

BIOGRAPHICAL ANNALS

OF

FRANKLIN COUNTY

PENNSYLVANIA

CONTAINING

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS OF REPRESENTATIVE FAMILIES, INCLUDING MANY OF
THE EARLY SETTLERS, AND BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES
OF PROMINENT CITIZENS

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the Landis Tool Co. In 1902 the company built 10,000 feet of iron fencing for the Parkway Drive, Bayridge, Brooklyn, N. Y., and in 1903 they built 13,000 feet of fence for Thomas Jefferson Park. During 1902-03 they also built 1,500 feet of fence for Everett, Mass., just across from Boston, and 3,000 feet for Druid Ridge cemetery, Baltimore. They also make a specialty of building galvanized steel ice cans for use in the manufacture of artificial ice, having built 10,000 of these in 1902. Among their other products are pump basins, fences, gate entrances, fire escapes, cellar doors, window shutters, window guards, basement guards, pavement grates, area gates and enclosures, lock-up cages, jail cages, smoke stacks, hog troughs, towers, tanks, veranda railings, pipe railings, feeding racks, double swings, lawn settees, tree guards, scalding vats, highway bridges, structural steel work, and general and ornamental iron work of all kinds. The works are thoroughly equipped with all modern machinery, and steady employment is given to thirty-five men.

Mr. Smith was elected a member of the Waynesboro board of education in 1896, and in 1898 was made president of the board. He was re-elected in 1899, and again chosen president of the board, he being the first president to succeed himself in thirty-five years. During his term the compulsory school law was vigorously enforced for the first time in the history of the city, and many important changes were inaugurated which worked great benefit to the school system.

In addition to other interests, Mr. Smith was one of the organizers of the Bank of Waynesboro, and was elected a member of its first board of directors. He is a member of the local board of directors of the Cumberland Valley & Waynesboro Railroad. Fraternally he is a member of the Door to Virtue Lodge, No. 46, F. & A. M., of West-

minster, Md., and his religious alliance is with the Methodist Church, toward which he gives liberally.

In 1888 Mr. Smith married Agnes Stocksdale, of Thurmont, Md., a daughter of George W. Stocksdale. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith:

1. MAZIE.
2. LOUISE.
3. ROBERT.
4. RICHARD.

Mr. Smith has worked steadily forward until he is now regarded very justly as one of the leading business men and capitalists of Waynesboro, and it is a satisfaction to him as well as to his friends that this success has been wrought through his energy and ability. Few men would have had the courage to attempt to build up a great enterprise in the moments usually devoted to recreation, and yet this flourishing business of his was started by Mr. Smith as an opportunity for the utilization of his surplus activity.

DUNCAN FAMILY. SETH DUNCAN (born in Scotland about 1724) went to County Donegal, Ireland, but about 1750 emigrated to Pennsylvania. He first settled in Lancaster county, but late in life removed to Abbottstown, York (now Adams) county. He was twice married. The name of his first wife was Reinhold, and she was of a noteworthy German family of Lancaster county. They had issue:

1. JAMES was appointed second lieutenant in the 2d Canadian (Hazen's) Regiment, Nov. 3, 1776; he was promoted to be first lieutenant, April 8, 1777, and captain, March 25, 1778. He retired Jan. 1, 1783.

2. MATTHEW was a volunteer in the Canada expedition, under Col. Benedict Arnold, in 1775, and was taken prisoner in the assault upon Quebec, on the last day of that

year. While he was a prisoner he was commissioned, Jan. 5, 1776, captain in the 5th Pennsylvania Battalion, Col. Magaw, and was reported in the rolls of the 6th Regiment, Pennsylvania Line, Feb. 18, 1777, a prisoner on parole.


3. WILLIAM (born in Adams county, Oct. 14, 1772—died Feb. 16, 1864) was a merchant in Philadelphia. He was superintendent of U. S. military stores at the Philadelphia arsenal in 1812, and held the office of adjutant-general, 1813-14. Later he was one of Gov. Simon Snyder's special aides, and commanded a brigade at Camp Dupont. For many years he was a member of the Legislature from Philadelphia. He was surveyor of customs at the port of Philadelphia, 1829-38. He was one of the founders of Jefferson Medical College. He married (first) Oct. 31, 1792, Mary Moulder (died in 1818), daughter of William Moulder; (second), 1822, Sarah Moulder (died in 1832), sister of his first wife; and (third) Anna C. (Peale) Staughton, daughter of James Peale, and widow of William Staughton, D. D.

4. ABNER L. was admitted to the Philadelphia Bar, Feb. 26, 1798; he removed to New Orleans, where he rose to eminence at the Bar. He was one of Gen. Jackson's aides at the battle of New Orleans, and was counsel, with Edward Livingstone, in Jackson's trial before Judge Hall for proclaiming martial law.

5. HANNAH married John Nicholson, comptroller-general of Pennsylvania, 1782-94, and escheator-general, 1787-95. He was an extensive landowner in Pennsylvania, his holdings at one time embracing 3,700,000 acres in thirty-nine counties of the State. Among these lands was nearly the whole of Mt. Parnell, Franklin county. Owing to the vastness of his holdings and political persecutions he became very much

embarrassed, and the greater part of his land reverted to the Commonwealth. Among these were two tracts sold in Chambersburg July 15, 1807, the original warrants for which were in the names of Matthew and Seth Duncan. These tracts were described as on the "head waters of Conedwinnett." Mr. Nicholson died in the debtors' prison in Philadelphia, in 1800.

6. MARTHA married June 23, 1791, William Moulder. He was appointed an associate judge of the court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia, Aug. 2, 1813, and he was treasurer of Philadelphia county, 1827-30.

Mr. Duncan married (second) Christiana Bedinger (Bittinger), of Adams county; they had issue: 

1. JOHN (born in 1779—died in 1851) was a physician; he lived at Duncan's Mill, on the Falling Spring, until late in life, when he removed to Adams county, where he died. He amassed a large fortune for that period, amounting to about \$200,000. He never married.

2. POLLY died in 1817.

3. ADAM S. E. (II).

(II) ADAM SETH ENOS DUNCAN (born in Adams county, in 1789—died in 1840), son of Seth and Christiana (Bedinger) Duncan, served in the war of 1812 and participated in the battles of Lundy's Lane and Chippawa. He was wounded three times in the Chippawa fight. After the war he taught school for a while, and later returned to Adams county, where he was a farmer and merchant at Cashtown, in Franklin township. He married (first) Mary White, of Lancaster county; they had issue:

1. MARY married (first) Moses B. Meals; (second) John W. Reges.

Mr. Duncan married (second), in 1815, Mary Mark (born in 1798—died in 1880),

daughter of Peter and Anna Maria Mark; they had issue:

1. MARTHA (born April 16, 1816—died 1859) married Oct. 2, 1847, George Smith (born Feb. 16, 1818—died 1898), son of Jacob and Margaret (Fleeger) Smith, of Adams county. He was a farmer. In 1852 he settled on the farm near Mont Alto, Quincy township, which he afterward owned. He also acquired the ownership of Duncan's Mill, on the Falling Spring, now known as Smith's Mill. George and Martha Smith had issue: Mary Ann L. married John R. Avery; Clara D. died unmarried; and Lunnetta M. married James K. Zug.

2. SUSAN ELIZA, born July 8, 1819; died in infancy.

3. ANNA MARIA, born Dec. 8, 1822, died Dec. 9, 1843.

4. JOHN MONROE, born May 6, 1825, died Oct. 8, 1851.

5. ABNER JACKSON, born Sept. 15, 1827, died in infancy.

6. AUGUSTUS (III).

7. CALVIN MARK (born May 28, 1831—died March 22, 1894) was graduated at Franklin and Marshall College in 1856. He studied law in Chambersburg, and was admitted to the Franklin County Bar, April 12, 1858. He was elected to the State Senate in 1865, and re-elected in 1868. He married Dec. 16, 1858, Mary Grace Metzger (born in 1840), daughter of Jacob and Anna (Downing) Metzger, of Lancaster; they had issue: William Augustus, born Oct. 1, 1859, died Sept. 22, 1893; Calvin Mark, born Aug. 31, 1861; Francis Metzger, born Sept. 18, 1865; Robert Spencer, born Sept. 30, 1868; and John McClurg; born Nov. 9, 1874.

8. JOANNA, born Nov. 21, 1833, died aged nine years.

9. WILLIAM ADDISON (born Feb. 2,

1836—died Nov. 14, 1884) was graduated at Franklin and Marshall College in 1857, and was admitted to the Adams County Bar in 1859. He was prosecuting attorney of Adams county, 1862-65, and 1868-71. He was elected to the XLVIIIth Congress in 1882, but died before the expiration of his term. He married Catherine Schmuker, daughter of Dr. Samuel S. and M. Catherine (Sheenberger) Schmuker; they had issue: Charles M., born April 2, 1864, a lawyer at Gettysburg; William M., born July 14, 1865; John S., born July 7, 1867; and Schmuker.

(III) AUGUSTUS DUNCAN (born at Cashtown, Adams county, March 8, 1829), son of Adam S. E. and Mary (Mark) Duncan, is the only survivor of his family. He was educated in the public schools and in the preparatory department of Marshall College, at Mercersburg. In 1853 he came to Guilford township, where he took charge of the Duncan Mills, on the Falling Spring, which he conducted until 1860, doing an extensive milling business. After relinquishing the mill he removed to Chambersburg. In 1867 he became one of the purchasers of the *Valley Spirit* newspaper, which he conducted in conjunction with John M. Cooper and William S. Stenger, and later under the firm name of Duncan & Stenger, until 1876. Since the latter year he has led a retired life, caring for his farms in Guilford township. He was a member of the Chambersburg town council, from the Second ward, 1882-83, and in 1884 he was appointed one of the Commissioners of Fisheries, by Gov. Pattison. To the latter position he gave much intelligent attention, being especially qualified therefor as a lifelong disciple of Izaak Walton. Politically he has been a lifelong Democrat and his religion is that of the Reformed Church, though he is not a member. He

served as a director of the National Bank of Chambersburg, and of the Chambersburg Gas Company. He has been one of the active citizens of Franklin county for half a century. He resides on his farm, known as "Coldbrook," in Guilford township, adjacent to Chambersburg. The mansion house was built by Judge James Riddle, and is one of the noteworthy mansions of the county. It is fully described in the article relating to the Riddle family. Mr. Duncan married, in 1853, Florence Rowan (died in January, 1860), daughter of Mrs. Catherine Rowan. Children:

1. ANNIE HELEN died aged fifteen years.
2. JEANETTE died aged three years.
3. FLORENCE died when one year old.

FREDERICK GELWICKS STROCK, M. D., a representative physician of Franklin, residing at St. Thomas, was born at St. Thomas, Aug. 19, 1862, a son of Jacob F. and Rachel E. (Gelwicks) Strock. His great-grandfather took up a large tract of land in St. Thomas township, in partnership with Melkin Brindle, which farm is now owned by Joseph Miller. His issue was:

1. JOHN.
2. JACOB.
3. JOSEPH (II).
4. DANIEL.
5. MARY married Frederick Raymer.
6. A daughter married Henry Betz.
7. A daughter married Christ Hoover.

(II) JOSEPH STROCK was killed by the kick of a horse, and his loss was felt throughout the community, for he was a man of prominence. His wife was Sarah Weaver, and their children were:

1. SUSAN married Peter Owen.
2. JACOB F. (III).

(III) JACOB F. STROCK married Rachel E. Gelwicks, a daughter of Freder-

ick Gelwicks, and she died Dec. 7, 1902. They had:

1. FREDERICK GELWICKS (IV).

(IV) FREDERICK G. STROCK first attended the public schools of St. Thomas, then the Chambersburg Academy, and Gettysburg College. After this he studied medicine with Dr. R. W. Ramsey, and entering Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, was graduated therefrom in the spring of 1886. That same year he began practice at St. Thomas in partnership with Dr. R. W. Ramsey, but after two years he began practice alone, and has since so continued. He is a member of the County Medical Society, and is recognized as one of the reliable, skillful physicians of his locality. He is very popular and enjoys a large practice.

In 1891 Dr. Strock married Annie Maxheimer, daughter of John Maxheimer, of St. Thomas.

BURKHOLDER FAMILY. The Burkholder family of Franklin county is descended from Ulrich Burkholder, a native of Switzerland, who emigrated to Pennsylvania on the ship "Samuel," landing at Philadelphia, Aug. 11, 1732. He settled in Lancaster county where two generations of his decendants were born before the migration of members of the Burkholder family westward began.

(I) ULRICH BURKHOLDER (born in Lancaster county in 1786—died in Franklin county), second in descent from Ulrich Burkholder, the emigrant, settled at Chambersburg where he lived until his death. He had a brother John, who owned the farm on which Isaac Strite was shot by the Confederates in 1863, and a sister Maria, who married Jacob Nicklas and lived in Guilford township, near the Almshouse. Jacob and Maria Nicklas had a daughter who married