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HISTORY OF THE WIERMAN FAMILY

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THE WIERMAN COAT OF ARMS



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WIERMAN

A coat of arms in any family has always been an object of pride and display, used to distinguish the noble and to preserve for posterity the record of the achievements of our ancestors. Crests were employed during the Feudal ages to display the exploits of chivalry and the deeds of valor.

"The Coat of Arms of the Wierman family shows quarterly first and fourth; Argent, a Turk issuant habited gules, turbaned proper, holding in the dexter hand a scimeter argent and in the sinister a shield of the last; second and third, tierce per bend azure, argent and gules."

Crest, a Turk issuant as in the Arms. The Turk is symbolical of the participation in the Crusades.

"The color argent (silver) signifies the messenger of peace and reliever of the distressed. It also signifies everlasting charity and clear conscience."

The two shades of leaves show the uniting in marriage of two royal families. The colors on the shield all have important meanings; White is for purity, Red for blood shed in battles, also denotes martial prowess, boldness and hardiness, in those ancient days, red was often used to alarm enemies, the azure also signifies divine contemplation and godliness.

"The hand illustrates the five associated points of the true religion; profession of faith, prayer, almsgiving, fasting and pilgrimage, more generally the five fingers are taken to represent power, knowledge, will, worthiness, duty, or force, authority, love and obedience, but in all cases the necessity for united effort is enforced."

Gullim says, "the shield is the defence and safe guard of soldiers in war, and serves to honor them by depicting their armorial bearings, in time of peace, it signifies a defender."

Thus does the meaning of a Coat of Arms take us back through the mists of the ages.

The following is a list of the names of the students who have been admitted to the University of Chicago for the year 1911-1912. The names are arranged in alphabetical order of the last name.

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BROWN, ROBERT
CHAMBERLAIN, EDWARD
COLEMAN, WILLIAM
DICKSON, GEORGE
EVANS, HENRY
FERGUSON, JAMES
GIBSON, JOHN
HARRIS, ROBERT
HENDERSON, JOHN
HUGHES, JOHN
JONES, JOHN
KELLY, JOHN
LEWIS, JOHN
MILLER, JOHN
MORSE, JOHN
NICHOLS, JOHN
OLIVER, JOHN
PARKER, JOHN
ROBERTS, JOHN
SMITH, JOHN
TAYLOR, JOHN
WALKER, JOHN
WATSON, JOHN
WELLS, JOHN
WHITE, JOHN
YOUNG, JOHN

HISTORY OF THE WIERMAN FAMILY

Requested by the Genealogical Committee of the Historical Society of Adams County, and numerous members of the Wierman Clan, for the History of my family, I have decided to jot down what I have learned from many sources, but chiefly from my father, John William Wierman, who treasured memories of those early days after learning about them from his father, Joseph Wierman, who in turn had gained his knowledge from his father, Nicholas.

The custom was, from generation to generation, for each father to take his son by the hand and lead him to the site of the first log mill, which was back of the present location, and tell him the story of that early settlement, it was the established thing to do.

When it came to be my turn, I was only a girl, but the incidents related were just as interesting to me, and I have always treasured them as did my predecessors. The history of those early days customarily ended with the admonition, "now I want thee always to remember what I have told thee today."

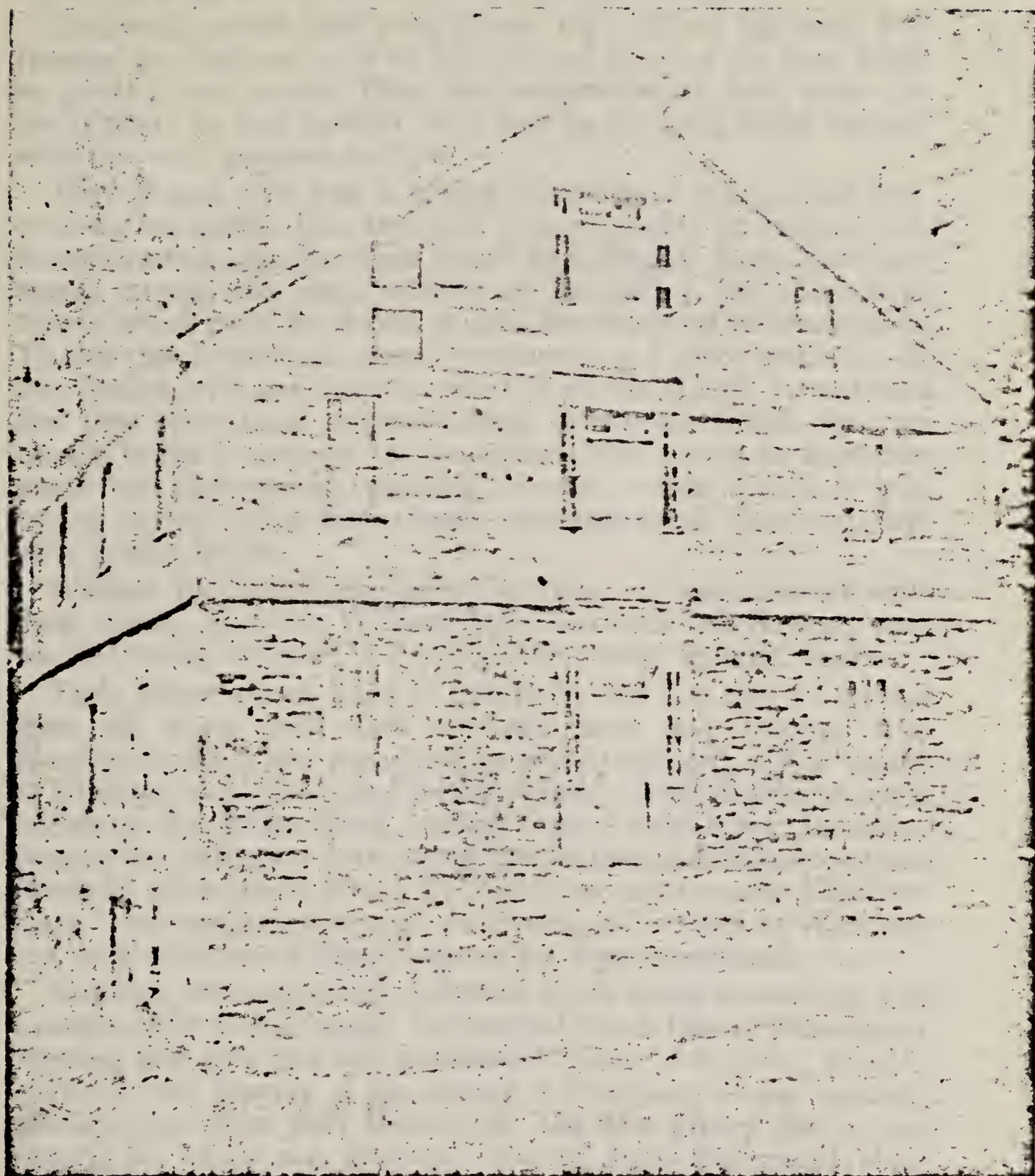
Our first American ancestor was William Weyerman, "Blue Dyer," as he styled himself, because he was a chemist and well educated for that day and age.

The "Blue Dyer," also known as Doctor Weyerman, came to this country to escape the terrible persecution all members of the Friends suffered at that time. He brought with him his bride, Lady Gertrude Sateman of Holland, whom he met while accompanying his friend, William Penn, on a preaching tour made in that country.

They came on one of Penn's ships in 1683, remaining several months in Philadelphia, then battled their way through the dense forests to the present site of Wierman's Mill, where due to the lay of the land, the proximity of the creek, and the friendship of Penn's friends, the Indians, they decided to make their home.

Lady Gertrude, evidently unaccustomed to toil, suffered much from the hard work entailed, as her blistered hands have gone down in the annals of the family all these years.

William Weyerman bought from the Indians as much land as he could walk around from sunrise to sunset. No doubt he hurried, and it is supposed also that he had an Indian guide, otherwise in the rough, thickly wooded terrain he could not possibly have encircled the 1,240 acres, alone and unguided, that he obtained that memorable day. Later on he bought numerous other tracts of 500 acres each, and one of 300 obtained by warrant and adjoining his other land, so that he owned a vast tract, lying on both sides of



Wierman's Mill built in 1700, following the first log mill.

Bermudian Creek, reaching from what is known as the Tanger farm, above Route 15 to below the Hershey farm on Route 94, including what later became York Sulphur Springs.

This early settler built a log house, log mill and log barn. His friends, the Indians, came to his mill and slept on the floor while he ground their maize. They also bartered at his little store for the trinkets he had brought with him on his long ocean voyage, with this very purpose in view.

They shared with him a spring located near a large oak tree, close to his home. This tree still stands, mighty in majesty, although several branches were struck by lightning. Sixty years ago stones showed the exact location of the spring, but these have been washed away by floods, due to the changing of the stream. To this day arrowheads, axes, tomahawks and other evidences of this Indian tribe are found around Wierman's Mill. It was said that they spent their summers along Bermudian Creek, then retreated to the mountains for the winter. The stream in their language was Ber-mud-in, meaning "muddy stream." This is true during spring and autumn floods when the creek rises and falls with great rapidity.

William Weyerman and Lady Gertrude, his wife, had six children, Henry, Nicholas, William, John, Gertrude and Hannah, thus was the family founded in America and a large dynasty begun.

Their father's keen mind is proven by the fact that he started them off along good lines to make their way through life. Henry, the oldest son, who lived to be 99 years old, and is buried at Huntington Meeting, had a large tannery, located along what is known as the Ridge Road, leading from a mile below Heidlersburg to the Reinecker farm along the Carlisle and Baltimore pike, Route 94. He married "firstly Priscilla Pope and secondly Elizabeth Ross," they were members of the Society of Friends at Warrington, as Huntington Friends had not yet been established.

Nicholas, the second son, followed in his father's footsteps and was the miller of the family. He married Sarah Cox at Huntington Meeting and they had five children, William, Benjamin, Phoebe, Nicholas and Harvey. I am doubly a Wierman, as my paternal grandparents were both Wiermans. The first Henry had a son, Henry, Jr., whose son, Harmon, married Mary Hammond; their second child was Susan, my grandmother. Grandfather Joseph was the son of the second Nicholas.

Along the same Ridge Road, the namesake of his father, William the second, had his pottery, on part of what is known now as the Joel Griest, Jr., farm, in that early day called, "ye Big Meadow." I have one piece made at this pottery, a small jug, unique in color and composition, that I prize highly. This branch of the family migrated far from home, first going south to Virginia, then west. Descendants are now living in Colorado and California.



*Home of Nicholas Wierman, second son of the pioneer settler,
built in 1772.*

William C., the fourth in direct line, married Susan M. Lundy, daughter of Benjamin Lundy, the noted slave agitator, they had five children, a daughter, Mary, married Isaac Pearson, whose son became Doctor I. W. Pearson, founder of the Pearson line in York Springs.

A young Navy medical man, Lieutenant (J.G.) William H. Wierman, the eighth, in direct line from William the first, served on Truk during World War II, he and another young medical man took care of 17,000 Japs after peace was declared, and he is now a surgeon with Mayo Brothers.

Milling has always been the favored trade of the family, going hand in hand with many of its members, down to the present generation.

Herbert L. Wierman of Denver, Colo., is a grain merchant on a large scale, wheat has ever been to a Wierman the basic commodity, the true salt of the earth.

John, the youngest son of the first settler, was a man of letters, called Squire Wierman, who attended to legal matters for his family and his neighbors, he married Mary Morrow, and they had thirteen children. Their son John, the second, in turn became Squire Wierman and lived at the stone house, a short distance from the Ridge Road, built in 1804, he married Ruth Cox and

their only daughter married Doctor Daniel Shaeffer and lived in the brick house with tall pines in the dooryard, opposite the First National Bank in York Springs. Doctor Shaeffer was elected to Congress from Pennsylvania in 1836. One of their daughters, Augusta, married a Craighead.

The two daughters of our pioneer ancestor were also noteworthy and made their mark in an ever growing and broadening world.

Gertrude married Samuel Wright, son of John, secondly William Ferguson, her grandson, William Wright married Phoebe Wierman. Their home in Latimore Township, near York Springs, was called "Plainfield," and was an Underground Railroad station during the war between the states. This charitable couple took care of over 1,000 slaves, fed, clothed and mended for them, then in the quiet of the night took them to the next station on their way across the U. S. to Canada, where they would be safe. One day when angry slave owners came hunting their property, consisting among others of a negro woman and a tiny pickaninny, one of the Wright daughters shoved the woman into a closet, jumped hastily into bed with the baby in her arms and covered it well. Quick thinking was required for fear the baby would cry. The men glanced in the doorway and passed on, searching the house.

William Wright's brother, who lived at Columbia, Pa., was the man who originated the idea of the Underground Railroad system.

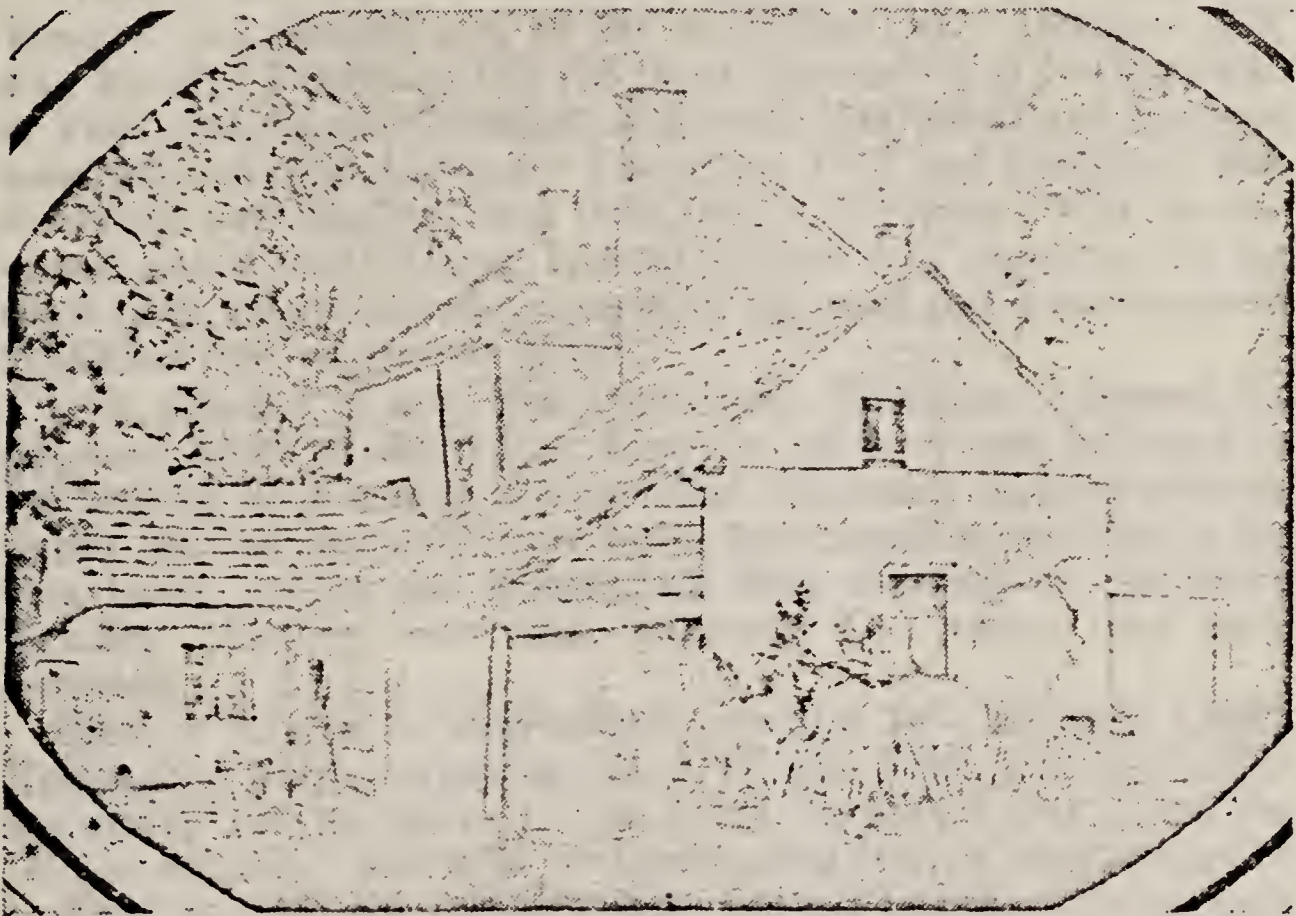
William and Phoebe had a son who later grew famous. William Wierman Wright became a General during the Civil War, he served as Chief of Military Railroads and engineered Sherman's famous "March to the Sea." General Sherman praised him highly in his memoirs.

General Wright planned and built Quebec Harbor and rebuilt Fort Duquesne. One of his most famous engineering feats was the Leavenworth Bridge. This bridge was over the Missouri River, for the Kansas and Missouri Bridge Co. and very difficult to build because of shifting sands. He planned other bridges in the U. S. and Canada and in London, where he remained for some time. The General was a brilliant man with advanced ideas for that early day. Worthy of note were his plans for opening the Panama Canal, made prior to De Lesseps, the Frenchman. It is interesting to observe that his estimate of the cost was just one-fifth of the actual amount spent. His Bible bears the inscription, "Bot a long time ago, but valuable from Oct.-10-1853." His intimate signature to relatives and friends was always, W - W - W, William Wierman Wright. The General is buried at Huntington Meeting.

Hannah, the other daughter, married Samuel Cox and also migrated far from home, first to North Carolina, then Missouri

where Samuel was disowned from Cane Creek monthly meeting in 1771 for joining the Regulators.

The home of Squire John Wierman was also an Underground Railroad station. The main living room has a large trap door in the floor; when owners came, urgently hunting their slaves, these poor beings were thrust hurriedly down to the cellar, where they made their escape through the unusually large cellar windows, so suitable for the unfortunate negroes to flee through, who had fled north.



Home of Henry Wierman, Sr., oldest son of the pioneer settler, later the home of Henry, Jr., still later the home of Harmon and his children, Polly, Huldah, Howard and Frank.

Henry, the tanner, who lived to such a great age, built his home on a high bluff overlooking Bermudian Creek. His bank barn, built with arches of brick and stone, is said to be the oldest still standing in the County, and has often been photographed. The log house, plastered on the outside, in the fashion of its day, still stands and is inhabited by Alfred Kemper, who owns the farm. A spring on the farm and a well on the farm at Wierman's Mill both have the strong sulphur taste, which made the York Sulphur Springs famous, the vein of water extending from that place. Legendary stories still exist concerning a fortune in silver buried on this farm in a large iron kettle, during the Revolutionary War. Every now and then the search is renewed, but all the digging has failed to uncover the treasure.

Henry had a large family, he was twice married, first to Priscilla Pope, then to Elizabeth Ross, born to him and his first wife were Hannah, Mary, Henry, Elizabeth, Priscilla, John, Catharine, William and Gertrude, to the second wife, Samuel, Ann and Sarah.

His daughter, who signed her name, "Priscilla Wierman Junr," on a marriage certificate under her mother's "Priscilla Wierman Sr," was the beauty of the Wierman family and is always remembered as such, her blonde hair and hazel eyes were renowned. The hazel eyes are characteristic of the family today, but only very occasionally are seen the blonde tresses.

Priscilla was born third month, 17th day, 1757. She married Thomas Dill, second son of the emigrant, Capt. Matthew Dill, who founded Dillsburg. We can thank this courtship for Route 15 in York and Adams Counties, as Thomas, his father and brothers went into court in Lancaster Co., Febr. 1747 and petitioned that the bridle path leading from Dillsburg to Wierman's Mill be converted into a road. Young Thomas himself was appointed by the court to be one of the six viewers of the road and it was opened, "sufficient for wagons to travel."

It is pleasing to note that these early Wiermans followed the religious belief of their first American ancestor and belonged to the Society of Friends. William first, like many another pioneer settler, before churches were built, held worship services in his own home, taking the minutes of these meetings to Sadsbury Monthly Meeting, near Gap, Lancaster Co., where they were recorded.

Because it was so conveniently near, a few attended Christ Episcopal Church, organized in 1749 and 1750, and served on the vestry and as deacons. This small log edifice was called the "White Church," and with its surrounding church yard and glebe was the main church of the Parish, Carlisle and York being only branches. George Washington, while at the latter place, when the Continental Congress met there, wished to attend the church of his choice, but found a note on the door stating that the service that day would be held at Huntington, so he was compelled to go to a Dutch Lutheran Church and could not understand one word of the service.

The majority of the Wierman family attended Huntington Meeting which consisted of a log church built prior to 1750, followed by the present stone structure, erected in 1790. Early church records show that these kinsfolk served on many committees and church offices. Harmon Wierman was appointed to take charge of the papers of Meeting lots at Menallen and Huntington, and also to take care of property in trust for these Meetings. A William Wierman was appointed to take care of books belonging to Huntington Meeting. Hannah and Sarah Wierman were overseers, William, Nicholas and Sara Wierman were Elders, Phoebe and Amy Wierman were clerks. They were



Huntington Friends Meeting, built in 1790, which followed the first log Meeting House of 1745.

very human too, a certain Gertrude, named of course for the first, was disowned from Meeting because she was found guilty of dancing! A William Wierman married out of Meeting and was also guilty of attending a military exercise, but admitted he was sorry and would be more careful in the future. Isaac Wierman was found guilty of quarreling, but asked Friends to pass it by and he would be more careful. Another William Wierman was found guilty of attending a military muster, but promised to do better. The first marriage that took place after the establishment of Huntington Meeting was that of Nicholas Wierman to Susan Cox, 8th month, 24th day, 1745. Many Wierman marriages were solemnized according to Friendly ceremony, one small record book alone containing records of fourteen couples so united.

A Hannah Wierman was appointed a representative to Quarterly Meeting at Warrington and Fairfax, Hannah Wierman, presumably the same, was appointed the first clerk of Huntington Woman's Meeting. She was of modest disposition and hesitated to be so minuted, but at second Meeting consented.

Grandfather Joseph Wierman married out of meeting and in response to criticism he wrote: "I, the subscribed, in consequence of getting married, having broken the rules of The Society of Friends to which I claim and own by right of birth my member-

ship, am free to acknowledge the same to be an error, believing now that every member of the Society should act consistently with the rules of the Society, but I have committed no crime. If you see proper to disown me as a member, so be it, but my religious principles you cannot change, they are and remain as the ever dead, a Quaker in principle."

His beloved wife died at the early age of 42, and he wrote a long poem in remembrance of her, ending with—

"Blest be her memory, o'er her grave
Let roses bloom and willows wave."

"There oft shall silent foot-steps tread
And haunt the spot where rests her head,
And tears of sweet remembrance flow
In all the luxury of woe,
'Tis done, and Susan's breathed her last
Her troubles o'er, her trials past."

Coming down to later times, Isaac E. Wierman was a member of the State Assembly in 1820, he also served as a County Auditor and an Associate Judge for eleven years.

Frank Wierman was, at one time, deputy Sheriff of Adams County and his religious faith would not allow him to hang a man who was convicted of an early murder in the County. In 1825 Harmon Wierman was appointed postmaster at York Sulphur Springs, so it would appear that the family has always tried to serve their fellow men both in a public and a religious way.

Research workers have told me from time to time that in their diligent inquiries through old documents they found the Wierman family to be the oldest on record and Wierman's Mill the first settlement made in what is now Adams County, made in the Province before counties were formed. Capt. John Steelman was an early settler but he had only a trader's cabin and lived alone. Some members of the clan suggest 1696 as the date of our pioneer's arrival, others 1700, but the traditional date handed from father to son was 1683.

William Weyerman, the pioneer, became a member of the Provincial Assembly at Philadelphia, making the long trip back and forth by horseback. He lived almost his entire life on his many primeval acres before he had anything authentic to show for them. However, on one of his trips he brought back with him Nicholas Scull, Surveyor General of the Province of Pennsylvania, and who had planned the "City of Brotherly Love." This famous man surveyed and made a draft of the Wierman land, this was done in June 9th, 1738 and although made on paper exists in fairly good condition today.

William Penn returned to England to die; William Weyerman also passed to his reward in 1768. It was then that the Heirs of

Penn, Thomas and Richard Penn, Esquires, proprietors and Governors in Chief of Newcastle, Kent and Sussex on Delaware, gave to the Heirs of William Weyerman an authentic deed and the land was divided according to our ancestor's will, among his six children. This deed, dated 1750 and 1768, made on parchment, remains in perfect condition today. The will was drawn up February 11, 1750, and probated in 1768.

William and Lady Gertrude also brought with them from across the sea, books, pewter and silver and, most interesting of all, a large Holland Dutch Bible with unusually heavy silver clasps, published in 1589. This Bible was handed down to a William Wierman family in the far west and unfortunately was destroyed by fire. A few pictures of it remain, made for Thomas Thornburg Wierman, who resided in Harrisburg and who followed in the footsteps of his father, T. T. Wierman, Sr., as Superintendent and part owner of the old Pennsylvania Canal, later he became an attorney for the C-V-R-R.

He had the Wierman family tree drawn up and made by a George La Rue.

The home of Joel Wierman and his wife, who was Lydia Lundy, a sister of Benjamin Lundy, the noted Abolitionist, was a school. They conducted a Female Seminary, including girls of all ages, and comprised all the branches of a liberal English education, together with mathematical studies, drawing, and the French and German languages. Summer sessions began the "first second day in the fifth month and for the winter on the first second day in the eleventh month," each continuous for 22 weeks. Pupils were boarded in the home at \$50.00 per session. Almost the entire end of the house on the first floor, facing the barn, was composed of glass windows to obtain proper lighting for the school rooms.

This house was also an Underground Railroad station. These charitable Friends cared for the poor refugees, who were passed from station to station, the objective always Canada.

The first log mill was succeeded by one of stone, built about 1700, and this two story stone wall has worn out two frame tops. The structure of the mill was unique because of the Colonial doorways, and an interesting article was written for "The American Miller" in 1911, describing it. This popular milling magazine also showed pictures of the mill and my father, the reporter stated that it was the only mill in the U. S. built in that style, proving again that William Weyerman was cultured and well educated.

Across the road from the Mill is the stone house built in 1772 by my great-great-grandfather, Nicholas Wierman. This house, the mill and Huntington Friends Meeting House were all built of the same type of stone, quarried on Wierman land.

Just as unusual as the Colonial doorways, where the small panes were 4 x 7, were the windows in the mill. The frames were in two

parts, but the lower sash had only two rows of 7 x 9 panes, while the upper section had four rows, double doors were at both sides and single ones in front. The steps on the stairways leading to each floor were worn thin by the hurrying feet of the millers, who had to run from floor to floor to watch the machinery when it was in motion. Flour, corn meal, rye, buckwheat flour and much chop was ground for feed, having three sets of grindstones, flour and feed could be processed at the same time. Corn on the cob was always broken up by machinery before being combined with oats, to be ground. My early days in the mill, as a babe in arms, were spent in an empty barrel which served to keep me out of mischief. Later it was the finest place in the world to play hide and seek, there were so many mysterious hiding places available, from that stage I gradually emerged as a helper.

The original 10 foot chimney on the roof was of stone, but was replaced by one of brick. A dam was never built to control and conserve the water power for the mill, as a natural 18 foot fall, starting from above Route 15 was all that was needed, showing that William Weyerman knew he had found an ideal place for his mill when he selected this site. This was always a Burr-mill and the flour was processed through bolting cloth, a lovely silken material that had to be renewed frequently, just as the heavy grindstones had to be sharpened at close intervals, the top stone was lifted by a derrick so that the miller could do the work with a variety of sharp picks.

Every floor of the mill was a maze of mystery, there was so much machinery, so many cog wheels of all sizes, from those as large as a buggy wheel to the ones the size of a large dinner plate, the wooden cogs worn smooth by many years of constant use. Everything in the mill was so beautifully old—the rear posts on the feed chests were carved, and the toll box, a lovely piece of workmanship, made of walnut wood with dovetailed corners was worn satin smooth inside and out.

Many pine boxed elevators ran the full height of the mill, containing heavy belting to which was attached tin cups that carried grain up or down as desired.

The large picturesque wheel that supplied the power took very little water to run it, but in winter ice forming on it caused plenty of trouble until thawed out. Later on this wooden wheel was supplanted by two turbines, that were never quite as satisfactory, they required more water and often eels were caught in them, then all water had to be drained off and the eels painstakingly cut out with a sharp knife.

The top floor of the mill had many bins in which all kinds of grain was stored, farmers drew up in front of the mill with their wagons, and bags were drawn up by a windlass around which the

rope was wound, this was stationed in the small rectangular roof projection, and operated by water power. Looping the rope around each bag was one of my tasks, my father would stand in the door of the particular floor wanted and reaching out would draw the bag in, each farmer's lot was kept carefully separate. In the autumn one of the main tasks was to keep the leaves from being drawn into the turbines, perpendicular iron rods quite close together across the forbay would catch and hold the leaves, it was the helper's job to draw them up and out with a rake.

Once a year both the Head race and the Tail race had to be cleaned, a large gang of barefoot men with shovels threw the mud up and out on the banks. The Tail race is remembered particularly for the time when Revolutionary soldiers galloped their horses through it, singing an old ditty:

"Some get rich and some do die—
Some choke to death on apple pie."

Wierman's Mill has ever been a focal point of interest in the community, from time to time inquiries are made as to when it was a Post Office. It was never a government office, but some member of the family would ride horseback to town for the mail, bringing that of the neighbors as well, this was kept in the mill room desk and distributed as the folks called for it.

In those early days the mill was kept running day and night. The mill room, where business was transacted, had a large open fireplace and a large ten-plate stove made by Peter Ege, Pine Grove. Both were kept burning during bitter weather. A large bunk built high against the back partition was used by the man who was off duty, to get a few hours' sleep.

Benches and chairs were arranged around the room and every evening these were filled with men, who discussed and settled (?) the important questions of the day. A quaint old clock, still in my possession, kept track of the passing hours, but in spite of its efforts two men once talked all night, finishing their lengthy conversation at the lower mill door just as the sun came up.

The sawmill, with its primitive up and down saw, was also kept going almost constantly in daylight, with many logs piled high near it. It was an art to roll them to the mill evenly, the men used cant hooks and kept the logs chucked with blocks of wood or stones. The delightful odor of fresh saw dust and riding back and forth on the logs while they were being sawed was very intriguing.

As the early settlement grew, nearly all the nearby homes were owned by Wiermans, William, John, Nicholas and Henry were favorite family names. At one time there were so many Nicholas Wiermans in the immediate vicinity, all had to have nicknames to distinguish them, i.e., Will Nicholas, Hill Nicholas, Bill Nicholas, Wain Nicholas, meaning Wainwright, and Cordweinder Nicholas, the shoemaker.

During the Revolutionary War, the Wiermans fought loyally, but as it was against their principles as good Quakers to do so, they would not allow their names to be placed on records, later a few belonged to the Pennsylvania Militia. When the Civil War was fought they had gotten further away from the tenets of their religion and many of them served. Of the five sons of Joseph Wierman, four wore the Northern blue, Theodore N., John William, Joseph E., and Henry H. Alfred A., the oldest, remained at home to keep the mills going.

After returning home from the service Henry Howard came to be known as "Dr. Wierman," not only because he was interested in the curative powers of Teas and Herbs, but because of the Blue Dyer who was thought to be a physician, and another Dr. William in the third generation.

John William, my father, enlisted at once, at the outbreak of the War, in a Philadelphia Regiment, Company C, 15th Penna. Volunteer Cavalry, known later as the "Fighting Fifteenth." He always said he spent three years in the saddle, doing Courier duty for General W. S. Rosecrans and General William J. Palmer. He was promoted from a private to a Sergeant for "Meritorious Conduct on the Woodbury Scout." He was captured just a month before the close of the war and suffered serious illness and terrible privations in Andersonville rebel prison.

In 1907 General Palmer, a former Philadelphian and close friend of Isaac H. Clothier, chartered a train for his comrades and entertained them for a week at Colorado Springs and his home, "Glen Eyrie," in the Garden of the Gods. Out of the 1,200 that composed the Regiment only 280 remained to make the trip.

When the Rebels commenced to enter the community, just prior to the Battle of Gettysburg, Alfred A. Wierman poured all the wheat into a large bin underneath the floor of the mill, camouflaged the trap door, leaving only a few sacks on the main floor, these were confiscated by the enemy, but the large amount was saved. The horses were hidden in the woods along the creek, in a most secretive spot, but hearing the rebel horses, they neighed in answer and were taken.

A Promissory Note, not worth the paper upon which it was written, was given, allowing \$100.00 for each animal, by order of "Major John A. Homan, Army of Northern Virginia, June 30th, 1863, Heidelberg." General Ewell had his headquarters at Heidlersburg at the old tavern, "The Traveler's Rest."

According to tradition passed down from one generation to the next, the home of the first Wierman was situated where my tenant house now stands, half of the house is built of very sturdy logs, plastered on the outside and may be part of the original house, the other half was used as a store stand for years, kept to carry on the idea of that first Indian trading station. It is directly across the road from the Spring that this early settler and his dark-skinned friends used.

Mill

Spring

Sawmill

Barn

House and Store

The plans and arrangements of this first settlement were made with great care and good judgment. Land was plentiful and to spare in those days, so those early log buildings were widely distributed, covering a large area.



Home of Joseph Wierman, site of first log home of pioneer settler, William Weyerman.

The old stone house across from the mill, with the date 1772 on the chimney, had a brick L at the rear that contained two rooms downstairs and two above, this deteriorated many years ago. This house was famous for its great hospitality, it was admirably adapted for large crowds, a wide entrance hall ran straight through the house, and the large rooms on both sides with their lovely pine paneled partitions had enormous fireplaces. The house, one of only seven in the County, is built according to the points of the compass, North, South, East and West. Lawn, dinner and evening parties were continuous. The flower garden back of the brick part was noted all over the County for its great beauty.

Situated on part of the original tract was the York Sulphur

Springs, one of the most interesting traditions regarding the once famous resort was that George Washington was a guest there in 1774, shortly after his return from the West Indies, having learned of the place from his close friend and later his secretary, Alexander Hamilton. This brilliant young man, kinsman of the Wiermans and Dills, later on became the first Secretary of the Treasury of the United States. It has been said that he did the "thinking for the country."

From records of the Hamilton and Dill families we find that Gen. George Washington and his wife Martha spent some time at the Springs during the summer of 1799, they came incognito, rooms were engaged by and under the name of the General's secretary. This was the last summer of the General's life, he died the following winter. He was recognized at the Springs by Capt. Thomas Dill, who had crossed the Delaware with him and who insisted upon giving a reception for him at his home in the village, at the brick house with tall pines. Guests at this assemblage were the elite of the countryside, composed of the Wiermans, Dills and Hamiltons, Capt. Dill's wife, the fair Priscilla, welcomed the distinguished guests, the honored couple preferred to remain unknown but the aged Henry Wierman, father of Priscilla, could not refrain from remarking how noble General Washington had looked upon a special occasion, meaning his inauguration in New York which Henry had attended.

The Wierman family has had a goodly and rich heritage, and its members have spread out over many parts of the U.S.A. Among interesting kinsfolk who have come from time to time to visit Wierman's Mill, the first settlement made by their pioneer ancestor, are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lindstrom, Idaho Falls, Idaho; Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wierman, Mrs. Mae Parret and Herbert L. Wierman, Denver, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Wierman, Long Beach, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Quinter Young and family, Shaker Heights, Ohio; Mrs. Rachel Somers, Indianapolis, Ind.; Major and Mrs. Barney Oldfield, Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Oldfield, Lincoln, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Swain, Muncie, Ind.; Earle H. Swain, Jr., Boston, Mass.; Thad N. Swain, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Donald D. Sullivan, South Dakota; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Sellers, Wilmington, Del.; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gillespie, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Walter Heyne, Montclair, N. J.; Mrs. Rosalie Jones Dill, New York City; Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Goss, Mendota, Ill.; Mrs. Melva Wierman Howard, Valhalla, N. Y.; Herbert McElwee and sister, Mrs. Logan R. Patterson, Cherokee, Iowa; Mrs. Phoebe Bowers Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Thornburg Skinner and daughter, Simms, Mont.; Daniel Gibbons, author of "God In Us," a book on the "World Faith of Quakerism," New York City; Mrs. Earle Orner, Wilmette, Ill.; Mrs. Thomas Shultz, Newark, Del.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Gilbert Randall and three granddaughters,

Eldersburg, Carroll Co., Md.; Mrs. Danner B. Wierman and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Wierman, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Fred Young, Columbus, Ohio. Those from Pennsylvania: A. Edward Wierman and family, Columbia; Chief and Mrs. Thomas M. Tawney and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Minter, Harrisburg; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wierman, Mrs. Dora Wierman, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Myers and Miss Mary Wierman Heintzleman, Gettysburg; Dr. Albert Cook Myers, historian, Moylan; George E. Wierman and Mrs. Arnold Myers, Norristown; Mrs. Joseph Arnold, Pittsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. C. Harry Markley, Miss Mary Wierman, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wierman and Mr. and Mrs. William Wierman, York; Miss Ruth E. Cook, Dillsburg; Miss Elza Wierman, Carlisle; Mrs. Adeline Bashore, Harrisburg; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Delap and daughter, Lavetta, Biglerville; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lott and daughter, Elizabeth Ann, Gardners; Mrs. Eulalia Hartzell and Miss Faith Bateman, Bendersville; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hamilton Bateman, Philadelphia.

Thus the family has grown and branched out, as Family Trees, as well as green ones have a habit of doing. This list of kinsfolk includes artists, writers, teachers, etc., all walks of life are represented.

No doubt the early members of the family would be as much interested in their descendants as these later Wiermans are, in the difficult early achievements of their ancestors.

It is hoped that this reminiscing has reincarnated some of those early settlers and brought you a word picture of Wierman's Mill, when it was the busiest hive of industry in the community, visualize it thus, for now with each passing year it is slipping down into the past, a ghost of other and better days.

ADDENDA

The writer of this sketch, Mrs. Maude Wierman Kennedy, was born at Wierman's Mill, daughter of John William and Nancy Elizabeth Myers Wierman, and has lived her entire life here, the seventh in generation to have lived at the same spot, her farm of 85 acres, 29 perch, is the last of all the vast tract to remain in the Wierman name.

After attending the public schools of Huntington Twp. she went to Mrs. Croll's private school, held in the McPherson Building, Gettysburg, then to High School in Chambersburg, where she also studied music under Mrs. Armstrong Myers, having started that study previously under Prof. H. O. Himes, Gettysburg. She then entered Maryland College, Lutherville, Md., at midyear, finishing the four year course in two and a half years, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Music, this included the full English course.

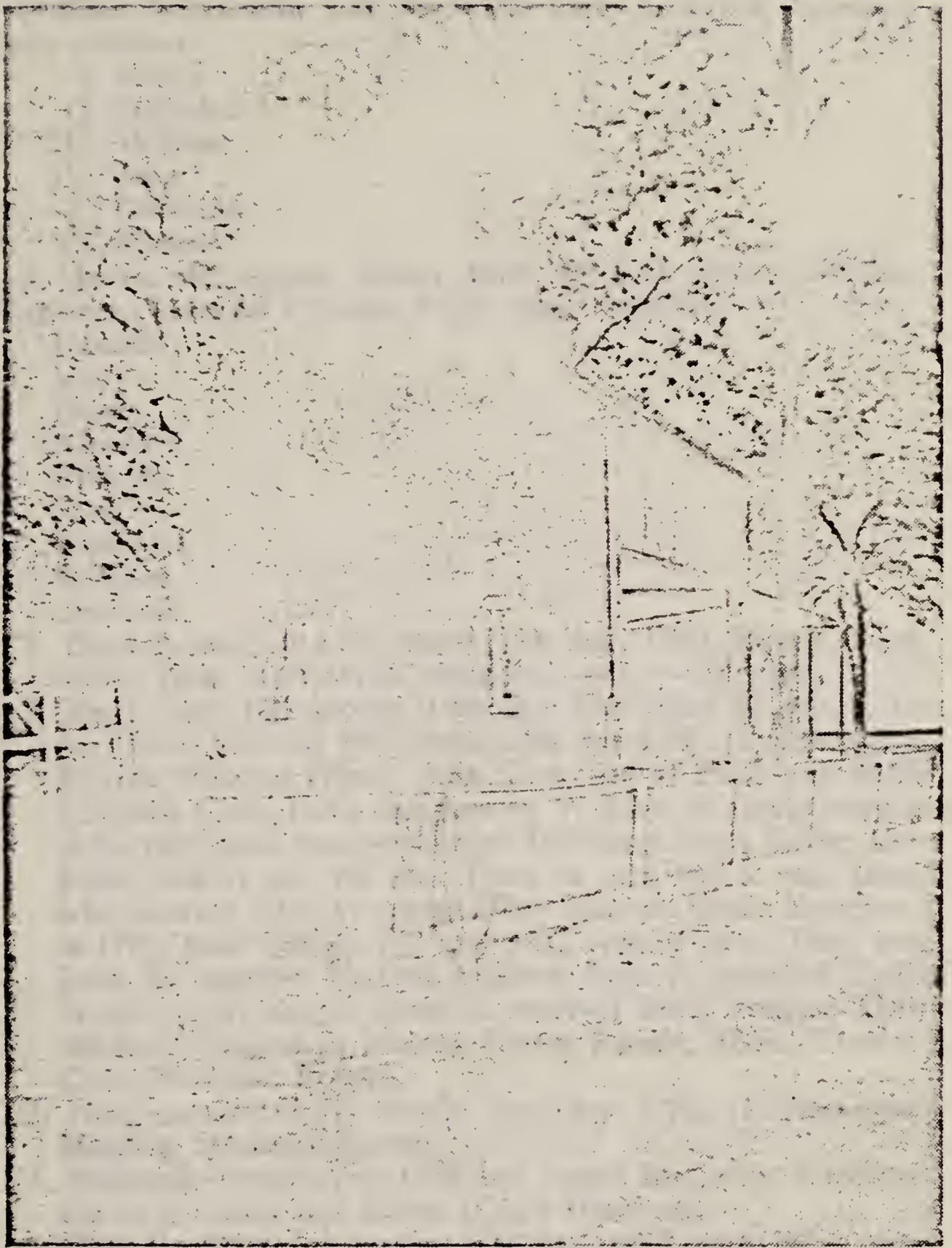
Returning home, she taught music in York Springs, and in her own home for thirty-one years, also in York Springs High School for several years. During that time she served many years on the Y.W.C.A. board, the Crippled Children's Society and continuously on the Auxiliary board of the Annie M. Warner Hospital. She still does D.A.R., Hospital and Red Cross work and is a member of the Adams County Historical Society, also the American Legion Auxiliary. She formerly stage managed numerous benefit plays.

Always interested in politics, Mrs. Kennedy was the first woman to register in her township after the franchise was granted. Later on she was one of the first women of the county to be called to serve on jury duty.

She was elected President of the Republican Women's Club of Adams County and served in that capacity for many years, meeting interesting celebrities, and became a close friend of Gov. and Mrs. Gifford Pinchot, representing them in the county during both terms of office, and was entertained at the Executive Mansion in Harrisburg, many times.

August 9, 1921, Maude L. Wierman and Hiliary R. Kennedy were united in marriage in the Abbottstown Lutheran Church by Rev. Paul Gladfelter. They continue to reside at Wierman's Mill, a great point of interest for antique lovers and a mecca for members of the Wierman family.

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Home of Mr. and Mrs. Hiliary R. Kennedy, Wierman's Mill.

GENEALOGY

Pioneer Ancestor:

William Weyerman and his wife, Lady Gertrude Sateman.
Their children:

- I. Henry
- II. Nicholas
- III. William
- IV. John
- V. Gertrude
- VI. Hannah

I. Henry Weyerman, oldest child of first settler, William Weyerman, married Priscilla Pope. Their children:

Hannah
Mary
Henry
Elizabeth
Priscilla
John
Catharine
William
Gertrude

1. Hannah married 12th month, 4th day, 1760, Robert Todd, son of John, she married secondly, ——— Morgan.
2. Mary, born 10th month, 19th day, 1746. died 12 month, 1st day, 1824. Married 9th month, 24th day 1767, at Huntington Friends Meeting House, Jesse Cook, son of Peter and Sarah (Gilpin) Cook. Ruth daughter of William R. Cooke resides at the old Cooke homestead near Dillsburg. Peter Cooke, emigrant died at sea, his son, Peter in turn had a son, Jesse, who married Mary Wierman. They built the Cooke homestead in 1785, their initials, J.C. and M.C. remain on it. Their son, John Sr. married Hannah Walker. John Jr. married Lydia Walker, their son, William R. married Mary Heiges. Their children: Clayton J., Morris, Carrie, Fannie, Abbie, Thomas, Celia, Ruth and Robert.
3. Henry—married 5th month, 22nd day, 1776, at Huntington Meeting, Susanna Hutton.
4. Elizabeth—married in 1773 her cousin Benjamin Wierman, son of Nicholas and Sarah (Cox) Wierman.
5. Priscilla, born 3rd month, 17th day, 1757, died 1824. Married in 1775 Thomas Dill. Thomas Dill died 1798 and Priscilla about 1824 at her home in York Springs, later the home of Doctor Daniel Shaeffer, York Springs.

6. John, born 8th month, 9th day, 1759, died 2nd month, 25th day, 1851, married 5th month, 12th day, 1783, Ruth Cox, born 12th month, 30th day, 1756, died 6th month, 19th day, 1827. Their only child, Naomi Wierman, married Daniel Shaeffer, M.D., member of the 25th Congress.

7. Catharine—married Newlin.

8. William, married Mary Underwood.

9. Gertrude, born 3rd month, 15th day, 1768, died ————. Married ———— Worley.

I. Henry Wierman by his second wife, Elizabeth Ross, had three children:

1. Samuel, who married Margaret Gardner.

2. Ann, who married ———— Sherrard.

3. Sarah, who married Emanuel Heikes.

John Wierman, son of Henry and Priscilla Pope Wierman, was a Justice of the Peace for many years, was known as "Squire" John Wierman, his only child, Mrs. Daniel Shaeffer (nee Naomi Wierman), lived for many years in York Springs in the brick house opposite the present First National Bank.

Judge John Wierman Bittenger of York was the son of Henry and Julia A. (Sheffer) Bittenger, both natives of Adams County. Julia was the daughter of Dr. Daniel Sheffer and Naomi Wierman, the daughter of Squire John Wierman. Judge Bittenger died August 27th, 1917. He was appointed Judge Nov. 11, 1890 to Jan. 1, 1912, elected Jan. 6, 1896 to Jan. 1, 1912.

II. Nicholas Wierman, second child of William and Lady Gertrude Wierman Sateman, married 8th month, 24th day, 1745, at Huntington Friends Meeting, Sarah Cox, daughter of John.

Their children:

William

Benjamin

Phoebe

Nicholas

Harvey

Benjamin married first, Elizabeth Wierman, secondly Sarah Nichol. Their son James Wierman married Ruth Somers at York Springs. Their children:

Phoebe

Sarah

Mary

Louise

Jemima

Ruth

Benjamin

James Jr.

Nicholas

Harvey

John

Phoebe married Greer and settled at Dayton, Ohio.

Ruth married Treadway and settled at Dayton, Ohio. Had three children.

Sarah married Levi Jacobs and settled at York Springs. Had four children John, James, Hannah and Rachel, who settled at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Louise married Henry Kelly at Harrisburg, Pa., settled in Dayton, Ohio and died there. Both died in 1918, buried at Dayton. 1881

Louisa Marea was the last of ten children. Their daughter, Mrs. Rachel Somers, lives in Indianapolis, Ind. GRAND

Mary married Caldwell, settled in Baltimore, Md. Had one child, raised her brother Nicholas' twin children.

Jemima married Fiske, settled in Greenleaf, Mass. Had one son.

Benjamin married and went West.

James Jr. married and settled in Schuylkill Co. Three children.

Nicholas married and settled in Baltimore. Three children.

Nicholas Marion Wierman, born 1827, Adams Co. Pa. Died 12-2-1874 at Dayton O. at Soldiers Home and buried in cemetery. Enlisted under name of George W. De Hoff. Prisoner of Conf. forces in 1863. Buried Central Home Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio, grave 53, row 6, section A. Army discharge Co. G, 79th Reg. Inf. Penna.

Rosanna Martin, 1st child, born 12-6-1835, died 12-18-1916 at Baltimore, Md. Buried Loudon Park Cemetery, Deed 19026—21 Section Arbutus. Married second time—Chas. F. Brodensick.

Helen Isadora Wierman, 2nd child, born 8-20-1855 at Baltimore Md. Died 3-3-1926, Buried Green Mount Cemetery, Baltimore, Lot 276 Married 10-16-1877 at Franklin St. M. E. Parsonage, Baltimore.

Thomas Edward Watkins, born 3-19-1854 at Baltimore, died 8-26-1906 at Baltimore, buried Green Mount cemetery, Lot 276.

Minnie Estelle Watkins, daughter of Helen Isadora, born 7-14-1878 at Baltimore Md. died ——— married 9-16-1903 at Fayette St. M.E. Parsonage Baltimore Md.

Walter Heyn, husband of Minnie Estelle, born 6-27 1877 at Baltimore, died 5-30-1930 at Atlantic City N. J. Buried Mr. Hebron cemetery Montclair N. J.

Edmund Francis Heyn, their son, born 5-27-1906 at Montclair New Jersey.

Harvey, supposed to have gone to Ill.

John Hutton Wierman, born Dec. 7, 1833. Married Elinor Dixon, daughter of John and Isabel Adair Dixon. Isabel was born in 1815 at Pinegrove Furnace which was erected in 1770. Her father was called an Iron Master. The log house they lived in was still standing in 1934, occupied by Elizabeth Nemminger. It was boarded over and two story addition built on one end. James Adair was born Aug. 5, 1781 and died

May 23, 1861. His son's wife, Abigail, was born Sept. 9, 1789 and died Aug. 5, 1865.

Children of John Hutton Wierman and Elinor Wilcox Adair Dixon.

James Henry born 1854 died 1920.

Samuel Franklin born 1856 died 1933.

John Albert born 1859 _____

Ida Jane born 1863 died 1887.

Charles Elmer born 1868 _____

Rose Ella born 1872 _____

Myrtle Irene born 1874 died 1887.

John Wierman and Elinor Wilcox Dixon were married at the Lutheran church Carlisle, Pa. Settled at Huntsdale, Cumb. Co. Pa. Raised six of their seven children. Elinor died in Carlisle, Oct. 15, 1907 and is buried at Mt. Holly Springs, Pa. John died in Kansas.

The oldest son James Henry married Rebecca Jane Brindle, Newville Pa. and went to Kansas. They had five children. Four married in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Frank Elmer married twice, his first wife—Viola Clark, died 1917. He married May Goddard about 1923. No children.

Blanche married Emory Chandler, 1905—settled in Eteat, Wash. Four children.

May died in infancy.

Lela Alberta born Oct. 12, 1892, at Denver Colo, married William Smith in Idaho—four children.

Isabel Regina born in Denver, Oct 27, 1894, was married 1922 to R. C. Lindstrom—no children. Settled in Idaho Falls Idaho.

Samuel Franklin Wierman, son of John Hutton Wierman, born _____ died _____ Married Carrie E. Kohr—settled in Carlisle, Pa. Had four children:

1. Guy James, married Evelyn Bird, Idaho Falls, Idaho. One son James Jr. born _____ settled in Long Beach, Cal. died in 1929.

2. Harriet Elizabeth, born 1890. married Ernest Sellers, Sept. 3, 1917, settled in Collingswood, N. J.—no children.

3. Willis Ray, born 1893, married Mabel Braught, April 12, 1920 settled in Carlisle, Pa. One child, Marguerite, married William F. Gale, daughter Susan Taylor Gale.

4. Frank Edward, born Febr. 1901, married Ruth Bair, Sept. 1920. settled in Carlisle, Pa. one son, Frank Jr. 1921.

Samuel Franklin Wierman died 1933, his wife, in May 1924. Buried at Carlisle, Pa.

John Albert Wierman, son of John Hutton Wierman, married Mary Bernice Turbett, settled near Mansfield, Ohio. Six children—Kester, Boyd, Clyde, Pearl, Wilbur, and Bert.

Wilbur Wesley married Ella Mae _____ has one son John Wallace Wierman.

Charles Elmer Wierman, son of John H. Wierman, married Alberta Hanna—born 1874—daughter of John Howard Hanna and Matilda Moler, both born in Ohio. They were married Mar. 2, 1892 at Denver, Colo. went to Idaho Falls Idaho. Three daughters:

1. Elinor, born Dec. 16, 1893 in Denver Colo. died Sept. 27, 1895 at Idaho Falls.
2. Anita, born April 6, 1897—married first, Harry Dent McNair, Jan 27, 1919—one son. Married 2nd, John Laurence Else, Dec. 1923—one son. Long Beach Cal.
3. Alice, married Claude Flemming, June 7, 1920. Three daughters—Claudia, Elinor, Joyce. Zion National Park, Utah.

Rose Ella Wierman, daughter of John H. Wierman, born 1872, married Herman Deshere in New Jersey, went to Long Beach, Cal.

Ida and Myrtle, daughters of John H. Wierman, died 1880.

Nicholas Jr., son of Nicholas Wierman and Sarah Cox, married 5 month, 15 day, 1777, at Huntington Meeting Lydia Griest, daughter of John. Their children:

- Joseph
- Isaac-Everett
- Nicholas
- Thomas
- Susan
- Sarah
- Samuel, who died young.
- John
- Daniel
- Phoebe T.

William, son of Nicholas Wierman Sr. born 7th month, 8th day, 1746, died 4th month 6th day, 1824, married, 10th month, 18th day, 1770, at Huntington Meeting, Hannah Griest, daughter of John and Susanna, of Warrington Twp. York Co. She was born 10th month, 1748, died 8th month, 15th day, 1836. They are buried at Huntington Meeting House. Had eleven children as follows:

Nicholas, born 7th month, 8th day, 1771, died 4th month, 11th day, 1848. Married 12th month, 24th day 1795, at Warrington Meeting, York Co.—Jane Underwood, daughter of John and Mary. She died, 3rd month 2nd day, 1858. They are both buried in the cemetery at Bendersville, Adams Co. Pa. Children: Thomas P. Born 9th month, 4th day, 1796, died 7th month, 5th day, 1873. John, born 11th month, 18th day, 1797, died 7th month, 30th day, 1843. Alexander, born 2nd month, 11th day, 1800, died 1st month, 14th day, 1824. Mary, born 10th mo. 13th day, 1801, died 7th month 15th day, 1876, married William B. Wilson. Hannah, born 3 month 16th day, 1804, died 1st month, 16th day, 1834, mar-

ried Charles F. Bonner of York Springs. Phebe J. Lorn 11th month, 1806, died 10th month 1863 m———— Susan, born 6th month, 9th day, 1808, died ————— married Benjamin Wilson of Bendersville. Rebecca born 5th month, 26th day, 1810, died 12th month, 1st day, 1876—unmarried. William, born 6th month, 29th day, 1812, died ————— Jane, born 7th month, 10th day, 1814, died 1st month, 16th day, 1866, married ————— Funk. Stephen, born 4th month, 19th day, 1816, died 10th month, 5th day, 1888. Nicholas, born 9th month, 13th day, 1819, died 1st month, 13th day, 1888.

1. William Wierman (son of Nicholas and Sarah Cox Wierman) married 10th mo. 1st, 1770, at Warrington Friends' Meeting, Hannah Griest, daughter of John and Susanna.

(a). Hannah, a daughter of William and Hannah Griest Wierman, married 5th mo. 4th, 1815. Daniel Gibbons, the abolitionist of Lancaster County. They had one son—Joseph, married Earl. Joseph had four children—Daniel, Hannah, Caroline, and Mariana.

(b). Phebe, a daughter of William and Hannah Griest Wierman, married in 1817, William Wright, well-known in Adams Co. in the days of the Underground Railroad. They had five children: Hannah, married ————— Miffin; Rachel, 1st Warner Townsend, and 2nd John Day; William and Isaac both died unmarried; Annie married ————— Phillips.

(c). Joel, a son of William and Hannah Griest Wierman, married, 1st Hannah Hussey, no children. 2nd Lydia Lundy, a sister of Benjamin Lundy. They had three daughters: Phoebe married J. G. Raley; Lucretia Mott married E. Larue and had one son Geo. W. Larue who died unmarried in Texas; Hannah married ————— Raley and had two daughters. Emma died unmarried. Lucretia married T. D. Featherly and had one daughter, Cora.

(d). (e). Mary and Lydia; daughters of William and Hannah Griest Wierman both died unmarried.

(f). Isaac, son of William and Hannah Griest Wierman, married Susannah Conley and they had three children: Sarah died unmarried; Hannah married Daniel Gitt and had four children; Isaac, Henry, Thomas, and Fannie. Fannie Gitt married Harry Koser and had two children—Bertie married Earle Orner. Frank died unmarried. Thomas, son of Isaac and Susannah Conley Wierman, married ————— Parlett and had six children: Sallie, Victor, Susannah, Thomas, Joseph and Theresa.

(g). Susannah, daughter of William and Hannah Griest Wierman, married Samuel Colney and had five children: Isaac, Lydia, married Griffith, Phoebe married Flowers, and Sarah married Lewis Harry, Ezra married ————— Cleaver, William, unmarried.

- (h). Sarah, daughter of William and Hannah Griest Wierman, married 1st. Stephen Hendricks, 2nd. ———— Russel. Three children. Joel and Hannah unmarried; Phoebe married ———— Buck. (Ohio).
- (i). Nicholas, son of William and Hannah Griest Wierman, married Jane Underwood.
2. Benjamin Wierman (son of Nicholas and Sarah Cox Wierman) married 1st Elizabeth Wierman (his cousin), secondly, Sarah Nichol by whom he had 7 children: Willis, Mark, Margaret, Sarah, Mary, James who married Ruth Somers, Benjamin went west.
 3. Phebe Wierman, daughter of Nicholas and Sarah Cox Wierman, married 5th mo. 11th, 1775, at Huntington Meeting, Thomas Thornburg, son of Robert.
 4. Harvey Wierman, son of Nicholas and Sarah Cox Wierman, went to Illinois.

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III. William Wierman, Jr. (son of William and Gertrude Sate-man Wierman) was born 8th mo. 10th, 1729. He married 6th mo. 8th, 1753, at Huntington Meeting, Amy Cox (born 9th mo. 27th, 1739), daughter of John. They lived twenty-six years in North Carolina, returning to Pennsylvania in 1784. They had six children: William, Amy, Mary, Catherine, Sarah, and Eliza.

1. William, son of William and Amy Cox Wierman, was born 11th mo. 22nd, 1760; died 9th mo. 30th, 1873. He married 8th mo. 19th, 1790, at Warrington Meeting, Sarah Cleaver, daughter of Peter and Miriam. They had five children: Amy, Mary, William, Esther, and Miriam.

(a) A son, William Cleaver, married 1st mo. 31st, 1833, at Huntington Meeting, Susan Maria Lundy, daughter of Benjamin Lundy, the noted slavery agitator.

William Cleaver Wierman married Susan Maria Lundy

Their children:

- Esther died 1849
- Sarah married Levi Gunn—died 1863
- Mary died 1857
- William H. died 1862
- Benjamin Lewis died 1876
- Isaac P. married Isabel Merritt—died 1935
- Charles died in infancy

Sarah married Levi Gunn

Their children:

- William W.
- Charles
- Frank

William W. married Mary Vale

Their children:

Lucien
Charles
Preston
Ralph
Marion
Sarah

Charles married Frances Lee.

Their children:

Walter
Leonard
Grace
Ray
Nelle and May—Twins

Frank married Edna Wallace

Their children:

Kathryn
Guy
Lawrence
Roland
Doris

Isaac P. married Isabel Merritt

Their children:

Eldest son died in infancy
Mary E.
Susan E.
Charles L.
William H.
Harry W.
Herbert L.

Mary E. married Everett K. Parret

Their children:

Isabel died in infancy
Kenneth
Jeanne
Edmund William
Margaret

Susan married Millard Morris

Their children:

Isabel
Mary
Charles

William H. married Grace McDougale

Their children:

Mary Elizabeth
William H.
Richard
Ruth

Harry W. married Anne Hoopes

Their children:

Wilson

Janet

Miriam

Harry W. married secondly, Myrtle Reeter

Herbert L. married Janet Davis

Their children:

Barbara died at the age of 4 years

Janet Margery

Edna Rea McDowell, Great Bend, Kansas, born July 21, 1871

Married Francis Levi Gunn, June 1, 1892

Their children:

Susan Kathryn Gunn, born August 7, 1894

Married Walter H. Mayers, Sept. 29, 1920

Their child:

La Neda Frances Mayers, born Feb. 6, 1924

Guy McDowell Gunn, born Aug. 1, 1896; died June 19, 1935

Lawrence Dwight Gunn, born June 17, 1902

Married Martha J. Nickers, June 19, 1930

Their children:

Lawrence Dwight Gunn Jr. born Feb. 5, 1934

Alice Rea Gunn, born July 25, 1937

John McDowell Gunn, March 26, 1945

Arthur Francis Gunn, born Jan. 10, 1905

Married Dorothy L. Winn, Feb. 26, 1932

Their children:

Winn Francis Gunn, born July 1, 1935

Roger Lewis Gunn, born Nov. 9, 1940

Fred Allen Gunn, born Oct. 1, 1946

Roland Edward Gunn, born Dec. 24, 1907

Married Lorraine Littrell, Aug. 4, 1936

Their children:

Richard McDowell Gunn, born Nov. 21, 1940

Roland Michael Gunn, born Jan. 7, 1945

Doris Edna Gunn, born Nov. 6, 1911

Married Rev. David E. Robison, Sept. 4, 1938

Their children:

James Boyd Robison, born Sept. 30, 1941

Ruth Eileen Robison, born March 11, 1943

Mary Doris Robison, born Sept. 23, 1947

Charles David Robison, born Jan. 17, 1950

(b). Mary, daughter of William and Amy Cox Wierman, married Isaac Pearson and had one son. (Dr. I. W. Pearson) Isaac who married Caroline Beals and had four children: William, Harry, Mary, and Charles.

(c). (d). (e). Amy; Esther; and Miriam; died unmarried.

2. Amy, daughter of William and Amy Cox Wierman, was born 3 mo. 14, 1765. She married in 1787, Joshua Cox.
3. Mary, daughter of William and Amy Cox Wierman, was born 12 mo. 8th, 1767. She married 5th mo. 22, 1794, Joseph Griest.
4. Catherine, daughter of William and Amy Cox Wierman, was born 9th mo. 6, 1754. She married John Pickerell.
5. Sarah, daughter of William and Amy Cox Wierman, married William M. Price, and had two children: John (Kansas), Albert (Illinois).
6. Eliza, daughter of William and Amy Cox Wierman, married Jesse Smith.

IV. John Wierman (son of William and Gertrude Sateman Wierman) married Mary Morrow and had thirteen children: Nicholas married Elizabeth Howe; Samuel married Elizabeth Welsh; Ellen married Uriah Howell; Mary married Edward Hart; William; and Henry; both died unmarried; James; and John; went west; Gertrude married John Penrose; Rachel married ———— Beals; Hannah married ———— Clemens; Phoebe married Isaac Griest; Catherine married John Carcy.

Henry Wierman, Jr. (son of Henry and Priscilla Pope Wierman) married at Huntington Meeting, 5 mo. 22, 1776, Susanna Hutton, by whom he had four children: William, Harmon, Susan, and Maria.

1. William Wierman located in Baltimore.
2. Harmon Wierman married first Mary Hammond, had six children.
 1. Susan Wierman married Joseph Wierman, son of Nicholas and Lydia Griest Wierman.
 2. Ruth Wierman married Leonard McElwee. Had children: James, Winfield, Thomas, Elizabeth, Matilda.
 3. Matilda Wierman, married Thomas Neely. Had children: Lon, Jennie, Thaddeus.
 4. & 5. Mary Wierman and Everitt Wierman died unmarried.

William H. Wierman, son of Harmon Wierman, married Sarah Miller—Their children:

William H., Jr., married Margaret Nagle—Their children:

Mary, died unmarried.

Helen, married H. Markley.

Wm. H. Jr. married ————

Joseph, died unmarried.

Ida, married William Bream.

Ella, married Oliver Blocher.

Sue, married James Rebert.

Alice, died unmarried.

Mary, married James Hake.

Hannah, married William F. Lott.

Ida and William F. Bream—Their children:

Maude—unmarried.

Helen—married Harold Trump.

Belle—married Prof. Dean.

Ruth—married Albert Bilheimer.

Ella and Oliver Blocher—Their children:

Paul, married Eva Hartman.

Ralph, unmarried.

Ada, married Rev. W. B. Clancy.

Madge, died unmarried.

Flo, married Rev. Joseph Arnold.

Hester, married Guy Appler.

Marian, married Rev. Alfred Sutcliffe.

Sue and James Rebert—Their children:

Hettie

Charlie

Wm. Hammond

Mary and James Hake—Their children:

Mary, married Robert McClean.

Katie, married Harry Snyder.

Carrie, married Dr. Taylor.

Cleo, unmarried.

Marcella, deceased.

Charles, deceased.

Carl, deceased.

Blanche, died unmarried.

Hannah and William F. Lott—Their children:

Lola Idella, married Jacob Rorbaugh.

Joseph Elbertus, married Ethel Brown—Five children:

Anne Jackson

William

Sue Ann

William Everett

Jane Scott

Sarah Anne, unmarried.

Grace Minerva, married William L. Scott—children:

Wm. Robert

Mary Louise

Elizabeth

Janet

Anne

William Cornelius, married Stella Van Wie—children:

Francis

Strayer

Kenneth

Wm.

Martha Alice, died unmarried.

Bessie Louise, married J. Harvey Neely:
 Children
 Dorothy married Russell Koons
 Martha married ——— Stover
 Jacob Henry, married Laura Whitney—children:
 Austin
 Wm.
 Wilmetta
 Walter Jamison, married Belle Deardorff—
 Daughter Elizabeth Ann married John C. Bair.
 Frank McClean, married Elizabeth Linn.
 Charles Black, married first Laura Drais
 second wife, ———
 Paul and Eva Hartman—Their children:
 Mary, married ——— Patterson.
 Ruth, married Norman Rearic.
 William, unmarried.
 Ada and Rev. W. B. Claney—Their children:
 W. Blair Jr. married Edna Hughes.
 Flo and Rev. Joseph Arnold—Their children:
 Ellen, married Stanford Woomer—children
 David
 Marian
 Josephine, married Robert Simpson.
 Marion, married Kenneth Tartter—children:
 Paula
 Bonnie
 Joy
 Nancy, married W. E. Quel—children:
 Paul David
 James Oliver
 Marian and Rev. Alfred Sutcliffe—Their children:
 Richard
 Ruth
 Paul
 Hester and Guy Appler—Their children:
 Virginia
 Joan
 Nancy
 2. Harmon Wierman married secondly, Mrs. Nancy Auker, the
 widow Underwood; had four children.
 1. George Wierman married Louisa Lishey; had four chil-
 dren.
 1. Emma Wierman married Lewis Worley; had children.
 1. Ina Worley married ——— Withers.
 2. Frank Worley.
 3. Edith Worley.

4. Beulah Worley (died in childhood).

5. Edna Worley.

6. ————— Worley.

2. Hannah Wierman, daughter of George and Louisa Lishey Wierman, married Gilliland.

3. Ella Wierman married Isaac Miller.

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4. Ada Wierman (died in her teens).

5. & 6. Frank and George both died unmarried.

2. Frank Wierman (son of Harmon Wierman) died unmarried.

3. Howard Wierman died unmarried.

4. Huldah Wierman married Moses Neely.

3. Susan Wierman (daughter of Henry and Susanna Hutton Wierman); married ————— Studebaker.

4. Maria Wierman (daughter of Henry and Susanna Hutton Wierman); married ————— Maxwell.

John Wierman (son of Henry and Priscilla Pope Wierman); married Ruth Cox and they had one daughter—Naomi—who married Daniel Shaeffer, M.D. They in turn had children: Augusta, married Craighead—children John, Mary.

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1. John Wierman (son of Nicholas and Lydia Griest Wierman); married Elizabeth Campbell, of Woodsboro, Md. They had nine children: (John and Elizabeth Campbell Wierman were married at Woodsboro, Md., Dec. 8, 1808 and died in Shenandoah County, Va., within five days in 1858).

1. Isabella Blackford Wierman, born Dec. 15th, 1809 and married ————— Swan.

2. Joseph Arthur Wierman, born Aug. 1st. 1811, married Alvina Cox, eight children.

3. Lydia Ann Wierman, born 1813, Nov. 20th; married —————?

4. Phoebe Thornburg Wierman, born Sept. 24, 1819, married —South.

5. John Rush Wierman, born May 12. 1822, married —————?

6. Mary Jane Wierman, born 1825, married ————— Larkins.

7. Elizabeth Susan Wierman, born 1827, married Sylvanus Mayberry.

8. William Lusk Wierman, born Jan. 11, 1830, married —————?

9. Benjamin Blackford Wierman, born July 29, 1832, married Katherine Moore.

2. Joseph Arthur and Alvina Cox Wierman had 8 children.

1. Nicholas Leander Wierman married 1st Mary Buehler and had 5 children:

a. Clifton Wierman married Dora Weikert—one child, Helen.

b. Danner Wierman married Ella —————, a son Clifton Wierman. Married—twins Anna and Grace.

- c. ——— Wierman, only daughter died in childhood.
 - d. George Wierman, unmarried, deceased.
 - e. Ralph Wierman, married Daisy Thorne, two children.
 1. Frederick Wierman, died small.
 2. Mary Elizabeth Wierman, married Thomas Tawney.
 1. Nicholas Leander Wierman, married 2nd Katie Garlach, no children.
 2. Susan Wierman; married Thomas Stevens. Had three children:
 1. Oscar Stevens (died in young manhood).
 2. Clarence Stevens, married ———?
 3. Mervin Stevens (died in infancy).
 3. Emma Wierman, died unmarried.
 4. Marietta Wierman; married Rev. ——— Snyder; had two children. Mr. Snyder and both children died. Marietta Wierman then married ——— Felty.
 5. Abigail Wierman; married John Ramsey.
 6. Kinney Belle Wierman; died young.
 7. Joseph Wierman; married Ada ———; had two children. Elmer and Lee.
 8. Emmert Wierman; married Lillie ———; no children.
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5. John Rush Wierman (son of John and Elizabeth Campbell Wierman) married ——— had two children.
 - a. Lucy Wierman; married ——— two children.
 - b. Annie Wierman; married ——— Fadely; no children.
 7. Elizabeth Susan Wierman (daughter of John and Elizabeth Campbell Wierman); married Sylvanus Mayberry and had four children.
 - a. Annie Mayberry.
 - b. Jennie Mayberry; married ——— Evans.
 - c. William Mayberry
 - d. John Mayberry.
 9. Benjamin Blackford Wierman (son of John and Elizabeth Campbell Wierman); married Catherine Moore and had six children.
 - a. Mary Wierman; married Louis Stoneburner; had three children; Louis, Ralph, and Mary.
 - b. Annie Wierman; married Adolphus Snyder; had four children; Fred, Annie, ———, and Paul.
 - c. George Wierman.
 - d. Ophelia Cloud Wierman; married Dr. Daniel Burner.
 - e. Rosamond Wierman; married Robert Snappe; had one child Elizabeth Snappe.
 - f. Frances Wierman; married Henry Coe; three children; Sallie, Benjamin, and Mary.

2. Thomas Wierman (son of Nicholas and Lydia Griest Wierman) ; married Mary Deardorff ; children—Lydia, Ann, George W., Joseph, William, Alexander, and Mary.

3. Joseph Wierman (son of Nicholas and Lydia Griest Wierman) married Susan Wierman (daughter of Harmon and Mary Hammond Wierman) ; had nine children. Alfred, John William, Henry Howard, Martha Matilda, Adeliza Sarah, Joseph Edwin, Theodore, Lydia Jane, Mary Elizabeth.
 - a. Alfred Wierman, married 1st Mary Day by whom he had two children ;
 1. Edwin E. Wierman married Ida Schlosser had four children.
 2. Mary. married Earl Swain and had three children : Thaddeus Neely Swain, Earl Swain, Jr., and Harriet Neely Swain.
 - a. Alfred Alexander Wierman, married 2nd Ella Heller : 3 children.
 1. Zora Wierman, died unmarried.
 2. Maude Wierman, married William Stallsmith.
 3. Harold Wierman, died unmarried.
 - b. Adeliza Sarah Wierman (daughter of Joseph and Susan Wierman) died unmarried.
 - c. Theodore Wierman (son of Joseph and Susan Wierman), married Mary McFarland and had one daughter Cora who married Orin D. Goss.
 - d. John William Wierman (son of Joseph and Susan Wierman) married Nannie Myers and had one daughter—Maude L. Wierman who married Hiliary R. Kennedy.
 - e. Mary Elizabeth Wierman (daughter of Joseph and Susan Wierman) married her cousin Alexander Wierman, no children.
 - f. Martha Matilda Wierman (daughter of Joseph and Susan Wierman), married Edward Lishey and had six children :
 1. Zora Lishey—
 2. Sue Lishey, married Ambrose Delap and had three children. Dora, Daniel, Lucretia.
 3. Hannah Lishey, married Harry Minter and had twins : _____ and Martha Minter.
 4. Frank Lishey married Annie Martin and had one child, Harry.
 5. Matilda married Geo. Smith and had two children, Mary and Matilda.
 - g. Joseph Edwin Wierman (son of Joseph and Susan Wierman), married Annie Myers and had one daughter Elza Wierman.
 - h. Henry Howard Wierman (son of Joseph and Susan Wierman), died unmarried.

- i. Lydia Jane Wierman (daughter of Joseph and Susan Wierman), married William Ickes and had two children:
 - 1. Clementina Ickes, married _____ in Texas.
 - 2. Harry Ickes, married Lizzie Yeagy and had children.
- 4. Samuel Wierman (son of Nicholas and Lydia Griest Wierman) died small.
- 5. Nicholas Wierman (son of Nicholas and Lydia Griest Wierman) unmarried.
- 6. Sarah Wierman (daughter of Nicholas and Lydia Griest Wierman) married Jonathan Cox and had two children:
 - 1. Alvina Cox, married Joseph Wierman (son of John and Elizabeth Campbell Wierman).
 - 2. Lydia.
- 7. Susan Wierman (daughter of Nicholas and Lydia Griest Wierman) unmarried.
- 8. Daniel Wierman (son of Nicholas and Lydia Griest Wierman) married Sarah Ocker Kieffer, a widow; had one child John. John Wierman married Annie _____; had four children:
 - a. Thaddeus, married _____ had children.
 - b. David, married _____ had children.
 - c. Harvey, married Annie Diller—had two children.
 - d. Annie, married _____
- 9. Phoebe Thornburg Wierman (daughter of Nicholas and Lydia Griest Wierman) married Frederick Bowers and had one child—Frederick Nicholas Wierman Bowers who married Adaline Shelley and had three children.
 - a. Lilian Bowers, 1st married William Greathead and had one daughter, Adeline, who married Harry Basehore.
 - a. Lillian Bowers, 2nd married George Miley; no children.
 - b. Phoebe Bowers, married _____ Skinner and had one child—Thornburg Skinner.
 - c. Lucy Bowers; married _____ Orr and had children.
- 10. Isaac Everitt Wierman (Hon. or "Judge" Wierman") (son of Nicholas and Lydia Griest Wierman); married Louisa Arnold, daughter of Dr. John and Rachel Weakley Arnold; had four children: Sarah Virginia, John Arnold, Susan Emily, and Harriet Louisa.
 - a. Sarah Virginia Wierman died unmarried.
 - b. John Arnold Wierman; married Anna Katherine Stock, May, 1869, had three children; Emily Louisa, Grace Virginia, and Isaac Everitt.
 - 1. Emily Louisa Wierman unmarried, deceased.
 - 2. Grace Virginia Wierman; married Charles Frederick Young, of Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 25, 1898; had one child, Irene Wierman Young who married Ralph Gillespie and had three children—Malcolm, Margery and Ralph.

3. Isaac Everitt Wierman; married Eva Melane, of Xenia, Ohio; had four children: Paul, John, Edward, and Francis.
- c. Susan Emily Wierman; married John Weems Neely, Dec. 1, 1859; had five children: Ellsworth Murray, Mina Gertrude, Weems Wierman, Emily Lucretia Graft, and Pluvia Louisa.
 1. Ellsworth Murray Neely, married 1st Emma L. March; one child still born. Mrs. N. died in 1888.
 1. Ellsworth Murray Neely; married 2nd Minerva Sheffer, of Boiling Springs in 1891; had one child Esther Gertrude Neely who died March 30, 1909.
 2. Mina Gertrude Neely; unmarried, deceased.
 3. Weems Wierman Neely, married Julia Larsh and had five children;
 1. Emily Belle Neely, unmarried.
 2. Phoebe Louisa Neely died small.
 3. John Edward Neely, married Hazel Baker and had three children, Edith, Ruth and Edward.
 4. Wimbert Burnell Neely, married Cleo Connor; one child James, who married Jane Reigle; daughter, Linda Ann.
 4. Emily Lucretia Graft Neely, married Albert P. Myers. No children.
 5. Pluvia Louisa Neely, married Orpheus Diller, no children.
- d. Harriet Louisa Wierman; married Andrew Phillip Myers, had three children:
 1. John Everitt Myers, married Helen Arameta Worley, April 12, 1888, no children.
 2. Arnold Armstrong Myers; married Cora Runk of York, Pa. One child died small.
 3. Mary Louisa Myers; born in Missouri; unmarried.

Catherine Wierman (daughter of Henry and Pricilla Pope Wierman), married _____ Newlin.

William Wierman (son of Henry and Pricilla Pope Wierman), married Mary Underwood. They had two children:

1. Elijah Wierman married Sarah McCreary and died young.
2. Ann Wierman, married _____ Smith.

Gertrude Wierman (daughter of Henry and Pricilla Pope Wierman) married _____ Worley.

Samuel Wierman (son of Henry and Elizabeth Ross Wierman) married Margaret Gardner.

Ann Wierman (daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Ross Wierman) married _____ Sherrard.

Sarah Wierman (daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Ross Wierman) married Emanuel Heikes.

Elizabeth Wierman (daughter of Henry and Pricilla Pope Wierman) married her first cousin, Benjamin Wierman (son of Nicholas and Sarah Cox Wierman), in 1773. They had four children:

1. Henry Wierman—located in Virginia.
2. Pricilla Wierman, married _____ Bowers.
3. Phoebe Wierman; married _____ Dimond.
4. Nicholas Wierman.

Hannah Wierman (daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Ross Wierman) married _____ Morgan.

Mary Wierman (daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Cox Wierman) married Jesse Cook.

Pricilla Wierman (daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Ross Wierman) married Thomas Dill.

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V. Gertrude Wierman (daughter of William and Gertrude Sateman Wierman) was born _____?; married 9th mo. 4, 1754, at Huntington Meeting. Samuel Wright, son of John. (A grandson, William Wright, married Phoebe Wierman.) Gertrude Wierman Wright married secondly, William Ferguson.

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VI. Hannah Wierman (daughter of William and Gertrude Sateman Wierman) married 8th mo. 22nd, 1747, at Huntington Meeting. Samuel Cox, son of John. In 1757, they removed to Cane Creek Monthly Meeting of Friends, in Orange county, North Carolina.

Dr. Frank Britcher, born in Hanover, son of William Wierman, born Jan. 22, 1803, died August 1st, 1867, and Julianna Glessner, to whom he was married, May 4th, 1823. She was born June 7th, 1805, died March 20, 1854. Both buried at Leschey's Church, York Co., Pa. His grandparents were William Britcher, married to Henrietta Wierman. This line has descendants in Maryland and should be traced, and carried out, as well as other lines that are incomplete.

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