

Christopher Hussey, son of the above John and Mary Moore Hussey, was born at Dorking, in Surrey, England, in the year 1598. After arriving at the age of manhood he made a trip to Holland, where he became acquainted with the family of the Rev. Stephen Bachelder, who, it appears, was at this time sojourning in that country.

Young Hussey became engaged to the daughter, Miss Theodate. The family was on the eve of emigrating to America. The marriage of the young couple was objected to unless they would accompany the father to America. There is

no known record extant of the marriage. It is supposed, however, it occurred some time during the year 1629. In the year 1630, seventeen hundred people embarked at Southampton on seventeen vessels, bound for New England. Among these were John Winthrop, the first Governor of Massachusetts, and other men of prominence, and note in early history; also, Christopher Hussey and his young wife, together with his mother, Mary Hussey, now a widow.

According to Lewis and Newhall history of Lynn, Bachelder did not arrive in this country until 1632, about two years later than his son-in-law, Christopher Hussey.

Considering the condition upon which he permitted his daughter to marry, this does not seem so plausible as that they should all have come over together. In the light of history, possibly founded largely on tradition, the career of Stephen Bachelder was a checkered one. While he appears to have been a zealous churchman, yet he seems to have incurred the hatred of both the church and civil authorities, by his preaching against and in opposition to their control of matters of creed, form and ceremonies. He was born in England in 1561 and early received orders in the established church and for awhile bore an excellent reputation. He, however, became dissatisfied with some parts of the church worship, and ever afterwards refused fully to conform. On leaving England, he first went to Holland, where he remained three years. Then, as above related, he emigrated to Lynn, Massachusetts, then to Ipswich.

February, 1636, he with some friends, during the very cold winter, went on foot one hundred miles to Yarmouth. Thence to Newbury. On the 6th of November, 1638, the court granted him permission to settle the town of Hampton (now in the State of New Hampshire).

The following year he and Christopher Hussey sold their houses and lands in Newbury for "three score pounds" and removed to Hampton, planted a town and established a church. To each place Bachelder went, persecution followed, until finally, while at Hampton, he was excommunicated, but was restored again to the church in 1643. He went to Portsmouth in 1647, and ultimately returned to England, where he married his fourth wife, when in the 96th year of his age.

Bachelder had many friends wherever he went, and must have been a man possessing many virtues. He was accused by his enemies of irregular and inconsistent conduct. In view of his great work for mankind, and the church militant, together with the known intolerance and bigotry of the early New England settlers, it is concluded that the many reports urged against his reputation were largely the machinations of church enemies. A historian says of him, "He was a man of fame in his day, a gentleman of learning and ingenuity."

Stephen Bachelder died at Hackney, near London, in 1660, in the one hundredth year of his age. He had four sons and three daughters. After removing to Hampton it might for several reasons appear that Christopher Hussey entered on a seafaring career, among which are, first, the title of 'captain' which he unquestionably bore, during the latter years of his life; second, history written and unwritten seem generally to confirm as a fact that he lost his life in a ship-

wreck, A. D. 1685, in the 87th year of his age, off the coast of Florida. It is asserted that according to the old town records of Hampton, N. H., Christopher Hussey died at his home in Hampton, March 6, 1685. It is not known on what evidence Lewis and Newhall, in their "History of Lynn," say without equivocation Christopher Hussey was lost at sea, unless it be that same unwritten history, transmitted orally down through many generations. There seems to be no foundation for the opinion expressed by some that Christopher Hussey was a military captain, and not a sea-man. It does not necessarily follow that he was a military captain, and not a captain, by virtue of authority, on the high sea, even though the belief in his death by ship-wreck is erroneous and the records of Hampton are as stated.

It is proper to remark here that the Hussey coat of arms, granted to John Hussey, the father of Christopher, or to a near ancestor, is described as follows: A shield divided into four quarters, the upper left and lower right quarters containing each a sheaf of wheat, the right hand upper a plough, and the lower left, the Persian ensign, the whole mounted with a kid for a crest.

Theodate, the wife of Christopher Hussey, died October 20, 1646. He later married, supposed to be about 1658, the widow Annie Mingay. He had by his first wife, Theodate, six children, three sons and three daughters, as follows:

- I. Stephen Hussey.
- II. John Hussey.
- III. Hulda Hussey; married John Smith.
- IV. Theodate Hussey; married Benjamin Smith.
- V. Joseph Hussey, supposed to have died young.
- VI. Mary Hussey; married Henry Dow.

From Stephen and John, the two eldest children and sons are descended all the numerous Husseys to be found scattered throughout the United States, and it is of these two and their posterity, that the balance of this article will be devoted.

Stephen Hussey, the eldest child of Christopher and Theodate Hussey, was born 1630, soon after the arrival of his parents in this country. He was the second white child born in Lynn, Massachusetts, the first having been born the same week. Stephen married when forty-six years of age, on the 8th of October, 1676, Martha, daughter of George and Jane Godfrey Bunker, of Topsfield, Massachusetts. Stephen died in Nantucket, February 2, 1718 O. S. His widow survived him twenty-eight years, and died September 21, 1744, each of them being 88 years of age, at time of death.

Stephen and Martha Bunker Hussey had thirteen children:

- I. Puella Hussey; born, October 10, 1677; married, 1695 Shubel Gorham, of Barnstable, Mass.
- II. Abigail Hussey; born, December 22, 1679; married Thomas Holmes; married, second, Joseph Marshall.
- III. Sylvanus Hussey; born, May 13, 1682; married first Abigail Brown, July 12, 1711; married, second, Hephsebeth Starbuck, of the Society of Friends,

February 12, 1723. He died February 19, 1767, age 85 years. They had fourteen children, viz.:

1. Obed Hussey; married, first, Margaret Wilson; second, Mary Calef.
2. Jonathan Hussey; married Hephsebeth Starbuck.
3. Daniel Hussey; married Sarah Gorham. They had two children: first, Stephen Hussey; second, Daniel Hussey.
4. Seth Hussey; married Sarah Jenkins, to whom was born one son, Seth Hussey.
5. Rachel Hussey; married, first, Benjamin Coleman; second, Paul Bunker; third, — Mitchell.
6. Christopher Hussey; married Mary Coffin.
7. William Hussey; married Abigail Starbuck.
8. Bachelor Hussey; married Ann Coffin.
9. Nathaniel Hussey; married Judith Coffin.
10. George Hussey; married Deborah Paddock.
11. Sylvaniaus Hussey, Jr. married, first, Alice Gray; second, Lydia Wing, by whom he had four sons, viz.:
 - (1). George Hussey; married Mehitable Howland. They had six children:
 - (a) William Hussey; married Cornelia Collins. They had three children, viz.: (1) Mary Hussey, (2) Fred Hussey, (3) George B. Hussey.
 - (b) John B. Hussey; single.
 - (c) Abbie Hussey; single.
 - (d) Eliza Hussey; married Francis Rodman.
 - (e) Sarah Hussey; single.
 - (f) George Hussey; married Eliza Morgan. They had four children.
 - (1) Charles Hussey, (2) Alice Hussey, (3) Emily Hussey, (4) Richard Hussey.
 - (2). Sylvaniaus Hussey; lost at sea.
 - (3). William Hussey; married, first, Jane Perry; second, Hepsa Brayton.
 - (4). Samuel Hussey; married Susan Allen. They had three sons and three daughters:
 - (a) George F. Hussey; married, first, — Murray; second, Margaret Clapp. They had four children: (1) Colden M. Hussey, (2) Phoebe C. Hussey, (3) John C. Hussey, (4) George F. Hussey, of Cincinnati, Ohio.
 - (b) Samuel Hussey.
 - (c) William A. Hussey.
 Daughters names not known.

12. Joseph Hussey; married Mary Raynor.
13. Hesebeth Hussey; married Nathaniel Coleman.
14. Elizabeth Hussey; married Benjamin Coffin; had one child named Elizabeth Coffin.

IV. Bachelder Hussey; born, February 18, 1684; married Abigail Hall, of Boston, October 11, 1704. They removed to Maine in 1737 in consequence of some difficulty with his brother Sylvanus. He was a minister in the Society of Friends. It is thought he returned to Nantucket before his death, though several of his children had married and settled in Maine. Bachelder and Abigail Hall Hussey had eleven children, as follows:

1. Christopher Hussey; born, 1706, at Nantucket; married, in 1735, (name not known). Stephen Hussey, of New Vienna, Ohio, who has given the Hussey Genealogy some thought, recently writes, "that Christopher Hussey, son of Bachelder, is possibly the father of Stephen Hussey, born 1738 or 1739, at Doe Run, York County, Penn., and also the father of Jedidiah Hussey," the grand-father of Hannah Hussey Pettit. In the absence of any evidence, even remotely indicating such descent, it seems strange that Stephen Hussey should so much as suggest it. The reader will possibly conclude in the perusal of these pages that the connecting link between the later and more remote generations is to be found elsewhere.
2. Mary Hussey; born, 1707; married Phelig Swain.
3. Jedida Hussey; born, 1708; married Benjamin Coffin.
4. John Hussey; born, 1710; married Jedida Coffin. Seven children are known to have been born to them:
 - (1). Joseph Hussey; no record.
 - (2). Robert Hussey; married, first, Lydia Swain; second, Elizabeth Twing. He died in 1783.
 - (3). Stephen Hussey; married Elizabeth Swain. He died in 1794.
 - (4). Benjamin Hussey; married Phoebe Macy. He resided some years in France.
 - (5). Bethhart Hussey; married Bachelder Bunker.
 - (6). Abigail Hussey; married Perry Wetterman.
 - (7). Ebenezer Hussey; married Mehitable Smith.
5. Stephen Hussey; born, 1713.
6. Hulda Hussey; born, 1715; married, first, Stephen Bunker; second, Benjamin Barney.
7. Ebenezer Hussey; born, 1717.
8. Name not known.
9. Name not known.
10. Sylvanus Hussey; born, 1720.

11. Paul Hussey; born, 1722; married Hannah Varney, of Maine. They had eleven children, as follows:

- (1). Jedida Hussey; born, 1747; married Elihu Coffin.
- (2). Lydia Hussey; born, 1749; married Simeon Bunker.
- (3). Abigail Hussey; born, 1751; married Richard Bunker.
- (4). Ann Hussey; born, 1753; died, 1804; married William Macy.
- (5). Hulda Hussey; born, 1757; married Levi Rogers.
- (6). Mary Hussey; born, 1759; married Winston Wells.
- (7). Hannah Hussey; born, 1763; died, single, 1823.
- (8). Sarah Hussey; born, 1766; married Isaac Brayton.
- (9). Paul Hussey; born, 1768; died single.
- (10). Christopher Hussey; born, 1769; married Emma Cole.
- (11). Elizabeth Hussey; born, 1772; died, single, 1839.

V. Ruth Hussey; married Cornelius Bennett.

VI. Mary Hussey; born, March 24, 1689; married, first, Jonathan Worth; second, Ebenezer Bernard.

VII. George Hussey; born, June 21, 1694; married, Elizabeth Starbuck, daughter of Nathaniel and Dinah Coffin Starbuck, June, 1717; a member of the Society of Friends. He died in 1782; issue, eight sons and six daughters.

1. Christopher Hussey; born, June 18, 1718; choked by a bean, July 2, 1721.
2. Reuben Hussey; born, December 20, 1719; died, October 8, 1721.
3. Deborah Hussey; born, November 8, 1721; married Peter Coffin.
4. Reuben Hussey; born, May 17, 1723; married, August 21, 1744, Elizabeth Woodbury.
5. Lydia Hussey; born, April 5, 1725; married Clothier Pierce, of Rhode Island.
6. Dinah Hussey; born, June 8, 1727; married, March 22, 1753, Reuben Folger.
7. Ruth Hussey; born, September 21, 1728; married Nathaniel Gardner.
8. Elizabeth Hussey; born, July 13, 1731; married Pelig Coffin, September, 1748.
9. Martha Hussey; born, May 19, 1733; married, 1751, David Swain.
10. Jethro Hussey; born, June 18, 1738; married, first, Margaret Coffin; second, Margaret Snow, widow. He died November 2, 1808.
11. Thomas Hussey; born, December 22, 1740; single; killed by a whale.
12. Paul Hussey; born, May 29, 1742; married, December, 1764, Margaret Barker. He was a sea captain and lost his life on the ocean in 1793.

13. George Hussey; born, August 11, 1736; died young.
 14. Seth Hussey; died young.
- VIII. Theodate Hussey; born, September 15, 1700; married James Johnson.
 - IX. Deborah Hussey; married Beriah Fitch.
 - X. Sally Hussey; married Mr. Lovell.
 - XI. Desire Hussey; married Zachariah Bunker.
 - XII. Lydia Hussey; married Joseph Worth.
 - XIII. Hannah Hussey; married, William Manning.

JOHN HUSSEY

Second Son of Christopher and Theodate Hussey, in Direct Line With Hannah Hussey-Pettit

The said John Hussey was born February 28th, 1635. He married Rebecca Perkins, daughter of Isaac Perkins of Hampton, September 2, 1659; died in 1711. They had issue eighteen children, two of whom died in infancy, four sons and fourteen daughters. John Hussey was a minister of the Gospel in the Society of Friends. Subsequent to 1688 he removed to Newcastle, Delaware. There should be no doubt that the lineage from Captain Christopher Hussey, son-in-law of Stephen Bacheider, to Christopher Hussey, father of Hannah Hussey Pettit is through this son.

John Hussey is the only one of the family who early removed to Delaware, Pennsylvania or Maryland, in which provinces within a radius of fifty or one hundred miles of Newcastle the early generations of the descendants of John Hussey seemed mostly to remain. At least three generations of Hannah Hussey Pettit's ancestors are known to have lived in this vicinity and it can be reasonably concluded they were of the numerous descendants of John Hussey and not of Stephen Hussey, as some have attempted to show. The difference in the Christian names dominating the families and descendants of John and Stephen Hussey might seem sufficient to the mind of a genealogist to trace and distinguish the descendants of each of the brothers.

Jedidiah is particularly a familiar name in the line from John, and is unknown in that from Stephen, while Bacheider is equally familiar with the descendants of Stephen, and unknown among those of John. John is rarely found among the descendants of the former, while it occurs with such frequency among those of the latter that the name becomes almost ubiquitous. There are other names peculiar in a less degree to one branch or the other, as Jedida, Stephen, Theodate, Paul, Abigail, Hulda, etc., etc.

Both branches seem to have appropriated the name of Christopher to such a marked degree as to cause much confusion in genealogical research. The record which follows of John Hussey's immediate descendants must be substantially correct, as it is compiled from the Hampton town records and from other sources equally as authoritative.

The children of John and Rebecca Perkins Hussey were:

I. Theodate Hussey; born June 12, 1660; married May 9, 1682, to Benjamin Swett. He was slain by the Indians at Black Point, Scarborough, Maine.

II. Rebecca Hussey; born March 10, 1662; married 1683 Joseph Howland of Doxbury, who died June 15, 1695; she married again soon after, August 6, 1695, Samuel Collins of Lynn; she had by her first husband three children, as follows:

1. Jedediah Howland; born 1685.
2. Patience Howland; born 1687.
3. Lydia Howland; born 1689.

III. Mary Hussey; born November 8, 1665; married Moses Swett.

IV. Susanna Hussey; born September 7, 1667; married Richard Otis.

V. Ann Hussey; born May 14, 1669; married James Stangan.

VI. Hulda Hussey; born July 16, 1670; married Nathaniel Weare; she died May 2, 1701.

VII. Bathesba Hussey; born September 21, 1671; married Thomas Babb.

VIII. Christopher Hussey; born October 17, 1672. He had two children; names found in deeds of record in Newcastle. No known family records.

1. Eliakin Hussey.
2. Judith Hussey; married John Stoop.

IX. Hope Hussey (1); born March 19, 1674; must have died young, as Hope (2), the eleventh child, was born December 22, 1676.

X. John Hussey (1); born November 18, 1675. Died young.

XI. Hope Hussey (2); born December 22, 1676.

XII. Jedidiah Hussey; born March 6, 1678; married Esther Cooper. They had four children, as follows:

1. Sylvanus Hussey. Deeds executed by him in 1741 and 1742 make no mention of wife.
2. Jedidiah Hussey; "poor afflicted son." (See father's will.)
3. Rebecca Hussey; married Stephen Lewis.
4. Esther Hussey.

XIII. Patience Hussey; born April 4, 1679.

XIV. Charity Hussey; born August 4, 1681; married Samuel Garretson.

XV. A daughter; born September 23, 1682; died June 25, 1683.

XVI. John Hussey (2); born May 30, 1684. The Hampton records show him as deceased June 25, 1684. This is evidently an error and must allude to John (1) (X this table). The parents certainly did not name this child John while John (1) was living, so must conclude that John (1) died June 25, 1684, and John (2) was afterward named and that he is the son John that grew up and is mentioned in his father's will, made "full and sole executor" of same and was the father of Record Hussey, the great-grand-father of Hannah Hussey Pettit.

XVII. Content Hussey; born October 29, 1685; married Henry Laud.

XVIII. Comfort Hussey; name not mentioned in Hampton records. She was probably born after removal of family to Delaware.

THE WILL OF JOHN HUSSEY

Second Son of Christopher and Theodate Bachelder Hussey, and Father of the Above Eighteen Children

The last will and testament of John Hussey, of the County of Newcastle on Delaware, altho wake in body, yet competent and rasonable in memorie and understanding. I do give and bequeth to my respective children hereafter mentioned, viz.: I do give to my son, Christopher £00.s.10.d00. I do give to my son Jedidiah, 0£.10s.0d. I do give to my daughter, Rebekah, wife of Samuel Collins, 5£.0s.0d. I do give to my daughter, Ann, wife of James Stangan, £5.0s.0d. I do give to my daughter, Mary, wife of Moses Swett, 5£.0s.0d. I do give to my daughter, Susannah, relict of Richard Otis, £5.s0.d0. Daughter, Bathesba, wife of Thomas Babb, 5£.0s.0d. Daughter, Charity, wife of Samuel Garetson, 10£.0s.0d. Daughter, Content, wife of Henry Laud, £10,s0.d0. To be paid at the town of Newcastle by my excutor to this my will in curant money of the aforesaid county to my aforesaid children, being demanded to them or their order within three years after my death (deces). All the residue and remainder of my estate I do give to my son, John Hussey, and him do I make full and sole excutor to this my last will and testament. And for the full confirmation of all the above mentioned I do hereunto set my hand and affix my seal, this 8th day of the month called May, in the year 1707.

JOHN HUSSEY.

Signed, sealed and declared in the presence of:

HENRY SWETT.

WILLIAM DOWGERES.

SARAH SWETT.

Newcastle, February 18, 1707, is the date of Register's certificate, at which time the will is supposed to be proven or probated. Either this date or the date of the will is evidently wrong.

WILL OF JEDIDIAH HUSSEY

Son and Twelfth Child of John and Rebecca Perkins Hussey

The will of Jedidiah Hussey is given here for a two-fold purpose. First, to show the quaintness of the instrument, with the peculiar verbage of the day, and more particularly to show the names of his children, in order to establish the fact that the said Jedidiah is not in direct line of the progenitors of Hannah Hussey Pettit.

In reading this will it will be found interesting to observe the fact that Jedidiah Hussey must have possessed strong religious sentiments. The dating of the instrument shows that he was not a Friend, as many of his relatives had become previous to this time. It will be noted that he had acquired no prejudice against slavery or disposing of his slaves, as of other property, though his bequest to "Susannah" indicates a kindly disposition towards his "servants."

"In the name of God, gracious and merciful, Amen! I, Jedidiah Hussey, of New Castle, in the County of New Castle upon the Delaware, being sick and weak in body, but of wonted sound memory and judgment, praise be the Almighty for the same, and knowing there is nothing more certain than death, and nothing more uncertain than the time and manner thereof; do make this, my last will and

The following table is therefore prepared from the above data and others, subsequently obtained from various sources:

Said John Hussey had four known sons, viz.:

I. Christopher Hussey; born approximately 1712; married, September 5, 1736, Ann Garretson. They lived for some time at Hockessin, Mill Creek, Delaware. They removed to Cane Creek, North Carolina, where the wife died. Later he returned to the North, settling in York County, Pennsylvania, presumably in the neighborhood of Warrington Meeting, where his brother, Record, then lived.

Christopher and Ann Garretson Hussey had three sons and two daughters as follows:

1. Elizabeth Hussey; born July 6, 1737.
2. Stephen Hussey; born July 10, 1739; married, 1764, Martha Chambers. They had children, three daughters and four sons:
 - (1.) Elizabeth Hussey; born 1765; married Thomas Cox, Sr.
 - (2.) Sarah Hussey; born 1768; married Thomas Cox, Jr.
 - (3.) Christopher Hussey; born 1770; married Sarah Barker.
 - (4.) Stephen Hussey; born 1773; married Mary Underwood.
 - (5.) Joshua Hussey; born 1776; married Sarah Cox in 1798. They had issue four sons and two daughters:
 - a. Thomas Hussey.
 - b. Stephen Hussey; born 1804; married, 1829, Rachel Thornburg of New Vienna, Ohio. They had five children:
 - 1a. Edwin Hussey; born 1830; died 1831.
 - 2a. Isaac Hussey; born 1833; died 1848.
 - 3a. Martha Ann Hussey; born 1834; married Daniel Hill.
 - 4a. Silas Hussey; born 1836; died 1838.
 - 5a. John Hussey; born 1838.
 - c. Dricella Hussey; born 1806; married Henry Canaday.
 - d. William Hussey; born 1808; married Ann Clouser.
 - e. Nathan Hussey; born 1810; married Mary Hussey, 1831.
 - f. Sarah Hussey; born 1815; married Mathias Smith, 1839.
 - (6.) William Hussey; born 1780; married Mary Williamson.
 - (7.) Martha Hussey; born 1787; married Alexander Underwood.
3. Naomi Hussey; born February 2, 1742.
4. Ann Hussey; born July 27, 1744.
5. Christopher Hussey; born July 2, 1750.

II. Caleb Hussey; probably died in early manhood and soon after marriage. On August 16, 1735, Isabel French, relict of Caleb Hussey, quit-claimed property on Duck Creek, Newcastle County, Delaware, to her son, John Hussey. This son at that time must have been quite young.

III. Nathan Hussey; no records known to exist; his name is found in the

transfer of real estate on the Register's book in the County of Newcastle, Delaware. No mention of wife.

IV. Record Hussey; born approximately 1717; died 1785; in the direct line of the descendants of Hannah Hussey Pettit, and John Hussey of Sussex, England. At this point there is a great paucity of family records, giving rise to much difference of opinion regarding the lineage of the Hussey-Grubb branch of the family. There is, however, no question that the great preponderance of the argument suggests the line being through Record, the son of the said John Hussey; so true is this, we regard it a settled question. It is known that Record Hussey had one son and five daughters, viz.:

1. Jedidiah Hussey; born approximately 1740; direct line. See later.
2. Lydia Hussey; married Jacob Griffith, April 16, 1778, from whom were descended the numerous families of Griffiths in Western Pennsylvania.
3. Hannah Hussey; married John Marsh, May 5, 1789.
4. Edith Hussey; born January 25, 1778; married James Marsh, September 14, 1797.
5. Mary Hussey; married Elisha Hunt of Baltimore.
6. Miriam Hussey; never married.

Family records, made by the daughters, give their mother's name as Miriam and her death is recorded as having occurred in 1807.

Many inferences strongly suggest two marriages of Record Hussey, and that the son, Jedidiah, was a half-brother only of the five daughters.

JEDIDIAH HUSSEY

Born Approximately 1740; Son of Record Hussey of Warrington Meeting, York County, Pennsylvania

He is known to some of his descendants as Jodiah. This is evidently a misnomer. The early Hampton and family records all give the name as Jedidiah, and each generation in the line of John Hussey, the son of the emigrant, Christopher Hussey, down to the last half-century, show one or more Jedidiahs. He was married to Jane Penrose, near Union Bridge, Carroll County, Maryland, approximately 1764.

Jedidiah and Jane Penrose Hussey had nine children, viz.:

- I. Mary Hussey; born August 28, 1765.
- II. Christopher Hussey; born July 23, 1767; died December 23, 1851; married Lydia Grubb, daughter of John and Hannah Gilpin Grubb. They were the parents of Hannah Hussey Pettit. (See history later.)
- III. John Hussey; born 1769; married — Cloud.
- IV. Ann Hussey; born 1771; married Jonathan McMillan.
- V. Hannah Hussey; born 1775; married David McMillan.
- VI. Jedidiah Hussey, Jr.; born 1777. His home was at Warrington, York

County, Penn., where he died in the same neighborhood in which his father and grand-father lived before him. He married, first, Ann Vale, who died June, 1819; married, second, Mary Cookson; she long survived her husband and died January 20, 1879. He died October 9, 1828. Three sons are known:

1. Nathan Hussey, who had a son, J. C. Hussey of Camp Chase, Ohio.
2. William Hussey; in 1881 lived 15 miles north of Des Moines, Dallas County, Iowa.
3. Joel Hussey; settled and died near Circleville, Ohio, where his widow and six children survive him.

VII. Nathan Hussey; born 1778.

VIII. Jane Hussey; born 1781; married Richard Roumels.

IX. Lydia Hussey; born 1786; married Thomas Whinery.

At this juncture I will make some excerpts from letters written by Benezette Williams, of Western Springs, Illinois, under late dates, on the subject of the antecedents of the Hussey-Grubb family. He appears to be finally convinced that the lineage we are tracing is through John Hussey, the second son of Christopher and Theodate Hussey, and his descendant, Record Hussey, and not through Stephen Hussey, the first son.

There seems to be no cause for the uncertainty he has been laboring under save his inability, until recently, to definitely locate Record Hussey, together with the fact that any such a person as Record Hussey is absolutely ignored by the "Hussey Binns" Book (a work published ten years since by the grand-sons of Dr. C. G. Hussey of Pittsburgh, Pa.)

We must credit Benezette Williams with being an indefatigable and conscientious genealogist, and pre-eminently authority in the Hussey-Grubb family history. On all questionable matters of lineage he must be thoroughly satisfied before taking any decided stand. He writes as follows:

Chicago, Illinois, February 9, 1906.

Mr. A. H. Pettit, Portland, Oregon.

Dear Cousin: In reply to your letter of January 12th, would say that I have delayed answering that I might look up my notes and records to refresh my mind regarding your inquiries as to Record Hussey. You may or may not be aware that in my researches which have been considerable, from time to time I have never been able to locate him, or to make a connection between the generation of Husseys to which Mother Terrell and your mother belonged, and the line starting with Christopher Hussey of Hampton and Nantucket, the emigrant, from whom there could be no doubt they descended.

In talking with Edward Binns at the time of his visit here, some years ago, he satisfied me that the result of their research is probably right, though there are still questions which need authentic evidence to settle. From the information which I had prior to this, "Record Hussey," the reputed father of "Jedidiah Hussey," was only a phantom—there was nothing certain about him. I cannot recall the statements made by Edward Binns, as to the basis of their conclusions. I have, however, evidence at least of a negative character, that he may be right.

By reason of more recent correspondence throwing additional light on the sub-

subject, in the way of valuable and pertinent records, history, etc., etc., he becomes satisfied that the lineage is well established, and writes me again in part as follows:

Chicago, Illinois, March 29, 1906.

Mr. A. H. Pettit, Portland, Oregon.

Dear Cousin: I received your very interesting letter of the 24th inst., and am greatly pleased to find that you seem likely to make Record Hussey a reality.

In my letter of the 19th inst., I expressed an improbability of John Hussey, of New Castle, being the father of Record Hussey or the grandfather of Jedidiah, born in Pennsylvania in 1740.

I wish to correct any misunderstanding that may arise from this opinion. If it is shown that there was a Record Hussey living at Warrington, Pennsylvania, and who had a daughter married to Jacob Griffith in 1778, I should change this opinion. Indeed, at the time I wrote the sentence in my letter of the 19th, I made a slip in my mind, in counting the time between 1707 and 1740.

There can be no doubt that John Hussey, Jr., was of the proper age to have been the grandfather of Jedidiah Hussey, born 1740. As there is no positive record of his children, and as all the available records go to show that there was no other Hussey who could have been the father of Record, I would not hesitate to conclude with a fair degree of certainty that Record Hussey was the son of John, Jr. My letter of February 9th, was based upon the available evidence before me at that time, and also upon the probability of the "Hussey Binns" book, referred to therein, having authority back of it, making Jedidiah Hussey the son of Christopher of Nantucket, born 1706.

I have heard nothing from Edward Binns, and indeed I suspicion that the connection shown in their book is not based upon authentic evidence.

My wife confirms your memory, that the Hussey family always considered the Griffiths as relatives. She is very clear in this. I think this is a strong corroboration of Record Hussey being the father of Jedidiah.

Again he writes, under date of April 21, 1906:

In my letter to you, dated February 9, 1906, I expressed doubt as to Record Hussey being the father of Jedidiah, born in York County, Pennsylvania, 1740, and indeed as to there having been a Record Hussey. This arose because no trace of a Record had been found by me in any records, and because the "Hussey Binns" book referred to ignored such a person and made Jedidiah, born 1740, the son of Christopher, born on Nantucket, 1706.

To both of these considerations, I am now satisfied I attached too much importance.

The relation which we are seeking, between the descendants of Jedidiah Hussey, born in York County, Pennsylvania, 1740, and Captain Christopher Hussey, the emigrant, from Dorking, England, who lived at Lynn and finally Hampton, is comprised in the inquiries, was there a Record Hussey? Was he the father of Jedidiah, born 1740? Who was Record's father, and how does he connect with the original Christopher?

Considering these questions in their order and answering the first and second questions as one. I would say that the record, together with the information you have obtained, through Oscar Griffith settles it, that there was a Record Hussey who lived in York County, Pennsylvania, and who died 1785, forty-five years after Jedidiah Hussey was born. Independently of this, the cogent reasons you urge cannot be ignored. We know that all the children of Christopher Hussey, born at Little York, Penn., and who married Lydia Grubb and died at Mt. Pleasant Ohio, December 23, 1851, claimed that their great-grand-father's name was Record. Of course, there could be no doubt that Jedidiah Hussey, born 1740, was their grand-father.

It is seen that Christopher Hussey, the father of your mother, and of my wife's mother, was born in 1767, when his father Jedidiah was 27 years of age and 18 years before his Grand-father Record died.

As they were all living in the same locality at the time of Record's death, the grandson Christopher could hardly have been mistaken as to who his grand-father was, nor is it conceivable that his children should not have correctly carried in memory the name of their great-grand-father, particularly as they were all matured men and women when their father, Christopher, died.

I am decidedly of the opinion that there can be no doubt that there was a Record Hussey, and that he was the father of Jedidiah Hussey, born in 1740, and hence the great-grand-father of your mother and my wife's mother and of their brothers and sisters.

The two remaining questions as to who was the father of Record Hussey, and how he connects with the original Christopher, cannot be so positively answered with present data, though we can safely say that he was not a descendant of Stephen Hussey, the oldest son of the emigrant Christopher, who lived in Nantucket.

Record Hussey, who died 1785, whose son Jedidiah was born 1740, must have been born some time between 1700 and 1720. The descendants of Stephen Hussey, given in my letter of February 9, indicate that Record could not have come in this line. His children and grand-children are given, the dates of whose births show that Record Hussey could not have been a great-grand-son of Stephen.

None of the sons of Bacheider, Stephen's second son, were old enough to have been Record's father, the oldest one, Christopher, having been born 1706. With the line of John Hussey of Hampton and Newcastle the case is different. Any of the three sons who moved to Newcastle with him about 1695 were of the proper age to have been the father of Record. John's son, Jedidiah, we can eliminate, because we have a record of his children, and there is no Record among them.

The difficulty arises when we undertake to say whether Record was the son of Christopher, the oldest son, or of John, Jr., the youngest son.

After being thrown off this track by the showing made in the "Hussey Binns" book, and having made a thorough restudy of the case in the light of the information furnished by you, I return to my former conclusion, although it still seems possible that Record may have been a son of Christopher, the older brother.

It is to be noted that the first John, the son of the emigrant, Christopher, had a son, Jedidiah, and that Record in giving his son the same name was but perpetuating the name of an uncle and a cousin. In all the Nantucket line of Hussey through Stephen this name does not appear.

Very truly yours,

BENEZETTE WILLIAMS.

We now show an unbroken lineage of almost three and one-half centuries, from John Hussey of Sussex, England, to the descendants of Hannah Hussey Pettit. While this does not extend back into the misty ages of the past and to the days of knighthood with its armorial bearings, it does go as far as the generations can be definitely traced. There is no doubt the name Hussey originally was from Normandy, with more of a French orthography and pronunciation, but all extensions of this lineage to earlier years than here shown is purely hypothetical.

LINEAGE

JOHN HUSSEY OF SUSSEX, ENGLAND,

Born approximately 1560.

Married Mary Moore, December 5, 1593.

SON

CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER HUSSEY.

Born 1598.

Married Theodate Bachelder, 1629.

SON

JOHN HUSSEY,

Born February 28, 1635.

Married Rebecca Perkins, September 2, 1659.

SON

JOHN HUSSEY.

Born May 30, 1684.

No records.

SON

RECORD HUSSEY.

Born approximately 1717.

Died 1785.

SON

JEDIDIAH HUSSEY,

Born approximately 1740.

Married Jane Penrose, approximately 1764.

SON

CHRISTOPHER HUSSEY,

Born July 23, 1767.

Married Lydia Grubb in 1796.

DAUGHTER

HANNAH G. HUSSEY.

Born August 29, 1810.

Married Joseph Pettit, November 21, 1832.

DESCENDANTS

OF JOSEPH AND HANNAH HUSSEY PETTIT

To the Third Generation.

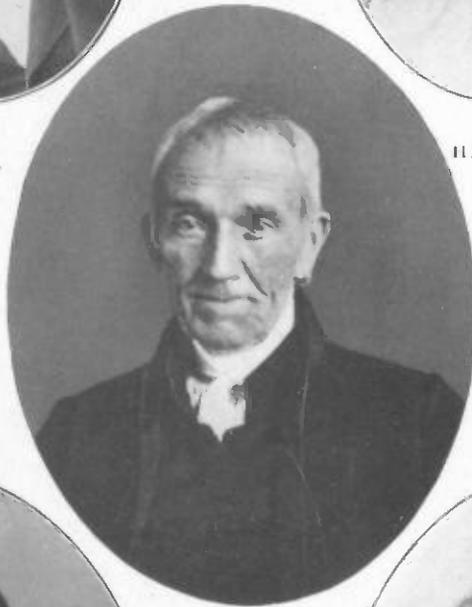
CHRISTOPHER HUSSEY AND FOUR SUCCEEDING GENERATIONS



HIS GRAND SON
CURTIS H. PETTIT.



HIS DAUGHTER
HANNAH HUSSEY PETTIT



CHRISTOPHER HUSSEY
(1767)



HIS GREAT GREAT GRAND DAUGHTER
DEBORAH LOUISE DOUGLAS.



HIS GREAT GREAT GRAND DAUGHTER
BESSIE PETTIT DOUGLAS.

CHRISTOPHER AND LYDIA GRUBB HUSSEY

Christopher Hussey, son and second child of Jedidiah and Jane Penrose Hussey, was born July 23, 1767; died December 23, 1851; married Lydia Grubb, daughter of John and Hannah Gilpin Grubb.

They settled on a farm near York, York County, Pennsylvania, where they remained (except a period while working at his trade, spent in Baltimore) until about 1805.

They then moved to the vicinity of Mount Pleasant, Ohio, to which place some of the wife's family had preceded them. Some of their descendants have insisted that they went directly to Little Miami, Ohio. This is a mistake.

They left Pennsylvania with the intention of settling in the same neighborhood that her eldest brother lived, on the Short Creek bottoms, near Mount Pleasant. On arriving there, they had but little with which to support themselves and five small children, the eldest scarcely seven years of age; and being surrounded by a vast and almost unbroken wilderness, we can imagine the prospect was gloomy, and are not surprised that they should become discouraged and determine to move on.

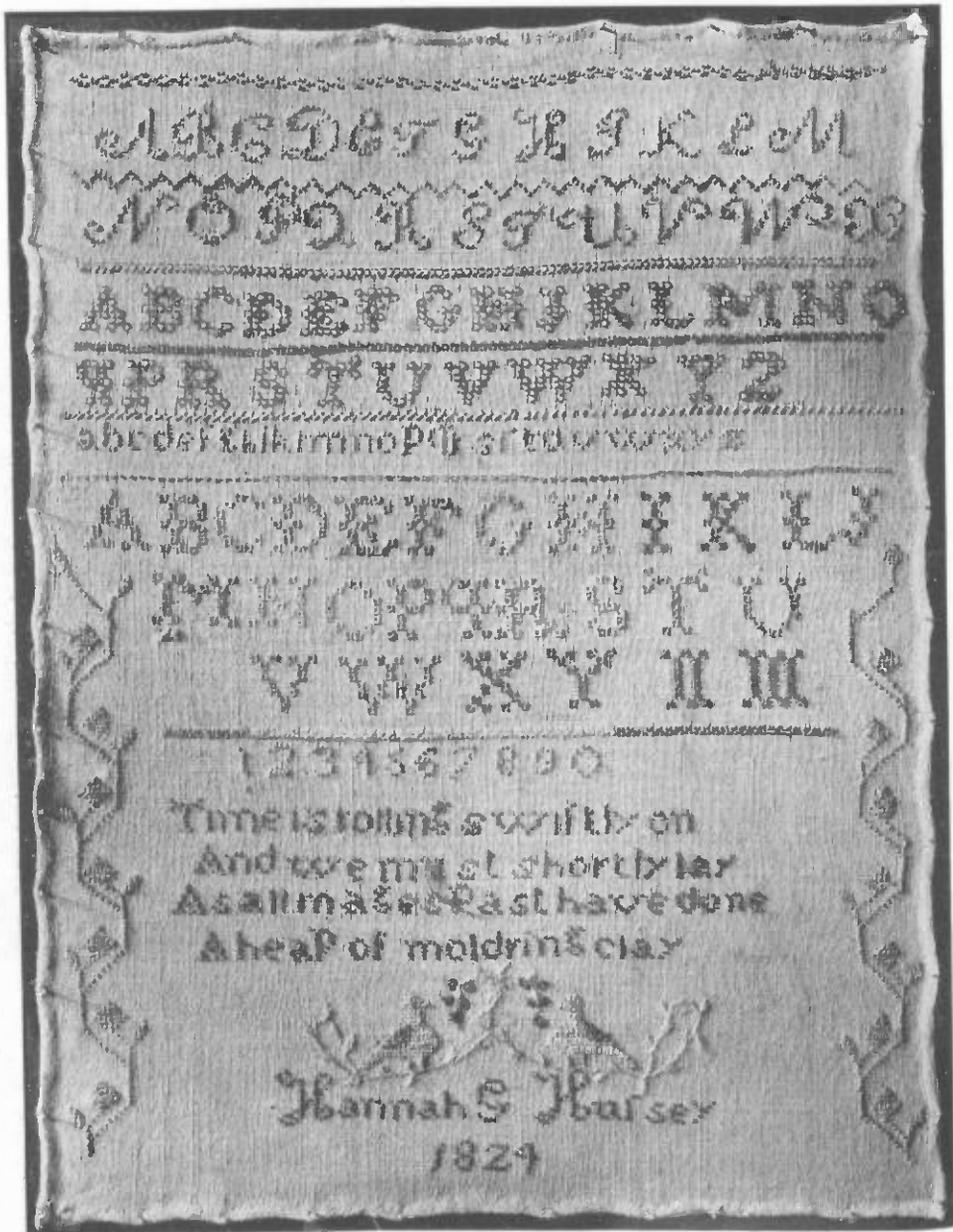
It cannot now be ascertained how long they remained on Short Creek, before going to Cincinnati. It is known they made the move previous to 1810, as their daughter, Hannah Hussey Pettit, was born at that place in this year.

It seems that Christopher Hussey, on arriving at Cincinnati, managed to get hold of a small piece of land in the immediate vicinity of Fort Washington, which then stood on the river, above what is now the foot of Broadway. It is to be presumed that he never realized much benefit from the occupancy or sale of this property, as they still found themselves very poor when a little later, the family gathered together their effects, preparatory to going up the Miami Valley.

Christopher Hussey, while living here, was drafted into the army a few days after the date of the signing of the Treaty of Ghent, but before the news of it reached this country. Cincinnati was at this period, a straggling little city of possibly two thousand people. The place appears to have supported at least one tannery. Christopher Hussey made the move, expecting to work at this business, in fact made arrangements with a tanner by name of Woodward, for steady employment at \$600 a year. For reasons now unknown the deal with Woodward did not materialize as expected. The family was consequently left in very destitute circumstances, and it has been intimated that his being drafted, was a relief to him in his straitened circumstances.

It might be remarked here, that before marriage Christopher Hussey learned the tanning trade in Baltimore.

Dr. C. G. Hussey (IV. child, born 1802) is of the opinion that his father some



SAMPLER
 WROUGHT BY HANNAH HUSSEY PETTIT
 IN THE 16TH YEAR OF HER AGE.

time after marrying took his family to Baltimore and worked at his trade, and is impressed with the belief that he himself was born in that city.

In the light of later developments in steam navigation of the Ohio and other rivers, of the country an occurrence took place, while the family resided in Cincinnati, that the older children well remembered as long as they lived. One Sunday morning the first boat propelled by steam on Western waters, was seen approaching the city. The whole population gathered on the banks to see the new craft. We imagine the wonder and astonishment, with which that crowd gazed on the strange sight and the predictions freely made that such a boat would not pay, nor could be of any practical benefit to the world.

On going into the army, Christopher Hussey left his family with but little for their support, which resulted in his brother-in-law, David McMillan, moving them to his home near Waynesville, in the Miami Valley. It seems that the father returned some time after the family reached the McMillan place, entered a quarter-section of land and began the work of making a home. After he had accomplished considerable in this direction, a counter-interest was set up by a "claim-jumper." While it is believed that his entries were all regular and legal, yet such was his gentle, peaceful disposition and great desire to avoid any trouble or contention, that he allowed himself driven off

the property. At this second crisis in his affairs the wife's brothers, Curtis and John Grubb, sent for them to return to Short Creek and occupy one of their farms.

This they did, living close neighbors to the Grubbs, with whom their mother, Hannah Gilpin Grubb, now dwelled, she having come West after the death of her husband.

Christopher Hussey was yet very poor on this his second arrival at Short Creek. His older boys were now of an age to be of great assistance. They all went to work with a set determination. The family was large but a happy one, and by



HESTER HUSSEY TERRELL,
IN HER HOME AT WESTERN SPRINGS, ILLINOIS.

the mutual exertions of mother and daughters, father and sons, they managed to live comfortably and much improve their condition. After a few years the family decided to take up some land for a home on the Cronotton River, one hundred miles west of Mount Pleasant.

The father and two sons, John and Curtis, went out and began the labor of clearing up the land. Two years, perhaps three, were spent by them at the work, living in a log cabin and doing their own cooking. They had gotten things in a fair shape to take the family out and occupy their own home.

At this juncture friends interfered, claiming it was not right to take the family into the backwoods, beyond the reach of society, and especially a great injustice to the daughters. The opposition prevailed and the move was abandoned. They continued in the same vicinity until about 1831, when they moved into Mount Pleasant, where the parents lived the remainder of their days.

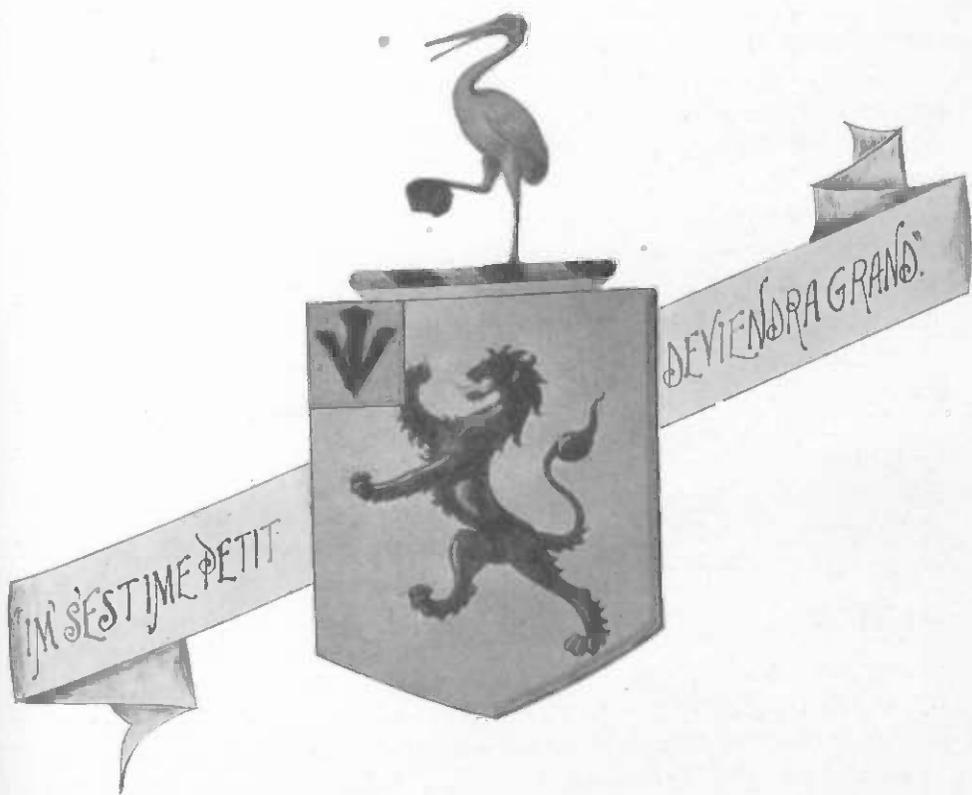
Such were the environments of Hannah Hussey Pettit, in her youth and early womanhood. Her lot in common with her parents, brothers and sisters, seems to have been one of privation and self-denial. Yet with all this, life became sweeter as their love and affection increased one toward the other.

The "Magazine of Western History" thus speaks of Christopher and Lydia Grubb Hussey:

"They were both endowed with many high qualities. The father had a splendid physical development, was tall and erect in stature, and of commanding appearance. The mental and moral character of his inward life was of the finest mould, and fulfilled every outward promise. To the logical mind and bright intellect of the mother were added force and energy, which was regulated by gentleness, amiability and the highest moral principles. The children could desire no better inheritance than the sweet and noble qualities of mind and person of their loved and honored parents."

Christopher and Lydia Grubb Hussey had ten children, viz.:

- I. Mary Ann Hussey; born, November 28, 1797; married, Mahlon Paterson; died, April 1, 1865.
- II. John G. Hussey; born February 16, 1799; never married; died July 28, 1868.
- III. Penrose Hussey; born, June 23, 1800; married Susan Wood; died, December 23, 1872.
- IV. Curtis G. Hussey; born August 11, 1802; married Rebecca Updegraff; died, April 25, 1893.
- V. Asabel H. Hussey; born, August 11, 1804; died, September 25, 1833.
- VI. Eliza M. Hussey; born, March 4, 1808; married Jonathan Binns; died, May 10, 1863.
- VII. Hannah G. Hussey; born, August 29, 1810; married Joseph Pettit, November 21, 1832; died, November 11, 1869.
- VIII. Jane R. Hussey; born, January 8, 1812; married Dr. William Pettit, April 23, 1834; died, November 8, 1895.
- IX. Hester G. Hussey; born September 27, 1814; married Matthew Terrell; died, June 16, 1893.
- X. Joseph G. Hussey; born, June 2, 1817; married Mary Potter; died, March 27, 1883.



Pettit Family In America

PART II

INTRODUCTION TO PART II.

I will refer to the Preface, Part I, and to the article immediately following same, "Pettit, Earliest American Families of the Name," as being equally applicable and appropriate to this part of my history.

"Part I" treats of those various branches of the family which trace their ancestry to John and Mary Hallett-Pettit, of Long Island. "Part II" refers only to those by the name of Pettit, who at this day are unable to establish the degree of consanguinity of their ancestry, to said John Pettit of Long Island and who early removed from the same locality or from the adjacent shores of Connecticut.

I am convinced that with an abundance of time at my disposal to search for and investigate old family, town and parish records, a grand progenitor could be found for most of the families herein mentioned, and John Pettit, the husband of Mary Hallett. I am of the opinion that two, if not one generation farther back, definitely traced would show the relationship existing between all the Pettits treated of in this work.

To the kindness of Mr. Henry Pettit, of Philadelphia, a great grand-son of Colonel Charles Pettit, of Revolutionary fame, I am indebted for much information concerning collateral lines, more especially of John Pettit and his six sons, who went into the province of New Jersey about the same time that the descendants of John and Mary Hallett Pettit were settling in Pennsylvania.

As will be seen, Henry Pettit is descended from the New Jersey immigrants, and has written a very comprehensive history of that family, which I partially reproduce, couched largely in his own expressive language, only adding thereto occasionally, as I deemed it necessary, to be more explicit, and omitting where he seemed to go into details, more minutely than is called for, by the scope of my history.

I cannot do more than to acknowledge the valuable assistance rendered me, by several others, in making "Part II" so replete in the history of Pettit generations, only connected with our own, through, as yet, an undefined and remote ancestor.

Particularly, I must mention Jonathan E. Pettit of Breckenridge, Minnesota, and Dr. Henry M. Pettit of Carrollton, Missouri, who have both been painstaking and assiduous in contributing all the information they possessed and could procure relating to the subject.

A. H. PETTIT.

Portland, Oregon, June 4, 1906.

JOHN PETTIT

Born Approximately 1690, and His Six Sons, as Follows:

- I. Jonathan Pettit, of whom later.
- II. Amos Pettit, of whom later.
- III. John Pettit, of whom later.
- IV. Nathaniel Pettit, of whom later.
- V. Isaac Pettit, of whom later.
- VI. Charles Pettit, of whom later.

About the time we find the Pettit-Hallett branch settled at Coryell's Ferry, Pennsylvania, we also find another branch of the family consisting of father and six sons, viz., the subject of this article, settled in New Jersey. The sons all became prominently identified with the development of the province at different points in the northern, central and western sections, as will later be seen by the perusal of the personal sketches of their lives. At what precise date John Pettit came to New Jersey from Long Island is not known, but must have been previous to 1737, as his son Charles was born at that date in Amwell, N. J., part, or all, of the elder children having been brought with him from Long Island. The maiden name of his wife has not come down to us, but she must without doubt have been a woman of marked character and ability, as each of her six sons became active, prominent citizens, leaders in their day and generation, some of them self-sacrificing, courageous and successful in the great cause of independence, which was pre-eminently the live issue of their day.

It is not recorded that John Pettit ever had any daughters. It would appear from cotemporary newspapers and books that John Pettit, after remaining in New Jersey for some years, during which time his eldest sons became settled at Hardwick, Brighton and other points in Northern New Jersey, that he himself removed to Philadelphia and engaged in business. Thus in the "Pennsylvania Gazette," August 7, 1760, we find the advertisement "Reed & Pettit," at their place of business in Front street, a few doors below Walnut street, directly opposite Mr. William West's."

Messrs. Reed & Pettit were among the prominent underwriters of Philadelphia, as they are found subscribing to marine policies, in respectable amounts, as early as July, 1759, as shown by Walter Shee's books, and as late as 1762 they are found in Kidd & Bradford's books. As Charles Pettit, youngest son of John Pettit, in 1759 was but twenty-two years of age, and is known to have resided until 1779 at Trenton, holding positions under the provincial government, it has been inferred that the above notice of Reed & Pettit refers to Charles' father, John Pettit, and

to his father-in-law, Andrew Reed, of Trenton, N. J. If so, John Pettit, after settling at or near Amwell, Central New Jersey, entered into business relations with Andrew Reed, and after moving to Philadelphia they were there together engaged under the firm name of Reed & Pettit as underwriters in 1759.

This will also explain the action of the son, Charles Pettit, in later life (1795 to 1806) when he took an active part in the organization of the "Insurance Company of North America," of which he was President when he died in 1806. Also as to the antecedents of the still later firm of the next generation, viz., Andrew Pettit (son of Charles) and Andrew Bayard (son-in-law of Charles) who were also for many years underwriters in Philadelphia, and whose personal action still affects the present generation through their inherited interests in the French Spoilation Claims previous to 1803.

JONATHAN PETTIT

First Son of John Pettit

As one of the original pioneers of Northern New Jersey, the incidents connected with the early settlement of Jonathan Pettit in that region are full of interest. Also we learn that his brother Nathaniel was prominently identified with the early settlement of Sussex, but more especially in Central New Jersey, Hopewell, Amwell, &c. Jonathan Pettit was doubtlessly born in Long Island and came with his father to New Jersey when quite young. He was probably born about 1722, as it is recorded that his next younger brother (Amos) was born in 1724.

At Newtown, New Jersey, October 5, 1853, was celebrated the completion of the first century since the settlement of that part of the province. The Rev. Nathaniel Pettit, rector of Christ Church, Bordertown, N. J., a grand nephew of Jonathan Pettit and a grand-son of his brother John, took an active part in this centenary celebration, being one of the supervisory committee for same. He wrote and delivered the ode at the beginning and pronounced the benediction at the close.

By act of 1709 the soil of Sussex was in the limits of Burlington County. When Hunterdon was erected into a county in 1713 Sussex was a part of it, and in 1738 when Morris County was erected the hills and valleys of Sussex formed a part of it. On the 8th of June, 1753, the Assembly of New Jersey passed an act "errecting" the upper part of Morris County, in New Jersey, into a separate county, to be called the "County of Sussex." By an act passed fifteen years later (1768) Sussex was authorized to choose two Representatives to the Provincial Legislature for herself. To this time she had been practically disfranchised, though her citizens were permitted at certain times, by the clemency of the King and graciousness of the Assembly, to go to Trenton, a long distance and no roads, to vote for Representatives who could in no wise be identified with themselves. Nathaniel Pettit and Thomas Van Horne were elected the first Representatives of the County of Sussex.

AMOS PETTIT

Second Son of John Pettit

Born in 1724 in Long Island. He was with his father, John Pettit, first in the central part of New Jersey, and of later years in Brighton. Like his brother, Jonathan, he is to be numbered among the pioneers who first introduced civilization among the wilds of the new country. He appears to have lived the unostentatious life of a farmer, but one of the more progressive kind, who, when the political strife between the mother country and her colonies reached its climax, in revolution, was found to be one of the patriots of the period, who stood out firmly for independence rather than servile submission to the crown, and acted upon his convictions, even if family ties were severed in consequence. His patriotism and integrity may be inferred from the fact that during the Revolution his two Tory brothers, Nathaniel and Isaac, were put in his charge by the committee of safety and their custody was faithfully observed until they were permitted to depart for Canada. All that is known of Amos Pettit's wife is that her Christian name was Esther. They had three daughters, viz., Polly, Matilda and Abby. The latter married Dr. George Wurtz, who had issue: (1st) John, (2d) Eliza, who married Lorenzo A. Sykes, (3d) George, (4th) William.

It appears that an uncle of Amos Pettit, a brother of his father, John Pettit, named Andrew Pettit, had moved to Canada before the Revolution.

He took his two children with him on horseback. It is known that he was visited by an Amos Pettit of New Jersey, but whether it was the above Amos Pettit or his nephew Amos is not now determinable.

If the latter, he must have been quite young and Andrew Pettit very old when they met in Canada. The farmers of Northern Sussex do not appear to have been as exact in their family traditions as they might have been, and during their family talks around their wood-fires seemed sometimes to have gotten the older generations "mixed up." In this case, the tradition about Amos Pettit of New Jersey visiting Andrew Pettit in Canada more likely refers to a visit made by Amos Pettit IV, son of John, to his first cousin, Andrew Pettit, son of Jonathan Pettit, who moved to Canada and raised a family there. The repetition of the names Amos and Andrew has caused a distortion of facts. A journey from New Jersey to Canada in the days long before the Revolution, during the life of Andrew Pettit, brother of John Pettit, would have been a very unusual thing for the purpose only of making a visit, whereas two generations later, after the Revolution, Amos Pettit of New Jersey might have visited Canada. Roads were then being made and the great danger from the savages along the route was entirely removed.

JOHN PETTIT, JR.

Third Son of John Pettit

Of Long Island and afterwards of New Jersey, was born June 13, 1726, and died in 1796. The descendants of John Pettit are the only ones of this name now remaining residents of Sussex or adjoining counties in Northern New Jersey. He married Mary Fisher of Amwell. The following table shows the descendants of John and Mary Fisher Pettit:

I. Mary Pettit; born January, 1769; married Alexander Huston; they had six children, as follows:

1. John Huston.
2. Sarah Huston.
3. James Huston.
4. Nathaniel Huston.
5. Elizabeth Huston.
6. Alexander Huston.

II. Nathaniel Pettit; born October 28, 1770; died single.

III. Samuel Pettit; twin with Nathaniel; married; had issue ten children,

viz.:

1. Sarah Pettit; married Smith; one child, Jane Smith.
2. John Pettit; married; they had three children as follows: Sarah Anna Bale Pettit, Mary Ellis Grover Pettit, Samuel Pettit.
3. Amos Pettit; married; had issue, Margaret Ann Pettit, Tyndale Pettit, Phoebe Ann Pettit, Samuel Pettit.
4. Elizabeth Pettit; married Laundry; issue six children, viz.: Samuel P., Obediah, Daniel, Hester A., Amos and James.
5. Phoebe Pettit; born —; died—.
6. Hannah Pettit; born —; died—.
7. Mary Pettit; married Strable; three children, Delphina A. Strable, Ellis Strable, Sarah Ann Strable.
8. Lavinia Pettit; married Wallen; had two children, George Wallen and Eliza Wallen.
9. Nathaniel Pettit; born —; died—; had seven children, Phoebe Ann Pettit, George Edward Pettit, Robert Pettit, Amos L. Pettit, John R. Pettit, William Albert Pettit and Thomas Pettit.
10. Mary Pettit; married Morris; had four children, Emma M. Morris, Guy Morris, Benjamin C. Morris, Phoebe Ann Morris.

IV. Amos Pettit; born April 24, 1773; died August 25, 1847; married Mary Rogers. They had two children, viz.:

1. John R. Pettit, who married and had one son, James Pettit.
2. James H. Pettit.

V. Elizabeth Pettit; born September 24, 1775; married James Huston; they had issue two children, as follows:

1. Nancy Huston; married Simpson, who had seven children, as follows: James Simpson, Helen G. Simpson, Edward Simpson, Charles Simpson, Mary Simpson, Sarah Simpson and Clarkson L. Simpson.
2. Sarah Huston; married Commins; issue five children, William Commins, James Commins, Agnes Commins, Ellis Commins, Charlotte Commins.

VI. Sarah Pettit; born May 13, 1783; married, first, James English, second, Philip Sheeler. They had eleven children:

1. Phoebe English; died young.
2. Sarah English; married Snook, who had four children, viz.: William Snook, Alfred Snook, Jacob Snook, Sarah E. Snook.
3. Lavinia English; married Opdyke, who had two children, Jane M. Opdyke and William O. Opdyke.
4. William English.
5. Elizabeth English; married Young, who had four children, as follows: Alfred Young, Ludlow Young, Phoebe Young, James Young.
6. Mary Ann English.
7. John English.
8. Phoebe English.
9. Alfred Sheeler, by second husband, Philip Sheeler.
10. Robert Sheeler.
11. Matilda Sheeler; married Smalley; they had four children, as follows: Sarah E. Smalley, Robert Smalley, Emma Smalley, Martha Smalley.

VII. John Pettit; born May 20, 1785; died December, 1831; married Phoebe Nixon. They had three children:

1. James Pettit, who had issue three children, viz.: James C. Pettit, Mary Pettit and Frank Pettit.
2. Nathaniel Pettit, rector Christ Church, Bordentown, New Jersey. He had three children, Magdlin S. Pettit, Hobart A. Pettit, Clarkson D. Pettit.
3. Elizabeth Pettit, twin with Nathaniel; married Coursen. They had three children, as follows: Laura L. Coursen, Winsfield Coursen, Roswell Coursen.

VIII. William Pettit; born 1788; died December, 1867; married Nancy Morrow. They had issue four children, viz.:

1. Sarah Pettit; died in infancy.
2. Mary Pettit; died in infancy.
3. Sarah Pettit; married James Hoyt. They had four children: William Pettit Hoyt, Henry M. Hoyt, Mary N. Hoyt, James H. Hoyt.
4. Robert M. Pettit; single.

NATHANIEL PETTIT

Fourth Son of John Pettit, of Long Island

The exact date of his birth and whether in Long Island or after his father removed to Central New Jersey, is not known, but judging from the records of his older and younger brothers, he must have been born about 1730.

Nathaniel Pettit lived an active life, holding prominent public positions under the government, and his name appears frequently in the Colonial records of the province. It is, however, with considerable difficulty that any connected account can be made out from the isolated facts and traditions which have come down concerning him.

In several respects the records and traditions seem to be more or less conflicting. There can be no question that his public career during the Revolution resulted in cutting him off, so to speak, from those other members of his father's family, who did not sympathize with him in his continued adherence to the government of George III. This is the only hypothesis upon which can be furnished an explanation of the fact that although he was prominent in public life of the times, his many family connections, cotemporary with himself, seem to have had but vague knowledge of his actions. He eventually moved to Canada, which accounts for so little being known of him or his descendants. The Revolutionary War made terrible breaks in families. This was unquestionably true of the different families of the six sons of John Pettit, of Long Island, and the separations which then took place, in the early days of the republic, resulting in creating interests in new directions, interests more immediate and urgent. The old affiliations seem to have in many cases been so rapidly crowded out that very soon even consanguinity was lost sight of. In the year 1833 a Mr. John William Addison Pettit, of McDonough, Henry County, Georgia, wrote to Andrew Pettit requesting information as to his genealogy with a view of obtaining definite data as to his own, or establishing some connection between his own and said Andrew Pettit's. It is supposed the reply sent was not very satisfactory, as the family seemed to be of the opinion, for reasons not now apparent, that John William Addison Pettit was a descendant of Nathaniel Pettit. A tradition exists among the Pettits of Northern New Jersey that Nathaniel Pettit, one of the six sons of John Pettit, was a bachelor. As already seen, the Northern New Jersey traditions relating to members of the family in Central New Jersey are very unreliable. There can be no stress laid on this one as to Nathaniel being a bachelor—the tradition applies doubtlessly to some other person of the same name. The events which led to the formation of Sussex County have already been noted. By an act passed May 10, 1768, Sussex was authorized to choose two representatives. This was confirmed by the King in Council, December 9, 1770. The confirmation was proclaimed in New Jersey in 1771, and on August 17, 1772, Nathaniel Pettit and Thomas Van Horne were elected the first representatives of the County of Sussex.

Nathaniel Pettit served until the royal authority was suspended in New Jersey by the adoption of a republican constitution on July 2, 1776. In the "proceed-

ings of the Council of Safety" is found under date January 12, 1776, that charges were made against Nathaniel Pettit, from the nature of which and from the fact that no further records are found of him, he must have gone to Canada with his brother Isaac about this time. It would appear that such a move was consistent with his record, showing an attachment to the crown rather than to the republic. He lived on a farm not far from where his brother Charles had resided in Amwell, which together with the fact that he and Charles were prominent in the same general assembly, at the same time but upon opposite sides in revolutionary politics, suggests a cause for the separation of the brothers and their descendants to the present time. There is nothing known of the descendants of Nathaniel Pettit, although they may be found at this day in Canada as well as in the States.

ISAAC PETTIT

Fifth Son of John Pettit, of Long Island

The exact date of his birth is not known, but, judging from authentic records we have of other members of the family, he was probably two or three years the senior of his brother Charles, and born approximately 1734. Of his early history nothing has come down to us save traditions through the descendants of his brother John in Northern New Jersey. It is, however, well known that during the proceedings which led to the Revolution, and in fact until after war was declared, while he still resided in New Jersey, Isaac Pettit remained true in his allegiance to the government of George III, and became, in the republican parlance of the times, "a rank Tory." He eventually became so hostile that the Committee of Safety of the province deemed it advisable to "put him in charge" of some patriot who thereby became more or less responsible for his conduct until he was "permitted to depart." His brother Amos, whose patriotism and integrity were well known, appears to have been the one selected to hold him "in custody," which was done until he was "permitted" to depart for Canada. No records are found of Isaac's family. Correspondence was evidently very meager between the emigrants and those who remained in this country. Political feeling doubtlessly had much to do with destroying the natural feeling of consanguinity.

The fact is the families became as strangers, and the succeeding generations were absolutely unknown one to the other. As appears from the preceding records, besides Isaac Pettit, the subject of this sketch, the following removed to Canada for political and other reasons: His brother Nathaniel and his nephew Andrew, son of Jonathan Pettit, and Durham Pettit, son of John Pettit, of Sharon, Connecticut, (of whom later).

We have also seen that Andrew Pettit, a brother of John Pettit of Long Island, settled in Canada not later than 1740, which move could not have had any political significance. We have no account of the migration of any others of the name from the provinces or States to Canada. There is no history or tradition of any Pettits immigrating directly to Canada from the old country. Therefore the conclusion that all the Pettits found in that country at this time, or scattered throughout the States, who trace their lineage through Canada are descended from one of the above. (See article "John Pettit, of Lafayette.")

Sir,

Philadelphia 2^d May 1780

The cases mentioned by the Assistant Commissary General of Forage in his letter to me of the 1th Instant, which I shall inclose herewith, seem not to be fully provided for by the Act of Assembly of this State, though they may perhaps by a fair construction come within the meaning of it. But as military Officers are not always the most candid exponents of State Laws, I request the directions of your Excellency and the Council upon this matter, which may relieve the Officers of the Forage Department from unjust censures on yielding due obedience to the Law.

I have the honor to be, with great respect

Your Excellency's most obedient
humble servant

Charles Pettit
A. S. Gant

His Excellency The President of the
Supreme Executive Council of
Pennsylvania



COL. CHARLES PETTIT.

CHARLES PETTIT

Sixth Son of John Pettit, of Long Island

The following is a sketch of the honorable and useful career of Col. Charles Pettit, prepared by Henry Pettit, his great-grand-son, who has kindly permitted me to copy same to be embodied in this work:

Charles Pettit, patriot and statesman of Revolutionary memory, was born in 1737, near Amwell, in the province of New Jersey, and died at Philadelphia, September 6, 1806. His tomb is in the grave-yard of the Presbyterian Church, west side, near Fifth and Pine Streets. He was active and prominent in public life, in his native province of New Jersey, while yet but a young man. Subsequently he took an active and leading part in public affairs, in the State of Pennsylvania. It was his privilege to live during those eventful and critical years, in which the American Colonies of Great Britain sought lawful redress for their wrongs, from the home government, and when after seeking lawfully, but without avail, they achieved their freedom and independence of the mother country. Under the Government of the Confederation of the States, he held public positions, and both officially and as a private citizen was zealous and untiring in his exertions, in favor of the adoption of the Constitution for the Republic of the United States, and in fact throughout his long and useful life, continued to identify himself with numerous patriotic civilizing and Christian works, tending to the establishment of law and order in the community in which he lived. His public career may be said to be marked by three distinct periods, viz.: First, while as a young man, when after having as a lawyer practiced occasionally in Sussex County, he held positions in connection with the courts under the provincial govern-

ment of George III. During this period he also held commission as aid-de-camp with rank of lieutenant colonel, to Governor William Franklin (commission dated March 8, 1771), and subsequently as aid-de-camp, with rank of colonel, to Governor Wm. Livingston, in the State of New Jersey (commission dated, Princeton, October 8, 1776). He was colonial secretary of the province of New Jersey under Governor William Franklin and ex-officio, held constant and intimate connection with that Governor during the latter eventful years of his administration. After the revolutionary proceedings of the Colonial Legislature of New Jersey, which brought to a close the Franklin administration, Charles Pettit was again appointed by Governor Livingston secretary of the province under the new government.

In the published records and archives of the province of New Jersey during the latter colonial days, we find his name frequently mentioned in connection with the proceedings of the executive, and in connection with the proceedings of the provincial assembly previous to 1776. During this eventful period, fraught with anxiety to every lover of liberty and Christian manhood in the colonies, we find Charles Pettit constantly co-operating to promote harmony between the colony and the mother country, and if possible by lawful and peaceful means, honorable alike to both England and the province, to prevent that terrible resort to arms, which the obstinacy of the King and the bad advice of his privy counsel finally rendered necessary.

The second clearly defined period of his public career commenced with the memorable year of the Declaration of Independence by the colonies, and embraces the period of the Revolutionary War and the years subsequent under the government of the Confederation. He was then in 1776 about forty years of age. At the immediate commencement of this period we find him providing for the safety and protection of the records of the Province which the assembly of New Jersey, by special legislative act had put in his charge. Soon after he was commissioned as assistant quartermaster-general in the Continental Army (March 2, 1778), in which capacity he rendered faithful and efficient service, especially under Major General Nathaniel Green, Q. M. G., at White Plains, Philadelphia, etc.

A formal communication and official acknowledgment on the part of the commanding general to General Washington, Commander in Chief, bears testimony to Colonel Pettit's executive ability, in behalf of the army during those trying times. An intimate friendship dated from boyhood, with Nathaniel Green, afterwards Major General in the Continental Army, was one of the controlling influences of his career at this period.

Their correspondence during the war, often daily, especially while General Green was chief of the department, in which Colonel Pettit was commissioned, is still full of interest, and manifests great cordiality between them as friends. Some of this correspondence has been preserved, also later correspondence of Colonel Pettit (see volumes containing originals in Bureau of Rolls and Library, State Department at Washington, D. C., and in the Library of the Philosophical Society in Philadelphia, of which he was afterwards a member). This correspondence still speaks to us of the self-sacrificing public spirit, and cordial sympathy and co-operation which pre-eminently characterized the true patriots of the Revolution. During this period, personal intercourse with General Washington resulted in a mutual friendship.

Their friendly correspondence continued until after the General retired from his second term as President of the United States.

An instructive and valued autographic letter from Washington, dated Mount Vernon, August 16, 1788, to his old friend Colonel Pettit in Philadelphia, is still in the possession of the writer of this sketch. It was written after Washington had retired to live quietly on his farm, and not long after Colonel Pettit had retired from active service in the Continental Congress as member from Philadelphia. It manifests the great interest which each retained until the very last in the state of the country, and shows their mutual regard for each other's opinions in such matters, couched in the respectful phraseology of the day.

The third marked period in the public career of Charles Pettit embraced his services in the Pennsylvania legislature and in the Continental Congress, including the important events contemporaneous with the discussion and adoption of the present Constitution of the United States. He was delegate from the City of Philadelphia to the state legislature, but was soon sent as a member from Pennsylvania to the Continental Congress. Subsequently, April 13, 1791, he was appointed commissioner from Pennsylvania to superintend the settlement of the accounts of the Commonwealth with the National Government.

These accounts had reference to numerous transactions between the state and the government during the war, which at its close were found to be in such a condition that by a special act of the legislature a commissioner was appointed to represent the commonwealth and take the matter in hand. Colonel Pettit, while in Congress, had introduced measures which looked to a final adjustment of the national and state complications, and was naturally the one appointed by Governor Mifflin, first governor of Pennsylvania, to further conduct the settlement as state representative. During this final period of official career, the great question relative to the organization of the Republic, by adoption of a constitution for the then confederation only, were engrossing the attention of all those true patriots, who had risked their lives, fortune and honor in the War of Independence.

Continuing their efforts for the good of the country, they now sought to place that independence, both national and international, upon a firmer and lasting basis. One of his contemporaries has thus recorded the position held by Charles Pettit in regard to this important matter.

He stated his objections to certain portions of the Constitution, with firmness, but recommended its adoption with candor, and it is known that he became the principal instrument of subduing the Pennsylvania opposition by his conciliatory conduct and forcible reasoning as a conferee at the general conference, which was held at Harrisburg previous to the ultimate vote of ratification. In the "Biographical Annals of the Civil Government of the United States During its First Century," by Charles Lanman Washington, 1876, a work issued nearly a century after Charles Pettit entered public life, we find the following epitome of his official career as it is found in public record: "Charles Pettit—He was a Revolutionary patriot; was a successful lawyer and was Secretary of New Jersey under Governor Franklin, and continued in that office under Governor Livingston until called by General Green to the post of Assistant Quartermaster General, and at the resignation of General Green was offered the position of Quartermaster General, but declined. After the peace he became a merchant in Philadelphia; was a member of the legislature and author of the funding system. Was a delegate to the Continental Congress from 1785 to 1787 and an advocate for the adoption of the Federal Constitution in the General Convention at Harrisburg."

After retiring from official life in governmental positions, Colonel Pettit still continued active as a citizen in the welfare and advancement of the city of his adoption. In 1779 he brought his family to Philadelphia from Trenton, New Jersey, and during the latter years of his life was comfortably situated in that city, identifying himself with many public measures for the development of industry and culture; as one of the trustees of the University of Pennsylvania during its earliest stages as a University, he was much interested in that institution; also was for some years actively connected with a Philosophical Society under the presidency of Benjamin Franklin."

It is proper to add to the above, the fact that twelve volumes of Colonel Pettit's correspondence with Generals Washington and Green, Governors Livingston and Reed, compiled by himself and presented to the Philosophical Society are yet in its library. Colonel Pettit was better known the latter years of his life as one of the

founders and President of the Insurance Company of North America, the oldest incorporated insurance company in the United States, over which he presided from January, 1796, until the time of his death.

It will be interesting to record that Colonel Pettit's connection with the Insurance Company of North America has been prolonged through his descendants to the present day—1892.

His only son, Andrew Pettit, was a director and leading spirit for thirty-two years.

His son-in-law, Andrew Bayard, a director for years, and his great-grand-son, Thomas Carlton Henry, elected a director in 1864 and Vice-President in 1880.

"Colonel Pettit was ever spoken of as a very handsome man, even in the latter years of his life; with his gold-headed cane and cocked hat and wig and queue, a polished gentleman of the old school in manners, carrying his finished deportment into his intercourse with all the children of the family and to the servants."

Charles Pettit; born 1737; died September 6, 1806; married Sarah Reed, of Trenton, N. J., daughter of Andrew Reed. The original marriage license, date April 5, 1758, is in possession of Henry Pettit. Their children were:

I. Elizabeth Pettit; born 1758; died 1816; married December 6, 1781, Jared Ingersoll, an eminent member of the Philadelphia bar.

II. Andrew Pettit; born February 22, 1762; died March 6, 1837, of whom later.

III. Sarah Pettit; born —; died —; married March 15, 1792, Andrew Bayard, son of John Bayard, member of the Continental Congress.

IV. Theodosia Pettit; born —; died —; married Alexander Graydon, author of Graydon's Memoirs. No issue.

V. Joseph Pettit; born —; died in infancy.

THE ARMS AND CREST OF COLONEL CHARLES PETTIT

The arms and crest used by Col. Charles Pettit during his official life, as Officer of the Court under George III, in the Province of New Jersey, and afterwards when Assistant Quartermaster-General in the Continental Army under Washington, and later as member from Pennsylvania to the Continental Congress, is thus given in a memorandum in his own handwriting, now in possession of his great-grand-son, Mr. Henry Pettit, who has kindly copied same and forwarded for this work:

Pettit Arms—Argent—a Lion rampant Gules on a canton Azure, a Pheon or—Crest. In a wreath Argent and Gules, a Stork, Arg. holding in the dexter claw a pellet—Motto "Im s'estime Petet deviendra grand" (He who esteems himself a little will become great). We find in the Encyclopedin of Heraldry that at different periods armorial bearings have been granted to many different families of the name of Pettit, the earliest of which was seven generations previous to 1362, through which time the "Bearings" are traceable, possibly to about the period of the Norman Conquest.

Petit Ardevora in Filleigh County, Cornwall. Ar—a lion pass (another salient) giv.

ANDREW PETTIT

Second Child of Colonel Charles Pettit.

The following biographical sketch of Andrew Pettit was written by his grandson, Mr. Henry Pettit:

"Andrew Pettit, only son of Colonel Charles Pettit, was born February 22, 1762. His youth was spent in Central New Jersey during the eventful period of the Revolutionary War, when as his father described it: "The family experienced so many afflictions from the approaches of the enemy, that they did not always have things according to their wishes." He was fourteen years of age when the Declaration of Independence was signed, by one who was to be his own father-in-law, and was surrounded by family interests involved in the success of the Revolution.

With the Treaty of Peace with England and the subsequent adoption of the Constitution for the Union in 1783, came the establishment of a merchant marine for the States, and firms were organized in the larger cities for commercial enterprises. During this period, when about twenty-two years of age, he visited England, rather an unusual experience in the sailing vessels of those days, the trip being taken to obtain a fuller knowledge of the old country and for self improvement in travel. In 1791, May 23, in Philadelphia, when twenty-nine years of age, he entered into partnership with Andrew Bayard, son of John Bayard, of the Continental Congress, under the firm name Pettit & Bayard, to transact mercantile business.

This firm continued in harmonious existence for many years. It was a representative firm of the period, and the business relations, especially as underwriters for the merchant marine gave them extensive intercourse.

Mr. Pettit was a Democrat, Mr. Bayard a Federalist. Although both were very strong in their views, they never allowed any political differences to affect their friendship or congenial daily intimate intercourse from childhood to old age. In this respect they were considered by their immediate relations, on both sides, as notable examples for good in the community in which they lived. In connection with their business matters, both received commissions to office from Governor McKean, who for such action, viz., giving a public office to a Federal (Mr. Bayard) was severely criticised by the ultra Democrats of his own party.

When spoken to about these appointments, the Governor, with characteristic assurance, replied by quoting from the Bible text, to this effect, "He who neglects to provide for those of his own household, is little better than an infidel."

When in business but a few months, Mr. Pettit married Elizabeth McKean, daughter of the Governor, on December 8, 1791, and in the next year, March 15, 1792, he and his partner became brothers-in-law, Andrew Bayard marrying Sarah Pettit, sister of Andrew Pettit. In 1793, Mr. Pettit through the mercantile marine interests, became active and greatly interested in obtaining the liberation of certain American officers and seamen, who had been captured while cruising in the Mediterranean by Algerine Corsairs, and confined to the prisons of Algiers. In 1801, Andrew Pettit was appointed aide-camp with rank of lieutenant colonel to Thomas McKean, Governor of Pennsylvania.

He held the position of alderman of the City of Philadelphia for many years. He was generally referred to in this connection as "Squire Pettit," and his political opponents were disposed to sarcastically dub him "The Immaculate," not being able to find any charges against his official career. On the death of his father, Andrew Pettit became a director of the Insurance Company of North America, which position he held for almost thirty-two years, until his own death.

Andrew and Elizabeth McKean Pettit had nine children, as follows:

- I. Sarah Pettit; born September 15, 1792; died May 16, 1851; single.
- II. Mary Ann Pettit; born December 21, 1793; died July 22, 1863; single.
- III. Charles Pettit; born March 31, 1795; died August 6, 1851; single.
- IV. Letetia Pettit; born December 24, 1796; died in infancy.

V. Thomas McKean Pettit, "Judge," born December 26, 1797; died May 30, 1853; married, February 1, 1828, Sarah Berry Dale, daughter of Commodore Richard Dale, U. S. N. They had seven children:

1. Elizabeth Pettit; born —; died —; married William Rouckendorff, Commodore U. S. N. They had issue two children: Thomas McKean Rouckendorff, George Reed Rouckendorff.
2. Richard Pettit; died in infancy.
3. Mary Pettit; died in infancy.
4. Sarah Pettit; died in infancy.
5. Emily Pettit; died in infancy.
6. Richard Dale Pettit; died 1873; single.
7. Sarah Dale Pettit; married, 1869, Joseph M. Wilson. They had issue two children, viz.: Alice May Wilson and Mamie Hessel Wilson.

VI. Elizabeth Pettit; born February 10, 1800; died April 29, 1884; single.

VII. Theodosia Pettit; born February 10, 1802; died January 22, 1866; married, June 4, 1839, Beaton Smith, M. D.; no children.

VIII. Robert Pettit (U. S. N.) See next article for biographical sketch and descent.

IX. Henry Pettit (M. D.); born December 10, 1806; died April 15, 1836; single.

ROBERT PETTIT, U. S. N.

Son of Andrew Pettit, and Grandson of Colonel Charles Pettit

The following brief outline of the history of Robert Pettit, U. S. N., is largely taken from the biography of his father, written by Mr. Henry Pettit, of Philadelphia:

When quite young Robert Pettit entered a counting house in Philadelphia. He remained here but a short time, leaving to engage in business for himself. The merchant marine of the country, being at that time in a flourishing condition, it was a common experience for young merchants to take cargoes of goods to foreign ports, dispose of them there and bring the foreign products back to the States. Those were the halcyon days of clipper ships. Robert Pettit although quite young made two successful voyages to Spain, touching at Cadiz, Gibraltar and other ports. For these voyages he chartered vessels with captain and crew, himself acting as supercargo. The taste and disposition for out-door life, thus developed, combined with a desire to remain near home, induced him in 1824 to attach himself to the engineer corps of the projected Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad Company, under Major John Wilson. The engineer corps was then put into the field to run the preliminary surveys for the main line of what is now the Pennsylvania railroad, through from Philadelphia to Pittsburg.

Robert Pettit remained some time with this company, and during the period traversed the levels, for the new road from the Delaware to the Susquehanna. It is interesting to record that years later his own son, Robert E. Pettit, was general superintendent of the completed road, with branches embracing thousands of miles of lines in operation. Later, as engineer, Robert Pettit was engaged upon the Croton aqueduct for the water supply of the City of New York. The financial depression about this time led to the stoppage of many public works.

Therefore, with a view to a more permanent professional career, he entered the United States navy as purser. His service in the navy continued from 1837

until the time of his death in 1878, during which time he went through every grade of his corps to the highest, being paymaster with rank of commodore when he died.

His first commission from President Van Buren, was dated April 6, 1837. Later in the same year his appointment was confirmed by the Senate, and the full commission issued.

After the Civil War, when the grade of paymaster corps developed and extended in the light of war experience, and the fuller development of the country, he was again commissioned in 1873. This commission dated from the 3d of March, 1871, as pay-director of the grade of commodore in the navy. His active sea service in many parts of the world resulted in his being well known in navy circles, and his genial kindness, combined with excellent practical judgment of men and things, made him very popular with his brother officers. As president of the board of examiners for this corps, which position he held for a number of years after he had retired under the law from active sea service: he came in personal contact, up to the very last, with the younger officers. His residence in Philadelphia (1509 Walnut Street) which he built in 1851, was, after his retirement, sort of a rendezvous for many naval officers of all grades. The younger men dubbed him the "Nestor of the corps," and up to the very last days of his life he was active in his own practical methods, in helping young men, encouraging them and aiding them by his influence and matured advice. His life was full of good deeds, unostentatiously carried out. Those who knew him best under varied circumstances have testified to his consistent Christian character and constant efforts for the good of his fellow men. Such a memory is blessed. When about thirty-eight years of age he became a member of the Dutch Reform Church, under the pastorate of the Rev. George Bethune, and, later on, of the Calvary Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia.

Robert Pettit was the son of Andrew and Elizabeth McKean Pettit and was born in Philadelphia the 19th of February, 1804. He died May 19, 1878, age 74 years and three months. He married, October 12, 1841, Laura Elmaker, daughter of Levi Elmaker, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania; she was born in 1813.

Robert and Laura Elmaker Pettit had two sons as follows:

I. Henry Pettit; born December 23, 1842; never married. See following article for biographical sketch.

II. Robert Elmaker Pettit; born November 30, 1846; married, November 16, 1875, Margaret Steele Blair who died March 6, 1884. He took a thorough course in civil engineering and rose rapidly to eminence in his profession. He first entered the Engineer Corps of the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Company. He gained rapid promotion until he was in 1876 made Superintendent of the New York division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and finally, in 1885, was appointed General Superintendent of the main line between Philadelphia and Pittsburg and its numerous branches, which position he now holds (1891). Robert Elmaker and Margaret Blair Pettit had two children, viz., Sarah Blair Pettit, born December 9, 1877, and Robert Pettit, born at Altoona, Pa., May 20, 1881.



ROBERT ELMAKER PETTIT.



HENRY PETTIT,
of Philadelphia.

HENRY PETTIT

Son of Robert and Laura Elmaker Pettit.

Born December 23, 1842, at Philadelphia. He never married (1893). To Mr. Henry Pettit I desire again at this time to express my gratitude for his exceeding courtesy in furnishing much of the material for that portion of "Part 11" relating to John Pettit, his six sons and their descendants, as also of the Pettit-Shourds branch of the family, the numerous descendants of which are found throughout the country. Henry Pettit has been particularly assiduous in his efforts to fix the common progeniture for the recognized heads of the families early emigrating from Long Island and the Connecticut shore. As I have heretofore frequently insisted, we now find him equally convinced that a close tie of consanguinity existed between all these early emigrants.

It is profoundly desired in the near future that some old room or rooms used for many generations as receptacles for that which had become cumbersome to their custodians may bring forth family, church and town registers, part or all, which will determine and fix a lineage back even so far as Old Ardover in Cornwall.

The following is extracted from "McKean's Genealogy," showing the principal periods and events in the life of Henry Pettit:

He entered the department of arts of the University of Pennsylvania in 1859 and is a member of the Delta Psi Fraternity, but left college in his junior year to enter the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and subsequently became an assistant engineer of bridges and buildings, taking a high rank as an architect and engineer. In 1869 he was granted a leave of absence to visit Europe, where he critically examined many of the more important engineering works of Great Britain, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Austria and France, with a view to general improvement in future construction upon the Pennsylvania railroad. After his return he designed the special form of wrought iron girder bridge, which has since been generally adopted by the road as the permanent standard bridge. He also designed many prominent railroad stations which were accepted as types of their several kinds. In 1873 he was selected as special agent of the Centennial Commission at Philadelphia to visit the Vienna Exposition. He returned with a large collection of plans, designs, photographs, detailed drawings, etc., not only of the Vienna Exposition, but of all the previous ones. When plans for the various buildings were called for, Mr. Pettit sent in designs for all of them, and his designs for the main building and Machinery Hall were accepted.

When the officers of the Centennial Commission were appointed in January, 1875, Henry Pettit was placed at the head of the bureau of installation, and upon him devolved the duty, not only of assigning the places for the exhibitors of the various nations, but the general direction and management of the numerous car-loads of exhibits, themselves, as they arrived. Subsequently, in January, 1877, he was appointed chief of bureau of management of the permanent exhibition.

While traveling in Algeria, during the winter of 1877-78, Henry Pettit was by the State Department appointed to take charge of the United States Department for the French Universal Exposition of 1878. Upon reaching Paris, he was received by President McMahon as the representative of the United States, previous to the arrival of Governor McCormic. He superintended the construction of the American Department. For his services here he was decorated by the French Government.

In 1884-5, with his friend, Mr. George W. Bacon, he made a complete tour of the world.

While in the East he made quite a study of Hindooism, in its relation to Christianity; the result of which was embodied in a work upon the subject and presented in numerous lectures, both at home and in Bermuda and other places. For his connection with the Centennial and the French Exposition, Henry Pettit was decorated with several orders, being a "Ridder of Olaf," from King Oscar of Norway and Sweden; a "Chevalier of the Legion of Honor," from France, a "Commander of Nichan Itikhar," from the Bey of Tunis, and "Caballeros of Ysabel la Catolica," from King Alfonso XIII. of Spain. The University of Pennsylvania also conferred upon him, in 1877, the honorary degree of Master of Science. He is a member of the Society of Civil Engineers, an associate of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, and a member of the Union League Club of Philadelphia.

For the last ten years he has kept bachelor hall with his friend Mr. Bacon in Philadelphia, their house being filled with numerous and handsome and valuable mementoes of their travels.

A few years ago he built a summer cottage at Island Heights on the Jersey coast, near the mouth of "Toms River."

Since the publication of the above, Henry Pettit, with his friend, Mr. Bacon, made the second tour around the world in 1890-91.

PETTIT-SHOURDS

In "Part I" of this work all that is possibly now known of the early generations of the Pettit-Hallett branch is recorded. So far "Part II" has been devoted to John Pettit, his six sons and their descendants.

The third head of an important branch of the family we designate as the Pettit-Shourds.

Jonathan Pettit and Mary Shourds, his wife, of the Society of Friends, resided at Tuckertown, Southern New Jersey, their descendants becoming identified with Salem and its vicinity. The exact date that Jonathan Pettit removed from Long Island to Tuckertown (Egg Harbor) is not definitely recorded, but is known to have been previous to 1740 and not earlier than 1715. He came from the vicinity of Newtown, where many of his name resided, and settled in Tuckertown, New Jersey. He located on a farm in the confines of Tuckertown, now known as the "James Downs farm," in Little Egg Harbor Township, Monmouth County. The site commanded a fine view over Great Bay and Little Egg Harbor.

It is not clear from the records that he was a Friend before leaving Long Island.

It is recorded that he was received into the Tuckertown Meeting (Little Egg Harbor) in 1750, and soon after married. His wife being a Friend, suggests that his marriage may have had some influence upon his action in becoming a member. At Salem, New Jersey, the particular volume of the meeting registers, which should contain the record of Jonathan Pettit coming from Long Island to New Jersey, has been lost. All the subsequent records are in good condition, and considerable data, as to his descendants have thereby been preserved. As above stated, he owned and occupied what is now known as the "James Downs farm." This was his home all the years he lived in New Jersey.

Among the list of the men, who were heads of families and were living in Little Egg Harbor at the time of the Revolutionary War, are found Jonathan Pettit and Adam Pettit. Adam Pettit is supposed to be a brother of Jonathan as also Jacob Pettit. Jonathan, Adam and Jacob all left Long Island at or near the same time that the two John Pettits removed from the same place. Adam Pettit, though the head of a family as above, could not have left male issue, at all events, there is no knowledge of any of the name descended from him. Jacob must have either died or else have removed from Tuckertown before the commencement of the war, as his name does not appear upon the list of "heads of families" above referred to. It is known that he, Jacob Pettit, married Mary, the daughter of Jonathan Gifford, of Tuckertown, at which place they settled.

There are no known descendants. There seems to be nothing save tradition,

and that of an unsatisfactory character, showing that Jonathan, Adam and Jacob were brothers.

At the same time there is no reason for thinking otherwise, or at all events that they were not closely related. They all removed from the same place at about the same time and settled in the same neighborhood.

Mary Shourds, who married Jonathan Pettit, was the grand-daughter of Cornelius Shoverde, a Stadtholder of one of the provinces of Holland, who at William Penn's suggestion and solicitation came to Philadelphia in 1684.

Samuel Shoverde married Sarah Harrison, of Philadelphia. He was the son of the above Cornelius and Sophiana Shoverde.

They had a large family of children. Two of the youngest located themselves at Tuckertown, one of which, Mary, married Jonathan Pettit. This generation had changed the spelling of their names from Shoverde to Shourds. Jonathan Pettit and Mary, his wife, also their son, Joseph, lie buried in the graveyard of the Friends' Woodtown Meeting, about eight miles north of Salem, New Jersey. There seems to be three children, only, of which any record is found, viz.:

I. Amy Pettit; born September 23, 1750; died —; married, 1787, Samuel Cawley, of Tuckertown, New Jersey. They had issue two children:

1. Jonathan Cawley, of Woods County, New Jersey; married Hannah Bassett, daughter of Joseph Bassett, Sr. They had two children:

- (1.) Amy Cawley; married Charles Lippincott.
- (2.) Samuel B. Cawley; no record.

2. Lydia Cawley; born —; died —; married Joseph Willets. They had six children, as follows:

- (1.) Samuel C. Willets; no record.
- (2.) Laura Willets; married Archelouse Phars. They had one daughter, Louise Phars; married Dr. Samuel Ashurst.
- (3.) Alfred Willets.
- (4.) Joseph Willets.
- (5.) James Willets.
- (6.) Lydia Willets.

II. Hannah Pettit; born September 26, 1753; died —; married, 1778, David Smith. They had three children, viz.:

1. Evi Smith; born January 13, 1786. He had numerous descendants.
2. Elizabeth Smith; born September 1, 1788; married Joseph Brick, son Samuel Brick of Philadelphia, and other descendants.
3. Jonathan Pettit Smith; born March 9, 1792; married December 12, 1815, Charlotte Wooley, daughter of James Wooley, of New-town, New Jersey. They had five children, viz.:

- (1.) Elwood E. Smith; born September 23, 1816.

- (2.) Edwin A. Smith; born July 26, 1818; had daughter who married Robt. E. Pattison, Governor of Pennsylvania.
- (3.) David Smith (1), born July 17, 1820.
- (4.) David Smith (2), born December 9, 1822.
- (5.) Jonathan C. Smith; born October 25, 1827.

III. Joseph Pettit. There seems to be a question as to whether Joseph was the second or third child. The Tuckertown record gives his birth as May 4, 1752, while the Salem records read May 4, 1756. He married Sarah Bassett, born August 10, 1759, daughter of Elisha Bassett, Jr. Joseph Pettit died September 13, 1801. Joseph and Sarah Bassett Pettit had six children, as follows:

1. Woodmott Pettit; record and descent later.
2. Rachel Pettit; born January 7, 1784; died January 13, 1803.
3. David Pettit; born February 23, 1786; died June 10, 1806.
4. Jonathan Pettit; born April 10, 1789; died February 25, 1863; married, first, Ann Wooley, mother of his children; married, second, Marie Stokes. He had six children, as follows:
 - (1.) Charles N. Pettit; born October 27, 1812; married January 5, 1837, Achsah E. Allen; no issue.
 - (2.) Charlotte Pettit; born April 7, 1814; married December, 1832, Benj. A. Shoemaker. They had issue three children:
 - Emma Shoemaker, who married Edward Grundy.
 - Anna Shoemaker; married — Ellis.
 - Mary Shoemaker; married —.
 - (3.) Huldah Pettit; born February 24, 1817; married September 26, 1839, W. S. Brown, son of Benj. P. and Mary Brown; two children:
 - Benj. Pettit Brown; born July 7, 1840.
 - Jonathan Pettit Brown; born April 25, 1843.
- (4.) Lewis Pettit; born February 7, 1819; died, single, 1889.
- (5.) Jonathan Pettit, of Morristown, N. J.; born —; married —; several children.
- (6.) Sarah Ann Pettit; born —; married November 4, 1841, Woodman Stokes. They had issue three sons, viz.:
 - Edward D. Stokes; died young.
 - Howard Stokes; born October 24, 1843.
 - John Woodman Stokes; born March 6, 1849.
5. Thomas Pettit; born June 17, 1791; died June 5, 1806.
6. Mary Pettit; born August 10, 1793; died —, 1865; married Nathaniel Hogbin. They had one child, Charles Hogbin, who died in infancy.

WOODNUT PETTIT

First Son of Joseph and Sarah Bassett Pettit

He was born February 27, 1781; married Sarah Jeas, February 22, 1803; he died March 26, 1858. Woodnutt and Sarah Jeas Pettit, as shown by the following table, had ten children:

- I. Rachel Pettit; born May, 1804; died May, 1888; married W. G. Beesley in 1826; no issue.
- II. Hannah R. Pettit; born 1806; married Davis Bassett; no children.
- III. David Pettit; born 1808; died 1876; married Martha Engle. They had six children, viz:
 1. Mary Pettit; died in infancy.
 2. Woodnutt Pettit; born August, 1836; married Sarah F. Ware in 1860; no children.
 3. William H. Pettit; born —; died 1862; single.
 4. Franklin Pettit; born August 21, 1841; married, first, Margaret Robbins in 1867; married, second, Hannah Thompson in 1883; three children:
 - (1.) Martha Pettit; died young.
 - (2.) William H. Pettit.
 - (3.) Anna Pettit.
 5. Hannah Pettit; born November 23, 1843; married Harrison Streeter; no children.
 6. David Pettit; born —; married Clara Kern; three children:
 - (1.) Fannie Pettit.
 - (2.) Martha Pettit.
 - (3.) Woodnutt D. Pettit.
- IV. Joseph Pettit; born 1810; married Caroline Pancoast. Joseph and Caroline Pancoast Pettit had four children:
 1. George M. Pettit (Artist); married in 1859 Mary Livezey. They had four children:
 - (1.) Joseph F. Pettit; born 1860; married; had one child.
 - (2.) Helen Pettit; died in infancy.
 - (3.) Caroline Pettit.
 - (4.) Eugene Pettit.
 2. Chas. C. Pettit; born —; married, 1867, Mary Rogers. They had four children, viz.:
 - (1.) William R. Pettit; born 1868.
 - (2.) Edgar Pettit.
 - (3.) Daughter.
 - (4.) Daughter.

3. Elihu R. Pettit; born —; married Mary D. Cooper; two children:
 - (1.) Clarence Pettit.
 - (2.) Norman Pettit; died young.
4. Joseph Pettit; born 1849 (D. D. S.); married Jean Sterling, 1887.

V. Samuel Pettit; died in infancy.

VI. Samuel C. Pettit; born —; died 1853; single.

VII. Annie Pettit; born March, 1817; married, October 10, 1838, Elihu Roberts. They had four children, as follows:

1. Charles Elihu Roberts; died young.
2. Woodmott Pettit Roberts; born March, 1845; died young.
3. Charles Roberts; born August 21, 1846; resides in Philadelphia; was member Select Council in 1888.
4. Hannah W. Roberts; born November 30, 1848; married, February, 1880, Charles E. Hopkins; issue Charles R. Hopkins; born January 1, 1884.

VIII. James J. Pettit; born January 6, 1819; married, 1843, Elizabeth Ridgway. They had three children, viz.:

1. Clark Pettit; born November, 1843; married, first, Mary Colson; married, second, Augusta Austin; five children, the last two by second wife:
 - (1.) Harry Pettit; born 1866.
 - (2.) Carroll Pettit; born 1867.
 - (3.) Charles R. Pettit; born 1871.
 - (4.) Austin Pettit.
 - (5.) James Pettit.
2. Ruth Pettit; born April, 1845; married Wm. W. Reeves, 1865. They had three children:
 - (1.) Preston Reeves; died in infancy.
 - (2.) Martha Reeves; born 1869.
 - (3.) Frank Reeves; born 1870.
3. Dillwyn Pettit; born 1847; married Martha Smith. They had issue two children:
 - (1.) Edward C. Pettit; died young.
 - (2.) Clarence Pettit.

IX. Ruth J. Pettit; born 1821; died, 1844; single.

X. Sarah B. Pettit; born May, 1824; married, December, 1846, Edward Cooper; had issue three children:

1. David Cooper; born September 3, 1848; married Susan C. Sellers in 1872; three children:
 - (1.) Anna R. Cooper; born November, 1872.
 - (2.) Kate Cooper; died young.
 - (3.) Samuel R. Cooper.

2. E. Courtland Cooper; born 1851; married Sally Crawford; have four children:
 - (1.) Helen Cooper.
 - (2.) Edward P. Cooper.
 - (3.) Albert Cooper.
 - (4.) Stewart Cooper.
3. William W. Cooper; born 1853; married Anna R. Hendry; two children:
 - (1.) Horace Cooper.
 - (2.) West Rulon Cooper.

JESSE PETTIT

In the early part of the present century, there seems to have been a Jesse Pettit residing at Flemington, New Jersey. I have been unable to determine, whose son he was, but apprehend he belonged to some one of the families of which I have already written, and is a descendant who has escaped all the records herein incorporated.

An unmarried daughter named Sarah was yet living at Flemington in 1882.

She did not know much relating to her father's family, who her father was or whether he had any brothers; neither was she able to tell certainly his native place, but thinks he was probably from near Hopewell, New Jersey.

Her father died when she was quite young and the old family Bible was lost or destroyed.

Jesse Pettit's widow Ann (sometimes written Sarah) is mentioned in the history of the Presbyterian Church of Flemington as a member in 1829. Also in 1849 Mrs. Amanda Pettit was a member. According to his daughter Sarah, Jesse Pettit was born approximately 1772. He married Ann (maiden name not known). They had three children.

I. Sarah Pettit; born March, 1800; single; still living at Flemington.

II. Margaret Pettit; born 1802; married J. B. Conover.

III. Mahlon Pettit; born approximately 1804; married Amanda, spoken of above as member of the church in 1849. Had a son, Joseph Pettit, living in Morris, Illinois, in 1882.

JOHN PETTIT OF SHARON

There is a third John Pettit to be considered, as a progenitor of a family, which made its way west through New York, instead of through New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

It is known that he removed from Stamford, Connecticut, to Sharon, in what is now Litchfield County, in same State. It would be interesting to know what induced him, or his father, to take the opposite direction from all the other Pettits, when leaving the Connecticut shore. There is nothing tangible known of the early life of John Pettit.

Jonathan E. Pettit, of Breckenridge, Minnesota, a great grandson, has rendered all the assistance in his power in gathering the data, which are embodied in this article. He is an old man 76 years of age (1892) and in very feeble health.

It is surprising, that in his enfeebled condition that his mind is found as clear and active as it is. The tradition exists in this branch, as in many others, that they are of more recent French origin than the Conquest.

Jonathan E. Pettit has in his possession a little autobiography written by his grand-father towards the close of his life, where he says, "I was born July 25, 1752, in the town of Sharon, State of Connecticut. My father was a descendant of a French family, who came to America in the days of Louis XIV, the tyrant of bloody memory."

John Pettit, of Sharon, must have been born early in the Eighteenth Century. It is known that he married Hannah Dunham, the daughter of Captain Samuel Dunham, who like his son-in-law, was one of the first settlers of the town of Sharon. He died approximately 1752. John and Hannah Dunham-Pettit are known to have had six children, viz.:

- I. James Pettit; died young and unmarried.
- II. Dunham Pettit, who went to Canada, and is frequently, throughout these pages, mentioned on account of his Tory proclivities.
- III. John Pettit; died young and unmarried.
- IV. Hannah Pettit; married Elishu Webster.
- V. Mollie Pettit; married Andrew Crocker.
- VI. Jonathan Pettit; born July 25, 1752 (of whom later).

JONATHAN PETTIT

Sixth Child of John Pettit of Sharon

He was born July 25, 1752. When an infant his father died, leaving the family in destitute circumstances. He was taken by his Grand-mother Dunham, with whom he lived until 14 years of age, when he left Sharon for the "Far West," stopping at what is now Saratoga, New York, and commenced to learn the trade of shoe-making. It is related that while here one Sunday he went fishing

and was quite successful. He met General Schuyler, to whom he sold his "catch" for two dollars. He loaned his master half the sum, and with the balance went back to Sharon, where he completed his trade. After this he again went West, and located at Sherburn, Chenango County, New York. This was probably during the Revolutionary War and about the time of his marriage. He was, however, settled in the former place but a short time, when the inhabitants were all driven out by the French and Indians. Jonathan Pettit and wife then went to Albany, where they lived for several years, as it is found their four eldest children were born at this place. When nearly 70 years of age, Jonathan Pettit wrote a history of his religious experiences. He and his sons were all ardent Jeffersonians and strong Anti-Federalists. He married in Saratoga, New York, Agnes Riddle, July 5, 1775. He died at Cazenovia, New York, March 2, 1833. His widow survived him a few weeks only, departing this life April 30 in the same year.

Jonathan and Agnes Riddle Pettit had eight children, viz.:

I. James Pettit; born April 13, 1777, at Albany, New York; married Lucy Phelt, of Hamilton, N. Y.; died May, 1849, at Fredonia, same State. They had twelve children, as follows:

1. Samantha Pettit.
2. Sophrona Pettit.
3. Heber Pettit; married Uretta Sweet.
4. James Pettit; married Sarah Hill.
5. Lucy Pettit; died young.
6. Elvora Pettit; married James Delvin.
7. Harriet Pettit; married Harlay Handy.
8. William Pettit; died young.
9. William Pettit.
10. Charles Pettit.
11. Melancton Pettit.
12. Lucy Pettit.

II. George Pettit; born January 13, 1780. See following article for biography and descent.

III. Jonathan Pettit, Jr.; born at Albany, New York, January 31, 1782; married, first, Eleonor Stebbens of Sherburn, N. Y.; married, second, Ann Howell. He died March 20, 1811. They had three children, viz.:

1. Samuel Pettit; probably settled in Ohio.
2. Stalvina Pettit.
3. Angelina Pettit, daughter of second wife.

IV. David Pettit; born February 11, 1784, at Albany, New York; married Asinath Elms, of Fabius, New York. He settled at, or near, Belfountain, Ohio, at which place he died. There is nothing known of his family, except a daughter, Leonora, born in Fabius before removing west.

V. Melancton Smith Pettit; born August 13, 1787, at Saratoga; died at Cannonsburg, Pa. He is known to have been a physician and surgeon of repute; was with General Andrew Jackson in his Indian campaigns, possibly as a

surgeon, although quite young at the time. No record of his marriage, death or descent.

VI. Eber M. Pettit; born 1789; died 1791.

VII. John R. Pettit; born July 25, 1792, at Burlington, New York; married Hulda Gleason; some of their descendants settled in or about Muscatine, Iowa. It is known there were at least four children, but find only the names of two, as follows: Malvina Pettit and Samuel Pettit.

VIII. Agnes Pettit; born 1795; married, October, 1816, Patrick S. Sinnot, of Fabius, New York. Seven children.

GEORGE PETTIT

Second son above, was born January 13, 1780, at Albany, New York; died August 9, 1866. He was married, first, to Elizabeth Sweatland, of Hamilton, N. Y., January 18, 1804; she deceased May 4, 1811; of this marriage was born his four eldest children. He married, second, Jane Upfold, March 19, 1812, at Fabius, New York; she died April 2, 1828. There were born to them eight children. He married, third, Mrs. Sally Booth, February 5, 1829; she died October, 1860; one son was the issue of this marriage. He married, fourth, when nearly 85 years of age, Mrs. Annie (Riese) Miller, of Fabius, New York, October 16, 1864. He survived this marriage almost two years.



GEORGE PETTIT.

George Pettit seems to have been a man of prominence in his time and locality; was known as Major Pettit, and had some military service during the war of 1812-15, notably at Sacket's Harbor. He was a member for several terms of the New York General Assembly between the years 1821 and 1837. After this for fifteen years he was Associate Judge of the

Common Pleas Court by gubernatorial appointment. After his first marriage he seems to have located on a farm of two hundred and fifty acres adjoining Fabius, in Onondaga County, New York, a few miles south of Syracuse. After living on this same farm 62 years, he died in the eighty-seventh year of his age. His son, Jonathan E. Pettit, who was at this time 76 years old and in very feeble health, writes in 1892, as follows:

In 1860 my father's third wife died, he being over 80 years of age. He had lived a long and useful and active life, always public spirited, upright and just in his dealings.

While this man's memory I must revere, as one of the most affectionate and conscientious of fathers, yet the strange romance of his last few years, when in his dotage, taking the fourth wife, is the enigma of my life.

George Pettit had twelve children:

I. Elizabeth Gould Pettit; born November 14, 1804; died August 23,

II. George C. Pettit; born August 9, 1807; married, first Harriet Benedict, October 28, 1828; married, second, Harriet Spencer, 1836. There were born to them four children:

1. Charlotte E. Pettit; married Dr. Green.
2. Elizabeth A. Pettit; probably died young.
3. Elizabeth Pettit; born February 12, 1850; died November 24, 1853.
4. A son.

III. Albert Gallatin Pettit; born August 30, 1809; died December 24, 1810.

IV. Elizabeth Jane Pettit; born October 14, 1810; married at Fabius, January 17, 1833, Elbridge Gerry Benedict.

V. Jonathan Edmund Pettit. See following sketch for biography and descent.

VI. Harriet Emeline Pettit; born May 21, 1818; married Rev. William Corbin May 31, 1839, at Fabius, New York; died at Logansport, Indiana, October 2, 1841; had one child, Henry Pettit Corbin; born January 24, 1841.

VII. John Upfold Pettit; born at Fabius, N. Y., September 11, 1820. See later sketch for history and descent.

VIII. A son; born January 28, 1822; died in infancy.

IX. Mary Ann Pettit; born January 9, 1823; married Lorenzo Hellron, June 23, 1841.

X. Milton Howard Pettit; born October 22, 1826; married Caroline D. Marsh, at Paris, Wisconsin, March 25, 1847; died 1873. He was a successful business man of Kenosha, Wis.; also quite a politician of his day, and was at the time of his death Lieutenant-Governor of the state. Milton and Caroline Marsh Pettit had one son, Ossian M. Pettit, who succeeded his father in business, and is at this time (1892) Mayor of the city of Kenosha. He married Alma E. Robertson, October 25, 1877. They have three children, viz.:

- (1.) Frances O. Pettit.
- (2.) Elizabeth Pettit.
- (3.) Carrie Pettit; born May 7, 1880.

XI. Ossian Columbus Pettit; born December 24, 1827; died May 4, 1829.

XII. Ossian Columbus Pettit (2), born December 17, 1829.



MILTON H. PETTIT,
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF WISCONSIN.



JONATHAN E. PETTIT

Fifth Child of George Pettit

Was born at Fabius, Onondaga County, New York, September 15, 1816. He married Lucia Peck, October 4, 1840. They first settled in Logansport, Indiana, where his brother-in-law, Rev. William Corbin, had located.

They remained here three or four years, when at the urgent request of his father, he returned to New York and took charge of the old homestead, the father being anxious to withdraw from the active care of the farm.

They made the trip from Logansport to Fabius with a wagon and team. His wife died December 31, 1875. He still survives her and now (1893) resides in

Breckenridge, Minnesota, a desolate and cheerless old man; his wife and all their children dead, and no one left to comfort him in his old age.

They had six children. All save the youngest grew up to manhood and womanhood, to be cut off in the prime of life.

Besides the six children, they raised a foster-son, the child of his sister, Harriet E. Pettit-Corbin. He, too, is taken from his adopted parents in early life, having enlisted in the 114th New York Volunteers. He was made Lieutenant and was killed at Port Hudson.

Their children were:

I. Ann H. Pettit; born July 29, 1841, at Logansport, Indiana; married, September 25, 1867, E. Spaulding; died November 3, 1871.

II. George D. Pettit; born at Fabius, N. Y., September 22, 1844; died August 12, 1872.

III. John B. Pettit; born July 19, 1848; married Nell D. Scott, of Toledo, Ohio; died at Thomasville, Georgia, April 11, 1884. They had one child, Nellie Pettit, born June, 1883, now living with her widowed mother in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

IV. James H. Pettit; born February 6, 1851; died at Waseca, Minn., March 7, 1881; married Addie A. Yont, approximately 1876. They had one son, George D. Pettit, born 1878; he is living with his mother at Englewood, Ill. (1893).

V. Harriet E. Pettit; born August 5, 1853; died November 10, 1883; married at Kenosha, Wis., December 21, 1881, to Marcus L. Penoyer, of Little Falls, New York.

VI. Fred Lorezo Pettit; born October 18, 1856; died June 10, 1866.

VII. Henry Pettit Corbin, adopted son referred to above; son of Harriet E. Pettit Corbin; born January 24, 1841; was killed June 14, 1863, at Port Hudson, La., in the first charge of the 114th New York Volunteers, while scaling the enemy's fortifications.

Washington, July 3rd 1856.
11 P. M.

Dear Bro.

We have, on this mornng, elected Banks Speaker under the plurality rule - Vote 153 to 100.

Prudence tells us that we are now out of the woods.

We, Washburn and self are in very fair health.

We shall hear from you in a day or two.

Love to family, and your self, father and Dr. Stephens family.

Yours truly

John Upfold Pettit



JOHN UPFOLD PETTIT

Seventh Child of George Pettit

Born at Fabius, New York, September 11, 1820; married Julia Brenton, of Fort Wayne, Indiana. He died March 21, 1881. He studied law in the office of Daniel Pratt, Logansport, Ind. Afterwards establishing himself in Wabash, same state.

For thirty years, to the time of his death, he was active in public life; was appointed consul to one of the Brazilian ports in 1851 by President Taylor. On his return from Brazil he received the appointment of Circuit Judge, which position he filled until elected to Congress on the Anti-Kansas-Nebraska platform, and was twice re-elected, serving until March, 1861. The autographic letter herewith announces the victory won by the anti-slavery forces in its remarkable contest for the Speakership of the National House of Representatives in 1856. N. P. Banks has just been declared elected and Mr. Pettit calls on his brother to "rejoice with us, that we are now out of the woods."

Mr. Banks' election, as is well known, was only accomplished after a memorable contest of more than four months and by abolishing a time-honored rule and substituting a plurality for a majority vote necessary to elect. He made himself very prominent in Congress and before the country by his opposition to the repeal of the Missouri compromise and to all the pro-slavery issues growing out of same. He was chairman of the committee to investigate the charge of fraud in sale of the Fort Snelling reservation by Secretary Floyd to Franklin Steele. After the close of his Congressional career, he was again elected Circuit Judge and remained on the bench the remainder of his life.

John Upfold and Julia Breton Pettit had six children, as follows:

(1) O. H. B. Pettit; (2) Nellie Pettit; (3) Henry C. Pettit; (4) Elizabeth H. Pettit; (5) Jane U. Pettit; (6) Mary Pettit.

JAMES PETTIT

And His Descendants

In October, 1895, I received a letter from Dr. H. M. Pettit, of Carrollton, Missouri. He seems to have learned of and to have become very much interested in my genealogical research, and he manifested such interest in the subject, that a considerable correspondence ensued, from which I have gathered all the details for the compilation of the article relating to this important branch of the Pettit family.

He insists that his family is of comparatively recent French origin and emigrated directly to this country, citing much tradition, as handed down from generation to generation in support of his opinion.

It is the same old story existing with people of the name wherever found and to whatever branch they may belong. I can have no doubt that his ancestors are as purely English, as the early Pettits, who settled in Connecticut and Long Island. There is an understanding with the older living representatives of this family that a relationship existed between them and William Fisher Packer, Governor of Pennsylvania. Mr. Packer was the grand-son of Sarah Pettit Bye, a grand-daughter of John and Mary Hallet-Pettit. Conceding this relationship, we might conclude that James Pettit may have been a son of the said John and Mary Hallett-Pettit, of Newtown, Long Island. Again a similarity in nomenclature to the Pettit-Hallett and other branches is observed and is very suggestive.

In the light of all the facts which seem possible to gather at this late day, it seems necessary to look beyond Colonial times for common ancestry, or at least close consanguinity, for all the early families of Pettits, this one included. Notwithstanding all this, it will be interesting to read Dr. Pettit's relation of tradition extant in his family. It is a pretty romance, and I can only regret that it must be dissipated by the light of investigation. He writes me under date of January 20, 1896, as follows:

Our family were Huguenots in France, and during persecutions one of them, a minister, was burned at the stake, together with his daughter-in-law, a widow. An interesting incident connected with this was that a priest held up the young child of the woman's before her and by it abjured her to recant, but she refused; this child and these martyrs are my ancestors.

A son of the minister escaped with his dead brother's family into Switzerland; thence by the way of Holland, they eventually made their way to America, landing at Philadelphia.

Another family of kinsmen coming about the same time, reached Charleston, South Carolina; these latter retained the sound of their name, but its orthography was ultimately lost and it became Poteet. Tradition says there were three boys in the family, which came to Philadelphia, one of whom went to New York, another went west into Pennsylvania, and the third lived and died in Philadelphia, unmarried. The Pennsylvania brother, who was the youngest, is our ancestor, and from the two

boys it is claimed all the Pettits, who so spell their names are descended, except an Irish family, who came to this country in the thirties. Singularly enough this family have the same crest, which has been held by ours, viz., a hand holding a hunting horn. It is also stated that one of the family of Huguenots, recanted, became a Roman Catholic, and was given all the family estate.

Dr. Pettit has learned no definite history of his great-grand-father, James Pettit, further than that his wife's maiden name was Martha McCune.

They probably lived in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, as it is known that she died in that locality. Later he deceased near Wheeling, Virginia, at William Pettit's, his grand-son. There is a record of nine children:

I. Thomas Darling Pettit; born March 28, 1757; married Margaret Pratt March 8, 1787; removed to Kentucky; had two children; no further record.

II. Sarah Pettit; born September 26, 1760; died August 26, 1777.

III. James Pettit; born February 28, 1762; married Catharine Lewis, February, 1794; had son, William Pettit, who settled in vicinity of Wheeling, Virginia.

IV. Priscilla Pettit; born August 30, 1765; married Robert Lafferty, May 12, 1789. Lived in Indiana County, Pennsylvania. Have numerous descendants, among whom is a grand-daughter, Miss Nannie Lafferty, now residing 6111 Alder street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

V. Alexander Pettit; born March 1, 1767; married, February 19, 1789, Rosana Nixon. Had several children; three sons only grew to manhood, viz.:

1. Absalom Pettit; lived in Warrentown, Miss. He had several children, among whom is Dr. Absalom Pettit, now practicing medicine in New Orleans; also a daughter, Rosa Pettit; another daughter entered a convent; still another married an attorney in New Orleans.

2. Alexander Hamilton Pettit, practiced medicine in Evansville, Ind., and vicinity for many years, at which he accumulated a nice competency. (The writer met the doctor in Gosport, Ind., about 1865 under peculiar circumstances. He had just married his second wife, a young woman in that locality. Several packages, including a trunk and some money from Evansville, addressed to A. H. Pettit were delivered to me by the express company. The mystery was not explained for several days when the above Alexander Hamilton Pettit appeared on the scene with letters of introduction and claimed his property. I subsequently became well and favorably acquainted with the doctor.)

3. William Pettit; lived in Natchez, Miss.; was killed in a riot. Left two daughters, now Mrs. Turpie and Mrs. Bingham.

VI. Samuel Pettit; born February 4, 1770; died July 5, 1791.

VII. William Pettit. See biographical sketch and record descendants later.

VIII. Mary Pettit; born March 11, 1775; married William Nixon, February 26, 1790; lived at Marietta, Ohio. They had eight children.

IX. Elizabeth Pettit; born December 11, 1777; married Jonathan Smith. Lived and died in Mercer County, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM PETTIT

Son and Seventh Child of James and Martha McCune Pettit

Born May 8, 1773; died July 1, 1836. His grand-daughter, Mrs. Jennie Boulton, of Franklin, Pa., writes: "Old ladies who knew him well have told me that grand-pa was a polished gentleman, kind, jovial and very fond of ladies' society.

"No social event was complete without him. He was active in politics. A Democrat, active in the church, a Presbyterian, took part in all public meetings. His name occurs in a temperance meeting in 1832 as vice-president.

"He came from Frederick County, Md., in 1794, to develop a water power for a Mr. McClellan, in Centre County, Pennsylvania. In 1807 he moved to Bellefonte, Penn., and built a stone residence, which is a very respectable dwelling even now, and probably was gorgeous in its day. He was Register and Recorder of Centre County from 1824 until his death. The history of Centre County, Pennsylvania, says: "He was universally respected for his honesty and integrity and beloved for his amenity of manners and kindness of heart."

William Pettit married, September 25, 1794, Anna McEwen. Had issue:

I. Elizabeth Pettit; born September 24, 1795; died May 25, 1869; married Josiah Alexander.

II. Samuel Pettit; born October 8, 1796; married Jane Flemming. Their issue was:

1. Samuel Pettit; now lives in Florida, at Marco, Lee County (1895).
2. Mary Jane Pettit; married Joseph Hays, of Cedar Springs, Pa. She died about 1893. They had two sons and two daughters.
3. Annabel Pettit.
4. William Pettit.

III. Henry McEwen Pettit; born August 6, 1800. Biographical sketch and descent later.

IV. Anna Pettit; born March 27, 1802; married Charles MacBride June 5, 1831; died 1891.

V. Isabella Pettit; born October 8, 1804; died November 23, 1879; never married. She deceased at the home of her niece, Mary Jane Pettit Hays, Cedar Springs, Clinton County, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Boulton writes of her aunt, Isabella: "She had a lovely character; was unselfishly devoted to the families of her brothers and sisters and highly esteemed by all who knew her."

VI. Martha Pettit; born May, 1808; died May 17, 1808.



HENRY McEWEN PETTIT

Son and Third Child of William and Anna McEwen Pettit.

Born August 6, 1800, in Centre County, Pennsylvania; was educated at Cannonsburgh, same State, and became a civil engineer. He was employed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company in the fall of 1828, and had charge of the work until Point of Rocks was reached, when money gave out and building was suspended. While at this work he met in Frederick, Maryland, Miss Jane Mary Ann Beal, born April 6, 1811, to whom he was married September 11, 1832. He next was given the superintendency of the "National Road," built by the Government from Cumberland, Md., westward. This finally was abandoned west of Indianapolis, Indiana.

He was at one time Chief Engineer of Railroads and Canals of the State of Indiana, but the office being abolished in party changes, he returned to Cumberland,

Md., where he died in April, 1847. His widow survived him forty-five years, dying in February, 1892. They had eight children, as follows:

I. Anna Frances Pettit; born June 24, 1833; died July 5, 1869; never married.

II. William Beal Pettit; born September 10, 1834; married, first, Emma L. Coldy, in 1863; second, Sarah Ward. He lives in Rock Island, Illinois. By his two wives he had thirteen children, nine of whom are living at this time (1896). I have no record of this family except two sons:

1. Benjamin Walsh Pettit; is at this time (1895) employed in a bank at Seattle, Washington.
2. Henry M. Pettit; is a decorative artist of eminent standing in New York of the firm of Rambush & Pettit, 1193 Broadway. Their business is largely the interior decorations of buildings, both private and public.

III. Henry McEwen Pettit; born April 3, 1836; of whom later.

IV. Mary Martha Pettit; born October 14, 1837; died September 1, 1849.

V. John H. Pettit; born October 13, 1840; died September 30, 1851.

VI. Isabella Pettit; born March 9, 1843; married Frederick W. Mathews, June 15, 1869. She is now (1896) a childless widow, living in the old home, Cumberland, Maryland.

VII. Harriet Frazier Pettit; born January 3, 1845; married J. Walker Floyd, of South Carolina, September 30, 1869. They live in Liberty, same State. Mr. Floyd is of the well-known Virginia family of that name. He has been closely identified with the political history of South Carolina the last few years. A member of the late Constitutional Convention, and now (1896) a member of the State Legislature. His business is cotton planting.

VIII. Eliza E. Beal Pettit; born January 21, 1847; married Henry Lee Hunter October 29, 1868. They live in Meclenburgh County, North Carolina. He is a cotton planter. They have several children, among them are:

1. Zoe Hunter; married William Anderson. They live in Frederick, Maryland.
2. Malcolm Hunter; has just graduated from college as a civil engineer (1896).
3. Henry Pettit Hunter.



DR. HENRY McEWEN PETTIT

Son of Henry McEwen and Mary A. Beal Pettit

Born April 3, 1836. In our later correspondence, he is disposed to adhere to the opinion that his family is of more recent French origin, than we can attribute to the Long Island and Connecticut Pettits, and that his ancestors escaped from France through Holland directly to this country, during the period of Huguenot persecution. There can still be no question that, even if he is correct, as to his progenitors being French Protestants, and having left that country later than we are confident the ancestors did of the families heretofore considered; yet, his must have first settled in England and become thoroughly Anglicized before coming to this country. There is not a vestige of French in the nomenclature of his earliest known American ancestors, which would most certainly have appeared to a greater or less degree. On the contrary, all family names are emphatically English and substantially the same, that are found among all the Pettits who are known to have emigrated from England.

Dr. Pettit's early life was passed in Cumberland, Maryland, his native place, until the death of his father in 1847, when he was placed in the preparatory depart-

ment of the Frederick College, and before seventeen years old had graduated. He then commenced the study of medicine and got a position in a drug store in Philadelphia at, as he says, "nothing a day and board myself." After two years he accepted a situation as chief clerk in a drug store in Pittsburgh. He remained there, in same position, with exception of one year spent in travel for his health, until the Civil War commenced, leaving the day Fort Sumpter was fired on. Shortly afterward he went South and was attached to Longstreet's Corps for a while and afterward on post duty at Richmond, Petersburg, Atlanta, Macon and Raleigh, either as executive officer or in construction of hospitals.

At the latter place he surrendered in 1865, but remained on duty as surgeon until taken down with typhoid fever. After recovering he went into a drug store in Baltimore, where he remained two years, being then compelled to leave on account of failing health. He traveled west, first visiting his brother, William, at Rock Island. He bought a farm near Carrollton, Mo., thinking that farming might be more conducive to good health. After a few years his health seemed to be fully restored.

The practice of medicine being repugnant and farming not profitable, he went into the drug business in Carrollton, which he has continued to this day (1896). While in the service and at Petersburg Dr. Pettit was made a Mason. He has of late years become very prominent in Masonic circles, he being now P. M., Wakarusa Lodge, No. 52; P. H. P., George Washington Chapter, No. 24; P. E. C., Navarre Commandery No. 16; P. G. P., O. E. S. of Missouri; Commander, No. Mo. Batt^y, K. T. He is a member of the Society "Sons of the American Revolution," being eligible to this honorable position by reason of his maternal Great-grand-father Beal being a Captain in a Maryland regiment in the War for Independence; also a great-uncle, Henry McEwen, who was in the Continental Army and killed in the Canadian campaign. Dr. Pettit is a prominent member of both the American and the Missouri State Pharmaceutical Societies. He is a member of the John L. Merrick Camp, No. 684, United Confederate Veterans, and at this time commander of same. The following is an extract from one of Dr. Pettit's very interesting letters. In referring to the Pettits whose sympathies were with the South in its struggle for independence, he says: "There were many of the name of Pettit in the Confederate service. One was killed at Balls Bluff belonging to a Virginia regiment; also another Virginian in one of the fights on the Peninsula. All of Absalom Pettit's sons were in the service. Two of these were killed and the others carry scars. One Pettit was killed near Richmond, who must have descended from William."



ANNA PETTIT MACBRIDE,

Daughter and Fourth Child of William and Anna McEwen Pettit

Born March 27, 1802; married Charles MacBride, June 5, 1834; died May 7, 1891. The above portrait was taken of her in 1890 in the 89th year of her age.

Her daughter, Mrs. Boulton, remarks in a recent letter: "All of our family were born in one house. My mother went there a bride. All, so far, have been buried from it, and it is still in possession of the family, corner of Bishop and Allegheny streets, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania." Charles and Anna Pettit MacBride had five children, viz.:

I. Jane Flemming MacBride; born September 25, 1835; married D. H. Boulton, July, 1872. I will here remark that Mrs. Boulton seems to be the genealogist of the family and Dr. Pettit has gotten much of the information furnished through her. They have one daughter, Ella Fritz Boulton, born October 7, 1873,

graduated at Wilson College, June, 1896; she is now (December, 1896,) studying medicine at Women's College, Philadelphia.

II. Sarah MacBride; born September 16, 1837; married Nathan McCloskey, of Centre County, Pennsylvania, June 18, 1862; died September 5, 1869. They had four children, all of whom preceded their mother to the grave. They are buried in family lot, Bellefonte Cemetery.

III. Mary Leyden MacBride; born March 8, 1840; died July 26, 1892; burial at Bellefonte, Pa.

IV. Isabella Pettit MacBride; born January 26, 1842; married John B. Given, of Jersey Shore, Pa., December 1, 1868; was left a widow and married John R. Bartruff. At this time (1896) they live in Palo Alto, Cal. Issue four children.

1. John L. Given, Jr., son by first husband, graduated from Cornell University, June, 1896, and is now on the repertorial staff of the "New York Sun."
2. Zoe Bartruff; now attending Stanford University (1896).
3. Mary Bartruff.
4. Maud Jenette Bartruff.

V. Charles Austin MacBride; born June 1, 1844; married Margaret MacBride of Kansas City, Missouri, February 21, 1870; died in same city, February 14, 1873. He is buried in family lot at Bellefonte. They had two children:

1. Anna MacBride; born December 30, 1870; graduated at Wilson College, June, 1896, and is now teaching in Bellefonte.
2. Margaret Grace MacBride; born January 18, 1873; is now living with her mother in Auburn, Kansas.

JOSEPH PETTIT

of Long Island

In correspondence with Silas J. Pettitt, of Fairbault, Minnesota, I find the progenitor of yet another family or branch of Pettits. There can be but little learned of this early progenitor.

Silas J. Pettitt, concedes that family lore has been no study of his, yet thinks he has imparted about all that has come down regarding the past generations of his line. It will be observed there is the same similarity of names in these older generations and those of the Long Island Pettits which have already been referred to, notably in the Pettit-Hallett branch. It is possible that this Joseph Pettit might be a younger brother of John Pettit, who married Mary Hallett.

Joseph Pettit was born February 18, 1715; he married August 17, 1736, Alehe (surname not known). They had thirteen children. There seems to be no record of descent from any of them except V (Joseph) and XIII (Silas).

I. Samuel Pettit; born August 17, 1737.

II. Elizabeth Pettit; born March 13, 1739.

III. Nancy Pettit; born August 20, 1740.

IV. Margaret Pettit; born February 4, 1742.

V. Joseph Pettit; born October 16, 1743. Have record of one son, Michael Pettit, who married Sarah Mott, October 8, 1769. They had two sons who are known:

(1.) Clinton Pettit; born March 13, 1776; married February 13, Jane Burtis.

(2.) Mott Pettit; born January 29, 1784.

Clinton and Jane Burtis Pettit had seven children, four sons and three daughter. One of the latter, a Mrs. Webster, who lives in Brooklyn, New York, writes that the only surviving descendants of her parents are Mrs. Schenck and herself, together with a grandson, Robert Mott Pettit, who has two little boys. Mrs. Webster is doubtless well along in years and it is difficult to get by correspondence important details that might be had by personal interview. She, however, gives the names of her four brothers and the dates of their decease as follows:

(a.) Horatio Pettit; died in California, November 11, 1872.

(b.) William W. Pettit; died November 7, 1886.

(c.) Michael B. Pettit; died April 6, 1874.

(d.) James H. Pettit; died March 24, 1874.

VI. Michael Pettit; born August 27, 1745.

VII. Amos Pettit; born February 14, 1747.

VIII. Sarah Pettit; born September 13, 1748.

IX. Benjamin Pettit; born March 15, 1752.

- X. Mary Pettit; born July 25, 1755.
 XI. William Pettit; born May 29, 1758.
 XII. Letty Pettit; born July 25, 1760.
 XIII. Silas Pettit; born April 10, 1766; married a Miss Carpenter. Soon

after marriage they removed from Long Island to the Mohawk Valley, and subsequently to Dutchess County, about eight miles east of Poughkeepsie. The family homestead is still in possession of their descendants. He had nine children, six sons and three daughters, viz.:

1. Joseph Pettit.
2. William Pettit.
3. Samuel Pettit.
4. Jacob Pettit.
5. Harvey Pettit.
6. Smith Pettit.
7. Maria Pettit.
8. Sarah Ann Pettit.
9. Lettie Jane Pettit.

Jacob Pettit (4) above table, removed from Dutchess into Wayne County in 1835. He had raised three sons, (Note here the change in orthography) viz.: William Pettitt and Robert Pettitt, who at this time (1893) live in Chicago, and Silas J. Pettitt, born October 25, 1829, in Dutchess County, New York, married, February 13, 1863, Honietta Louisa Pratt, of Maysville, Chautauque County, New York. They have for many years lived in Fairbault, Minn., where he is engaged in the grocery business. He lost both of his hands about eighteen years ago in a mill accident. His wife assists in the business and acts as his amanuensis. It will be observed that he spells his name, and also his two brothers, with four "t's, thus "Pettitt." He writes an explanation of this under date of April 4, 1893, "The additional 't' in my name was adopted by my brothers and myself, our father falling in with the idea and humoring us in it. The three brothers of us are the only ones in our branch who ever used the four 't's." In another letter he characterizes this change in orthography as a "school boy's whim."

Silas J. and Honietta Pratt Pettitt have two daughters, Helen Eloise Pettitt, born January 1, 1864, and Mary Pettitt, born September 7, 1865.

JOHN PETTIT

Of Lafayette, Indiana

For many years was prominent in national and state politics. He served one or more terms in Congress, and was during Buchanan's administration Judge of the United States Court for the Territory of Utah. He was a brilliant lawyer and a successful politician. Ever upright and honorable towards his fellow-men.

No definite information could be procured from him as to his antecedents. He was always disposed to avoid any allusion to that subject. His son, John S. Pettit, now employed in the Third Auditor's office in Washington, D. C. (1893) has always been equally reticent. The writer on several occasions endeavored to obtain from this son something relative to his father's family history, but without avail,—not so much as an acknowledgment of the receipt of communications on the subject.

Nothing can be found in print of the names of John Pettit's parents or of the place of his nativity except in a brief sketch in one of the American Biographical Encyclopædias, Sackett's Harbor, New York, is given as the place of his birth. From all the light we have on the subject this is evidently wrong. There seems no room for doubt that father and son, alike conscious of their ancestor's loyalty to the Crown in opposition to the cause of American independence, and consequent removal to Canada, have ever been disposed to conceal their Canadian origin.

During the same period in which John Pettit was so closely identified with Indiana politics, John U. Pettit, of Wabash, (whom see in former article) was equally prominent in the same state. Although these men were of entirely different types and on opposite sides in politics, they frequently met. The latter made repeated efforts to learn something of John Pettit's antecedents with a view of tracing family connection. He never learned more than enough to convince him, that he came to the States from Canada in early manhood.

In the absence of definite information vainly sought for, we cannot do otherwise than conclude John Pettit was a near descendant of either Nathaniel or one of the two Andrew Pettits, or Isaac Pettit, or Durham Pettit, the emigrants to Canada, all fully referred to in the preceding pages. John Pettit, of Lafayette, was elected a Judge of the Supreme Court of the State of Indiana about the year 1872, and died incumbent of the office approximately 1875. He was probably about 70 years of age at the time of his death.

PETTET

I have occasionally seen the name P-e-t-t-e-t, and had ever supposed until recently when seeing the name thus printed, that it was an error in the types, or else ignorance of the proper orthography. It seems, however, this name has been brought from England and this spelling adopted by generations not American.

In a letter dated November 8, 1891, Mr. W. C. *Pettet*, at the time sojourning in St. Paul and Minneapolis, says his people, as far back as he has been able to trace, spelled their name with an "e" instead of the "i." His great-grand-father was Daniel Pettet, born about the year 1700 in England.

After marriage he emigrated to Long Island. There were born to him four sons, viz., Reuben, Isaac, Joseph and Daniel. Isaac and Joseph married sisters by the name of Herriman, in Pamela, Jefferson County, New York.

The son, Joseph Pettet, was grand-father of this correspondent, W. C. Pettet. His wife was Bethana Herriman.

Joseph and Bethana Herriman Pettet had fourteen children, eight daughters and six sons. The Christian names of the sons were Longo, David, Reuben, Ogras, Isaac and Amos.

The immediate ancestor of Mr. W. C. Pettet settled in Wisconsin. This spelling is now rarely found. If the town and church records in Stamford, Connecticut, were correct in spelling the name, we must conclude that many of the descendants of same, as also of Daniel Pettet, of Long Island, have adopted the ordinary orthography, substituting the "i" for the "e"; otherwise there would be more of the name found throughout the country.

PETTIT, PETTET, PETIT, PETET AND STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

We find in Huntington's "History of Stamford, Connecticut," mention of many of the names Pettit, Pettet, Petit, Petet.

There can be no doubt that these people were at this time more or less connected, in other words, had not many generations back sprung from the same progenitor. While it may seem difficult to account for this difference in the spelling of the name, we must recollect that the yeomanry of Dorsetshire and adjoining counties in England were not at that period an educated class, and we apprehend had little pride or care for retaining family individuality. We can see that this difference in orthography under such conditions might arise.

A man, through ignorance or carelessness, would spell his name in a way

which to him was best or most convenient. His children would adopt the same, until near relatives had several different methods of spelling their names.

In fact, P-e-t-t-i-t is not the original Norman orthography. We learn of no cause for, or the time that, some head of a family first employed the three "t's" in spelling this name. The first settlers (about 1640) of Stamford were from Weathersfield, the oldest settlement on the Connecticut River. The colonists of which place, having trouble among themselves, concluded to settle their differences by one faction quitting the place; the party leaving founded Stamford. I do not know that any Pettits came from Weathersfield, as I find no mention of the name in this connection.

I am inclined to believe that the first families of this surname arrived a little later, direct from England. By the time a century had elapsed the name, however spelled, seems to have almost disappeared from Stamford, the families emigrating to Long Island, New York and to other points in Connecticut, notably Sharon, Litchfield County.

Many different branches of the family, with the different spelling of the name, found today in America, doubtless should trace their earliest American progenitor to Stamford.

At this point I will insist that I must not be misunderstood. All that is said in the present article, or elsewhere in this book, and all conclusions that may be drawn therefrom must relate to families only, who trace their American lineage to Colonial days.

I know there are many who spell this name P-e-t-i-t, residing in this country, who are more direct from France. Any relationship with these people could only be found through very remote generations. Again, it is possible there are some P-e-t-t-i-t-s to be found in the United States, whose ancestors, or perhaps themselves, have arrived from England since the Revolutionary War.

If there are such, a common progenitor must be looked for in generations living in the old country previous to the time of the early settlements on Long Island Sound. In the history of Stamford, above referred to, we find under various headings, at dates subsequent to 1642, the following interesting and suggestive data:

Jonathan P-e-t-i-t as one of the petitioners to a document, October, 1656:

Debrow P-e-t-t-e-t is registered as having died July 9, 1657.

John P-e-t-t-e-t's wife died 1657. (Possibly above Debrow.)

John P-e-t-t-e-t had children David Pettet, born July 20, 1654, died February 8, 1657; Jonathan Pettet, born February 23, approximately 1664; Sarah Pettet, born June 27, 1666; John Pettet, born August 26, 1668; a son, June 20, 1672; and Merrey Pettet, born September 5, 1674.

Jonathan Pettet, a son of Jonathan (probably above son of John Pettet) born "latter end of October, 1693"; other children, John Pettet, born March 3, 1694 or 1695; Sarah Pettet, born February 8, 1696 or 1697; Samuel Pettet, born February 21, 1698 or 1699; and Ebenezer Pettet, born January 17, 1700 or 1701.

John P-e-t-t-i-t is mentioned as drawing a tract of land by lot (with 75 others). This drawing took place December 26, 1699.

John Pettet is among the lists of estates made out in January, 1701, of "Ye proper inhabitants of Stamford" as being possessed of £56, 7s, 9d, a fortune which averaged well with balance of the list.

John P-e-t-e-t was here early and had children recorded to him before 1650. His inventory, dated April 5, 1676, (made by Richard Law and Francis Bell) mentions his widow, Sarah, and his two sons (names not given), and his daughters, Sarah, Mary and Bethia. Richard Law was appointed guardian of his children in a Court of Magistrates, the Governor being present.

Debrow P-e-t-t-i-t died here in 1657. Probably same as heretofore spelled P-e-t-t-e-t as above.

John P-e-t-t-i-t, to whom in 1669 a Thomas Brown sold his house in Stamford. This must be one of the above Johns.

Jonathan Pettit is mentioned at a meeting held in February, 1728.

Jonathan P-e-t-i-t is named as one of the land-holders or occupants of a tract of Bedford Parish, December 23, 1680.

Mary Pettit is mentioned as married, February 2, 1731, to John Bouten, Jr.

Mercy Pettit married, 1752, Abner Oshern.

Mercy Pettit, wife of John Pettit, is enrolled as a member of the Congregational Church of Darien, June 5, 1744.

John Pettit is mentioned as neglecting to remedy defects in a gate on his estate.

John Pettit is among the list of townsmen or selectmen for the year 1771.

It occurs to my mind that some of the variations in the spelling of this name as appear above, are owing to ignorance or carelessness (perhaps both) of the town court or church officials making the records, and that many of the above entries refer to same parties, notwithstanding the differences in orthography. The name P-e-t-t-e-t we know has been retained by certain families to this day, whose ancestors had adopted this spelling before leaving England. (See preceding article.) P-e-t-i-t is unquestionably the correct original orthography. P-e-t-t-i-t and P-e-t-t-e-t are innovations and only made correct and proper by adoption and use for many centuries.

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