

MURRAY OF SWATARA.

I. JOHN MURRAY,¹ a native of Scotland, came to America late in life with his two sons and their families. He probably died a few years afterwards. The only members of his family of whom we have record are the following :

2. *i. William*, b. February 24, 1690; m. [Isabella] Lindley.
3. *ii. John*, b. 1691; m., and had issue.

II. WILLIAM MURRAY,² (John,¹) b. February 24, 1690, in Scotland, emigrated to America in 1732. His father and brother John accompanied him. They settled on the Swatara, in the Province of Pennsylvania. He m. [ISABELLA] LINDLEY, sister of Thomas Lindley, of Scotland, who also emigrated to Pennsylvania about the same time, and located in the neighborhood of the Murrays. It is not definitely known whether either the Murrays or Lindleys came direct from Scotland or had sojourned in Ireland for some time. William Murray d. on his farm July 24, 1773, his wife probably preceding him. They had issue, among others, five sons :

- i. Samuel*, went to Carolina, and died there about 1817.
- ii. William*, went to Carolina, and died there many years before 1818.
4. *iii. James*, b. 1729; m. Rebecca McLean.
5. *iv. John*, b. 1731; m. Margaret Mayes.
6. *v. Thomas*, b. about 1737; m. Eleanor Collier.

III. JOHN MURRAY,² (JOHN,¹) b. about 1691, in Scotland; emigrated to the Province of Pennsylvania in 1732 in company with his brother and other friends. On the 10th of January, 1737, he obtained a land warrant from the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania, and on the "14th of ye 9th month," 1739, had the same located upon two hundred acres and twelve perches of land adjoining the northwest side of "Swahatawro" (Swatara) creek, then in Hanover township, Lancaster county, Pa. Adam Read, an early settler and prominent in frontier times, held an adjoining tract on the north by improvement. On the first of March, 1744, John Murray obtained another warrant, which

was located, about a year afterward, east of the other tract, and between it and land of James Stewart. This latter tract is now within the limits of Lebanon county, the former, the homestead, being within the present bounds of Dauphin county, a short distance from Dixon's Ford on the Swatara. The date of death or name of John Murray's wife we have been unable to gather. Of their children, however, we have the following:

i. *William*, b. 1714; m., and had issue, among others:

1. *John*, b. 1737; known as "Presbyterian John" to distinguish him from his cousin, John Murray, son of Robert (see VI). In early life he went to New York and entered the store of his uncle, Robert Murray, with whom he became associated in 1771 in business under the firm name of Robert & John Murray; subsequently he withdrew from the co-partnership and with his sons formed that of John Murray & Sons; in his church relations he was a Presbyterian, and for many years an elder in Rev. Dr. John Rodgers' church; in politics, a Federalist, enjoying the intimate acquaintance of such men as Rufus King and Alexander Hamilton. He was greatly esteemed in the mercantile community, and presided over the New York Chamber of Commerce from 1798 to 1806; died at his country seat, on Murray Hill, October 17, 1808; his children were *John-R.*, *Hamilton*, *Hannah*, and *Mary*.

ii. *Samuel*, b. 1717; about the year 1755 went to the Carolinas; nothing further known of him.

7. iii. *Robert*, b. 1721; m. *Mary Lindley*.

iv. *Arabella*, b. 1725; d. 1775; m. John Dixon, (see *Dixon of Dixon's Ford*.)

IV. JAMES MURRAY,³ (William,² John,¹) b. about 1729, in Scotland; d. February 15, 1804, on his farm adjoining the borough of Dauphin, Dauphin county, Pa. For this farm he entered an application in the Land Office in 1768. In 1775 he was chosen to represent Upper Paxtang township in the Committee of Safety for Lancaster county and attended the meetings of the Committee in Lancaster on the 8th, 9th and 10th of November. At this time he was a captain of "a company of foot in the Fourth battalion of Associators in the county of Lan-

caster." On the fourth of July, 1776, at a military convention representing the fifty-three battalions of Associators of Pennsylvania, he was present as a captain. With John Rogers and John Harris, on the 8th of July, 1776, by appointment of the Provincial Conference, he superintended the election at Garber's Mill for the Sixth district of Lancaster county, to choose delegates to the convention that assembled on the 15th of the month, and which framed the first Constitution of the Commonwealth. During the remainder of that and the following year he was almost in constant active military service with his company. His company, a roll of which appears in Dr. Egle's *Notes and Queries*, First Series, p. 7, and in Pennsylvania Archives, Second Series, vol. xiii., p. 310, went into the Continental service in July or early in August, 1776. In a return of the troops quartered in and near Philadelphia, made August 27th, of that year, it is reported sixty strong. It participated in the battles of Trenton and Princeton. He commanded one of the companies of the Tenth battalion, Lancaster county militia, and was with the expedition up the West Branch in 1779. The exposures to which Captain Murray was subjected during the Revolutionary struggle brought on an attack of rheumatism, from which for many years prior to his death he was a constant sufferer. He m. REBECCA McLEAN, a native of Scotland, who d. August 7, 1795. The remains of both rest, side by side, in the old Dauphin cemetery. They had issue:

8. *i. Margaret*, b. 1756; m. John Simpson.
- ii. William*, b. 1759; settled in Tennessee.
- iii. Annie*, b. 1761; m. Samuel Davidson.
- iv. Rebecca*, b. 1763; m. Samuel Brown, of Hanover.
- v. Isabella*, b. 1765; m. Robert Chambers.
- vi. John*, b. 1768; settled on Chillisquaue creek, Northumberland county; he was a member of the House of Representatives from 1807 to 1810, and served as a member of Congress, 1817 to 1821; he married Margaret Murray, a daughter of Col. John Murray, (see v).

V. JOHN MURRAY,³ (William,² John,¹) b. about 1731, in Scotland; d. February 3, 1798, in Dauphin county, Pa. In 1766 he took up a tract of land called the "Indian Burying

Ground,' lying on the Susquehanna, immediately above his brother James' farm, which adjoined the present town of Dauphin. He commanded a rifle company, which in March, 1776, was attached to Col. Samuel Miles' battalion, and participated in the battles of Long Island, White Plains, Trenton, and Princeton. He was promoted to major April 18, 1777, and lieutenant colonel of the Second Pennsylvania regiment in 1780, serving until the disbanding of the army in 1783. He then returned to his family and farm. Governor Mifflin appointed him a justice of the peace August 29, 1791, the only political office he ever held. He was an ardent Whig of the Revolution, and a brave officer. Colonel Murray m., December 29, 1762, by Rev. John Elder, MARGARET MAYES, b. 1733, in the north of Ireland; d. June 22, 1807, in Upper Paxtang township, Dauphin county, Pa.; buried by the side of her husband in the old cemetery near Dauphin borough; daughter of Andrew and Rebecca Mayes. They had issue, among others:

- i. *William*, b. September 6, 1764; d. March 18, 1840; in 1805 removed to Ohio; m., March 17, 1796, Deborah Latta, and had issue: Two sons and two daughters.
- ii. *Margaret*, b. February 5, 1770; m. John Murray, son of Capt. James Murray, of Paxtang; both buried in the Chillisquaque cemetery, Northumberland county, Pa.
- iii. *Rebecca*, b. October 19, 1774; d. January 6, 1837; m., April 19, 1804, Innis Green, b. March 25, 1776; d. August 4, 1830; son of Col. Timothy Green and Mary Innis; received a tolerably fair English education, an essential in the Scotch-Irish settlements; his father who built a mill at the mouth of Stony Creek, on the Susquehanna, about 1790, dying in 1812, Innis took charge of it; he was appointed by Governor Findlay one of the associate judges of the county of Dauphin, August 10, 1818, resigning, however, October 23, 1827, having been elected to the National House of Representatives; he served during the Twentieth and Twenty-first Congresses; Governor Wolf re-appointed him, January 26, 1832, associate judge, a position he held at the time of his death.

VI. THOMAS MURRAY,^s (William,² John,¹) b. in Scotland about 1737; d. November 18, 1799. He m. ELLEN or ELEANOR COLLIER, b. about 1739; d. December 17, 1800. He settled in Northumberland county. They had issue:

- i. *William*, d. July 24, 1773.
- ii. *Mary*, b. 1770; d. September 14, 1843; she m. Capt. John Gaston, who died in the war of 1812; in 1814 Mrs. Gaston moved to Ohio.
- iii. *Anna*, b. May, 1772; d. February 1, 1821, in Highland county, O.; she m., in 1802, William Boyd; this family removed to Ohio in 1814; and they had issue (surname Boyd):
 - 1. *Thomas Murray*, b. January 5, 1803.
 - 2. *Sarah*, b. 1805.
 - 3. *William*, b. 1807; lived in Illinois.
 - 4. *Jane*, b. 1809; d. in inf.
- iv. *James*, b. July 13, 1776; d. December 24, 1834; removed a short time before the war of 1812 to Highland county, O.; m. Mary Mitchell, in Dauphin county; and they had issue:
 - 1. *Ellen*, m. William Collier.
 - 2. *Mitchell-H.*, m., and had two children.
 - 3. *Samuel*, m., and had issue.
 - 4. *Thomas*, m., and had issue.
 - 5. *Mary-Mitchell*, m. F. Lavery.
 - 6. *James*, m., and had issue; resided in Greenfield, O.
 - 7. *John*, m., and had issue; resided in Greenfield, O.
 - 8. *Jane*, d. young.
- v. *Susannah*, b. March, 1777; m., in 1802, Samuel Russell; and had issue (surname Russell):
 - 1. *Andrew*, b. January 3, 1803; decd.; resided near Pottsville, Pa.
 - 2. *Eleanor*, b. 1804; unm.; lived on old farm near Muncy.
 - 3. *Thomas*, b. 1807; lived at Pottsville.
 - 4. *Isabel*, b. 1809; d. 1813.
 - 5. *Mary*, b. 1811; d. 1813.
 - 6. *Isabel-K*, b. 1813; unm.; lived on old farm.
 - 7. *James*, b. 1816; d. 1816.
 - 8. *Susan*, b. 1818; unm.; lived on old farm.
 - 9. *Samuel*, b. July 28, 1820; m. Miss Blair; and had issue.

VII. ROBERT MURRAY,³ (John,² John,¹) b. about 1721, in Scotland; d. July 22, 1786, in the city of New York. He came to America with his parents and remained on the Swatara until about the year 1750, when he removed to North Carolina when the immigration thither was in full tide. Two or three years sufficed, however, when he turned his face northward and

settled in the city of New York, where he entered into mercantile pursuits; subsequently purchasing the tract of land known as "Murray Hill," now in the heart of the metropolis. This became historical as the spot where Mrs. Murray, during the Revolution, entertained Lord Howe and his officers long enough to enable the American troops under Putnam to escape. Although brought up in the Westminster Confession, and members of Old Derry church, whatever may have been the cause we know not, Robert Murray and his wife joined the Society of Friends in New York, and it was therefore in the tenets of this persuasion that his large family of children were instructed. Of his parents, the son, in his autobiography, thus writes: "My parents were of respectable character, and in the middle station of life. My father possessed a good flour mill at Swatara, but being of an enterprising spirit and anxious to provide handsomely for his family, he made several voyages to the West Indies, in the way of trade, by which he considerably augmented his property. Pursuing his inclinations, he in time acquired large possessions, and became one of the most respectable merchants in America. . . . My mother was a woman of an amiable disposition, and remarkable for mildness, humanity, and liberality of sentiment. She was, indeed, a faithful and affectionate wife, a tender mother, and a kind mistress." Robert Murray m., in 1744, MARY LINDLEY, daughter of Thomas Lindley. They had issue, twelve children, of whom we have the names of only four:

9. *i. Lindley*, b. 1745; m. Hannah Dobson.
10. *ii. John*, m. Catharine Bowne.
11. *iii. Beulah*, m. Martin Hoffman.
- iv. Susan*, d. 1808; m. Gilbert Colden Willett.

VIII. MARGARET MURRAY,⁴ (James,³ William,² John,¹) b. 1756, in Paxtang township, Lancaster county, Pa.; d. April 27, 1826, at Huntingdon, Pa.; m., May 7, 1776, by Rev. John Elder, JOHN SIMPSON, b. about 1744, in Buckingham township, Bucks county, Pa.; d. February 3, 1807, in Huntingdon, Pa. His parents, John and Mary Simpson, went south and were residing in North Carolina in 1783 and in Georgia in 1791. The son learned blacksmithing, and, in 1763, settled on the

Susquehanna, in what was then Upper Paxtang township, Lancaster, now Dauphin county. On the 15th of August, 1775, he was commissioned second lieutenant of Capt. James Murray's company in the Fourth battalion of Associators, of Lancaster county. On the 28th of January, 1777, Lieut. Col. Cornelius Cox, of the battalion, ordered him to remain in the "Continental smith-shop" at Bristol. He served during the greater part of the Revolution, towards its close in command of a company of militia, when he returned to his farm. In the spring of 1793 he removed to Huntingdon, where he passed the remainder of his days. They had issue, save the last two, all born in Paxtang (surname Simpson):

12. *i. Rebecca*, b. April 8, 1777; m. John Patton.
- ii. Margaret*, b. January 30, 1779; d. March 3, 1829; unm.
- iii. James*, b. June 20, 1781; d. January 31, 1851, in Huntingdon, Pa.; was a surveyor, and elected commissioner of Huntingdon county, in 1819; was, in his younger days, an officer of the militia, and passed through all the grades from lieutenant to colonel.
- iv. Martha*, b. February 15, 1786; m., May 6, 1806, George Anshutz, Jr., who removed to Pittsburgh, where they both died; and had issue (surname Anshutz): *George-S.*, *Margaretta-S.*, m. Thomas Linford, *Oliver-R.*, *Edmund-Murray*, and *Theodore*.
- v. Anna*, b. July 9, 1788; d. May 26, 1856, in Franklin township, Huntingdon county, Pa.; m. William Curry.
- vi. Sarah*, b. September 10, 1791; d. s. p.
13. *vii. Elizabeth-Isabella*, b. August 22, 1794; m. Daniel Africa.
14. *viii. John*, b. June 21, 1798; d. July 19, 1872; m., first, Mrs. Elizabeth Ramsey; secondly, Mrs. Mary McAllister.

IX. LINDLEY MURRAY,⁴ (Robert,³ John,² John,¹) b. in 1745 on the banks of the Swatara, in Lancaster, now Dauphin county, Pa.; d. February 16, 1826, at his residence near York, England. He received a good education, but having a dislike to mercantile pursuits, studied law, and was admitted to the bar at the age of twenty-one. The year after he married. His limited practice was temporarily interrupted by a visit to England, whither his father had preceded him in hope of benefiting his health. He returned to New York in 1771, and renewed the practice of law with marked success; tiring of it, however, when the Revolution broke out and New York was

occupied by the British army, or having no sympathy with the cause of Independence, he removed to Islip, on Long Island, and entered a mercantile life. We have always given Lindley Murray credit for his religious principles as having precluded him from taking part in the struggle between the Colonies and the mother country, but in a letter in our possession, written by William Darby to his friend, Mrs. Anna Dixon, the true incentive is, perhaps, given. Mr. Darby was well acquainted with the men of his time—he was intimate with the patriots of the Revolution, and learned much of the inward history of the people, concerning whom, it is to be regretted, he did not give his reminiscences. William Darby was born in the same neighborhood, and was intimate with the Dixons and Roans, to the former of whom Murray was related, and through them learned more of him than biographers choose to tell. In the success and greatness of a man, we too often lose sight of the grave errors into which he may have fallen. But we are loath to dispel the bright halo which glimmers around the life of the celebrated grammarian. Sabine classes him among the Loyalists of the Revolution, and Darby, in contrasting him with his cousin, Robert Dixon, whose blood was the first Pennsylvania offering to the cause of Independence, speaks of Murray's taking sides with the enemies of his country. This we can easily understand. Surrounded by his religious friends whose peace principles would not allow them to take up arms—although many hundreds did, who were subsequently disowned for it—and in a city occupied by the king's troops, he himself says he had little faith in the successful resistance of the Colonies. It was thus he became a loyalist. His father's business and his own thrived, and the rule of England was sufficient for him. We venture the opinion that there were really few instances where religious principles made men Tories. Mercenary motives were generally at the bottom of it. It is to be regretted that Lindley Murray's silent influence should have been on the side of British oppression and tyranny. At the close of the war he had amassed a fortune, and, when peace had dawned, he sailed away from the land of his nativity and the home of liberty. His attachment to the

home of his fathers, he said, "was founded on many pleasing associations. In particular, I had strong prepossessions in favor of a residence in England, because I was ever partial to its political constitution and the mildness and wisdom of its general laws. . . . Only leaving my native country, there was not, therefore, any land in which I could cast my eyes with so much pleasure, nor is there any which could have afforded me so much real satisfaction as I have found in Great Britain. May its political fabric, which has stood the test of ages and long attracted the admiration of the world, be supported and perpetuated by Divine Providence." In 1784 he went to England, and, after visiting several localities, purchased a small estate at Holdgate, about a mile from York, upon which he resided until his death. Living in ease and retirement, he entered upon a literary life which proved a successful one, and has inscribed his name high upon fame's portals. In 1787 he published a small work entitled "The Power of Religion on the Mind," which passed through seventeen editions. His next work, and that by which he is principally known, was his "English Grammar," first published in 1795, and such was the unexpected demand for it that several editions were published during the same year. Following this, appeared "English Exercises," and a "Key," an abridgment of which treatises were published in one volume in 1797. His other writings are "The English Reader," with an "Introduction and Sequel," "The English Spelling Book," a new edition of his Grammar, "Exercises and Key," in two octavo volumes, a selection from Horne's "Commentary on the Psalms," and "The Duty and Benefit of Reading the Scriptures." Lindley Murray's educational publications were not alone confined to his mother tongue. He prepared two French works, "Introduction au Lecteur Francois" and "Lecteur Francois," which soon came into general use, were highly commended, and passed through a large number of editions. His life in England was a busy one, as it was an eventful one. No American who made a European tour failed to visit Holdgate. His personal appearance, his unassuming demeanor and his conversational powers excited in the minds of all visitors great

admiration. Lindley Murray m., June 22, 1767, HANNAH DOBSON, d. in England and buried by the side of her husband at Holdgate. They had no children.

X. JOHN MURRAY,⁴ (Robert,³ John,² John,¹) b. August 3, 1758; d. August 4, 1819, in the city of New York. He was known as "Quaker John;" was a member of the Manumission Society; a director of the New York hospital, and in 1811 vice-president of the New York Free School Society. He was deeply interested in the cause of education, and the meeting of prominent citizens of New York, which led to the organization of the old Public School Society, was held at his residence in Franklin Square. He m. CATHARINE BOWNE, sister of Walter Bowne, who was one time mayor of New York. They had issue:

- i. *Robert-J.*, m. Elizabeth Colden; and had issue: *D.-Colden*, *Robert*, *Caroline*, *Mary*, and *Gertrude*.
- ii. *Lindley*, m. Elizabeth Cheeseman; and had *Lindley, Jr.*, *John*, *Ann-Eliza*, *Catharine*, *Margaretta*, *Jane*, *Hannah*, *Joseph-K.*, *William*, *Edward*, and *Mary-K.*; *Lindley, Jr.*, m., and had *Lindley*, *Frank-T.*, *John*, *Georgianna-T.*, *Catharine-B.*, *Grace*, *Louisa-T.*, *Bertha*, and *Emily*; while John had a son *John*.
- iii. *Mary*, m. Dr. Perkins; and had issue (surname Perkins): *Benjamin*.
- iv. *Susan*, m. William Ogden; and had issue (surname Ogden): *Susan-Lindley*, m. Lindley Murray Hoffman.

XI. BEULAH MURRAY,⁴ (Robert,³ John,² John,¹) b. in the city of New York; lived and died there; m. MARTIN HOFFMAN, of that city; one of New York's prominent early citizens. They had issue (surname Hoffman):

- i. *Murray*, b. 1792; d. 1878; m., first, Frances Burrall; secondly, Mary Ogden; and had issue: *Julia*, *Murray*, *William*, *Frances*, *Burrall*, and *Susan-Ogden*.
- ii. *Lindley-Murray*, b. 1794; m. Susan Lindley Ogden; and had issue: *Susan-Ogden*, *William-Ogden*, *Edward*, *Katharine*, and *Elizabeth*; Elizabeth Hoffman m. George M. Miller; and had issue (surname Miller): *Hoffman*, m. Edith McKeever, *Mary-L.*, *Leverett-S.*, *Elizabeth-H.*, and *Edith-M.*
- iii. *Martin*, b. 1796; m. Elizabeth Hale Gilman; and had issue: *Lindley-Murray*, *Emily*, *Martin*, *Arthur*, *Matilda*, *Leighton*, and *Serena*; Lindley Murray Hoffman m. Margaret

L. Ring (*nee* Mott); and had issue: *Louisa G., Emily, Virginia-Colden, and Martin.*

iv. *Anna-Maria*, b. 1797; m. Anthony R. Livingston.

XII. REBECCA SIMPSON,⁵ (*Margaret*,⁴ *James*,³ *William*,² *John*,¹) b. April 8, 1777, in Paxtang township, Lancaster county, Pa.; d. October 15, 1845, in Huntingdon, Huntingdon county, Pa.; m., April 16, 1801, JOHN PATTON, b. December 25, 1757, in Franklin county, Pa.; d. May 23, 1836, on his farm in Woodcock valley, Walker township, Huntingdon county, Pa. In his earlier years he resided in the town of Huntingdon, and was six times elected sheriff, and his term of service as principal and deputy extended over a period of twenty years; he was an efficient public officer. They had issue (surname Patton):

- i. *William-Moore*, b. February 16, 1803; d. August 9, 1871; m., in 1842, *Rebecca Boal*, of Ohio, and settled in Kentucky; and had issue (surname Patton): *George-Boal, William*, d. s. p., *William-A.*, and *Clara Bell.*
- ii. *John-Simpson*, b. June 15, 1806; d. August 30, 1850; resided a few years on the homestead farm; appointed collector of tolls on the canal, removed to Huntingdon; afterwards settling in Kentucky, where he died; m., September 1, 1836, *Catharine Huyett*; and had issue (surname Patton): *Elizabeth, Margaret-Murray, Caroline*, and *William-Penn.*
- iii. *Elizabeth*, b. June 30, 1808; d. March 31, 1811.
- iv. *James* (twin), b. June 30, 1808; d. September 16, 1836; m., March, 1832, *Elizabeth Vandevander*, daughter of *Isaac Vandevander*; and had issue (surname Patton): *Rebecca, Annie*, and *John.*
- v. *Joseph*, b. October 6, 1810; resides in Kentucky; was thrice married; m., first, January 9, 1840, *Nancy Givin*, daughter of *John Givin*; and had issue (surname Patton): *Ellen, John, James*, and *Silas*; by a second marriage there was issue: *William*, and *Joseph*; his second wife dying about 1857, he married again in 1864.
- vi. *Benjamin-F.*, b. November 26, 1812; resided in Altoona, Pa., and died there July 6, 1885; for many years in the mercantile business at *Warrior's Mark*, Pa., and served two terms as associate judge of Huntingdon county; m., January 23, 1836, *Eliza Addleman*; and had issue (surname Patton): *Rebecca, Ettie, Sarah, Emma, John-T., George-A., William*, and *Harry.*

- vii. *Rebecca-Simpson*, b. March 14, 1815; d. December 13, 1862; m., December 24, 1840, James Campbell, of McConnells-town, Pa.; and had issue (surname Campbell): *Margaretta*, m. Dr. G. L. Robb, of Huntingdon, *Mary*, and *Caroline*.
- viii. *George-W.*, b. September 6, 1817; d. March 7, 1882, in the city of Philadelphia; buried at Altoona, Pa.; for several years was one of the lessees of Union Furnace, and manager at Blair Furnace, but removed to Altoona at an early day; in 1854 he was chosen the first chief burgess of that borough, and re-elected in 1855; in 1861 appointed postmaster, serving eight years, and in 1870 elected an associate judge; subsequently removing to Philadelphia; he was twice married; m., first, June 10, 1845, *Mary B. Burket*, d. March 28, 1856, and had issue (surname Patton):
1. *Thomas-Blair*, b. May 6, 1847; at Altoona.
 2. *William-A*, b. October 21, 1849; assistant to the President of the Pennsylvania Railroad; m., December 13, 1876, *Katharine Linn*, dau. of John Linn, formerly of Perry county, Pa.; and had issue:
 - a. *John-Linn*, b. October 13, 1883.
 3. *John-Howard*, b. July 29, 1851; Pennsylvania railroad office, Altoona.
- Mr. Patton m., secondly, December 19, 1861, *Emma J. Hawksworth*; and had issue:
5. *Mary-V.*, b. November 3, 1865.
 6. *Margaret-Murray*, b. July 3, 1870; d. Dec. 15, 1889.

XIII. ELIZABETH ISABELLA SIMPSON,⁵ (*Margaret*,⁴ *James*,³ *William*,² *John*,¹) b. August 22, 1794, in the borough of Huntingdon; d. February 14, 1867, at Atsion, N. J.; buried in the cemetery at Huntingdon, Pa.; m., August 19, 1830, DANIEL AFRICA, b. 1794, at Huntingdon, Pa.; d. December 13, 1865, in his native town and there buried. His grandfather, Christopher Africa, emigrated from near Hanover, Germany, and at first settled at Germantown, Pa., subsequently removing to Hanover, York county, that State. He had two sons, Michael and Jacob. Michael Africa m. Catharine Graffius, of York, and in 1791 removed to Huntingdon. They were the parents of Daniel Africa. The latter was a man of prominence and influence in the community; was deputy surveyor for that county from 1824 until 1830, and for twenty-two years a justice of the

peace. His knowledge of the law was much more thorough than that usually possessed by magistrates. He was familiar with many of the English and American decisions, especially with those of the Pennsylvania courts, and kept a book in which he noted a great number of important cases, many of these relating to the land laws. Daniel Africa and his wife had issue (surname Africa):

i. Margaret-Murray, b. July 4, 1831; d. s. p.

14. *ii. John-Simpson*, b. Sept. 15, 1832; m. Dorothea C. Greenland.

XIV. JOHN SIMPSON,⁶ (Margaret,⁴ James,³ William,² John,¹) b. June 21, 1798, in the borough of Huntingdon, Pa.; d. July 19, 1872. He was twice married; m., first, Mrs. ELIZABETH RAMSEY, d. April 14, 1852. They had issue (surname Simpson):

i. John-Murray, a farmer; resides in Oneida township, Huntingdon county, Pa.

ii. Anna-M.

iii. Lydia-M.

iv. George-A., was color-bearer of the 125th regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, and killed at the battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862.

v. James-Randolph, seriously wounded at Antietam; in 1866 elected prothonotary of Huntingdon county; now practicing law in the borough of Huntingdon, Pa.

John Simpson m., secondly, Mrs. MARY McALLISTER. They had issue (surname Simpson):

vi. Fannie, m. 1882.

XV. JOHN SIMPSON AFRICA,⁶ (Elizabeth-Isabella,⁵ [*Simpson*], Margaret,⁴ James,³ William,² John,¹) b. September 15, 1832, in Huntingdon, Pa., where he resides. He was educated in the public schools and Huntingdon Academy. After leaving school he learned the practice of surveying and civil engineering with his father and uncle, James Simpson. His first work after completing his studies was with Samuel W. Mifflin, chief engineer in the locating of the Huntingdon and Broad Top railroad. In 1853 he was elected county surveyor. During the sessions of 1858 and 1859 he was one of the clerks of the State Senate, and in 1859 elected to the Legislature. In 1854 and 1855 he served as burgess of the borough, and in 1871

elected to the same office for three years. Under the Constitution of 1873, the department of Internal Affairs was organized, and Mr. Africa was appointed deputy secretary under Gen. William McCandless. "His knowledge and experience peculiarly qualified him for putting the new department into successful operation. The entire labor and responsibility of doing so devolved upon him, and it is well known to the people of the State how faithfully the duty was performed, and how creditably and honorably he acquitted himself in the important trust." In 1878 he was nominated by the Democratic State Convention for the head of that department, and although his vote was highly flattering, he failed of an election. Four years afterwards, in 1882, however, he was again nominated for the same position, and was elected for the term of four years. In 1880 President Hayes appointed him supervisor of the census for the Seventh district of Pennsylvania, comprising fourteen counties in the central part of the State. He was elected cashier of the First National Bank, of Huntingdon, in 1881, and served until he was sworn in as Secretary of Internal Affairs in 1883. In addition to these public and official duties, he has been identified with the leading business enterprises of his native town. Soon after the expiration of his term as Secretary of Internal Affairs in 1886, he was chosen president of the Union Trust Company, of Philadelphia, which position he still occupies. He is also a director in the First National Bank, of Huntingdon, Pa. From 1885 to 1890 he served as an officer in the Grand Lodge of Masons, of Pennsylvania, and in 1891 and 1892 was Grand Master. Mr. Africa m., January 1, 1856, DOROTHEA C. GREENLAND, d. November 15, 1889, daughter of Joshua Greenland, of Huntingdon. They had issue (surname Africa) :

i. *Benjamin-Franklin*, b. 1856; d. 1857.

ii. *Benjamin-Franklin* (second), b. August 15, 1858; is treasurer and superintendent of the Gas and Electric Light Works, at Huntingdon, Pa.; m., November 5, 1885, by Rev. Robert J. Keeling, D. D., Susan I. Meyers, dau. of Benjamin F. Meyers, of Harrisburg, Pa.; and had issue :

1. *John-Simpson*, b. September 18, 1886, in Harrisburg, Pa.

2. *Benjamin-Meyers*, b. July 11, 1888.
- iii. *James-Murray*, b. April 11, 1863; a civil engineer, and chief engineer of the Pennsylvania Midland Railroad company; m., in Reading, Pa., June 1, 1893, Eleanor McKnight, dau. of Charles C. McKnight; and had issue:
 1. [*A dau.*], b. April 20, 1894; d. inf.
 2. *James-Murray*, b. May 21, 1895.
- iv. *Walter-Greenland*, b. April 11, 1863; became a resident of Manchester, N. H., in June, 1887, where he is treasurer and superintendent of the People's Gas Light Company, treasurer and agent of the Manchester Electric Light Company, director of the Merchants' National bank, and chairman of the finance committee of the Board of Trade; m., in Huntingdon, Pa., November 17, 1887, Maud Cunningham, b. April 11, 1865, dau. of Robert M. Cunningham; and had issue:
 1. *Dorothea-C.*, b. November 16, 1888.
 2. *Esther-Bessie*, b. January 21, 1890.
 3. *Walter-Murray*, b. April 22, 1892.
- v. *Bessie*, d. February, 1867, at Atsion, N. J.

