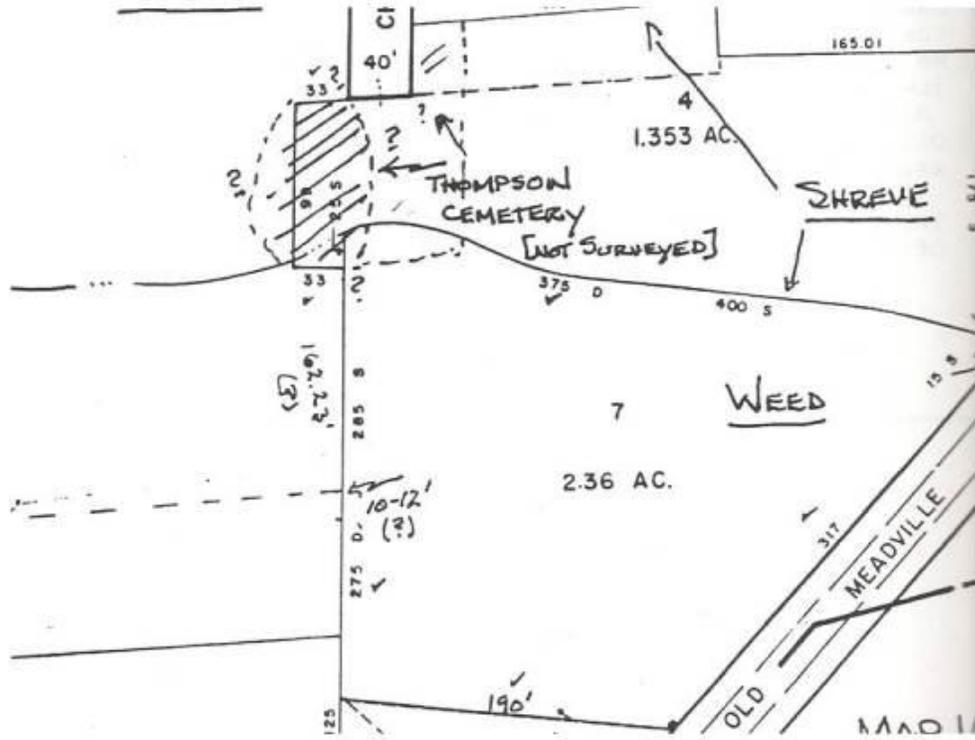


# **Glimpses of the Thompson Family in Union City History**

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# Introduction

I call this book *Glimpses of the Thompson Family in Union City History* because that just what they are...glimpses. It is not meant to be a Thompson family genealogy – that would take five books and maybe more! – and it is not meant to be a definitive Thompson Family history. It is meant to be a historical contribution to the larger Thompson family and Thompson family relatives' stories and an attempt to show the important contribution that the Thompsons made to Union City history.

I first got interested in the Thompson family story about (gulp!) forty years ago when I lived in Union City and discovered the Thompson Cemetery in a neglected and sad state. In fact, Marsh Young told me about it because he lived near it at the time and I found the cemetery and explored it for myself. Even though it was overgrown and neglected, the Thompson Cemetery captured my imagination and I wanted to find out more about the people who were buried there. I went to the Union City Library and the Union City Historical Museum since I was a Museum Board Member then, and I researched as much of it as I could. I also took my Cub Scouts out to the Thompson Cemetery for a Saturday morning cleanup day.

Time passed and I left Union City for twenty years. When I returned to live there a second time with my daughter and grandsons, I discovered that the Thompson Cemetery was still there and it still fascinated me just as much. I did more research about the Thompson Cemetery and about the people who were buried there and their relatives. This time I was fortunate enough to meet a Thompson descendant by the name of Katie Hill, who gave me much family information and invited me to participate in a family effort to revitalize the Thompson Cemetery.

This book is based on my research, Katie's information, Union City Times issues and other sources that I have listed in the bibliography. I still am hoping that the Thompson Cemetery will be cleaned up, markers put up to honor these Union City pioneers, and their contributions to Union City history remembered and appreciated.

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# Chapter One

## The Thompsons of Union City, Pennsylvania- Abel and Andrew

### **Abel Thompson**

Abel Thompson was born in Great Egg Harbor, Burlington County, New Jersey on March 2, 1756. He was the son of Henry and Mary (Shin) Thompson who were married in 1754. According to the obituary written by his son Joel, Abel Thompson “took part in the Revolutionary struggle and lived long to enjoy the blessings of liberty and independence so gloriously achieved by the contemporaries of his age and arms.”

He married Jemima Kemp, who was also born in Great Egg Harbor, in 1778. They moved from New Jersey to Pennsylvania and settled in Fayette County, near Redstone Creek. Here he was listed in the 1790 census with one male over 16, 4 under 16, and 2 females in his family.

Abel and Jemima and their children came to Union Township in 1801 and Abel bought forty acres of land from William Miles. He set up a blacksmith shop within a half a mile of the site where Miles had his mill. Abel’s five sons and two daughters helped their father and mother establish a home in the woods. His sons, Job, Abel, Joel, Caleb, and Charles K. were mechanics and very ingenious. Two daughters, Mary and Sarah were hardy pioneers.

Abel and his son Joel were blacksmiths and stonecutters. They found boulders in the woods and from them fashioned grinders for the new mills. Joel made all of the tombstones in the vicinity from native stone. He and his father also made all of the farming and household utensils for the community out of iron or steel. They made hoes, hay and manure forks, harrow pins and plow irons, which they had to sharpen frequently and add on steel when they needed it. They also made shovels and tongs that were used at every fire place.

Job, another of Abel's sons, liked to work in the woods. He began to clear a farm in several places and built a shop at the mouth of Carroll's run and put in a turning lathe to be run by water. He made wooden bowls, wheels for spinning flax and wool, and many other useful items.

Another son, Caleb, became a farmer. He was also a carpenter and joiner and finished many of the older houses in Union City.

Charles Kemp, Abel's fifth son, was a shoemaker. He had plenty of work to do in Union Township. He also delighted in hunting deer and telling stories about his hunting adventures.

Jemima Thompson died on November 15, 1816 at Union City. After his wife's death, Abel took his youngest son, Charles Kemp with him on a horseback trip back to New Jersey through the wilderness. Abel decided to have his son Caleb come to live on his little farm with him. Abel thought that he and Caleb could carry on their trades and find time to work the farm.

About 1821 or 1822, an old man from New York State by the name of Jeduthan Gray, came to northwestern Pennsylvania and bought the old Oil Creek farm . He was an elder in the Baptist Church and very influential. Many others soon followed him and built a prosperous settlement and flourishing Baptist Church.

Jeduthan had a widowed sister, Tamar Ames, who had come with the family. She had been married young and had a family of five or six children. Abel saw her on occasion and fell in love with her at first sight. Abel and Tamar were married in 1821 and had a son. They named him Robert Gray Thompson. When he grew up he was small in stature, exceedingly cross, and somewhat comical in his actions. Everyone called him “Wicker Bob.” He lived in Union City until he was 25 years old, then he went west.

Abel Thompson died on July 3, 1840 at age 84. He left 80 grandchildren and 42 great grandchildren. From him and Jemima, two orphans, came 165 direct descendants. They and Tamar and some of their children are all buried at the Thompson Burying ground outside of Union City.

### **Andrew Thompson**

Andrew Thompson came to America from Ireland as a young man and settled in Washington County, Pa. The Pennsylvania Archives, 3 Series, Vol. 23, p.200, lists Andrew among the Stockley Rangers, from Washington County, guarding the frontiers between 1778-1783. Also a copy of a certificate signed by Zadock Wright, under the date of June 14, 1782, Washington County, Penna. is included. It says: “This is to certify that Andrew Thompson served in my company as a soldier, commencing May 16, ending

June 14. Certified by me. "Zadock Wright." (Also in Pension Records for 1820 a private Andrew Thompson of the Washington County Militia is listed.)

He married Martha\_\_\_\_\_, and the family moved from Washington County. Andrew came to Erie County in 1798. David Wilson writes that Andrew came to Union with his wife and four children in 1798 when he was "past the meridian of life."

Andrew purchased 200 acres of the Holland Land Company land, which remained a homestead to his descendants. He engaged in milling. Three of their children were married, and their oldest son William, was one of the first settlers in Union Township. John, Thomas, and Hannah were too young to go into society. Andrew was very religious. He conducted family worship in his house three times a day and would have no fellowship with those who sang Watt's version of the Psalms.

The three years of war with Great Britain came to an end (1812-1815), but the effects still lingered. Asiatic cholera spread over much of the country in 1815, and was known by the doctors as the Black Rock Fever. It took hold of Andrew and Martha Thompson and carried them to their graves. It also took the wife of Joel Thompson who was young and left but one child.

Shortly after the death of Andrew and Martha, their daughter Hannah was taken by the illness. Medical wisdom said a change would be good for her in her illness, so she went to her sister's residence in Washington County. After resting for several months and getting no better, she longed to come back home. Her brother John went to Washington

County and brought her home, but she did not live long after returning and was buried beside her parents.

William Thompson did not stay long in Washington County, but went to the Missouri Territory, and wrote back flattering accounts of the soil and climate to his brother John. John Thompson and the Reverend John Matthews and a family by the name of Watson decided to immigrate to Missouri. They selected St. Charles, which was situated on the bottom land between the Mississippi and the Missouri Rivers.

In the spring of 1816, John Thompson and Watson built a boat at Waterford, and taking their families aboard with their goods, they floated down LeBoeuf and French Creeks and the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers. They pushed their way up the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers to St. Charles. They found the soil and climate all they had hoped for, but unhealthy .An old deserted channel of the Missouri would fill with water when the river was high. When the river fell the water would remain there and stagnate and send off a malaria mist which caused much sickness.

The Thompson family had the fever every summer while they remained in St. Charles. John Thompson died in 1823, leaving his wife Sarah, with six children. Sarah struggled four years longer with disease, trying all of the time to sell the land. She couldn't sell the land. She was determined to get back to a healthier climate, but could not raise enough money to bring the family back to Northwestern Pennsylvania on the steamboat. Instead, she loaded her goods in a two horse covered wagons and started back to Pennsylvania over land. At night, she and her two little girls would get into a house with some family and her four boys would sleep in the wagon. Their large dog slept under the wagon. Sarah

would not travel on Sunday, and when their clothes needed washing she would lay by a day for that purpose, buying provisions and feed when she needed them. In this way, she reached her brothers and sisters in Washington County, Pa., where she remained for two years.

Finally after two years, Sarah came back to her old farm in Union which she, her husband John, their children, and the dog had left so many years before. Here she lived and kept her children together until they were grown up. Then she allowed her sons to divide the old farm and the homestead part was sold. Two of her sons went to the far west, and she lived around among her remaining children until she died in May 1854.

David Wilson, who tells her story in his *Reminiscences of Erie County*, sums up her life. “She talked but little, and was never known to say a word that she did not believe to be strictly true. Her example of Christian piety will shine far down the line of her posterity.”

Sarah was one of the founding members of the Presbyterian Church in Union City which was established in 1811 . David Wilson also was a pioneer member of the Presbyterian Church and the Thompson and the Wilson families had a long and close association with each other. He and many of his family members are buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

# Chapter Two

## Brief Biographies of The Thompsons and Their Relatives

### **Abel Thompson**

Joel Thompson, Abel's son wrote an obituary for his father which appeared in the Erie Gazette.

Departed this life on the evening of the 3rd day of July, 1840 at his home in Union, Erie Co., Pa. He was in the 84th year of his age. He was a native of the State of New Jersey, from which he removed his family into Pennsylvania, where he lived until his death. Father Thompson took part in the Revolutionary Struggle and lived long to enjoy the blessing of that glorious liberty and independence so gloriously achieved by his contemporaries image and arms for themselves and posterity of which he has left a numerous member to mourn his death even down to the 4th generation.

He left ten children, 80 grandchildren, 72 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren for a total of 165 descendants at this time.

The Erie Gazette July 30, 1840, page 3

Departed this life on the evening of the 3rd instant, at his residence in Union Township, in the 84th year of his age, Mr. Abel Thompson; he was a native of New Jersey, where he was left an orphan child; and where he married his first wife, also an orphan; he removed

his family in the year 1790 to Fayette County, Pa., where he resided till 1802; when here moved to Union, where he continued to reside on the same farm, until his decease. He had 8 children by his first wife, 6 of whom have survived him; and 2 by his second wife, one of whom survives with his widowed mother, to mourn their lives.

Father Thompson has had 80 grandchildren, 42 greatgrand children, and three great great grandchildren - the aggregate number of direct descendants, 165, from these two orphan children who now lie side by side in the family burying ground on his late residence.

Father Thompson took part in the revolutionary struggle, and lived long to enjoy the blessings of liberty and independence so gloriously achieved by the contemporaries of his age and arms; and had he survived a few hours longer he would have seen the light of the anniversary of our glorious independence of 1840. But we trust he has gone to celebrate the joys of that glorious victory achieved by the captain of our Salvation.

### **Caleb Thompson (Abel #1's Son)**

Died October 15, 1863, Caleb Thompson of Union, aged 74 years. Mr. Thompson was one of the earlier settlers of this county having come to it in the year 1802, along with his father, and living here ever since and of course experiencing all the inconveniences and hardships incident to the early settlement of the county. He was always known as a man of integrity and a great deal of character, and his name has been identified with all the public transactions of the township for many years. In his death the public has sustained a loss, and he leaves a numerous body of friends to mourn his departure.

( Erie Gazette, December 10, 1863. (Cheney Records. \*\*The Cheney Records can be found in the Erie County Historical Society in Erie, Pennsylvania)

### **Robert H. Thompson**

The news of the death of Robert H. Thompson reached Union City in June 1910. Robert died at his home in Brooklyn, New York, in the third week of June 1910 after a brief illness. He had just returned from a trip abroad, having been married for the second time a few months before. He and his wife were on their honeymoon voyage just a few short weeks ago. Mr. Thompson was about seventy years old, and a former Union City native. He was born on the Bartholme farm a mile west of town, and when a young man went to New York. While living in Brooklyn he accumulated a fortune estimated at over a million dollars, the bulk of which he left his new wife. Besides his widow, one son survives him. Robert H. Thompson was an uncle of Union City citizen, Charles W. Hayes. (Union City Times June 30, 1910

### **Mrs. Katherine Thompson Hayes**

Katherine Thompson Hayes was the oldest child of Robert and Catherine Thompson and was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland. They came to America in 1840, when Katherine was six and settled on a farm west of Union City, now known as the Bartholme farm. For a short time Katherine taught school, then she went to Waterford and learned dress making and soon made that her business. She married S.M. Hayes in 1859 and they had nine children. She was a sister of Robert Thompson .

(Union City Times, June 18, 1908)

**Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson (Joel, Abel #1's sons' third wife)**

Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson died in Utica, Venango County, on December 28, 1882. She was 82 years and 8 days. Elizabeth Wallace was born in 1800 and in November 1828 she married Thomas L. Wilson of Butler County who died on October 5 1841. She remained a widow until May 1846 when she married William Mulholland who lived until December 26, 1856.

On November 11, 1863, she married Joel Thompson who lived until August 21, 1868. Again, Elizabeth was left a widow. Her life therefore was one of sorrow all through, but she bore it with Christian fortitude and died in full faith of her Redeemer. At age 16 she joined the Methodist Episcopal Church and during all the years of her life never regretted the move she had made. She was kind hearted and generous to a fault, and all who knew her will regret her death.

(Union City Times December 1882)

**Charles C. Thompson**

Charles C. Thompson was born in Union City on December 14, 1833. He was a carpenter. He married Amanda Burroughs. Caleb Thompson was his grandfather, and Abel #1 his great grandfather.

**Mrs. Charles C. Thompson (Amanda Susanna Burroughs)**

Mrs. Charles C. Thompson died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Thomas on East High Street in Union City at an early hour last Saturday morning. For the past six years her health has gradually failed, despite all that could be done for her in the way of medical or kindly care. Two weeks ago today she was taken much worse and since that time until her death, scarcely realized anything that was going on about her. Much of the time she had been a great sufferer, but bore it all with a Christian fortitude.

Amanda Susanna Burroughs was born in Shrewsbury, Rutland County, Vermont, on June 3, 1834. Her parents arrived in Beaverdam on October 20, 1843. On February 18, 1844, they came to Union where they settled. On December 25, 1854, at the home of her sister, Mrs. William Putnam, Amanda married Charles C. Thompson, with Moses Smiley, Esq. performing the ceremony.

The Thompsons had seven children, three of whom are now living. Mrs. Nellie Thomas and W.H. Thompson live in Union City and C. A. Thompson lives in Brocton, New York. Three sisters survive her. They are Mrs. William Putnam and Mrs. J.L. Spaulding of Union City, and Mrs. Helen A. King of Jamestown, New York. One brother, H.E. Burroughs of Union City also survives.

Mrs. Thompson was a woman who was loved by all who knew her. She was devoted to her husband and children, their comfort and happiness being always uppermost in her mind. She was a member of the Methodist Church of Union City and died in full faith of a future reward. Funeral services were held from the home of Mrs. Nellie Thomas of Union City at 2:30 in afternoon. Her pastor, Reverend S.M. Sartwell officiated and she was buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

William H. Thompson was their son. He was born in 1850 and died in 1924 and is buried in Evergeen. Charles Alanson Thompson, another son, was born in Union City on June 24, 1869. He was reared and educated for the most part by his uncle William Putnam.

### **William H. Thompson**

The whole community suffers deeply the loss of one of the oldest and most prominent citizens, W.H. Thompson, who died Saturday evening, April 26, 1924. While he had been in failing health for some time, his death came as a shock to all who knew him.

W.H. Thompson was born in Union City on February 3, 1858, where he spent his entire life. He was a great grandson of Abel Thompson, one of the founders of Union City. After being educated in the local schools, William accepted a position with the Philadelphia and Erie Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He served the railroad company in various capacities, becoming agent in 1898, which position he held at the time of his death. This record of 46 years continuous service was one of which he could feel justly proud.

He was a faithful member of the Methodist Church, and an energetic worker in all its departments. His whole life was devoted to the betterment of the community. His influence bespoke the man of sterling worth who all men knew him to be.

Mr. Thompson was a director of The First National Bank, in which capacity he had served several years. He was a member of Eureka Lodge, No. 366 F&M, of which he was Past Master. He survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. F.D. Kamerer of Schenectady,

New York; one son, M. Lynn Thompson of Union City; two grandchildren, Jean and Julia Kamerer; a sister Mrs. Nellie Thomas, of Union City and a brother Charles A. of Erie.

The house will be open to friends on Monday evening from 7 to 8 o'clock. The funeral Tuesday will be private and the service at the cemetery will be in charge of the Masons.

(Union City Times, April 28, 1924)

### **John W. Thompson (Abel Thompson)**

John W. Thompson was born in Union Township on November 9, 1836, the son of Joel and Mary Mulvin Thompson and grandson of Abel Thompson who settled in Union Township in 1797, locating on the farm now owned by Andrew Agnew, which he cleared and improved.

He came from Fayette Co. Penn., though a native of New Jersey of English descent. Joel's wife Mary Mulvin, was a daughter of William Mulvin, an early settler of Le Boeuf Township and a native of Ireland.

Joel was married three times. His first wife was Margaret Smith by whom he had one child Nancy, now Mrs. Daniel Bunting. His second wife was Mary Mulvin by whom he had eight children. They were: William; Margaret (deceased); Samuel; Jane J., wife of David Coe; Caleb (deceased); John W.; Lucilla (deceased, wife of Thomas J. Wilson; and Charles who died of diarrhea contracted in the army. His third wife was Elizabeth Wilson who now survives him.

Joel died August 21, 1868 at the age of 84. His wife Mary, mother of John W., died December in 1868 at the age of 66.

John W. Thompson was married on December 25, 1855 to Mary J., daughter of Job and Mary Tobey and they had eight children. Dudley is deceased; Mary is the wife of Orson P.Scott; Frederick; Abraham L.; Gertrude N.; Samuel G.; William who is deceased and Cassius.

John Thompson was raised on a farm and has always followed farming. He located in Venango Township in Crawford County, Penna., in 1871 and lived there the rest of his life. He was drafted during the Civil War and went out in Co. F.163rd Penn. Regiment. After eight months of service he was honorably discharged on account of disability.

In politics, Mr. Thompson was a strong Republican. Both he and his wife were members of the Baptist Church.

According to David Wilson and Nelson's Biographical, John W. Thompson was born in Union Township on November 9, 1826. He was the son of Joel and Mary Mulvin Thompson and grandson of ABEL THOMPSON who settled in Union Township in 1797, locating on the farm that in 1881 was owned by Andrew Agnew, which he cleared and improved.

He came from Fayette County, Penna., though a native of New Jersey of English descent. His mother, Mary Mulvin Thompson, was a daughter of William Mulvin, an early settler of Le Boeuf Township and a native of Ireland. John W. Thompson was born in 1826 and

died in 1896. He married Mary J. Tobey on December 25, 1855. She was the daughter of Job and Mary Anniss Tobey.

The Thompsons had eight children.

Dudley - 1857-1863

Mary, who married Orson P. Scott

Frederick

Abraham L.

Gertrude N.

Samuel G.

William - 1871-1872

Cassius.

(Union City Times September 28, 1905)

### **Mrs. Mary J. Thompson**

Mrs. Mary J. Thompson, widow of the late J.W. Thompson, died last Monday morning, April 26, 1909, at her home in Frewsburg, N.Y. after suffering from a year of Bright's disease. She was 77 years, eight months, and eighteen days.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson left Union City in the year 1871, and Mr. Thompson died in June 1896. Since then, Mrs. Thompson lived with her son Cassius J., at Frewsburg. She was converted and joined the First Baptist Church of Union City under the pastorate of Reverend A.D. Bush many years ago. She has always lived the life of a true Christian woman.

Four sons and two daughters are left to mourn her death. Mrs. Mary T. Scott and Mrs. Gertrude N. Hall, of Chilhower, Missouri and Fred B. and Cassius J. Thompson of Frewsburg, New York and A.L. Thompson of Cambridge Springs and Glenn Thompson of Duluth, Minnesota. Funeral services were held at Frewsburg, New York, yesterday morning.

Her body was brought to Union City on train seven, Erie Road, in the afternoon and taken to the Evergreen Cemetery. Rev. D.L. Woods conducted a brief prayer service and she was laid to rest in the family lot.

#### **Union City Times April 29, 1909**

Mrs. Ferdinand Carroll

(Could be Joel Thompson and Mary Mulvin Thompson's daughter , Lucilla. She was born in August 1833.???)

By the Sumner ( Bremer County, Iowa,) Gazette, we learn of the accidental drowning of Mrs. Ferdinand Carroll. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll will be remembered by many of our citizens as former residents of this place. The unfortunate woman in some way fell head

foremost into an open well on the farm where they resided and when discovered the last spark of life had fled.

The following we clip from the Gazette: Died on Tuesday afternoon, July 22, 1884, by accidental drowning, Mrs. Lorinda B. Carroll, aged 53 years, 10 months and 16 days. The deceased leaves a husband, Mr. Ferdinand Carroll and six children, five sons and an only daughter who is the wife of our townsman, Mr. William Green.

Mrs. Carroll was born and married in Erie Co., Pa. She has been a member of the M.E. Church for 30 years and has been a resident of this vicinity for about 10 years and was loved and respected by all who knew her.”

(Union City Times, Thursday, August 14, 1883

# Chapter Three

## Andrew Thompson's Line

According to family records, Andrew Thompson was a cousin or uncle of Abel K. Thompson.

Andrew Thompson married Martha ----- They both died in 1815.

Their children were:

John, William, Thomas, Hannah. Ann.

John Thompson. Born in 1789 and died in 1823 at St. Charles, Missouri. Married Sarah Bracken of Washington County, PA. in 1811. Sarah died in May 1854. She was the half sister of William Bracken. They had six children: A daughter, Eliza Jane married David Wilson. Five sons: William, born about 1812; Andrew, born about 1814; James, John, and Alexander. The Presbyterian records say that on September 10, 1832, Eliza Jane Thompson, (later to be David Wilson's wife) and Hariot Shrieves and William Emerson presented themselves to the session and asked to be received into the church.

In June 1832, James, John and Alexander Thompson presented themselves before the session and asked to be received into the church. David Wilson and Eliza Jane Thompson were married in 1840. William Putnam was also a member of the Presbyterian Church.

There is a John Thompson in the pension records of 1820. Black Smith. General Military Stores Department and Armory.)

Andrew married Sarah Smith. They had Jane S.(born about 1840) wife of T. Watson (The T.J. Watson who was a trustee of the Thompson Cemetery Association; James S.(born about 1839) and Lovina, wife of Levi Proctor.

Sarah died in 1843. Then Mr. Thompson married Sarah Berry of Erie County who died in 1857. They had three children: Louis F; Emma A. wife of C.M. Terrell and William B. Mr. Thompsons third marriage was with Lydia Boyce of Washington Co, PA. by whom he has three children: Lucretia, wife of Edward Briggs and Charles J. Thompson. Mr. Thompson served as assessor and collector many years. Also as justice of the peace. He is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church and a member of the session. In November 1840, his daughter Jane S. was baptized by Rev. Chamberlain. James S. married Josephine Smith in May 1864. Their children were Harley S. and Herbert.

William went to Missouri. Could be the father of Jane Eliza who was born about 1813 and married Moses Smiley. Sarah Berry is buried in Evergreen. Died June 19, 1857, age 41 years, wife of A. Thompson. Evergreen Book, p. 64.

Treasurers sale of unseated lands. Union Township Donation lands. Name: General W. Thompson's heirs. Tract 198. Acres, 500. Years: 1818-1819. Tax: 9.69. Erie Gazette. Saturday March 4, 1820.

Thomas went to Missouri.

Hannah died unmarried, April 13, 1815.

Ann. She was born about 1768. She died October 30, 1820 at 52 years. Married as his first wife, William Bracken (1768-April 1850) in Kentucky. They came from Washington County about 1806. Jane Thompson, the first wife of William Bracken fits in here somewhere. Maybe she was another daughter already married to William. William Bracken, after Jane's death, went to Kentucky to visit his niece.

### **Sarah Bracken Thompson**

It was in the year 1815 that William Thompson decided to pull up stakes and move to Missouri Territory. He did so successfully and wrote such enthusiastic accounts of the climate and soil to this brother, John in Union Township that John and the Reverend John Matthews, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Union, and a man named Watson and his family, decided to join him.

In 1816, John Thompson and Mr. Watson built a boat at Waterford, settled their families including John's wife Sarah, one of the original members of the Union Presbyterian Church, and possessions on board and floated down Le Boeuf and French Creeks and the length of the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers. Then they journeyed down the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers to St. Charles, which was situated on the bottom land between the two rivers.

To the Thompsons and Watson, the soil and climate of St. Charles was ideal, but in reality St. Charles was a very unhealthy place to live. When the river was high, the dried up channel of the Missouri, which St. Charles rested upon, filled with water. And when the water level fell, some water remained and stagnated - a perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes and malaria. John Thompson's family had malaria every year they lived in St. Charles, and in 1823 John died and left his widow Sarah with six children to raise.

Sarah stayed on in St. Charles for four more years, fighting malaria and trying to sell the land - without much success at either. Finally she packed all of her worldly possessions and her children in a covered wagon and traveled back to Pennsylvania. She lived in Washington County, Pa. for two years. Then she returned to the old farm in Union which she and John had left fourteen years before.

She lived there, rejoined the Presbyterian Church, and raised her children. When her sons were grown she allowed them to divide the old farm and sell the homestead part. Sarah died in May 1864, much loved and respected by her neighbors.

(Presbyterian Church Session Records

David Wilson's History)

### **Peter H. Thompson**

Peter Himebaugh Thompson, one of the oldest and best known citizens in Union City, died at his home on Fourth Avenue, at an early hour on Sunday May 26, 1894, after an illness of several months.

Peter Thompson was born on what is now known as the Landsrath farm near Union City on October 24, 1830 and has lived here since. In 1858, he married Miss Sarah K. Culver

and they had four children. Three of his children and his wife survive him. They are Edwin J. Thompson of Erie, May I. Thompson, and Rufus C. Thompson of Union City.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and died in a full faith of future reward. He was a member of the Israel Lodge No. 50, Knights of Honor, of Union City. In this order he held an insurance policy on his life of \$2,000.

For nearly fifty years Peter H. Thompson has been identified more or less with the business interests of Union City, and was known as an honest, industrious man. His death is deeply regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. His funeral took place at his home on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Hunt from the Presbyterian Church officiated, assisted by Rev. C.M. Conway, and his remains were tenderly laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery. Peace to his ashes.

(Union City Times, Thursday, May 29, 1894)

### **James Herbert Thompson**

James Herbert Thompson, who was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Thompson died at the home of his parents on East High Street on August 7, 1895. He would have been 22 years old on September 13, 1895 and was a most promising young man. The announcement of his death had been expected at any time for several weeks past, but when it came it caused widespread sorrow.

James complained of not feeling well in the early part of last December, but continued to get down to the store and to meet his friends in their gatherings. Then around March 15, 1898, he became confined to the house most of the time was a great, though patient sufferer. Socially he was a general favorite among his large circle of young friends although he found the most pleasure and greatest enjoyment in the company of his parents and his only brother H.S. Thompson. His young friends all admired and loved him for his honesty of motives and nobility of character.

His funeral will be held Friday afternoon, August 9, 1895 at 2 o'clock from the family residence on East High Street. Reverend William Grassie of Cambridge, a life long friend of the family and Dr. C.L. Hunt of the Presbyterian Church which Bert has been a

consistent and active member since the early pastorate of Reverend E.P. Clark will conduct the services. Then six of his friends will carry his body to Evergreen Cemetery.

(Union City Times, August 9, 1895)

### **Mrs. Lydia Thompson**

Mrs. Lydia Thompson who lived with her son, Charles J. Thompson south of this city, died very suddenly on Monday, September 30 at about ten o'clock of heart failure. She had been as well as usual until about a half hour before her death.

She was 71 years old. Mrs. Thompson was a kind mother, an affectionate wife and an excellent neighbor and friend. Her sudden death is cause for general regret and sorrow.

Lydia Boyce Thompson was born near Springboro, Crawford County, on July 23, 1833. She was married to Andrew Thompson on January 9, 1859, and they had two children. Charles Thompson lives in Union Township and their daughter, Mrs. Edward Briggs, lives in Union City. She was for years a member of the Presbyterian Church of Union City and lived a good Christian life. Her funeral services were held from her home yesterday, Thursday afternoon at one o'clock. Reverend Horatio Carr officiated and she was buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

(Union City Times October 3, 1904)

### **James S. Thompson (Andrew Thompson)**

James S. Thompson was a great-great grandson of Andrew Thompson, one of the early pioneers of Union Mills. He was born on the homestead of his ancestors in 1845, the son of Andrew and Sarah Smith Thompson. He was reared on the farm, and stayed there until he was 24 years old. Then he became a salesman in the hardware trade.

In 1869, the firm of Thompson & Wilkins was formed in the drug trade, continuing until 1871, when Mr. Thompson purchased Wilkins' interest since which he has conducted the business alone. This is the oldest drug house in the city and has a large, well-established trade. Mr. Thompson carries a complete stock of drugs, stationery, toilet articles, etc. James married Josephine Smith in May 1864, the daughter of John R. Smith of Erie

County, and a member of a pioneer family of Wattsburg. Two children have blessed this union, Harley S. and J. Herbert. Mr. Thompson is a member of the Presbyterian Church, also of the I.O.O.F. and K. of H. He is an active business man and has a well established reputation.

James Thompson died at the home of his son, Harley S. Thompson, about two o'clock last Tuesday morning, following an illness of long duration. He was almost totally blind during the last two years of his life, and was nearly 90 when he died.

He was the son of Andrew and Sarah Smith Thompson, born in Union Township on January 1, 1838. His great grandfather, Andrew Thompson, of Scottish descent located in the colonies in the early days of the United States. James stayed on the family farm until he was 24, then he came to Union Mills and took a job in the hardware store of John Landsrath.

On May 18, 1865, he married Miss Josephine Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Smith, a member of another pioneer family in Wattsburg. They had two sons, Harley S. Thompson, and J. Bert Thompson who died on August 5, 1894.

After Mrs. Thompson died on December 18, 1912, James made his home with his son Harley. In 1869, James Thompson formed a partnership with R.B. Wilkins, and they purchased the drug store of N.T. Humes. Two years later he purchased Mr. Wilkin's interested and continued the business alone until about 1896, when he took in his son Harley as a partner. The business continued under the firm name of J.S. Thompson and Son, until 1906, when the store was sold to William Gates. Then Mr. Thompson retired from active business life.

Early in life James joined the Presbyterian Church and continued to be an active member until the last year or so when he was incapacitated because of illness and loss of sight. He served for many years as a trustee, secretary, and ruling elder of the Presbyterian Church and gave liberally of his money in the upkeep of the church. His pastor, Reverend W.I. Eaton, conducted private funeral services at his home on South Street. He was buried in Evergreen Cemetery beside his beloved wife and son.

(Union City Times, Thursday, September 22, 1927)

### **Miss Mina Thompson**

Miss Mina Thompson was born in Union Township, April 28, 1843. When she was fifteen she attended school in Waterford. She made many warm friends wherever she lived by her kind ways. She has resided at different times in St. Louis, Dubuque, Iowa; Brooklyn, New York and Montreal, Canada. For the past three or four years she has lived in Dakota. She will be buried beside her mother and brother in our cemetery where her grave can receive tribute from the hands of those who love her.

She was an active member of the Episcopal Society of Union City and had an abiding faith in the teachings of that church. The funeral service will be held in the Presbyterian Church next Sabbath morning at eleven o'clock. Her obituary was printed in the Union City Times of Thursday, February 19, 1885.

### **William Thomas Bracken**

(A Twentieth Century History of Erie County Pennsylvania Volume III John Miller 1909 The Lewis Publishing Company: Chicago p. 263)

William was the oldest son of Thomas Bracken of Westmoreland County, Pa. and a Miss Kilmory. He was ten years old when his parents moved to Westmoreland County.

For a number of years after beginning life for himself he lived on a farm near Cannonsburg. He subsequently traded that for 400 acres of land at Fort Lebouef, near Union City, assuming its possession in 1808, when he settled there as a pioneer. He at once erected a two story log house, a very pretentious structure for those days. Settlers were then few and far between, there being but few openings in the wilderness thereabout, which was the home of wild animals of all kinds, and the hunting ground of the Indians.

During the War of 1812, he was called upon to serve as a soldier, but his son Thomas volunteered to go in his place as a substitute. In 1814 he took the contract to build the academy building at Waterford and at that time moved to a farm on the flats near that place, it having been reserved by the state to support the academy. In 1826 he returned to his own farm, where he subsequently resided until his death in 1850.

In 1846, he was left a widower by the death of his second wife, Sarah King. After this, he started with a team to visit his sons and other relatives, driving across the country and spending some time in the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky.

In the spring of 1850, having made all of his intended visits, he started to drive to his home in Pennsylvania from Kentucky, and had proceeded but short distance when he died at the home of his niece in April 1850, near Shelbyville, Kentucky. He married first JANE THOMPSON and married second a widow, whose maiden name was Sarah King.

# Chapter Four

## Thompson Relatives

### **G.W. Brakeman**

G.W. Brakeman, dry goods, boots, shoes and carpets. He was born in Venango Co., Penn, in 1847, son of Lorenzo and Sara A. (THOMPSON) Brakeman, natives of Pennsylvania.

The moved from Mercer County, Pa. to York Co. Nebraska in 1870, where Mrs.

Brakeman died. Brakeman came to Union City in 1870, engaging as a salesman until the spring of 1882, when he opened his present place of business in the Gillett Block.

Possessing good business qualifications and carrying a good stock, he does a large and increasing business.

Mr.Brakeman married in Mercer Co. Pa., in 1870, Almira C. McCutcheon, a native of same. Three children blessed this union, all living. James D., Frank E. and William

Brakeman. G.W. is connected with the M.E. Church and is a member of the I.O.O.F., K of H and Royal Templars. He is a highly esteemed business man of Union City.

### **Charles Capron, Sr.**

Charles Capron, Sr. - Born February 24, 1768. Died July 11,1824. He was born in Marlboro, Cheshire County, New Hampshire. He bought a farm in Marlboro in 1795, which he sold in 1804 and moved to Reading, Windsor County, Vt. He was "warned out" at Reading, 1805 and admitted a "Freeman" of Reading in 1808.

He came to Erie County, Pa. in 1819 with his wife and his son, Charles Capron, Jr. (Inscription, Thompson Cemetery, Union City, Pa. Cheney Records. Not on 1973 List. (History of Marlborough, Cheshire County, N.H., Charles A.Bemis, Boston 1881. U.S. Census of 1800 for Cheshire County,N.H.; U.S. Census of 1810 for Reading, Windsor County, Vt. VR's for Roxbury and for Brookline, Mass.; Deeds - CheshireCounty N.H. and Windsor County, VT; Town Records, Reading,VT; Tax Records for Marborough, Cheshire County, N.H. History of Erie County, PA., Warner, Beers & Company, Chicago, 1884. Cheney Records.)

### **Sarah Whitmore Capron**

Sarah Whitmore Capron was born around 1770. She married Charles Capron on August 20, 1792 at Roxbury, Massachusetts-both shown as “of Brookline.” They had one son and six daughters listed in the US Census of 1810 for Reading, VT. Six children were named in the 1806 “Warning Out,” not necessarily in order of birth. She died in Erie County, PA after 1819. (Sources same as Charles Capron., Sr.)

### **Charles Capron, Jr.**

Charles Capron, Jr. was born in 1797 and died August 5, 1874. He was born in Marlboro, Cheshire County, NH and moved to Reading, Windsor County, VT with his parents in 1805.

In 1819 he moved to Erie, County, Pa., “bringing his parents with him.” Married Catherine----, who died after 1850. Married widow Sarah March Foster. (Sources same as Charles Capron)

### **Ferdinand Carroll**

Ferdinand Carroll was born in 1751 in the northern part of Ireland. He was the youngest of a large family of children, and when he was still a young boy was sent to live with a wealthy uncle in London. On his journey, a fellow traveler stole his valise, which held all of his clothes except the ones he was wearing. Ferdinand had too much pride to face his uncle in a destitute condition, so he apprenticed himself to a weaver. He stayed there for seven years at his trade.

When he was 24 years old, Ferdinand married Isabella Johnstone, and they became the parents of twelve children, six sons and six daughters. After the two oldest sons came of age, they decided to come to America. Ferdinand, unwilling to part with his children, decided to bring the entire family to America. He sold his life lease in the land he held for enough to pay the expenses of the family, and in the spring of 1801, they embarked from Dublin to New York in an old war vessel.

Ferdinand, his wife Isabella, and their nine living children survived the trip to America. The oldest child, Samuel, was 25 years old, and the youngest, Isabella was two years old. She died of measles during the voyage and was buried at sea. The voyage was a slow and tedious one and after eight weary weeks, the passengers landed at New Castle, Delaware instead of New York. Ferdinand relieved the monotony of the trip by playing his violin.

Although he was an excellent musician, the passengers were so weary of the voyage that they cheered when land was sighted. They were glad to escape the captain who was an arrogant tyrant and was arrested when the ship arrived in America.

Soon after the ship docked, Ferdinand set out with his family for Chillicothe, Ohio, and had gotten as far as Pittsburgh, when he heard that fever and ague were raging in Chillicothe. He decided not to go there after all. The Holland Land Company offered 100 acres free for making a settlement and staying five years on a 400 acre tract of land, and this offer captured Ferdinand's attention. He listened further and discovered that such a tract was located on the head waters of French Creek, a tributary of the Allegheny River.

Ferdinand and his two oldest sons, Samuel and George, started up the Allegheny River to Franklin. They had a hard time deciding what part of the country to settle in. Finally Ferdinand decided to settle the matter by chance. He put a stick on end, as near perpendicular as possible, and said he would go whichever way it fell. It fell towards Meadville and he immediately set out for Meadville. After arriving at Meadville, Ferdinand was directed to Union Township. He arrived in Union and purchased the right of settlement and improvements on tract 139 in the southwest of Union Township from Andrew Halsey. The price was \$30 in gold.

Ferdinand returned to Pittsburgh for his family and household goods. The family and their household goods rode on horseback from Pittsburgh, and in time were installed in their one story shanty, built of poles. The Carrolls called their holdings "Castle Halsey." In the fall of 1801, Ferdinand completed the settle of tract 139 and secured a clear deed to 100 acres, which he left to his youngest son, William. Ferdinand was 50 years old on

arriving at “Castle Halsey,” and his family consisted of his wife and nine living children: Samuel, George, Phoebe, Jane, Betsey, Mary, James, Thomas and William.

In 1809, Ferdinand left his farm and moved to the Moravian grant near what was later called LeBoeuf Station. Here he rented a place for a term of years, but it didn't prove to be profitable. He returned to his own farm, which in the meantime had grown up with a heavy second growth of timber. In early times the small timber was cut away, and the large timber girdled and left standing.

When Ferdinand returned, he found the large dead trees had blown down among the young timber, making it more difficult to clear than the first time he had done it. But he set to work with a will, and the virgin forest gave way under the steady strokes of his axe to cleared meadow land.

Ferdinand died on February 1, 1831, at the age of 80 years, from a cancer of the lip. His wife, Isabella, died in September 1839 at the age of 70 years. He was one of the first settlers in Union Township, but if he came to America from Ireland in the year 1801 and some of the children were grown, it is not likely he was Revolutionary War Veteran.

His children were: Samuel. Samuel was 25 when the family came to America. He settled on French Creek in the Middleton settlement and died January 28, 1833, at the age of 60. He had no children.

Isabella. She was two when the family set sail. She died of the measles during the voyage and was buried at sea.

George. George settled on Tract 147, but he family wasn't contented to live in the woods, so he bought a farm about two and a half miles below Union City on the creek. He had seven children: John, James, Mary, Isabella, Margaret and Hannah. John lived near the old homestead. He was the father of eight children: Frank, Sophia, John, Charles, Maria, Albert and Alfred (twins) and Emma.

James moved to Iowa. He could have been the father of the Ferdinand Carroll who married Lorinda or Lucilla Thompson who died in the well.

Pheobe. Married David Middleton of Waterford Township, Pennsylvania.

Jane. Married Jonathan Carroll of Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Betsey.- Married William Boardman.

(Nelson's Biographical Dictionary, p. 880)

### **William Boardman**

William Boardman of Union City is over eighty years old. He was born in Washington Township in Erie County and was among the first, if not the very first white child born in the county. Afer his birth, his father moved to Waterford and opened a tannery for a while.

During the War of 1812, William's father took his wife and six children, of which William was the oldest, down the river to Cincinnati. They sailed across the country to the Augulaize, a branch of the Maumee River, where Mr. Boardman built or procured a

boat in which he embarked with his family. The season was far advanced and in the wilderness his boat became fastened up in the ice where he had to remain until spring.

William's father hadn't anticipated this predicament, so the family ran out of provisions and would probably have starved to death had they not captured a hog which had escaped from the Commissary Department of General Harrison's army during his campaign of 1813.

Spring came at last, the ice went out of the river, and the Boardmans came down to Lake Erie, then to Cleveland and through the country back to Waterford. After that, Mr. Boardman died and it fell to William to care for his family.

Care for his family William did, but he had early developed a yearning to sail the waters. He made many trips down French Creek and the Allegheny River with boats carrying lumber, potatoes, etc.

The most memorable of his trips was the one he made in the winter of 1829. He heard that Cherry lumber was bringing the fabulous price of \$50 per thousand feet at New Orleans, when it was only worth \$6 or \$7 at Waterford. He collected three or four boatloads at French Creek bridge.

In the fall of 1829 he and his brother Robert and eleven others formed a crew of thirteen choice young men, all noted for their strength and hardihood. They ran his lumber to New Orleans. At New Orleans he found the price high for lumber, but the demand

limited, so he dismissed all of his hands, including Nathaniel Wilson, but two, and the others came back up the river in steam boats.

The two who stayed, William Smith and John Wilson, hired to the captain of a schooner and worked their passage round to New York. This took them forty days and after that they walked home. After waiting until John sold his lumber and boats for about \$700, William had his money stolen from him and returned home poor.

Some time after he returned he married Miss Betsy Carroll and raised a family. For many years he lived in Union, farming, attending grist mill and saw mill and performing duty in township offices when called upon. OR, Betsey married John Richards of Brady's Bend, Pennsylvania.

Mary. Never married.

James. Settled near the west line of Union township, where he died at the age of 64 years. He was the father of 15 children.

Thomas. Veteran of the War of 1812. Settled near the west line of Union Township and married Elizabeth Mulvin. He was the father of nine children. Died at the age of 64 years. Thomas's daughter Isabella, married Josiah Shreve, son of Richard Shreve Jr. and Margaret Shreve, among the first settlers of Union Township. They married January 6, 1847 and had three children. Sidney A. was the wife of J.P. Wilkins. George R. died and Almeda E. married O.B. Sherwood.

Wesley, the oldest son of Thomas settled on a farm his father gave him. He married Phoebe Organ and they had seven children. Wesley died in 1879 at age 64.

Jonathan M. Carroll was Wesley and Phoebe's fourth son. He was born on the old homestead on October 2, 1855. Jonathan was reared and educated at his birth place and stayed at home until he was 24. In 1889 he took possession of his farm of 60 acres which his father had willed to him. He married Miss Olive Barnes, daughter of Levi and Mary Shelmandine Barnes, on November 15, 1889. They had two children, Clarence and Winifred. He was a Republican and served his township as road commissioner and school director. His family were members of the Methodist Church.

Fletcher S. Carroll was the fifth son of Wesley and Phoebe. He was born at the homestead on November 27, 1858. He was reared in LeBoeuf Township and educated in the public schools there and at the Waterford Academy. After completing his education he returned home and followed farming. He inherited the homestead after his father died, which consisted of 100 acres of well cultivated land, twenty five acres being part of his grandfather's (Thomas Carroll) estate. In 1884 he began selling milk in Union City, and rapidly built up a substantial trade. He married Miss Alice, daughter of Levi C. and Mary Shelmadine Barnes, on December 23, 1872. They had three children: Wayne, Alta May and Mabel.

O.W. Carroll, tailor and clothier, of Union City, is the next son in order of birth of Wesley and Phoebe Carroll. He was born July 6, 1860, and reared at his birthplace and educated at the public schools and Waterford Academy. After completing his education, he taught school for two years and then to Union City and purchased the furniture

business of A.O.Gillette which he conducted for two years. He sold out after two years, and after that he spent eighteen months trading throughout the Western States and Mexico. In 1883 he returned to Union City and opened a clothing business with Van Dusen, the firm. He continued that business until 1890 when he sold out and went into partnership with R.R. Lewis, under the firm name of Lewis & Carroll. They conduct a first class merchant tailoring establishment. On September 15,1886, O.W. married Jennie, daughter of David Carroll of Cleveland, Ohio. They had four children: Elsie, Rees, Clifford and Clifton (twins). The family are members of the Methodist Church.

William-He was the youngest son of Ferdinand Carroll. He was given the old homestead on Tract 159, and married Hannah Slouson in 1820. They had ten children: James, Lucy, Mary A., Lucilla, Esther, Charles S., fatally wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862, and died three days later. William's son David married Miss H. Coventry in 1854 and owned part of the old original tract. They had seven children: Ella, Jennie, Rosa, Etta, Fred, Hannah and George. William's son, George W., owned a greater part of the old homestead obtained from the Holland Land Company for settlement of tract 159. In 1871, George W. started a cheese factory, which ran satisfactorily. In 1890, a post office was established and the name of Ferdinand chosen in honor of the first settler of the tract. George W. married Miss Susan A. Barnes, daughter of Levi Barnes in 1863. Levi Barnes was one of the pioneers who came from the east in 1820 and settled south of tract 159 where he died at 82 years old age. She was a woman of rare energy and business ability.

William's son, Jonathan H. lived on part of the homestead. He married Antoinette Myers in 1851. They had three sons and one daughter. They were : J. Burr, C. Eddie, Lotta, and Lavidia.

William's daughter Esther, married G.W. Brooks. They had two sons, Glenni who died at 12 and George Cliton who died at 16. William's daughter, Eliza Jane married S.B. Brooks. They had seven sons and two daughters. They were: Ashley J., Cassius, Charles S., Archibald, Elverdo C., William, George G., Phoebe and Ruth.

Thomas's son, Samuel J. lived in Bloomfield, Crawford, County, Pa

Jonathan G., the next younger son Thomas, lived on a part of the old homestead. He had two children, Solomon and Rose. Thomas's daughters were: Jane, Isabella, who married Josiah Shreve, and Margaret.

(From the Union City Times of February 27, 1879.)

### **Davison**

Catherine A. Barr was born in Woodcock Township in Crawford County, June 22, 1831. She spent her girlhood there and was educated in the district school. Early in life she became a Christian and in 1852 joined the Reformed Church at Saegertown.

On September 22, 1853 she married Garret Davison, and they had four children. Their children were John who died when he was thirteen; Addie O., now Mrs. A.L. Wales of Corry; Laura E., now Mrs. William Dunmeyer of Union City, and C.G. Davison, of

Union City. On September 22, 1864, Garret Davison died in Andersonville prison. Mrs. Davison married E.L. Morton on April 18, 1872 and they at once moved to Union City where Mr. Morton engaged in the mercantile business.

He continued at that until he died on September 22nd, 1864. Since that time Mrs. Morton remained a resident of Union City and lived with her daughter, Mrs. William Dunmeyer. She was a most excellent woman, endearing herself to all with whom she had been acquainted, and her death on January 12, 1893, is deeply regretted by a large circle of friends and relatives. From the time she came to Union City she became a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church and led a consistent Christian life. Her funeral services were held from the residence of William Dunmeyer and she was buried in Evergreen cemetery.

### **Matthew Gray**

Matthew Gray died in 1814, and his probably buried on his farm on the Concord Road in Union Township. He was one of the first settlers in the Township. With his brother William and sister Rachel, he came to Union Township about 1803 from Huntington County. Matthew Gray Jr. served in the 4th class of Andrew Bogg's Company of the 4th Battalion of Lancaster County Militia (Pa Archives, 5th Series Vol 7, Pages 444-445.

William Gray served in the 1st class of the same regiment. Matthew Gray Sr. also served in these companies.

### **John G. Gray**

John G. Gray is a worthy and prosperous farmer of Wayne Township, Erie County, where he owns and operates a farm of 100 acres, a portion of which is devoted to the raising of general stock and poultry and another part to the breeding of fancy varieties of stock.

John G. Gray was born July 21, 1845, and is a native of Wayne Township, where he was reared and educated, finishing his schooling at Waterford Academy. In 1864 he joined the Union Army as a member of the 12th PVI., serving therein for three years and passing uninjured through various important battles. He was a scout under "Little Phil" (Sheridan) in the Shenandoah Valley about eight months. He was honorably discharged on July 24, 1865. After the war he married Mrs. Jane Smith. They had a daughter, Mary A. Gray.

Mr. Gray has not always confined himself to farming. For over 25 years he was a resident of Erie, during which period he held the office of councilman and was a citizen of influence. Since returning to Wayne Township he has resumed agricultural pursuits, but has taken no part in public or political affairs. For many years he has been identified with the G.A.R. and is an honored member of Post No. 67. (Strong Vincent Post - Erie) Mr. Gray is the son of Matthew A. and Esther Smith Gray, the former being born on the Juniata River in Pennsylvania in 1796.

Both he and his brother James were soldiers in the War of 1812. It is claimed that James was the strongest man in Harrison's Army and that one of the tests which he successfully met was the lifting of a cannon from the ground by main strength of hands and arms. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Gray were: William C. (deceased), Annie, Lavinia and Robert (both deceased) Jane, Susanna (deceased) ,Melissa, Dr. T.J. Gray;

John G. and Henry M. Matthew A. Gray died on May 16, 1877 at the age of 81 years and Esther died in 1902 at the age of 99 years.

His paternal grandfather, William Gray, in 1810, migrated from the family homestead on the Juniata River, settling at Waterford in Erie County. There he took up about 40 acres of land which was divided among his children in later years. By his marriage to Miss Allison, he became the father of William, James, Matthew, Robert, John, Sally, Annie and Mrs. F. Gray. Mr. Gray is a Republican.

(Twentieth Century History of Erie County, Pa. Volume III John Miller 1909 The Lewis Publishing Company - Chicago p. 603)



# Chapter Five

## Michael Hare, Mulvins, Smileys, Ranges, Wilsons, and Eversons

Michael Hare was born in Armaugh County, Ireland on June 10, 1727. He was educated for the priesthood or at least attended St. Patrick's Seminary near his birthplace. He acquired some education and was a skilled weaver.

After he came to America he stopped first near Philadelphia and then moved northwest with the tide of migration to Northumberland County. He served in the French and Indian War under George Washington. He was the one who helped hold back the Indians who were bent on exterminating Braddock's English regulars to the last man. At this point he was 28 years old, and was wounded. Two years later, when he was 30, Michael saw the English triumph over the French, taking over Fort Duquesne and leaving the Ohio valley.

Then Indian troubles broke out under Pontiac. He fought in the battle of Bushy Run, serving under Colonel Henry Bouquet who was pressing forward to relieve Captain Ecuyver, then besieged in Fort Pitt. Bouquet and Ecuyver were Swiss soldiers of fortune serving the English crown in America. At Bushy Run eight years after the humiliation of Braddock, the Indians tried to trick Bouquet's forces into a similar ambush, but Bouquet tricked them and disastrously defeated them. The siege of Fort Pitt, earlier Fort Duquesne under the French, was raised by the arrival of Bouquet's forces. Michael was there.

During the Revolutionary War, Michael Hare enlisted in Northumberland County when

enlistments were for just a few months. But Michael kept reenlisting and served practically continuously through the war. He was in the battle of Long Island, and was detached to serve under Anthony Wayne in the attack on Stony Point. He also served under Colonel Broadhead.

The archives of Pennsylvania reveal that Michael Hare was a Ranger from Westmoreland County in 1777, a private in 1780, and later a sergeant in the Pennsylvania volunteers. He was an Indian captive in 1782. Taken to Detroit as a prisoner and then to Quebec, he was exchanged in November 1782, being sent by sea to Philadelphia.

Michael Hare served as an Indian interpreter and had a vast knowledge of their habits and customs that stood him in good stead more than once in his long life. In 1781, he found himself in the hands of the Indians when Colonel Crawford made an ill fated expedition against them. Colonel Crawford was burned at the stake by the Indians, but Simon Girty, the “renegade white,” may have been liked Michael Hare and influenced the Indians to spare him. He did not do this for Colonel Crawford.

Another ill fated Indian expedition Michael was involved in was in 1782 when he served in Colonel Archibald Lochrey’s company that was ambushed at the mouth of the Great Miami River by the Indian leader Brant and Simon Girty. Hare was one of the survivors of the 100, 42 having been killed. Lochrey’s outfit was trying to make the way westward to join the forces of George Rogers Clark.

Again in 1791, Hare was part of General Arthur St. Clair’s expedition against the Indians. After scalping Michael on the field of battle in Parke County, Ohio, the Indians left him

for dead. He was 64 years old at the time. But instead of dying, Michael was befriended by an Indian woman. She guided him all the way across present day Ohio into Westmoreland county where he lived at the time. She hid him by day piling branches and leaves over him, while she kept a look out from a tree nearby. He was once hidden underneath a log, which Indians in their search, had mounted, looking around. A key to his contact with the Indian woman and all of the Indians in general, probably was the fact he had served as an interpreter.

Michael Hare and his family came to Erie County about 1796 or 1797 and settled near a little stream known as Hare's Creek, north of Corry. His cabin was near a clump of apple trees. David Wilson, in his History of Erie County, says that Michael Hare "was a weaver by trade, and if any of the neighbors had a piece of fancy work that ordinary weavers could not do, such as double coverlets or bagging of double thicknesses twilled on one side and plain on the other, if they would send for Mr. Hare, he would go, be it far or near, and rig up their loom, and show them how to weave it and charge, the moderate sum of two dollars."

After moving from Hare Creek, the Hare family settled at Oak Hill between Waterford and Union City. When he was 100 years old, Michael Hare taught school, first in his cabin, and afterward in a school house in the vicinity.

Mrs. Cynthia Ensworth, historian of Waterford, said, "Because of his frightful scalp wound, he wore a cap not only during school hours but at all times. He sat close to the fireplace because of poor circulation, keeping one side of his face turned toward the fire."

Mrs. Velma Alexander Mando, one of his descendants who researched his life, said that he was short, solidly built, and may have weighted about 170 pounds in the prime of his life. She said he favored his scalp wound by leaning his head toward the fire for comfort. Michael Hare married Elizabeth, twenty two years younger than he was, and they had thirteen children. He died March 3, 1842, at the age of 115 years and 8 months and 22 days. Elizabeth died April 10, 1840, at age 90 years.

According to a story in the Erie Times of Sunday July 1, 1951, Michael and Elizabeth and Captain Robert King and his family had earlier been buried in a cemetery located in the west section of Waterford Borough. Then the remains of Michael Hare and his wife were moved to Evergreen cemetery many years ago. "Michael Hare is buried in the soldier's plot and nearby is the grave, of another Revolutionary soldier, Captain Robert King," who departed this life, December 7, 1826, aged 69 years."Near are other markers of soldiers who served to perpetuate the nation which Hare and King fought to establish."

## **Mulvin**

The first generations of Mulvins. Belle was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Mulvin) Carroll. Elizabeth Mulvin married Thomas Carroll. Belle married Josiah Shreve, son of Richard Shreve Jr. and Margaret on January 6, 1847.

William Mulvin Inscription, Old Thompson Cemetery, Union City William Mulvin/who died April 22nd/1848 aged 92 years.

Wife: Margaret, q.v. Son: William, Jr., q.v. Cheney Records 1973 Cemetery Readings

William Mulvin, Jr. Inscription, Old Thompson Cemetery, Union City Memorial  
of/William Mulvin/Junior who died Feb. 16th/ D. 1828, aged 22 years

There is a calm for those who weep,/ rest for weary pilgrims found;/ And while the  
mouldering ashes sleep/Low in the ground;/The soul, of origin divine,/God's glorious  
image freed from clay,/ In heaven's eternal shore shall shine/A star of day. Cheney

Records

1973 Cemetery Readings Elisabeth Mulvin Inscription, Old Thompson Cemetery, Union  
City, Pa. Memorial of/Elisabeth Mulvin/Consort of/Robert Mulvin./Who died March 2?  
A.D. 1830. Aged 30 years,/Depart my friends, dry up your tears/ We'll meet again when  
Christ appears,/Therefore be ye also ready: for in/such an hour as ye think not, The/Son  
of Man Cometh. Cheney Records 1973 Cemetery Readings

Margaret Mulvin Inscription, Old Thompson Cemetery, Union City, Pa. Memorial  
of/Margaret, Wife of/William Mulvin/ died June 17, 1850/ Aged 89 years. Cheney  
Records 1973 Cemetery Readings Robert Mulvin Inscription, Old Thompson Cemetery,  
Union City, Pa.: Robert/Mulvin/ Mar. 12, 1869/Aged 72 years. Cheney Records 1973  
Cemetery Readings

### **Henry Mulvin**

(Obituary from Union City Times, June 1930)

Henry Mulvin was born June 2, 1846 and was the seventh in the family of twelve  
children of Robert and Mary Middleton Mulvin, who were natives of Ireland. He was

reared and educated in Union and Concord Townships and when he was a boy of 15, enlisted in Col. L. 12th Pennsylvania Cavalry under Captain Tourtellott. He participated in many hard fought battles, and was captured at Winchester, Va. on June 13, 1863. After his capture he was taken to Libby prison where he was kept one month and then taken to Belle Island where he was kept four months.

After returning from the war he followed the trade of mason, building extensively. On June 2, 1868 he married Abbie, the youngest daughter of George W. and Lusetta Brooks. They had six children. He died at the home of his son, Charles of Wayne Township, on June 7, 1930.

Henry Mulvin was a member of the United Brethren Church at Wayne Valley for forty years. He was buried in Beaverdam Cemetery.

### **Range**

Thursday, September 4, 1884

Some of Nancy Range's heirs settled near Mill Village.

### **Jane Eliza Smiley**

Jane/Eliza/Wife of/Moses Smiley/died/ Dec.----1836 Age 23 yrs. God my redeemer/And ever from the skies/Look down and watch/ es all my dust/Till he shall bid it rise. 1973

Cemetery Readings

(Nelson's Biographical. p. 878. says that Jane is Jane Thompson . A daughter named Jane survived her. Jane Smiley married M.B. Chamberlin. possibly a daughter of Andrew? She doesn't appear anywhere in Abel's line???)

### **James Smiley**

James Smiley. Father of Moses Smiley. James was a soldier in the War of 1812, who served under General Harrison. He died in Union City, Pa. on January 13, 1840 and he is buried in Waterford Cemetery. He was the grandfather of Dallas G. Smiley, a merchant in Union City. James was a soldier in the war of 1812, serving under General Harrison.

After the War, James came to Union City and operated a farm.

### **David Wilson**

David Wilson was born on the family homestead in Union Township on March 20, 1812, a son of Hugh and Hannah Wilson, early pioneers in the area. His father, Hugh Wilson, was born October 16, 1773 in County Down Ireland and traveled to Wilmington, Delaware in 1792. Two years later in 1794 he joined General George Washington on his way to squash the Whiskey Rebellion at Pittsburgh.

Hugh married Hannah Frampton, who was born July 22, 1774 in Mifflin County, Pa. Hugh and Hannah settled in Erie County, after acquiring 200 acres of land from the Holland Land Company and 400 acres of state lands.

In 1798, Hugh brought Hannah 200 miles through the wilderness to her new home in Union Township. They had nine children, including David, born in Union Township.

The Wilsons joined the Presbyterian Church at Union under Reverend Amos Chase in 1820. David Wilson was brought up in the wilderness with no educational advantages, but he began to study surveying. In 1838 he acquired a practical knowledge of his profession as axman with the surveyors of the Pennsylvania and Erie Railroad. Later, the Holland Land Company hired him to survey tracts in Erie and Crawford Counties. By teaching school through the winters he earned enough money to pay for his farm at \$2.50 an acre. He cleared the land and lived on it from 1839 until his death.

On November 21, 1839 he married Eliza Jane Thompson, who was born at St. Charles, Missouri on February 23, 1821. Their children were Hugh, Sarah, Hannah, and Lee. The Wilsons joined the Presbyterian Church early in their lives and David served as elder and clerk of the session for many years.

On March 18, 1876 Mrs. Eliza Jane Wilson departed this life being fifty-five years of age and having been a consistent member of this particular church for forty-five years.

Written by her husband, David Wilson, clerk, by order of the session of the church. In 1850 David was elected and served for three years as county surveyor. He surveyed and laid out Evergreen Cemetery in Union City and through the years held various offices of trust, including Auditor and Justice of the Peace of Union Township for twenty years. His sons inherited his instruments and followed his surveying profession.

(Presbyterian Church Session Records Union City Times)

## **Everson**

Thursday August 16, 1888 Union City Times

An Old Legal Document On Saturday last, Mr. Charles Bacon bought of Mrs. W.T.Everson, her farm and which is located in Amity Township, and which is one of the best farms in Erie County, paying \$8,000 for it. When a deed was made and handed to Mr. Bacon, he was also given an old soldier's deed for the same piece of land, made to Matthew Smith by the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the 13th day of August 1787. The deed was executed 101 years ago last Monday.

The deed is made on parchment and is in an excellent state of preservation. At that time this was Westmoreland County. During all that time there has never been anything entered against this piece of land. The old deed is valuable as a keepsake. History of Erie County, Volume II, 1884. p. 171.

W.T. Everson

W.T. Everson of Union City. He was born in 1827 in Morovia, New Jersey. His parents were William and Catharine Thompson of New Jersey. He was the father of W.E. Everson. W.E. Everson married Belle Fuller, daughter of Rulaf Fuller. Rulaf's other daughter, Clara, married A.F. Young. A.F. Young was the father of Rulaf Young and the grandfather of Marshal Young of Young Hardware, Union City.

# Chapter Six

## Some Basic Thompson Genealogy

### Abel Thompson

**Abel Thompson** married Jemima Kemp on September 28, 1778. She died on November 15, 1816. Abel married as a second wife Tamar Gray Ames

Abel's Children by Jemima:

Job - 1779-1852

Mary-1781-1815. Married Conrad Kile.

Sarah. Born November 10, 1792. Died February 24, 1862. Married Aaron Boylan II on December 20, 1809. They were married by Hugh Wilson, esq.

Aron. Born August 30, 1783. Died August 30, 1783.

Abel Jr.-1785-Went west

Joel-1788 - He was a blacksmith and a stonecutter. Along with his father, Abel, he found boulders in the woods and from them made grinders for the new mills in Union Township. Joel made most of the tombstones in the township from native stone. And he and Abel also made all of the farming and household utensils for the community. According to county histories, Joel was a veteran of the War of 1812, serving under Perry. He also held the degree of Bachelor of Sciences. Joel Thompson was married three times. His first wife, Margaret Smith Thompson, died of fever, leaving a daughter, Nancy. He remarried Mary Mulvin, and had eight children from his second marriage. They were: William, Samuel, Caleb, John W., Charles, Margaret, Jane J. and Lucilla. After Mary died in December 1868, he married Elizabeth Wilson, who survived him. His son Charles died of diarrhea contracted in the army during the Civil War. Joel died August 21, 1868.

Caleb-1790-1863.Caleb Thompson, son of Abel and Jemima Thompson, was born January 30, 1790. He came to Union Township in the year 1802, with the rest of his family. He was a farmer and a carpenter and joiner who finished many of the first houses in Union City. Caleb was a veteran of the War of 1812 and according to the 1820 Federal

Census in Union Township , he was then married with two children. He died on October 15, 1863 at 74 years of age. He was buried in the Thompson burying ground outside of Union City. Miranda Thompson was his first wife. She died on January 22, 1837 at age 28. She left Caleb and two small children. Then he married Clarissa. Their children were: Nelson, a clothier, born in 1824. Died May 19, 1863. Aged 39 years. Erie Gazette of June 18, 1863. Charles C. Born in Union City 1833. One source says December 14, 1833. or 1834. Married Amanda Burroughs. They had seven children. Charles Alanson Thompson was born June 24, 1869. William H. Thompson, the second son was born in 1858, died in 1924. Alma Watson Thompson was born in 1866, died in 1904. Darwin. Born 1843. Almont. Born 1846. Peter. Born 1831. Almira. Born 1836. Caleb W. Born 1844. Sarah. Born 1849. Mary Jane Eggleston, age 20, born in New York in 1830 was included in the household of Caleb Thompson. She may have been a nanny, as they were well off. Or she could have been the oldest daughter of the household who had married and returned home.

Sarah Thompson -1792-Married Aaron Boylan, Jr.

Charles Kemp-1796-1873- He was the son of Abel and Jemima Thompson and was born March 30, 1796 in Union Township. He married Anna Capron, daughter of Charles and Sarah Capron who was born May 11, 1803 in Marlborough, New Hampshire. They went west to Lawrence County, Missouri about 1846. He died there on December 30, 1873, aged 77 years, six months. Anna Capron Thompson died on October 15, 1863, age 60 years 5 mos. and 4 days. Charles K. is buried in a church graveyard in Lawrence Co., MO. Anna is buried ?????? Their children were:

Amos J., Born Monday October 15, 1821, in Union, Erie, Pa. Married Elizabeth Hopkins on September 13, 1849. Died March 19, 1873 age 52 years 5 mos. and 4 days.

Sylvia, born Tuesday, March 23, 1824, in Union, Erie, Pa. Married James Moore on November 8, 1846. Elvina, Born Saturday March 11, 1826, in Union, Erie, Pa. Married Alvin Wood, on February 22, 1845, in Belvidere, Illinois. Died August 3, 1849, age 23 years 5 mos. and 23 days.

Asa, Born Monday October 27, 1828, in Union, Erie, Pa. Died October 30, 1831 in Erie, Pa., age 3 years 4 days.

Nathan Winton. Born Sunday August 7, 1831 in Union, Erie, Pa. Died December 8, 1890 age 59 years 4 mos. and 1 day. Burial at Pikerel, Nebraska.

Sarah, Born Wednesday September 25, 1833 in Union, Erie, Pa. Married Levi Houts on September 21, 1851 in Muscoda, Wisconsin. Died June 19, 1935 age 77 years 9 mos and 5 days. She is buried in Portis, Kansas Cemetery.

Anna, Born Sunday August 21, 1836 in Union, Erie, Pa. Died April 13, 1855, Age 18 yrs 7 mos and 23 days.

Married Richard Huston.

Asa Abel, born Friday September 27, 1839 in Clinton, Wayne Co., Ohio, the eighth child of Charles Kemp and Anna Capron Thompson. His family moved to Wisconsin in 1846. He enlisted in the Union Army in April 1861 in the Third Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and was discharged in July 1864. After returning to Grant Co., Wisconsin, he stayed for about a year then moved to Charles City, Iowa, in 1865. Then he moved to Lawrence County, MO. He came to Mitchell Co., Kansas in November 1875. In 1877 he took a homestead in Lulu Township. He was a very ambitious man. In 1877, he opened a stock of general merchandise in Glen Elder, having started with capital housed in a building 30 x 60 feet. He also opened a store in Scottsville, Kansas and owned a large stock of goods. He married Elizabeth Blunt in Charles City Iowa, on January 28, 1866.

Charles Harvey, born Thursday November 3, 1841, in Loraine Co., Ohio. Died August 1, 1862 at age 20 years 8 mos and 28 days. He starved to death in Andersonville Prison during the Civil War.

Infant son, Born October 10, 1844 in Belvidere, Illinois.

Darwin D., born Friday July 31, 1846 in Platteville, Grant Co., Wisconsin. Died July 10, 1864, age 17 years 10 mos and 20 days. He died in Libby Prison during the Civil War. (Sources: An old family Bible belonging to Charles Kemp Thompson.

1840 Census Ohio, Millcreek Twp. p. 50. 1855 State Census, Grant Co., WI Muscoda, p. 5 1860 Census, Grant Co., WI) 1820 Federal Census, Erie Co. Pa. Union Township Charles Thompson, head of Household m: 1 (26-45) f: 1 (16-26 1 in agriculture

Elvira Thompson. Daughter of Charles Kemp and Anna Thompson. Born 1825. Died??

Amy Thompson. Born 1836. Died 1854.

### **Job Thompson**

Job Thompson II. (The son of Abel 1st) Born Aug. 4, 1779. Died April 20, 1852 in Mercer Co. Family Records show that Isabella is buried in the Thompson Burying ground so he probably is too.

Isabella Thompson. Wife of Job. Born August 20, 1775. Died May 2, 1855.

Family Records say: Isabel. Born July 10, 1775. Died May 28, 1855. Job and Isabella were married in 1800.

Inscription, Old Thompson Cemetery, Union City.

Isabell/Wife of Job/Thompson/Died May 2, 1855/79 yrs 10 ms/18 ds.

The children of Job and Isabella Thompson:

Henry Thompson. Born March 14, 1801. Died February 20, 1846. He married Eliza Ames.

Samuel Swain. Born Jan. 23, 1803 in N.J. Died July 16, 1874 in Union City. Buried in Evergreen.

Reuben Kemp Thompson. Born March 18, 1805. Died February 13, 1881.

John Thompson. Born February 19, 1807. Died November 4, 1866.

Thomas Shinn Thompson. Born February 15, 1809. Died July 20, 1864.

Elizabeth Thompson. Born October 7, 1811. Died December 22, 1891.

Isabel Thompson. Born March 14, 1816. Died July 15, 1832. She married Elna Ames, son of Ben and Tamar Gray Ames.

Josiah Thompson. Born July 15, 1819. Died January 3, 1886.

SAMUEL SWAIN THOMPSON was a wheel wright by trade and it was a useful trade in Union. He was an honest, upright, yet modest Christian man and his children and family thought of him with love and reverence. Twice married, he had 12 children, 9 of whom he lived to bury. In January 1895, he had two children, 17 grand children, and 37 great grand children.

Samuel Thompson – Samuel Swain, son of Job & Isabel.

In Union, July 17, 1874, Samuel Thompson, aged 76 years

Erue Gazette – July 28, 1874.

Erie Observer, Jan. 1875. Deaths in 1874.

Cheney Records.

Born January 23, 1803. Died July 16, 1874. p. 79 Evergreen Book.

Betsey/Wife of/Samuel S. Thompson/Died/May 9, 1842.

Aged/37 years

1973 Cemetery Readings. Old Thompson Burying Ground.

She was Betsey Ames. Born November 20, 1805, died May 9, 1842. They married October 26, 1823.

Their children:

Sally. Born July 15, 1824. Died February 10, 1827. Probably buried in the Old Thompson Burying Ground.

A son. Born July 8, 1826. Died July 10, 1826. Old Thompson Burying Ground.

Lucinda. Born May 5, 1828. Died June 6, 1828. Old Thompson Burying Ground.

Samuel Lucky. Born July 23, 1830.

A son. Born Nov. 26, 1833. Died Nov. 26, 1833. Old Thompson Burying Ground.

Horace Eaton. Born June 2, 1835. Died June 9, 1855. Old Thompson Burying Ground.

1973 Cemetery Readings.

Horace E./Son of Sam'l and Betsey Thompson

Born 1835

Died June 9, 1855

Aged 20 yr. 7 days

Cynthia Amelia. Born April 4, 1838 and died in 1925. Cynthia Amelia married Wesley Davison who was born in March 1835 and died in 1900. They were married on March 13,

1856. Their children were: Arthur, Albert, Adelaide, Clinton, Georgia, Kitty, Belle, Samuel Thompson, Jennie N., Alfred, Anna, Annie and Charles.

MARY PALMER THOMPSON. Second wife of Samuel S. She was born on September 8, 1808 and married Samuel on September 5, 1843. She died on April 12, 1873. They had a son Palmer L. Palmer died on December 24, 1866. (Suicide) 19 years, 7 mos., 19 days. Evergreen Book, p. 79.

Samuel L. Thompson (Son of Samuel S. and grandson of Job and Isabel)

Samuel Luckey Thompson, son of Samuel Thompson. Born July 23, 1830. Married Sophia Robbins in 1856. Sophia died and he married a second wife. Her name was Melissa Oaks. Their children were Bertha and Ida.

Estella Thompson. Daughter of Samuel Luckey and Sophia Thompson. Born August 6, 1857. Died?

Ada Thompson. Daughter of Samuel L. and Sophia Thompson. Born February 1, 1859.

Delia Thompson. Daughter of Samuel L. and Sophia Thompson. Born February 1, 1861. Died February 1, 1861.

Samuel R. Thompson. Son of Samuel L. and Sophia Thompson.

Edwin E. Thompson. Son of Samuel L. and Sophia Thompson. Evergreen Book: Edwin D. Thompson, 1879-1958. p. 143.

Wife: Bessie E. 1979-1943

Maud Thompson. Daughter of Samuel L. and Sophia Thompson.

Madge Thompson. Daughter of Samuel L. and Sophia Thompson.

### **Abel Thompson #2**

(Son of Abel and Jemima Thompson)

Abel Thompson #2 (Son of Abel and Jemima Thompson) Born August 14, 1785. Died April 26, 1861. Family record says he was born April 14, 1785.

Katherine (Caty) Boylan. Wife of Abel Thompson. Born October 7, 1791. Died February 2, 1849. They were married on January 26, 1809. Abel Thompson married his second wife, Sarah Bomer, on December 20, 1849.

Sarah Bomar Thompson.

William Boylan Thompson. Son of Abel II and Caty Thompson. Born October 22, 1809. Died March 24, 1836.

Eliza Thompson. Daughter of Abel II and Caty Thompson. Born April 24, 1811. Died May 1, 1879. She married Daniel Newmaker and their children were: John, Sarah J., Henry, Catherine, Francis.

Joel Thompson. Son of Abel II and Caty Thompson. Born January 6, 1815. Died December 21, 1846. Married Nancy Simpson.

Abel Thompson III. Son of Abel II and Caty Thompson. Born Oct. 31, 1818. Died February 15, 1876. Married Margaret J. Bell.

Ransom Smith Thompson. Son of Abel II and Caty Thompson. Born October 6, 1820. Married Sarah Sheppard on June 11, 1840. Died ???

John W. Thompson. Son of Abel II and Caty Thompson. Born May 10, 1822. Died July 24, 1901. Family Record says : Born May 16, 1822. Died July 24, 1902. He married Sarah Bell on January 1, 1846. Sarah Bell was born on March 17, 1828. She died January 12, 1909. She and John W. Thompson's children were: Hannah Angeline Thompson, born December 18, 1846; Emeline Thompson, born October 28, 1848 and died July 2, 1852; Alvina , born August 8, 1851; Albert Hugh, born October 1, 1853; John Bell, born April 30, 1856 and died March 31, 1858; Perry Newton, born August 3, 1858 and died December 22, 1924. (Buried in Evergreen); William Harvey, born March 15, 1861 (Buried in Evergreen) and Emily Alice, born December 25, 1869.

Sarah Thompson. Daughter of Abel II and Caty Thompson. Born August 25, 1824. Died January 4, 1870. She married Lorenzo Brakeman on March 11, 1846.

Aron Thompson. Son of Abel II and Caty Thompson. Born November 1, 1826. Died May 21, 1860.

Caty Thompson. Daughter of Abel II and Caty Thompson. Born May 21, 1830. Died February 14, 1836.

Mary Thompson. Daughter of Abel II and Caty Thompson. Born August 13, 1835. Died September 29, 1839.

Polly Jane Thompson. Daughter of Abel II and Caty Thompson. Born May 29, 1838.  
Died????

Charles Thompson. Son of Abel II and Caty Thompson. Born October 31, 1818. Died  
February 15, 1876.

Abel II settled in Mercer Co., Pa.

### **Caleb Thompson**

Caleb Thompson came to Union Township in the year 1802 with the rest of his family.  
He was a farmer and a carpenter and joiner who finished many of the first houses in  
Union City.

Caleb was a veteran of the War of 1812. Miranda Thompson was his first wife. She died  
on January 22, 1837 at age 28, leaving him with two small children. Then he married  
Clarissa.

Caleb Thompson. (Son of Abel and Jemima Thompson) Born January 30, 1790.  
Died.....1863. Family record says that he died October 15, 1863.

Clarissa Thompson/Died/Apr. 8, 1879/Aged 75 years

Second Wife of Caleb Thompson

1973 Cemetery Readings.

Thompson Burying Ground

Cheney Records

Family Records

Miranda Thompson

Departed this life in the full triumph of a glorious immortality on the 22nd of January,  
1837, Mrs. Miranda Thompson, consort of Mr. Caleb Thompson of Union Township in  
this county, in the 28th year of her age. She left a husband and two small children.

Erie Gazette February 2, 1837

Cheney Records. Old Thompson Burying Ground

### **Caleb's Children**

Nelson. Son of Caleb #1. A clothier, born in 1824. Died May 19, 1863. Aged 39 years. Erie Gazette on June 18, 1863. Probably buried at Thompson Burying Ground.

Charles C. Caleb's son. Born in Union City, December 14, 1833. Married Amanda Burroughs. They had seven children. William H. Thompson, their second son was born in 1858 and died in 1924. His wife, Alma Watson Thompson, was born in 1866 and died in 1904. Charles Alanson Thompson was born June 24, 1869 in Union City and reared and educated for the most part by his uncle William Putnam.

Darwin. Son of Caleb #1. Born in 1843.

Almont. Son of Caleb #1. Born in 1846.

Peter. Son of Caleb #1. Born in 1831.

Almira. Daughter of Caleb #1. Born 1836.

Caleb W. Son of Caleb #1. Born in 1844.

Sarah. Daughter of Caleb #1. Born in 1849.

Mary Jane Eggleston, aged 20, born in New York in 1830 was included in the household of Caleb Thompson. She may have been a nanny, as they were well off. Or she could have been the oldest daughter of the household who had married and returned home.

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Joel Thompson. (Son of Abel and Jemima Thompson. Born January 14, 1788. \_\_\_\_\_ David Wilson. Family Records say he died in 1868. Died in Union Township on August 21, 1868. Joel Thompson aged 80 years. Erie Observer September 3, 1868. August 27, 1868.

To the Memory/Of/Margaret Thompson/Who died March 27, 1813, Aged/23 years. She was Margaret Smith Thompson, Joel's first wife. They were married in 1812.

Her flesh shall slumber in the ground/

Till the last trumpets \_\_\_\_\_ sound/

Then burst her bonds \_\_\_\_\_/

And in her savior \_\_\_\_\_/

Of Joel Thompson \_\_\_\_\_/

She was the c \_\_\_\_\_/

Tis hop'd shes gone \_\_\_\_\_/

Of joys forever new./

She left him and one infant dear/

Her loss for to deplore/

But they'd hope to meet here whare/

Thares pleasures evermore.

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Nancy Thompson was the "one infant dear" mentioned in her mother's epitaph. Her mother died five days after her birth. Nancy was born March 21, 1813 and died November 1895. She married Daniel Bunting and raised a family. Daniel was born in 1800 and died in 1891. Daniel's parents were Septama and Samuel Bunting. Samuel was born in Bucks Count, Pa. in 1743. Septama was the daughter of Edmund and Margaret Cowgill of Burlington, New Jersey. They married at Falls meeting of the Society of Friends in Bucks County. They came to Erie County about 1797.

The Buntings had five children.

1. Margaret married in Bucks County

2. Tamazine married in 1812 in Le Boeuf Township, Erie County. She married Benjamin Cottrell.

3. John Stockard Bunting was born in 1780 and died in 1856. He married Elizabeth Black (1798-1848) in 1817.

4. Edmund married May\_\_\_\_\_

5. Daniel Bunting (1800-1891) He married Nancy Thompson, Joel's Daughter, in 1833.

Memorial Of/Mary. Wife of / Joel Thompson/ Who died

Decr. 28, 1868/Aged 65 years.

1973 Cemetery Readings

Cheney Records say 1858.

Joel's Other Children

Elizabeth and Twin Sister. Children of Joel and Mary Mulvin Thompson. Born 1815. Died 1815. Probably in Thompson Burying Ground.

William J. Thompson. Son of Joel and Mary Mulvin Thompson. Born April 1817. Died December 1896.

Margaret Thompson. Daughter of Joel and Mary Mulvin Thompson. Born April 1819. Died April 1843.

Memorial of/Margaret Thompson/

Daughter of Joel/ and Mary Thompson/

Who died April 29, 1843/

Aged 24 years & 18 days

1973 Cemetery Readings. Thompson Burying Ground. Cheney Records say April 29, 1843.

Samuel Thompson. Son of Joel and Mary Mulvin Thompson. Born January 1821. Died 1891.

Jane Jemimah. Daughter of Joel and Mary Mulvin Thompson. Born January 1823. Married David Coe. Died February 24, 1898.

Caleb. Son of Joel and Mary Mulvin Thompson. Born September 1825. Evergreen Book says 1826. Died December 1862. Wife Lucy Ann – 1829-1900.

John Wesley. Son of Joel and Mary Mulvin Thompson. Born November 1826. Died June 1896. Co. F 168th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Abraham Lincoln Thompson was his son. Evergreen Book.

Joel Halton. Son of Joel and Mary Mulvin Thompson. Born April 1829. Died October 1863.

Sarah Isobel and Twin sister. Daughters of Joel and Mary Mulvin Thompson. Born April 1831. Died May 1833.

Lucilla. Daughter of Joel and Mary Mulvin Thompson. Born August 1833. Died 1878.

Carl Abel. Son of Joel and Mary Mulvin Thompson. Born June 1838. Died in 1862.

### **Abel and Jemima's Daughters**

#### **Sarah**

Sarah Thompson. Daughter of Abel and Jemima Thompson. Born November 10, 1792. Died February 24, 1862. Married Aaron Boylan II on December 20, 1809. They were married by Hugh Wilson, Esq.

Children of Sarah and Aaron Boylan II

Pheby Boylan. Born September 18, 1810.

Levina Boylan. Born May 27, 1812. Died February 12, 1874.

An infant son. Born December 27, 1813. Died December 27, 1813.

An infant son. Born January 5, 1816. Died January 5, 1816.

Caleb Boylan. Born September 29, 1821. Died September 10, 1840.

Two infant sons. Born May 23, 1826. Died May 23, 1826.

Jemima Jane Boylan. Born June 1, 1830. Died May 20, 1858. Married Lou Ballard.

Catherine Louise Boylan. Born May 18, 1834. Died February 15, 1858. Married D.A. Brakeman.

Margaret Marinda. Born August 29, 1837. Died September 12, 1837.

## **Mary**

Mary Thompson. Born January 1, 1781. Died January 27, 1815. The family records say Born June 17, 1781 and Died June 27, 1815. She married Conrad Kile. They could be in the Thompson Burying Ground as there are several local connections.

Mary and Conrad Kile's children:

Betsey, daughter of Mary Thompson and Conrad Kile. She was born on March 7, 1797. She married Nat Cottrell.

Nancy, Joel's daughter by Margaret Smith Thompson married Daniel Bunting. According to a genealogy in the Erie Gazette of April 24, 1873, Daniel's sister Tamazine Bunting married Benjamin Cottrell in Lebouef Township in Erie County in 1812.

Their children were: Elizabeth, Martha, and Septama. Septama was born in 1817 and married James S. Moore in 1846. One of their children was James E. Moore who was born in 1847. He married Nancy Betts and had a son James G. Moore. Daniel Buntings' brother John Stockdale Bunting was born in 1780 and died in 1856. In 1817 he married Elizabeth Black who was born in 1798 and died in 1848. Their children were Mary Ann (1818-1843); Nancy (1819-1899) who married Merrick Purdy; and Levi (1821-1894) who married Nancy A. Range (1825-1911). In Evergreen Cemetery are buried Levi C. Bunting (1854-1936) and Amanda A. (1854-1938) the next generation.

Henry Myers was a Revolutionary War soldier who had a daughter named Nancy Ann. She married John Range Jr. John Range Senior had served as a first lieutenant of the 5th Co. 4th Bat. York County, Pa. He was the first white settler east of the Allegheny within the lands of Forest County, Pa. He established a farm at what is now Tionesta, Pa. in 1816.

John Range Sr. emigrated from Adams County, where he settled immediately after the war. Being successful in business, he acquired considerable property. One of his sons, John Jr. , born on April 8, 1772, married Nancy Ann Myers on April 12, 1798. Nancy Ann Myers was born June 4, 1784 and died December 8, 1860. She is the Aunt Nancy Range that Arch Bristow writes about in *Old Time Tales of Warren County*. He describes her as an herb doctor and medicine lady and says that she is buried in “a hilltop cemetery outside of Union City.” Because of these family connections, it is possible she is buried in the Thompson Cemetery.

Jemima, daughter of Mary Thompson and Conrad Kile. Born Feb.12, 1799. She married Isaac Moore, a blacksmith and a miner. Their grave inscriptions are in Tallmadge Cemetery.

Isaac Moore/Died March 22, 1857. Wife: Jemima, qu.v. Jemima/Wife of Isaac Moore/Died/ March 14, 1868/Aged 70 years.

Inscription, Asbury Cemetery, Union Township. James S. Moore/Died/May 11, 1870. Aged 64 years. Their son? Inscription. Asbury Cemetery, Union Twp. S.S. Moore. Died April 22, 1851. Aged 78 years. On the lot with James S. Moore, q.v.

There is probably a Revolutionary War connection here too, because: Donation Lands. Robert Moore. Treasurer’s sale of unseated lands. Erie Gazette, Sat. March 4, 1820. Union Township. Donation lands. Names: Robert Moore; tract 187; acres, 500; years, 1818-19; tax, 9.69.

Job, son of Mary Thompson and Conrad Kile. Born December 13, 1800. Married Miss Holloway.

Abel. Born December 3, 1802. Unmarried. He is possibly buried at the Thompson Burying Ground.

John. Born February 8, 1805. He married and had ten children. He was killed by Indians while on his way to California.

Conrad, Jr. Born February 26, 1807. Married in Philadelphia.

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# Chapter Seven

## More Thompson Family Ancestors

Mary Thompson Kile

Mary Thompson was the daughter of Abel Thompson and Jemima Kemp.

Mary Thompson was born January 1, 1781 and she died January 22, 1815. The family records say that she was born June 17, 1781 and died on June 27, 1815. She married Conrad Kile. They could be buried in the Thompson Burying ground as there are several local connections.

Mary and Conrad Kile's children:

Betsey, daughter of Mary Thompson and Conrad Kile. She was born on March 7, 1797. She married Nat Cottrell.

Nancy, Joel's daughter by Margaret Smith Thompson married Daniel Bunting. According to a genealogy in the Erie Gazette of April 24, 1873, Daniel's sister Tamazine Bunting married Benjamin Cottrell in LeBoeuf Township in Erie County in 1812. Their children were: Elizabeth, Martha, and Septama. Septama was born in 1817 and married James S. Moore in 1846. One of their children was James E. Moore who was born in 1847. He

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In 1817, he married Elizabeth Black who was born in 1798 and died in 1848. Their children were Mary Ann (1818-1843); Nancy (1819-1899) who married Merrick Purdy; and Levi (1821-1894) who married Nancy A. Range (1825-1911). In Evergreen Cemetery are buried Levi C. Bunting (1854-1936) and Amanda A. (1854-1938) the next generation.

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John Range Sr. emigrated from Adams County where he settled immediately after the war. Being successful in business, he acquired considerable property. One of his sons, John Jr., born on April 8, 1772, married Nancy Ann Myers on April 12, 1798. Nancy Ann Myers was born June 4, 1784, and died on December 8, 1860. She is the Aunt Nancy Range that Arch Bristow writes about in Old Times Tales of Warren County. He describes her as an herb doctor and medicine lady and says that she is buried in "a hilltop cemetery outside of Union City." Because of these family connections, it is possible that she is burned in the Thompson Burying Ground.

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Isaac Moore/Died March 22, 1857. Wife: Jemima, qu.v. Jemima/Wife of Isaac Moore/died/March 14, 1868/Aged 70 years.

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Abel Thompson's Obituary

Departed this life on the evening of the 3rd instant, at his residence in Union Township in the 84th year of his age, Mr. Abel Thompson; he was a native of New Jersey where he was left an orphan child, and where he married his first wife, also an orphan. He removed

his family in the year 1790 to Fayette County Pa., where he resided until 1802 when he removed to Union where he continued to reside on the same farm until his decease.

He had 8 children by his first wife, 6 of whom have survived him; and 2 by his second wife, one of whom survives with his widowed mother to mourn their loss.

Father Thompson has had 80 grand children, 42 great grand children and 3 great great grandchildren- the aggregate number of direct descendants 165, from these two orphan children who now lie side by side in the family burying ground on his late residence.

Father Thompson took part in the revolutionary struggle, and lived long to enjoy the blessings of liberty and independence so gloriously achieved by the contemporaries of his age and arms: and had he survived a few hours longer he would have seen the light of the anniversary of our glorious independence in 1840. But we trust he has gone to celebrate the joys of that glorious victory achieved by the captain of our Salvation.

#### Another Thompson Relative

Mr. Robert Gray was born in Huntingdon Co., Pa., on December 21, 1798 and was therefore a little over 80 years old at the time of his death in 1878. He was next to the youngest of a family of eight children and in 1806 came with his father's family to this part of the State, where they located at Beaver Damn. In 1820, the family moved to Waterford, Robert remaining with them until the winter of 1823 when, on the 15th of December he married Miss Jane Smith, a daughter of another of the early pioneers of Erie County, and at once removed with his new made bride to the farm, some two miles south

of Union City, now known as the “Gray farm,” where they took up their abode in a new house which Mr. Gray had previously erected, though it was not yet completed when he and his young wife took possession of it was their future home.

Union Township was then little more than a wilderness, but the forests melted away before the sturdy strokes of the woodman’s axe and Mr. Gray cleared and occupied the same farm for nearly half a century, when he left it and removed to his late residence at the corner of Third Avenue and South Streets in Union city, where he has lived ever since.

Through industry, prudence and good management, he acquired a handsome competency and though their union was never blessed with any children of their own, yet the hearts and home of Mr. and Mrs. Gray were opened to several children toward whom, for many years, they discharged the duties of parents with fidelity, and ever after regarded these, their foster children, with true paternal solicitude.

Among those who have thus been members of their household and who, we are sure, delight to own Mr. and Mrs. Gray as their kind foster parents we may mention Mr. J.S. Thompson of Union city, and his sister Sarah Jane Thompson, now Mrs. Nathan Mitchell, also Miss Hannah Jane Gray, afterward Mrs. Thomas Warden and others who are now occupying useful and respectable positions in society.

Mr. Gray was the last survivor of the family, all his brothers and sisters having died before him. He was a man of sterling integrity and strictest honor, and we doubt if any man can truthfully say that he has ever been wronged by Robert Gray. He has always enjoyed in a high degree, the confidence and esteem of his neighbors and fellow citizens,

being frequently elected in various township offices, also to the office of County Commissioner one term and that of County auditor one term.

Early in life he united with the Presbyterian Church to which he was devotedly attached.

# Chapter Eight

## Some Thompson Family Letters and Documents

A letter written by Isabell Thompson to David Swain who was her “foster son.” Copied by E. Goehring. Original owned by Charles Swain, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Isabell was married to Job, one of Abel’s sons. (I used the original spelling and capitalization)

Leaboeuff Township, Erie County state of Penn.

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\*\* Erie County History Book says 1800

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File No. 14141

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Death: Place:

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Proceedings: Vol. 9, p. 68, bk 2

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1820 Federal Census, Erie Co. Pa.

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Caleb Thompson, head of household

m. 1 (10-16) 1 (26-45)

f. 3 (1-10) 1 (16-26)

1 in agriculture

## **Census of 1850, Taken September 7, 1850**

Caleb Thompson, sixth child of Abel K and Jemima Kemp Thompson. Married Marinda and Clarissa.

Caleb 60 Farmer 2000 acres New Jersey 1790-1863.

Nelson 26 Clothier Pennsylvania 1824

Charles 16 Pennsylvania 1834

Darwin 7 Pennsylvania 1843

Almont 4 Pennsylvania 1846

Clarissa 45 CN 1805

Peter 19 Laborer PA 1831

Almira 14 PA 1836

Caleb W. 6 PA 1844

Sarah 1 NY 1849

## **1849 Will - Caleb Thompson**

Will Book C, pp. 608-812.

Residence: Union Mills Borough

Registered - October 29, 1863.

**Census of 1850 Taken September 7, 1850**

Joel Thompson, fifth child of Abel K and Jemima (Kemp) Thompson, married Mary Mulvin.

Joel 63 Farmer New Jersey 1788

Caleb 25 Farmer 50 acres PA 1825

Joel H. 17 PA 1833

Mary 55 Ireland 1795

John 22 Laborer 165 acres PA 1828

Lucialla 12 1838

Union City, Erie Co. Pa., April 8, 1879

Executor's Notice

The undersigned having been duly appointed executors of the estate of Robert Gray, deceased, late of Union City, Erie Co., Pa., hereby give notice to all person indebted to

said estate to make immediate payment; and all person having claims against said estate will present them at once to the undersigned at Union City, Pa., for settlement.

James S. Thompson,

J.J. Lyons, Executors

### **Presbyterian Church Record**

Vo. 2, NO. 12 Chicago, March 1893

Church Membership List of Union City Presbyterian Church Reverend E.P. Clark, Editor

Andrew and Lydia Thompson,

Jas S., Josephine E. and Herbert Thompson

Harley S. and Inez Thompson

In August 1864 Andrew Thompson and James S. Thompson were among the members applying to the Erie County Court for articles of incorporation for the Presbyterian Church in Union City.

(An excerpt from the Articles of Incorporation of the Presbyterian Church at Union Mills)

Whereas the following named persons of this Commonwealth\_\_\_\_\_Robert Gray, Richard Shreve, John Gray, Andrew Thompson, F.A. Marsh, P.G. Porter, E.M. Jones, Wm. Black and David Wilson have together with other citizens associated for the purpose of worshipping the Almighty God according to faith, order and discipline of the Presbyterian Church as will appear by the following articles of association and have for that purpose formed a congregation at the Borough of Union Mills in the county of Erie and State of Penna. and are now desirous to be incorporated agreeably to the provisions of the act of assembly of Penna..

### **The Methodist Thompsons**

The old Methodist Church was built in 1839 and funds for building it were raised by subscription. In 1886, the old building stood on High Street and for the past twenty years or more had been used for the town hall.

On August 19, 1886 Gary Smith brought in the original subscription paper of 1839 and showed it to the editors of the Union City Times. The old paper contained the names of many leading men of the community of the time and the amount of money they gave. As subscribers they agreed to pay the sums set to their names “for the purposes of building a Methodist Meeting House at Union Mills, on a piece of ground given by Wm. Miles for that purpose.” They agreed to pay one half of the subscription money within six months from May 14, 1839, and the balance within one year from the date.

Those pledging lumber or other material for the meeting house promised to furnish them when notified that such materials were wanted. The subscribers paid the trustees of the church who were bound to build the church according to the Methodist form of discipline.

The subscription list looked like this:

Union Mills, May 14, 1839

Subscribers Names

Levi Barnes \$30.00

Caleb Thompson 50.00

Wm. P. Squire 5.00

Charles Burrows 20.00

James Thompson 10.00

Timothy Clark 1.00

William Fuller 10.00

Richard Shreve 2.00

Joseph Townsend 20.00

William Mansfield 20.00

Moses Smiley 25.00

Chas. C. Burrows 10.00

Noyes White 25.00

Sam D. Jones 10.00

Calvin Barnes 12.00

David P. Darrow 3.00

Abram Tourtellott 50.00

Jerry Clark 30.00

John M. Mills 20.00

Abram Emerson 5.00

Ezra Steenrod 10.00

Joel Thompson 5.00

Josiah Thompson 2.50

Wilson Gourdniter 5.00

Samuel Gill 10.00

E.D. Ransom 20.00

John S. Coe 20.00

Wm. H. Thompson 15.00

Wm. J. Thompson 10.00

Robert Smiley 10.00

Milton Spaulding 5.00

Betsy Thompson 5.00

In August 1886, only four of the subscribers were still alive. They were: John S. Coe, Robert Smiley, William H. Thompson and Josiah Thompson. A quick look at the subscribers list will reveal the deep involvement of the Thompsons and their relatives in the beginnings of the Methodist Church in Union City as well as the Presbyterian Church. Josiah Thompson was the son of Job and Isabel Thompson. William J. Thompson was the son of Joel and Mary Mulvin Thompson. Betsey Thompson was the wife of Samuel S. Thompson, the son of Job and Isabel Thompson. Joel and Mary Mulvin Thompson 's daughter Jane Jemima married David Coe. John S. Coe was probably David's father.

Caleb Thompson, Abel's son, did not die until 1863 so it was probable that he was the subscriber here and not his namesakes.

The other two Thompsons, William H. and James Thompson, are a little harder to trace. James could be the son of Sarah Bracken and John Thompson, in the Andrew Thompson line. The Presbyterian Session Records reveal that a James Thompson and his wife Mical Ann left the Presbyterian Church to join another denomination in 1857. This James was Andrew Thompson's son and was born in 1838, baptized in the Presbyterian Church in 1839, so it probably wasn't him. It could have been his father, though, because Andrew had a brother named James, who was born in about 1814. And in 1857 James and his wife, according to the Session records, "have declared their preference for another ecclesiastical body." There is a William H. Thompson who is the grandson of Caleb Thompson, and son of Charles C. Thompson. But he wasn't born until 1850. There is a William in the Andrew Thompson line who was born about 1812. His age matches better.

# Chapter Ten

## The Thompson Burying Ground and the Thompson Family

### The Old Thompson Burying Ground: Past and Present

Abel Thompson

Abel Thompson 1<sup>st</sup>

Born on March 2, 1757 at Great Egg Harbor, New Jersey

Died on July 3, 1840 at Union City, Pennsylvania

Buried at Union City in the old Thompson Burying Ground with about 40 other relatives

Married on \_\_\_\_\_ 1778 to Jemima Kemp.

Jemima Kemp was born on February 13, 1757 at\_\_\_\_\_.

She died on November 15, 1816 at Union City.

She is buried at Union City in the Thompson Burying Ground

This information is from the Thompson Record Book, p. 60 and 61

## **Old Thompson Cemetery, Union Mills**

July 1840.

Abel Thompson and 45 other Thompson relatives are buried there. Office of Prothonotary-deeds. Erie County Courthouse

Here is a series of records of readings from the Old Thompson Cemetery

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A rest for weary pilgrims found,

And while the mouldering ashes sleep low in the ground;

The soul, of origin divine,

God's glorious image freed from clay

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Dry up your tears,

We'll meet again,

When Christ appears

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not, The Son of man cometh.

Eliza Jane Smiley. Wife of Moses Smiley. Died Dec.—1836. Age 23 years.

God my redeemer/and ever from the skies

Look down and watch all my dust

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To the memory of Margaret Thompson /who died March 27, 1813, Age 23 years.

Her flesh shall slumber in the ground/Till the last trumpets—sound/Then burst her  
bonds—And in her savior—/ Of Joel Thompson she was the consort/Tis hop'd shes  
gone

Of joys forever new./She left him and one infant dear/Her loss for to deplore/But they do  
hope to meet her/where there's pleasures evermore.

Betsey, wife of Samuel S. Thompson. Died May 9, 1842. Aged 37 years.

Clarisa Thompson. Died April 8, 1879. Aged 75 years.

Isabell, wife of Job Thompson. Died May 2, 1855. 79 years, 10 months, 18 days.

Here lies the body of Jemima Thompson, Consort of Abel Thompson, who departed this life November the 15, 1816, in the 59<sup>th</sup> y.

Memorial of Abel Thompson who died July 3, 1840. Aged 84 years.

As far as can be determined these are most of the people buried in the Thompson Cemetery

Ames

Alva Ames

Isabella Thompson Ames. Wife of Alva. D. May 27, 1832, aged 15 yrs. She was the daughter of Job Thompson.

Samuel A. Ames. Brother of Alva.

Barnes

Alpheus Barnes

Levi G. Barnes, Jr.

Mary Barnes

C.G. Barnes

Levi Barnes, Sr.

Susan Barnes. Mrs. Levi Barnes

Nathan S. Barnes

Hulda Shemelmadine Barnes

Capron

Charles Capron, Sr.

Sarah Whitmore Capron

Charles Capron, Jr.

Catherine Capron

Sarah March Foster Capron

Carroll

Ferdinand Carroll

Isabella Johnstone Carroll

Samuel Carroll. Son of Ferdinand and Isabella Carroll. D. June 27, 1831, aged 61 years.

George Carroll

Mary Carroll

John, son of George and Mary

Ferdinand James, son of William and Hannah Carroll, d. October 21, 1824, aged 2 years.

Grandson of Ferdinand and Isabella Carroll

Mary, daughter of Ferdinand and Isabella Carroll

James Carroll, son of Ferdinand and Isabella

Phebe M. Carroll, wife of James

Thomas Carroll, son of Ferdinand and Isabella

Elizabeth, wife of Thomas

Hannah, daughter of Elizabeth and Thomas

Phebe Carroll, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Carroll

Wesley Carroll, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Carroll

Phoebe Carroll, wife of Wesley Carroll

Juliaett Carroll, daughter of Wesley and Phoebe Carroll

Elizabeth Carroll, daughter of Wesley and Phoebe Carroll

Thomas Carroll, son of Wesley and Phoebe Carroll

Fletcher Carroll, son of Wesley and Phoebe Carroll

William Carroll, son of Ferdinand and Isabella Carroll

Hannah Carroll, wife of William Carroll

Mary Ann Carroll, daughter of William and Hannah Carroll

Ferdinand James, son of William and Hannah Carroll

George W. Carroll, son of William Carroll

Susan A. Carroll, wife of George Carroll

Charles S. Carroll

Dennis Carroll

Jonathan N. Carroll

Mary A. Carroll, wife of Jonathan Carroll

J.C. Carroll

Eliza Carroll, wife of J.C. Carroll

Organ W. Carroll

Jennie B. Carroll, wife of Organ W. Carroll

David Carroll

Elizabeth Carroll, wife of David Carroll

George C. Carroll. On the lot of David Carroll

Rosa A. Carroll. On the lot of David Carroll

Solomon Ml Carroll

Josiah Burr Carroll

Esther Belle Carroll, wife of Josiah Burr Carroll

Mulvin

William Mulvin

Margaret Mulvin, his wife

William Mulvin, Jr. Son of William and Margaret Mulvin

Elisabeth Mulvin, wife of Robert Mulvin

Robert Mulvin

Rockwood

Simon Rockwood. D. March 29, 1859, aged 63 years.

Shepard

Lillie R. Shepard, wife of William L.

William L. Shepard

Sherwood

Frank Sherwood. Died at Fredericksburg

Shreve

Josiah Shreve

Belle Shreve, wife of Josiah

George E., son of Josiah and Belle Shreve

Meta Blade Shreve, on the lot of Josiah and Belle Shreve

Smiley

Jane Eliza Thompson Smiley. Wife of Moses Smiley

John R., son of Moses and Jane. D. August 10, 1840, aged 2 years.

Thompson

Jemima Thompson, wife of Abel

Abel Thompson #1

Aron Thompson, son of Abel and Jemima Thompson

Tamar Gray Ames Thompson

Infant, daughter of Tamar Gray Ames Thompson and Abel Thompson

Asa Thompson, son of Charles K. and Anna Capron Thompson

Anna, daughter of Charles K. and Anna Capron Thompson

Job Thompson II, son of Abel and Jemima Thompson

Isabella Thompson, wife of Job Thompson

Henry Thompson, son of Job and Isabella Thompson

Eliza Ames Thompson, wife of Henry Thompson

John Thompson, son of Job and Isabella Thompson??

Thomas Shinn Thompson, son of Job and Isabella Thompson??

Isabel Thompson, daughter of Job and Isabella Thompson

Elna Ames, son of Ben & Tamar Gray Ames and husband of Isabel

Josiah Thompson, son of Job and Isabella Thompson

Betsey, wife of Samuel S. Thompson

Sally Thompson, daughter of Samuel S. and Betsey Thompson

A son of Samuel S. and Betsey Thompson

Lucinda, daughter of Samuel S. and Betsey Thompson

A son of Samuel S. Thompson and Betsey Ames

Horace Eaton Thompson, son of Samuel S. and Betsey Thompson

Daughters and son of Cynthia Amelia Thompson and Wesley Davison

Georgia, 1866-1866 and triplets, Alfred, Anna, Annie, born in October 1876 and died October 1876.

Delia Thompson, daughter of Samuel L. and Sophia Thompson. Born February 1, 1861 and died February 1, 1861.

Sarah Jane Thompson Williams, daughter of Abel II and Caty Thompson. Born May 31, 1835. Died March 3, 1864. Aged 29 years.

Myron Williams. Sarah Jane's father-in-law?

Calista Williams, wife of Myron Williams

Caleb Thompson

Clarissa Thompson

Miranda Thompson

Nelson Thompson, son of Caleb Thompson

Mary Thompson, daughter of Abel and Jemima Thompson

Conrad Kile, her husband

James Moore. Jemima, daughter of Mary Thompson and Conrad Kile married Isaac Moore. James could be their son. He is buried at Asbury Cemetery.

Abel, son of Mary Thompson and Conrad Kile

Isaac Emerson

Sarah, wife of Isaac Emerson

Robert Emerson

Mary, his wife

Joel Thompson, son of Abel and Jemima Thompson

Margaret Smith Thompson, wife of Joel

Mary, wife of Joel Thompson

Elizabeth and twin sister, children of Joel and Mary Mulvin Thompson

William J. Thompson, son of Joel and Mary Mulvin Thompson

Margaret Thompson, daughter of Joel and Mary Mulvin Thompson.

Joel Halton, son of Joel and Mary Mulvin Thompson. Died in 1863. Possibly a Civil War veteran?

Sarah Isobel and twin sister, daughters of Joel and Mary Mulvin Thompson

Lucilla, daughter of Joel and Mary Mulvin Thompson

Carl Abel, son of Joel and Mary Mulvin Thompson

Records from Family Bible

Henry Thompson, father of Abel the first

Mary Shine Thompson, his wife

No records of birth or deaths

Abel Thompson the first

Born March 2, 1757

Died, July 3, 1840 Age 83 years, 4 months, 1 day

Sarah, sister of Abel, born 1759

Jemima Thompson, wife of Abel the first, born February 4, 1757, died November 15, 1816. Aged 59 years, 9 months, 11 days.

Children of Abel and Jemima Kemp Thompson

They married in 1778

Job Thompson

Aaron Thompson

Mary Thompson

Abel Thompson II

Joel Thompson

Caleb Thompson

Sarah Thompson

Charles Kemp Thompson

The children of Abel Thompson and Tamar Gray Ames Thompson. They were married in 1821.

Robert Gray Thompson

Infant Daughter

Children of Abel Thompson II

Jemima Thompson. Born January 6, 1815

Abel Thompson III. Born November 29, 1816. Was married to Margaret J. Bell on October 14, 1841. She died in December 1902. He died in October 1902.

Charles Thompson. Born October 31, 1818. Married to Hannah McNight. On November 20, 1846.

John Wesley Thompson. Born May 16, 1822. Married Sarah Bell on June 1, 1846

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# Chapter Eleven

## Decorating the Cemetery

Clips and Stories from the Union City Times that Trace the Story of the Old Thompson Burying Ground

Thursday, May 22, 1879

Post No. 102, GAR will assemble at their quarters and at 10:00 o'clock a.m. sharp will start for the Catholic Cemetery accompanied by the children of St. Teresa's School and citizens, and will decorate the graves. A short oration will be delivered by Reverend Father Dunn. A detail will also proceed to the Thompson Cemetery and decorate the graves of the soldiers of the Revolution and War of 1812.

Thursday, May 18, 1882

The members of Col. John W. McLane Post No. 102 G.A.R. have arranged for Decoration day, Tuesday, May 30, 1882 the following program: President of the Day, Post Commander; Chief Marshal, C.S. Steadman; Assistants, L.D. Rockwell, Gary G. Smith and A.G. Sweet; Orator of the day, Reverend N.H. Holmes. Comrades of Post 102 will assemble at the G.A.R. Hall at 10 o'clock sharp and march to the Catholic Cemetery accompanied by the band, St. Teresa's School, the Hunter Hook and Ladder Company and citizens, and decorate the graves there. At the same time a detachment will proceed

in charge of the officers of the guard and decorate the graves of the soldiers of the Revolution and War of 1812 in the Thompson Cemetery.

Thursday May 24, 1883 Memorial Day.

A detachment sent to the Old Thompson Cemetery decorated the graves there.

Thursday, May 15, 1884

Detachments of G.A.R. Post 102 will decorate the graves at the Thompson and Barnes cemeteries.

Thursday, May 21, 1885

The G.A.R. will decorate graves for Decoration Day in Union City. Accompanied by Goss' Band and fire department will march to the Catholic cemetery and decorate the graves at that place. At the same time detachments will be sent to the Thompson Cemetery, Elgin, Beaverdam, Barnes Church and Mattisons to decorate the graves in those places.

Thursday, June 3, 1887

Early in the morning people began to arrive for Decoration Day ceremonies in Union City. At ten o'clock the G.A.R. Post accompanied by Coleman Hose and Hunter Hook & Ladder Co., marched to the Catholic Cemetery where they strewed the graves of the dead

with flowers. At the same time a detachment went to the Thompson Cemetery where they deposited flowers on the graves of those buried there.

Thursday, May 23, 1889

McLane Post G.A.R. NO. 102 will conduct Memorial Day Services. They will decorate graves at the Catholic Cemetery and the Barnes and Thompson Cemeteries at the same hour.

Thursday, June 6, 1889

“In the forenoon the graves in the Catholic Cemetery were visited by the G.A.R. Post, accompanied by Coleman’s Band, the Coleman Hose and Hunter Hook and Ladder Companies, and a large number of citizens. The graves of the soldiers buried there were decorated with choice flowers and wreaths of evergreen. At the same time a detachment of the Post went out to the cemetery on the Ridge and with the people of the vicinity held an interesting memorial service, strewing flowers on the graves of soldiers buried there. F.M. McClintock Esq. delivered an excellent address which was listened to with marked interest by those present.”

Thursday, May 29, 1890

Post 102, G.A.R. will assemble at the hall at 9:30 sharp and accompanied by the band, fire department and all others who will accompany them, will march to the Catholic Cemetery and decorate the graves of that place. At the same time, detachments will be

sent to the Thompson and other cemeteries to decorate the graves, after which they will return to their respective halls.

Thursday, May 23, 1895

No mention of Thompson Cemetery in the Decoration Day write up.

Thursday, May 20, 1897

E.B. Williams and Cyrus King of the G.A.R. announced the plans for the Memorial Day observances. They included sending detachments of the G.A.R. to the Thompson cemetery to decorate the graves.

Thursday, September 16, 1897

The old Thompson Cemetery south of town, is to be restored and here after kept in good shape by the friends of those buried there. On Sunday last a number of persons assembled on the grounds and perfected a cemetery association with the following officers:

President.....W.H. Thompson

Secretary....T.J. Wilson

Treasurer....Mrs. Wesley Davison

Trustees: D.G. Smiley; G.W. Brakeman; C.G. Ames; C.M. Shreve and Wesley Davison.

It is the purpose of these officers to look up the title to the cemetery grounds which was

given for burial purposes by Miles and Thompson jointly, away back in the year 1813. The first burial there was in 1813. It is believed as near as now can be ascertained that something near 100 bodies are buried there, nearly all being Thompsons and relatives of the family. Already the grass, weeds, and trees, etc. have been cleared off. A new fence will be built around the lot, the graves and tombstones will be fixed up and as near as possible the grounds will be restored as they originally were. This is a grand idea and one worthy of this large and influential family, a portion of whom have been residents of this immediate vicinity since 1802.

Friday, May 27, 1904

At 8:30 a.m. Col. John W. McLane Post No. 102, G.A.R. and I.M. Anderson Corp No. 30, Sons of Veterans, will assemble in the G.A.R. Hall and at nine o'clock march to the City Hall where a program by the children of the public schools will be rendered. At 10:15 o'clock the Post will form in front of the City Hall and headed by Coleman's Band, and the Fire Department and Sons and Veterans, they will march to the Catholic Cemetery where graves of the soldiers buried there will be decorated and the usual services held. The procession will then form and return to their respective halls and disband. No visit to Thompson Cemetery is mentioned.

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## **July 1963**

### **U.C. Boy Scouts Do Civic Good**

(Budgetwise, a local publication)

Some of the Boy Scouts of Troop #3, sponsored by the Methodist Church of Union City including Scoutmaster Duanne Jones; Danny Rugar; Mike Fellows; Joe Shamp; Ronnie Sherred and Ronald Ottaway and assistant scoutmaster Carl Moore. As a Civic Project

these Boy Scouts are working in Union City's First Cemetery, trying to make it presentable. Called the Thompson Cemetery, it is over 150 years old. Here is buried veterans of three wars: The Revolutionary War; 1812; and the Civil War. Twelve persons buried here were teen-agers the year the Declaration of Independence was signed. Ancestral family names seen here are: Thompsons, Mulvins, Smileys, Caprons, Carrolls and Ames.

Lost in the minds of man for years, this burial ground is located on the south side of town, a little west of the Mill Village Road. Patriotic individual citizens in the recent past, have attempted to save this historical cemetery (one of the most historic in the state). It should be preserved and properly maintained as a Historic Shrine. Will you help our Boy Scouts? Contact them & offer your influence & help.

**Department of Veterans Affairs**

**Erie, Pennsylvania**

July 11, 1963 RE: THOMPSON, Andrew Thompson, Abel Capron, Charles Capron,  
Charles Jr.

Carl T. Blakeslee, Ass't.

Department Service Officer

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Fulton Building,

107 Sixth Street

Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

Friend Carl:

Your letter regarding the old Thompson Cemetery was surprising at first since the name had slipped from my memory several years ago. In checking our card file of cemeteries in Erie County, I discovered that we did have a Thompson cemetery listed as being on Route 79 out of Union City and on the left hand side of the road. This does not exactly coincide with the location as given in the newspaper clipping.

However, we have no other record of this cemetery and a check of our burial records fails to reveal the names mentioned in your letter. Our records fail to reveal that any veteran is buried there. Until we can secure proof that any veterans are buried there, I am afraid that the County cannot assist in this project. Only where the abandoned cemeteries contain the bodies of legitimate veterans can the County give assistance for their care.

If further information can be given concerning the wartime service of the names mentioned in your letter, I would be most happy to go through our histories of previous wars for a check on these records.

Thanking you for your interest I remain

Very Truly Yours

Edw. Schmelzer, Director

Dept. Veterans' Affairs

Erie County Court House

### **The Old Thompson Burying Ground**

by Kathy Babcock (Warnes)

Abel Thompson, his wife Jemima and his five sons and two daughters came to Union Township in the year 1801 to carve a home from the wilderness. Abel bought forty acres of land from William Miles and set up a black smith shop within a half mile from the site of Miles' new mill. And gradually as news of him and his sons mechanical and black smithing prowess spread, Abel began to get customers from miles around as well as Union Township. He and his sons fashioned all of the farming and household utensils which were made of iron or steel. These included hoes, hay and manure forks, harrow pins and plow irons which had to be sharpened frequently and have additional steel added to them. Abel also made shovels and tongs which were used for every fireplace.

The Thompsons had a set of molds used for running spoons and if a citizen could afford to have pewter, he would take it to Abel Thompson and have a new set of spoons run off. If any of the spoons got dented, twisted or broken, all the owner had to do was take them back to Abel and he would melt and run them all over again.

Of Abel's five sons, Joel was a blacksmith as well as his father. The father and sons were also stone cutters and they took the boulders they found in the woods and manufactured grinders for Miles' new mill. And, all of the tombstones in the county were Joel's handiwork.

Job, another son, liked to work in wood and after trying to clear a farm at several sites, he finally built a shop at the mouth of Carroll's run and put in a turning lathe into the water. He made wooden bowls and other such useful articles as wheels for spinning flax and wool.

Abel's son, Abel Jr., moved away from Union Township. Abel's son Caleb, became a farmer but was also a carpenter and joiner. Many of the older houses in the township received finishing touches from Caleb.

Charles K., Abel's fifth son, was a shoe maker and good at his trade, but he took more delight in hunting deer and telling "bear" stories than working.

Abel Thompson, his wife Jemima, his second wife Tamar, and his sons Job, Joel and Caleb all died in Union Township as did their wives and were buried on Abel's land which he bought from Miles.

This is a little of the history of The Thompson family who are buried in the old Thompson Burying Ground on a knoll to the left of Wiggers Equipment Company on Route 6. Caleb, Job, Joel and Abel Thompson and their wives rest there as do the Mulvin and Ames family and the wife of Moses Smiley and many others. Evidently, what started

out to be just a family burial place was expanded to include residents of the township as Evergreen Cemetery wasn't incorporated until 1865 and a burial place was needed long before then.

The Thompson cemetery is a peaceful one. The old stones, some of them so worn they can no longer be read, rest under the shelter of large maple trees that must have been there longer than some of the people buried there. It's a strange experience visiting the cemetery, and looking at the stones, some broken and crumbled and most bearing the slime of age. It makes a person wonder if fifty years from now, they will be the one living there and have someone visit his grave in an old forgotten cemetery.

But the cemetery has a problem. It isn't going to be there much longer if someone somewhere doesn't make arrangement for its care and perpetuation. Presently, it is so over grown with blackberry brambles and brush that you feel like Livingston hacking his way through the jungle while you are trying to reach it. And the stones need care too. Many of them have been moved, many are broken from the erosion of the weather, and they all show the effects of wear and tear and time.

The Jaycees have expressed interest in the cemetery, and put it on their project calendar for possible action. But in the meantime, what will happen to the Old Thompson Burying Ground?

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Depart my friends

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We'll meet again

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Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not.

The Son of man cometh.

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God my redeemer/ and ever from the skies

Look down and watch All my dust

Till he shall bid it rise.

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Memorial of Margaret Thompson. Daughter of Joel and Mary Thompson Who died April 29, 1843. Aged 24 years & 18 days.

Memorial of Mary wife of Joel Thompson Who died December 28, 1858. Aged 65 years.

To the memory of Margaret Thompson/Who died March 27, 1813 Age 23 years.

Her flesh shall slumber in the ground

Till the last trumpets—sound,

Then burst her bonds—And in her savior—

Of Joel Thompson She was the c—

Tis hop'd shes gone Of joys forever new./

She left him and one infant dear Her loss for to deplore

But they do hope to meet her where There's pleasures evermore.

Betsey, wife of Samuel S. Thompson. Died May 9, 1842. Aged 37 years.

Clarisa Thompson. Died April 8, 1879 Aged 75 years.

Isabell, wife of Job Thompson. Died May 2, 1855. 79 years, 10 mos 18 ds

Here lies the body of Jemima Thompson Consort of Abel Thompson

Who departed this life Nov. the 15, 1816 in the 59th y.

Memorial of Abel Thompson Who died July 3, 1840. Aged 84 years.

# Chapter Twelve

Thompson Time Lines- Glimpses of the daily lives of the Thompsons and their relatives from the Union City Times.

Thursday, February 9, 1882

C.G. Ames of Union Township has recently sold his farm and contemplates moving to the western part of the country if he can find a good location there. Mr. Ames is an industrious farmer and we wish him success wherever he may locate.

Thursday, March 9, 1882

Mrs. Charles Ames left yesterday for Painesville, Ohio, where she goes to join her husband.

Thursday, March 16, 1882

James Thompson don't exactly believe in horse trading, but if he "swaps" it's all right. He has a new horse now.

Thursday, May 4, 1882

J.S. Thompson will not set up his soda fountain this summer. It is too scarce.

Thursday, May 11, 1882

J.S. Thompson says that he will indeed set up his soda fountain as soon as the weather becomes warm enough.

Thursday, June 22, 1882

Mrs. William Putnam, accompanied by Master Charley Thompson, left on Thursday for an extended tour in the East. They will visit friends in Boston, Massachusetts, and also friends in Vermont and New Hampshire before they return. From Corry they were accompanied by Mrs. Blair and her son, Frank Burrows.

Thursday, June 29, 1882

Mr. R.H. Thompson of New York City, brother of Mrs. S.M. Hayes, stopped a few hours in Union City last Friday, calling on his old friends. He was on his way from Dakota to New York and was very favorably impressed with the country.

Thursday, January 11, 1883

Mr. and Mrs. P.H. Thompson celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at their home on Wednesday evening last. Invitations were issued to a few friends and most of them attended.

Thursday, March 18, 1883

Mr. P.H. Thompson is building a new steam saw mill on his farm about two miles east of town.

Thursday, May 3, 1883

D.B. Northrop last week purchased of the heirs of the late Caleb Thompson, the farm of 76 acres situated on the opposite side of the road from him, for which he paid cash in hand the sum of \$1,725. This will make a valuable acquisition to the already large farm owned by Mr. Northrop.

Thursday, May 10, 1883

Mrs. Jane Gray has recently purchased of Dr. Terry, the fine large residence on the corner of West High Street and First Avenue, and has moved into it. Mr. Jas. S. Thompson has also moved into the same house, and Dr. A.C. Sherwood who has been living there has removed to the house left by Mr. Thompson. E.C. Richards who also occupied a portion of the house has moved in the house vacated by Mrs. Gray.

Thursday, August 2, 1883

Miss May Thompson is at Wooster, Ohio, where she will remain during the balance of her vacation.

Thursday, August 2, 1883

Tomorrow Messrs. Ed. Thompson, C.F. Pratt and E.B. Landsrath will leave for an extended trip up the Great Lakes, taking the Anchor Line propeller *Nyack* at Cleveland.

Thursday, September 6, 1883

Honorable John Thompson of Dubuque, Iowa, accompanied by his wife, spent several days in Union City last week, the guests of Moses Smiley and his family and S.M. Hayes and his family. They departed Monday for an extended eastern trip.

Thursday, October 16, 1884

Charley Ames has sold his house and lot on West Street to Mr. Hook of Warren. Mr. Ames will this week move his family to Jamestown.

Thursday, November 27, 1884

We were in error last week in saying that Goss & Mulvin had just built a house for Smith Wymer. The work was done by C.C. Thompson and H.H. Miles. These gentlemen have also just completed a very fine residence for Geo. A. Carroll on the Townline, and are now finishing the Hanson Block in Union City.

Thursday, November 27, 1884

While Mr. James Mulvin was working in front of the Grange Block last Saturday, his foot broke through a plank in the sidewalk and in going down through, one of the small bones in his leg was broken. This will lay him up for some weeks.

Thursday, December 25, 1884

Cliff Ames Friday evening was surprised by a number of friends and neighbors on the occasion of his 16<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

January 1, 1885

Several days ago, Mr. J.S. Thompson purchased a load of hay and sent the men to the scales to weigh it. While the hay was being weighed, some boys discovered there was a man lying on the load. They communicated the fact to Mr. Thompson, who after the hay was put in the barn, sent around a boy to see if the same men would be weighed with the wagon. Strange to say he was not there, when the man of whom he had purchased the hay called for his money and showed Mr. Thompson the weight of the load and also wagon. He was asked to deduct the weight of the man as Mr. Thompson did not propose to buy "human flesh" to feed his stock. The man was greatly surprised, but finally allowed 150 pounds to be deducted. A.S. Sweet says he bought his hay of the same parties and is now wondering how much "human flesh" he has paid for!

Thursday, January 2, 1890

Thursday evening of last week Miss May Thompson entertained a number of young friends in a very pleasant manner at her home on Bridge Street.

Thursday, January 23, 1890

From the Pierre (Dakota) Daily Capital of the 15th inst, we learn that D.I. Willard has entered into a partnership with John Thompson, a moneyed man from Omaha in the grocery business in that city. The Capital also says that J. Leslie Thompson is soon to open up a business in Pierre in connection with his large agriculture implement house now located in Sioux Falls.

Thursday, January 30, 1890

Mr. C.A. Thompson of the P & E is acting as station agent at Waterford, the agent being confined to his home with the grippe.

Thursday, February 6, 1890

A very fine piece of work done at The Eclipse Copying House in Union City has been on exhibition in J.S. Thompson's Drug Store this week.

Thursday, February 13, 1890

Our friend Mr. E.D. Thompson wore a particularly happy smile last Tuesday morning as he came down street, and he had good cause – a boy at his home.

Thursday, May 8, 1890

The loss of the Andrew Thompson house which burned a few weeks ago was the first that the Patron's Mutual Fire Association, which was organized at Townville some two years ago, has sustained. The adjusters came on and made a satisfactory settlement with Mr. Thompson, who will get %750,000.

Thursday, May 15, 1890

A new elevator has been placed in the Thompson Iron Works, which will be a great convenience in carrying materials from one floor to the other.

Thursday, May 29, 1890

Mr. P.H. Thompson has purchased a lot on Fourth Avenue and will this summer build upon it, a new residence. This with the new residence to be built by his son, Mr. E.J. Thompson, will make a valuable addition to that avenue.

Thursday, June 12, 1890

W.H. Thompson has sold his residence on Bridge Street to Albert Caflisch, who took possession of the same the first of the month. Mr. Thompson has moved to Second Avenue, where he will live until his new home is finished.

Thursday, June 26, 1890

W.H. Thompson is having a fine six foot flag stone walk put down in front of his residence.

Thursday, July 3, 1890

The Thompson Iron Works do all kinds of machine work at their new shop on High Street near the bridge.

Thursday, July 17, 1890

The general agent at the P & E Depot, Mr. W.H. Thompson, has been more than usually attentive to the patrons of that road the past few days, all of which is accounted for by the fact of a young lady's arrival at his home on Thursday last.

Thursday, August 7, 1890

Charles Thompson plays the side drum in Union City's new band.

Mr. and Mrs. William Putnam left last Tuesday for Philadelphia, New York, and Boston, where they expect to remain until the 28th. In their absence, Mr. William Thompson will act as ticket agent for Mr. Putnam.

Thursday, October 2, 1890

Byron Kelly was the teacher at the Thompson School in Union Township.

Thursday, October 9, 1890

J.S. Thompson has put in his store one of the largest and finest safes in the city.

Thursday, November 20, 1890

Mr. C.C. Thompson advertised in the Union City Times as a builder and contractor from Union City, Pa.

Thursday, November 27, 1890

We are now informed that Miss May Thompson who has been a teacher in our public schools for a number of years, has tendered her resignation to the school board, assigning as the cause, ill health. Miss Thompson has been and is one of the best teachers in our

schools, and it is to be regretted that she is unable to complete the term. Her many friends hope she may soon regain her impaired health.

Monday, December 1, 1890

The family of Mr. S.M. Hayes are considerably worried over the safety of their son, Robert E. Hayes and his family, who are located at Vanderbilt, Dakota. Mr. Hayes' home is just across the river and only three miles from Sitting Bull's Camp. A letter was received Thursday from Rob, in which he says the newspaper accounts of the Indian trouble are exaggerated, yet they are all ready to leave the country at a moment's warning. Many of the women have been sent to the larger towns already.

Thursday, February 11, 1892

S.L. Thompson at Blooming Valley, a brother of Mrs. Wesley Davison and who was born and raised in Union City, suffered a stroke of paralysis on his right side last week.

Thursday, February 18, 1892

Dr. A. C. Sherwood, Jas. S. Thompson and John R. Mulkie were unanimously elected ruling elders in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday.

Thursday, February 25, 1892

The arc light in J.S. Thompson's store has been taken out and placed in front of the electric light plant on Crooked – now Market- Street.

Thursday, April 12, 1894

Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Thompson and son Bert, and Mrs. And Mrs. H..S. Thompson, go to Erie tonight to attend the wedding of Miss Jessie Smith, daughter of Mr. W. Barry Smith, to Geo. Baker, Esq., formerly of Minnesota, but now located in Erie.

Thursday, April 19, 1894

Mrs. J.S. Thompson was elected corresponding secretary of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church.

Thursday, June 21, 1894

Mr. Wm. H. Thompson is erecting a large addition to his residence on East High Street, putting in a furnace and otherwise improving and beautifying his property.

Thursday, July 12, 1894

Messrs. Thompson & Titus are erecting a large warehouse on the south side of the P & E tracks near the depot. On account of their rapidly increasing business more room was necessary.

Thursday, January 24, 1895

The two councilmen whose terms expire this spring are Mr. Jas. Thompson and Mr. Wm. Hubbell.

Thursday, April 2, 1896

W.H. Thompson was able to get down to his office yesterday for the first time since his illness. His friends were all glad to see him out again.

Thursday, June 11, 1896

Mr. Wesley Thompson who formerly resided here and is well known by many of our citizens, died at his home in Frewsburg, New York, yesterday morning of paralysis. His remains will be brought here on the NYPANO Train 3 tomorrow afternoon for burial in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Thompson was a brother-in-law of Mr. T.J. Wilson. Members of the Grand Army Post here, as well as all old soldiers, are urged to be at the depot on arrival of the train at 1:30 to take part in the burial services, as Mr. Thompson was a soldier.

Thursday, June 11, 1896

There was an informal reception held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Thompson last Friday evening in honor of Rev. R.B. Dilworth where a very large number of his warm personal friends gathered to meet him and renew old acquaintanceship. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all who attended.

Thursday, July 23, 1896

The case of Jas. S. Thompson vs. Edgar Moore tried in Justice Smiley's Court last Saturday resulted in a verdict of the jury in favor of Mr. Thompson. The suit was brought to receiver for the paint and paper for the New Ireland U.B. Church purchased a year ago

by Mr. Moore. F.M. McClintock appeared for Mr. Thompson and John H. McClintock for Moore.

Thursday, September 17, 1896

On Thursday evening last, Mr. J.S. Thompson raised a flagpole on his brick block from the top of which floats a handsome McKinley Hobart banner.

Tuesday, February 9, 1904

The withdrawal of Messrs.J.H. Gillett and H.S. Thompson as candidates for council from the Second Ward leaves a clear field for Dr J.A. Hodgess, the Democratic candidate.

Friday April 1, 1904

Miss May Thompson entertained the senior class and the faculty of the High School Wednesday at her home on Fourth Avenue. The evening passed very pleasantly and everyone present voted this entertainment a success.

Friday, April 22 1904

City Clerk Thomas Mulvin will be at his office in the City Building every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoon to receive and receipt for water rents.

Monday, March 2, 1908

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Thompson entertained a number of friends at a six o'clock supper at their home on South Street last Friday evening in a most delightful manner.

# Chapter Thirteen

## Thompson Family Businesses

James S. Thompson (Andrew Thompson)

James S. Thompson was a great-great grandson of Andrew Thompson, one of the early pioneers of Union Mills. He was born on the homestead of his ancestors in 1845, the son of Andrew and Sarah Smith Thompson. He was reared on the farm, and stayed there until he was 24 years old. Then he became a salesman in the hardware trade.

In 1869, the firm of Thompson & Wilkins was formed in the drug trade, continuing until 1871, when Mr. Thompson purchased Wilkins' interest since which he has conducted the business alone. This is the oldest drug house in the city and has a large, well-established trade. Mr. Thompson carries a complete stock of drugs, stationery, toilet articles, etc.

James married Josephine Smith in May 1864, the daughter of John R. Smith of Erie County, and a member of a pioneer family of Wattsburg. Two children have blessed this union, Harley S. and J. Herbert. Mr. Thompson is a member of the Presbyterian Church, also of the I.O.O.F. and K. of H. He is an active business man and has a well established reputation.

Thursday, June 14, 1883

Mr. P.H. Thompson has his new saw mill east of town nearly completed. Mr. Thompson will have one of the best mills in this section when finished.

Thursday, August 30, 1883

P.H. Thompson last week started his new saw mill located two and a half miles east of the city. Mr. Thompson has one of the best mills in the country.

Thursday, February 13, 1890

The Thompson Iron Works of Union City last week received an order from Muncie, Indiana, for a circular saw mill, which will be made as soon as possible and forwarded. The Thompson Iron Works are prepared to do all kinds of work in that line and their machinery is giving excellent satisfaction where ever used.

**S. M. Hayes & Son Central Hardware Store, May 15, 1890**

We wish to call your attention to the fact that we carry a full line of hardware with prices low as the lowest.

Milk Supply Department. We have a full line of plain and re-tinned pressed pans. Also a large stock of our own make of tin. Don't fail to examine them. Our strainers and strainer pails are made from the best tin, and will give the best satisfaction.

Our Iron Clad dairy pails are the best and our Iron Clad 30 and 40 gallon cans speak for themselves, as in the past two years we have never had one back to repair.

Tuesday, February 20, 1908

Mr. William H. Thompson having resigned as local agent of the Adams Express Company, Mr. Ion Flaugh was appointed agent for Union City. The office has been moved from the P & E Freight depot where it had been located since the company commenced doing business here to the office of the Union Transfer & Storage Company in the Smiley Block.

**Thompson & Thomas**

Thursday, February 6, 1890

Coal Very Cheap for Cash

Prices of Anthracite per ton of 2000 delivered. Good until Sept 1, 1893, will be as follows:

EGG.....\$5.00

CHEST.....\$5.25

GRATE.....5.00

If paid within 30 days from date of delivery 2 percent of net bill, after 60 days, 2 percent will be added. We shall expect all coal sold at above prices to be paid on or before

November 1, 1890. We guarantee good coal well screened and delivered in satisfactory shape. Thanking our many customers for past favors we respectfully solicit a continuance of the same.

**R. Fuller & Son**

Thursday, January 30, 1890

GO TO

The place where you can buy what you want and have it fresh and clean, where they are glad to show their goods and to have them give the best of satisfaction. This

R. FULLER & SON

Always strives to o. You will not go amiss if you buy your fruits of them. They have Florida oranges, lemons, dates, figs, Malaga grapes, cranberries and apples.

FOR YOUR

Confectionary be sure and call on them before you buy. Their stock consists of stick candles, lozenges, chocolate goods, penny goods, pine mixed candles and a fine assortment of gum, and also a good stock of nails, peanuts, walnuts, hickory nuts, almonds, brazils, philberts and pecans. You will find many other

HOLIDAY GOODS

That you can't get along without, such as raisins, currents, citrus, California prunes, evaporated apricots, peaches and berries.

R. Fuller & Son

Corner Main & Market

Friday, March 27, 1903

Speaking of large eggs, Rulaf Fuller has a light Braman hen that makes a daily practice of laying one, and the size will run about 6 ¼ x 8 ½ inches. This beats the record up to date.

**J.S. Thompson & Son**

Friday, April 22, 1904

Wall Paper

Never before have we had such a rush in our Wall Paper Department, and it is all on account of the prices, the beautiful designs and colorings and the mammoth stock to select from. All new this year.

No old goods.

Everyone is surprised at the price of our wall paper – such beautiful designs and coloring for the money. We never before had one half of the stock to show you that we have this year. Our store is crowded full of beautiful wall paper and they are selling. We invite you to inspect our wallpaper department before you make any purchase. We will guarantee to save you money. Borders by the rolls.

We have a large assortment of room mouldings to match our papers and plate rails for dining rooms.

J.S. Thompson & son

Drugs, Paints and Wall Paper

**Thompson & Hipple**

Monday, January 6, 1908

Are you getting good coal?

Susquehanna Coal or Old Lehigh Nut always gives good satisfaction. Egg, stove and chestnut sizes.

We handle Pittsburgh Coal Company's

Genuine Pittsburgh Lump

No better on the market. We will be pleased to receive your orders.

Lime, cement, stoneware, salt, brick, etc., always on hand.

Thompson & Hipple

At the big coal sheds

Scales all under cover.

**W.E. Everson**

The Kelsey Warm Air Generator has won for itself a reputation in our midst of being the most economical of all heaters, and will supply your home with a large volume of warm air.

I shall be glad to make you an estimate on heating your home at any time. Call at my store and see model and get prices.

W.E. Everson

Hardware & Plumbing

Tuesday, September 30, 1900

**A.F. Young**

Attention is called to the special sale of bicycles to be continued during this week by Mr. A.F. Young at Everson's old stand.

July 21, 1903

**Young Hardware Was An Enduring Union City Business**

The story of Young Hardware, a family business that began in Union City on August 27, 1891, really begins with Rulaf Fuller, the father-in-law of A.F. Young.

Rulaf Fuller was born September 26, 1842 at Jordan, New York and came to Union City in 1865. He brought with him his wife Aduretta Main Fuller, also of Jordan, and an ambitious spirit. He had charge of the stock room at the Shreve Chair Factory for many years, and then something happened to him that would change the course of his life and eventually affect the lives of his friends and neighbors in Union City.

The *Union City Times* of January 15, 1880 reported that Rulaf, who then resided about two miles south of town was quite seriously injured that morning. At press time the editors did not have any details about the accident. It wasn't until later in the week that the story of what happened to Rulaf Fuller emerged. He had been riding on the Pennsylvania & Erie Railroad between Union City and Erie on his way home. The car in which he was riding was thrown from the track near Jackson's station and his injuries were of such a nature that he never again stood on his feet. Medical opinion - including that of Dr. A.C. Sherwood of Union City, his doctor - agreed that he probably would never sit or walk again. (Union City Times, Thursday, April 13, 1882.

One of the major changes his accident produced in Rulaf Fuller's life included moving from his home two miles south of Union City, where he still resided in January of 1880 when the accident happened. It is unclear whether the accident precipitated the move of whether he and Aduretta planned to move their family into town anyway. By May of 1880, Rulaf had made enough improvements on his lot on West High Street to rate a mention in the *Union City Times*. (Union City Times, Wednesday, May 5, 1880). By this time, the Fuller's had four children: Will, born in 1866; Belle, born in 1868; Clara born in 1870; and Comer born in 1873.

According to the doctors, Rulaf would have to come up with some other way to make a living, because he could no longer go to his office at the chair company every day or do heavy lifting. In fact, his attending physician, Dr. A.C.Sherwood, took drastic action to try to improve Rulaf's condition. In late November of 1881, Dr. Sherwood, with the help of his colleague Dr. Greenlee of Meadville, put what was known as a Plaster of Paris jacket on Rulaf. Since his injury on the railroad in January of 1880, Rulaf had never been able to even sit up in bed. Then the two doctors put the Plaster of Paris jacket on him and he could sit up for ten minutes at a time. The jacket held his back so secure that it gave him relief and assisted him in sitting up. It also enabled him to spend most of his days in a wheelchair instead of flat on his back. (Union City Times, Thursday, December 1, 1881).

While he was beginning the long slow process of recovery from his accident, Rulaf mapped out a plan of action. After attempting to settle with the railroad out of court several times, Rulaf finally brought proceedings against the company. He sued the Pennsylvania Railroad for \$25,000 which didn't seem to be a large amount of money to compensate him for what he had lost. Only 38 years old when the accident happened, Rulaf was still a young man and had been most industrious and hard working. The suit was finally tried in Erie the second week in April, 1882. J.W. Sproul, Esq., assisted by S.A. Davenport represented Rulaf Fuller. J. Ross Thompson and Frank Grant represented the Pennsylvania Railroad.

According to his lawyer, J.W. Sproul, Rulaf had been returning to his home from New York on January 15, 1880. At the Erie depot he purchased a ticket for Union, and took his

seat as a regular passenger on what was called the local freight train. Hitched to the train were some flat cars. At a point traced on maps produced in court, the train had to run onto a siding to let the regular train pass. The flag man threw the switch too soon and the car in which Rulaf Fuller was riding was thrown off the track. Rulaf was flung violently on his back, causing spinal injuries which prevented him from rising to his feet from that moment on. Before the accident, Rulaf had earned \$1,200 a year and had a reasonable expectation of 30 more years of life and work ahead of him.

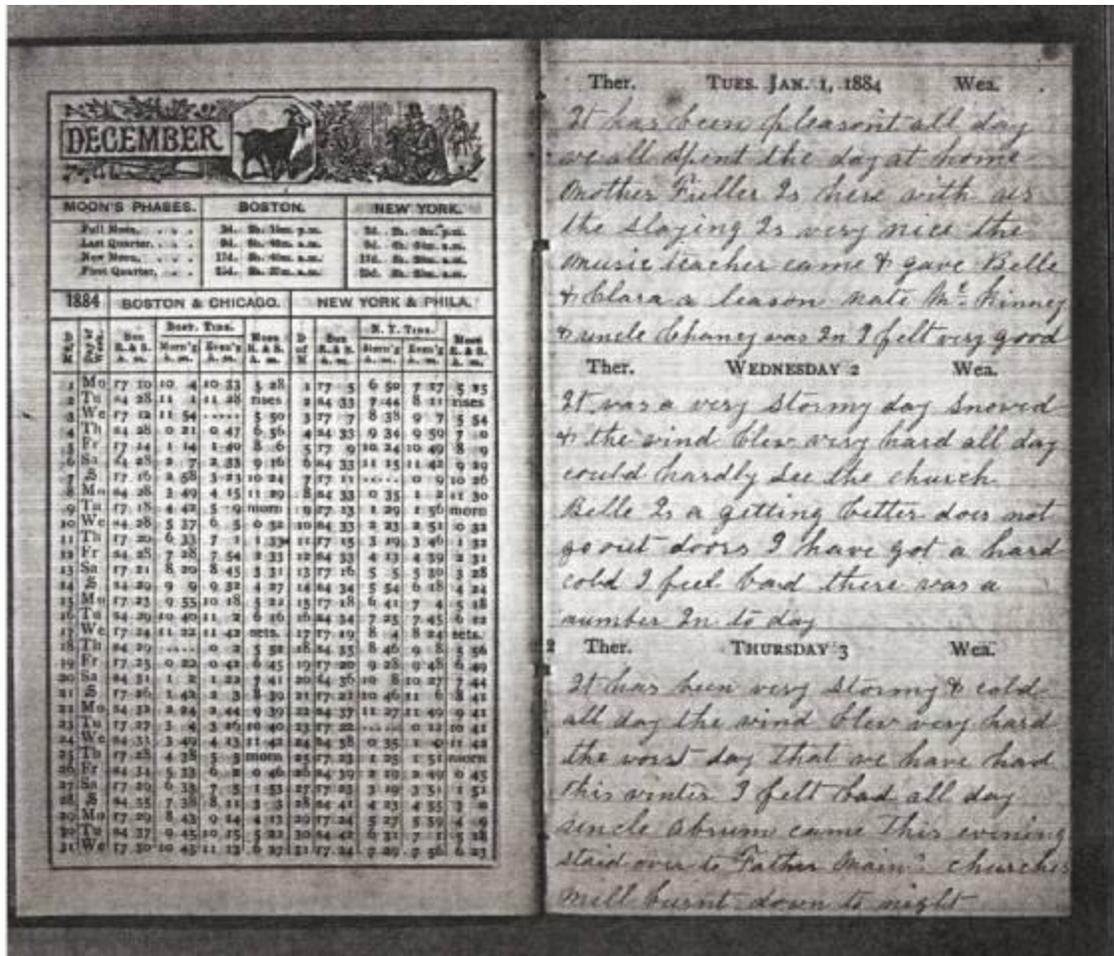
The medical testimony said that Rulaf's injuries were permanent and he would never be any better. Other testimony showed that he had indeed been an industrious hard workingman up to the time of the accident. It took the jury about twenty minutes to come to a verdict and award him the full \$25,000. The railroad appealed, asking for a new trial and the court ruled that unless Rulaf would remit \$8,000 of the sum that the jury awarded to him, a new trial would be granted. He did so, leaving the railroad to pay \$17,000 instead of \$25,000. No new trial was granted. (The Union City Times, Thursday, April 15, 1882).

The Pennsylvania Railroad took the case to the Supreme Court on a writ of error but the Supreme Court upheld the verdict of the lower court. Rulaf Fuller received his \$17,000. The Union City Times commented that "under the circumstances the amount is none too large and his friends who are legion, all are glad to know that he finally got the matter settled. We understand that this is the largest judgment ever awarded in the state. (The Union City Times, Thursday, January 4, 1883).

Now Rulaf and his family could try to resume their lives despite all of the changes his accident brought. In April he built an addition to the family home on West High Street which improved its looks and made it more convenient for him to use his wheel chair. (Union City Times, Thursday, April 19, 1883).

According to surviving diaries that Rulaf kept for the years 1883 and 1884, life went on pretty much as usual for the Fuller family. He arranged for music lessons for all of his children and bought a piano. His oldest daughter Belle, became ill in October of 1883 and Rulaf and Aduretta worried that she might not survive. On Monday, October 29, 1883, Rulaf's anxiety about Belle is revealed in his terse diary entry. "The doctor was in three times today. Belle is very bad. They had to cut her hair off today. We got a woman to come to help take care of Belle." (Diary of Rulaf Fuller).

A page from Rulaf Fuller's diary.



Fuller & Everson advertised in the Union City Times as Fuller & Everson, the Brooklyn Hardware Dealers, Main Street, Union City.

In the meantime in August 1892, Reverend E.P. Clark of the Presbyterian Church in Union City married Rulaf's youngest daughter, Clara, and Arthur Fred Young. This uniting of two families would eventually have a profound impact on the hardware scene in Union City. Eventually the couple would have four children: Rulaf F; Belle; Arthur F. Jr. and Marjorie Rose.

Arthur F. Young had to be enterprising and his early youth, because after his father's death he had to help his widowed mother raise his younger brothers and sisters. When in

his early teens he went to work as a printer's devil at the Union City Times and became one of the best printers in the business. He continued to work with the McLean Brothers in the printing business for many years until he took over Fuller & Everson's Hardware Store in August 1903. Later, Arthur became a partner when the Times and Enterprise were consolidated and continued to work there until William P. Rose of Cambridge Springs and Harry L. Merritt of Waterford bought it out in the late 1920s.

During the administration of President Grover Cleveland, A.F. Young was appointed postmaster of Union City, succeeding J.C. McLean. He officially assumed his duties as postmaster on Saturday morning, August 1, 1896 and served his constituents faithfully and well. In 1903 when he took over the hardware store, he began to build it into a thriving, important business in Union City and surrounding area.

But for the next five years, Will Fuller & Will Everson continued to operate the hardware store, while Rulaf ran his grocery store across the street. In February 1896 Fuller & Everson and Rulaf Fuller both announced in the Union City Times that they were adopting a strictly cash system in their hardware and grocery stores. Rulaf phrased his front page advertisement this way: "Strictly Cash Grocery Store. Call at my store and I will convince you that Fuller's Cash Store is the place to buy Groceries. R. Fuller." (Union City Times, Thursday February 27, 1896.)

Rulaf invited all of the ladies to a cookery exhibit at his grocery store during the first week of February in a front page advertisement in January 1896. In April 1896 Rulaf said in his advertisement that he was entirely satisfied with his new departure, that of a strictly cash ready pay store. He said that he could sell his goods lower and the people were

seeing that they could save money by trading with him. Fuller & Everson were satisfied with their no credit policy as well. They added bicycles, plows, refrigerators, and land rollers and plows to their stock of goods to sell and expanded their business into roofing contracting. In August 1896 they made a successful bid on a contract for putting a felt roof on the new addition of the Union City Chair works.(Union City Times, April 2, 23, 27, 1896).

They also furnished steel girders for the Sproul and Morrow Block which were put into place in July 1896. Summer 1896 was the time that Rulaf decided to have a large veranda built in front of his residence on West High Street and in September he put down the finest flag stone walk in front of his house “to be seen in the city.”According to the Union City Times, “it is a five foot walk and adds much to the costs of his property.” (U.C. Times, Thursday, September 2, 1896).

Summer of 1898 marked some significant changes in the lives of Rulaf Fuller and his youngest son, Comer. Reverend A.J. Herries of the Presbyterian Church married Comer and Miss Mary Bole on June 9, 1898. Not quite a month later, Rulaf sold his grocery business to Comer. For his next business venture, he opened an insurance agency. Other interesting events happened in Rulaf’s life over the next three years. In July 1899 he was the first man to drive down Main Street over the new pavement and bragged about the fact. In March 1900 he had new telephones installed in his home and office. His office number was 47 and his home number 49B. Rulaf’s wife Alduretta died in May 1901. Rulaf could well agree with her obituary that “to her husband she was ever a devoted,

loving companion and to her children an indulgent mother, whose greatest aim was to make them happy and contented.” (U.C. Times, Thursday, May 23, 1901).

Another big change happened for Rulaf in July 1901 when he sold his insurance agency to John F. Dillon. John Dillon took possession of the agency on July 11, 1901 and was well and favorably known in the community. Rulaf sold the agency to Dillon because of his failing health. He operated the agency for about a year and because of his close attention to business and fair treatment of customers, he nearly doubled the agency business. (U.C. Times, Thursday July 11, 1901).

The old newspaper advertisements for Young Hardware seem to indicate that about 1902, Will Everson ran the store by himself for about a year until A.F. Young took over in July 1903. Advertisements for July 1902 talk about Everson’s Illustrated Hardware Bulletin for June which had just been issued and was being distributed. “It is one of the best numbers yet sent out by Mr. Everson,” the Times said. The advertisements are also in the name of W.E. Everson’s Double Store by the Spring. A paragraph in the Union City Times of Tuesday, February 10, 1903, talks about the miniature sugar camp showing the iron kettle as well as the latest device in sugar-making utensils is an attractive feature in the window display at W.E. Everson’s hardware store at the present time.

The first time there is an advertisement in A.F. Young’s name only for the hardware store is in late July 1903. The advertisement for July 21, 1903 called attention to the special sale of bicycles to be continued during this week by Mr. A.F. Young at Everson’s old stand. By October, A.F. Young had begun to run full page advertisements for his store,

offering such varied items as cookware, stoves, and shotguns, as well as bicycles. In October 1904, he also hired a clerk, Fred Shaw, to help him in his hardware store.

Arthur himself was an avid cyclist and enjoyed taking long distance rides. He also did contracting work and even built items in his own shop. His advertisement of February 2, 1905 offered a sap evaporator for sale. He calls it A.F. Young's Portable Evaporator and says that his evaporator requires less fuel, is more durable, and is the cheapest on the market. "These evaporators are built in my shop and fully warranted," he assured his customers. "None but the very best material is used in their construction. Call at my store and see samples and get my prices. Don't delay. This is the time to get your rig in working order."

Arthur Young also had a knack for arranging window displays in his store. The Union City Times noted one of his displays in its July 4, 1905 edition. It said that the window display of cutlery, etc., at A.F. Young's Hardware store attracts much attention of people passing along the street."The arrangement is complete and very tasty."

Besides establishing and skillfully taking care of business, both Rulaf Fuller and A.F. Young made contributions to the community and civic life of Union City. In June 1905 A.F. Young was elected president of the New Board of Education and in August was instrumental in organizing a new lodge in Union City. According to the Union City Times, at a well attended meeting of Odd Fellows at Odd Fellows Hall Arthur Young and others decided to organize a Canton of Patriarchs Militant. Arthur was elected captain and W.E. Everson, Rulaf Fuller's other son-in-law, was elected accountant. The required number to procure a charter was obtained and the proper state officers came about the

sixth of September to muster in the canton and get it in readiness to work. The men voted to hold another meeting in a week, and invited all who wished to become charter members to be present.

According to close friends, A.F. Young was naturally of “a retiring disposition,” but he took an active part in many social and fraternal organizations. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Eureka Lodge NO. 366, Erie Consistory of Scottish Rite Masons, Zem Zem Temple Order of the Mystic Shrine and a Past President of the Golden Rule Club of Union City. He was an active organizer of the Coleman Hose Company and served as their captain and manager. He helped them become esteemed fire fighters and sought after marchers in parades and athletic events. A member of the Presbyterian Church, he served as a session member and ruling elder.

Arthur F. Young continued to shape and add to the hardware store he had taken over from W.E. Everson. In August 1906 he hired Frank Turner to help him out in the store. Arthur continued to do contract work and the Union City Times noted that in October 1906 he was awarded the contract for installing the heating apparatus in the hotel at Wattsburg which was being entirely overhauled and repaired by Erie parties. In November 1906 he was awarded the contract for putting on the roof of the new furniture factory that was being built by L.S. Clough on the site of the old Keystone Chair company in Union City. Arthur began work at once and according to the Times, “this is the largest roofing contract ever given to a Union City firm and Mr. Young is to be congratulated on landing the job.”

December proved to be another busy month for A.F. Young. He had four men at work in Wattsburg installing a new steam heating plant in the hotel and also doing the plumbing in the house. He estimated that it would take about two weeks time to complete the job. The hotel had recently been remodeled throughout and when the heating apparatus and plumbing is done, it will be one of the most up to date hotels in Erie County.

Belle still had not improved by November 6, 1883. That day, Dr. Sherwood, Dr. Bonsteel from Corry, and Dr. Abby were in most of the day. (Diary of Rulaf Fuller, Tuesday, November 6, 1883). But by her birthday on Tuesday, November 20, Belle was getting better. Rulaf reported that “Belle is gaining. Belle is fifteen years old today. We gave her a pair of bracelets and a plastic pocket book.” (Diary of Rulaf Fuller, Tuesday, November 20, 1883).

Rulaf improved in health over the next year to the point that the Union City Times remarked in October 1884 that everyone was pleased “to see our old friend Rulaf Fuller able to get downtown, even if he has to do so in his invalid chair.” (Union City Times, Thursday, October 9, 1884).

Rulaf also took another big step in late October, 1884. He bought the store building and stock of groceries of M.E. Mendonsa. The store was located on the corner of Main and Market Streets (now South Street). Rulaf gave his son, Will, full charge of the business with expectations of success because Will already had experience in the grocery business. (Union City Times, Thursday, October 30, 1884).

Rulaf and Will did make the store a success and by August 1885, Dr.C.G. Hollister had even located his offices over Fuller's Grocery Store to the rear of those occupied by Dr. W.P.Biles. (Union City Times, Thursday, August 27, 1885).

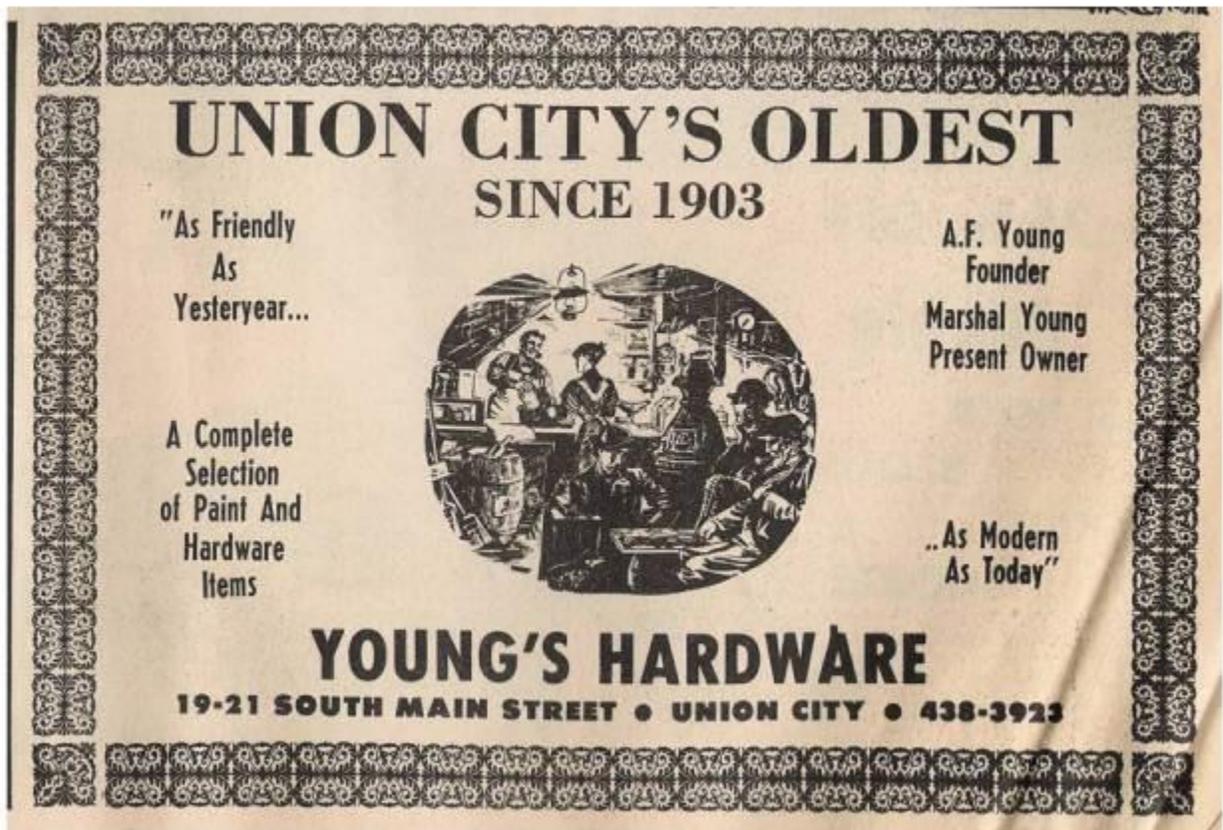
A great deal of R.F. Fuller & Son's success stemmed from effective advertising in the local paper, the Union City Times, and word of mouth from satisfied customers. They also practiced some innovative merchandising techniques. In July 1889, they featured Easley's Lemon Juice Extractor in their newspaper advertisements. They also placed the extractor on their counters in the store. It sold for 15 cents, and according to them had no equal in cleanliness, convenience and cheapness. They said that "no family who ever uses a lemon can afford to be without one."

In late 1890, R. Fuller & Son's advertisements offered a variety of items for sale. The Union City or country customer could buy one pint or one or two-quart glass fruit jars. If the customer was canning, Fuller & Son offered pure cider vinegar, spices of all kinds and mixed spices. Or customers could buy smoked meats and lard, one half and one bushel baskets, four, meal and graham, choice teas and coffees, and creamery butter. (Union City Times, September 4, 1890).

Perhaps foreshadowing things to come, the R. Fuller & Son advertisement of October 2, 1890 offers one of the best oil cans made. Rulaf said that the customer could fill a lamp full of oil but can not run it over by using their oil can. He advised his customers "to see the can before you buy."(Union City Times, October 2, 1890).

In November 1890, Rulaf went back to strictly groceries, offering new buckwheat flour, new raisins, new figs and new un-colored Japan tea to his customers. He also featured sweet potatoes by the barrel or pound, and Fuller's Fine Cut tobacco by the pound. (Union City Times, Thursday November 20, 1890). By February 1891, the doctors had moved out of the rooms over the store and R. Fuller & Son had new tenants. The rooms had been remodeled and the Union Mutual Benefit Society had moved in to its new general offices. The secretary of the company could be seen any time.

By August 1891 Will Fuller had decided he wanted a change because he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law W.T. Everson, who had married his sister, Belle. They purchased the stock of hardware of P. Conway and planned to run the store. They planned to increase the stock at once and add to it as the trade warranted. In addition to keeping a general line of hardware, tin ware, etc., they decided to put in a full stock of plumbers supplies and planned to stock glass doors, windows, blinds, door and window trimmings and such as well as general stock. The jobbing and tin department would be in charge of P. Conway who had superior skill as a first class workman. The Union City Times noted that the two were "both young native businessmen and will no doubt succeed." (U.C. Times, August 27, 1891).



Young Hardware celebrated the New Year of 1907 with another new contract. This time A.F. Young secured the contract for putting in a steam heating plant in the Sproul & Morrow block on Main Street in Union City. By February 25, 1907, the Sproul & Morrow block was equipped with a new steam heating plant with radiators in every room in the building. The Times said that "the new plant was put in by A.F. Young, the hardware dealer, and that it works to the complete satisfaction of the owners is another proof that when Mr. Young secures a contract he always gives the best of satisfaction in its fulfillment."

In 1908 A.F. Young continued to develop his merchandising talents. In April he announced a Saturday morning special sale of enameled granite ware in the Times. He

thought that he had enough stock on hand to supply the community, but before twelve o'clock the last piece was sold and many customers late in arriving had to be turned away. He continued to do contracting and installation work. The week of October 19, 1908, he installed a new Halsey furnace in the United Brethren Church, having secured a contract from the trustees of that denomination.

A window display that Arthur created made Union City Times mention at Christmas 1909. The paper called it "one of the prettiest and most artistic window displays of Christmas goods in the city, and said that hundreds of people stop in front of the window of A.F. Young's Hardware store to inspect it every day." His window display of March 17, 1910 created another sensation. Arthur placed on exhibition in his show window on St. Patrick's Day of 1910 a pair of six month old alligators sent him by W.E. Everson from Palm Beach, Florida. They attracted the attention of all those passing by.

In the meantime Arthur and Clara Young's family was growing up, enough for the Union City Times to begin mentioning their activities. On July 8, 1909, the Union City Times noted that William King, Rulaf Young and Allison Clough were camping and fishing at Lake Pleasant for the week and were enjoying themselves thoroughly. By August 1911, Rulaf was again mentioned in the paper as being a recent graduate of the Eastman Business College. He accepted a position and entered upon his duties on August 21, 1911, in the Shreve Chair Company's office.

Arthur Young Jr. spent some time with his parents in early January 1918, and then returned to his studies at Franklin & Marshall College. Before the year ended, Arthur Young Jr. would die and be buried in Evergreen Cemetery. Rulaf Young had married by

February of 1918, because the Times noted that Mrs. Rulaf Young entertained the members of the Entre Nous Club in their rooms on Friday. In April 1918, Rulaf Young was appointed captain of a team to sell liberty bonds. In May 1918, Clara Young and her daughter Marjorie went to Erie where they spent the day with her daughter, Mrs. Ray Cooper and family.

In 1918, Arthur F. Young took over the office of mayor of Union City and served for three years, from 1918 to 1921. He made many decided and lasting improvements in the town. In his election proclamation, Mayor-elect Young declared, "I trust that it will be my pleasure to see harmony prevail at all times and a united effort on the part of all to give our constituents a broad, businesslike administration, to the end of which I pledge to you my earnest support."

Mayor Young became instantly popular with his constituents by recommending no tax increase for the year 1918. He lost the recommendation in the first round with council, but the Times remarked that should not discourage him. "A raise of 1 mill in the taxes is not a large amount."

Although he was very busy with his family and civic activities, Arthur still had time to experiment with his merchandising techniques and to introduce innovations for a small town merchant. He became the local dealer for the Reo Car around 1914 and displayed one of the latest models in front of his store. The new model attracted considerable attention and was equipped with a self starter and electric lights.

A post card from a satisfied customer told Arthur how effective his dealership of the Reo was for one family. A.L.Reynolds who with his family and the family of George Reynolds toured in Canada and they sent A.F. Young a postcard. The postcard said, “We made Toronto the first day of our trip and never had a puncture or any trouble whatever. The Reo is some car.”

One of his newspaper advertisements in 1915 spells out A.F. Young’s business philosophy and the secret of the success of his store. In the advertisement he says, “This store of ours is a business with a purpose - and if you have been dealing with us for any length of time, you will have guessed what that purpose is. The shortest way we can state it is that we aim to give standardized service in standard goods. By service we mean a good bit more than handing you what you ask for and punching the cash register - more than courteous treatment and great deliveries. It means keeping a line up with the new things. It means looking for better grades, wider assortments, and progress all along the line. It means going a little further than many a hardware store usually thinks of going. It means carrying bigger stocks, more satisfying range, greater freedom of selection - and every article backed by us, to give satisfaction to the customer. If you are interested in anything in the hardware line call and see our line. A.F. Young By the Spring

Arthur cleverly used the natural assets of his store location, too. For many years, a natural spring bubbled in front of his store and thirsty, hot, customers would use the tin cup sitting beside it to get a cooling drink of water. Eventually the spring was capped for sanitary reasons, but all of the time the spring flowed, he mentioned it in his advertisements.

During the years 1921-1924, death visited the Fuller-Young family twice more. Rulaf Fuller died in December 1921, after a lingering illness. Four children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren mourned him. Reverend A.S. Wilson of the Presbyterian Church conducted his funeral services and he was buried in Evergreen Cemetery. Rulaf Fuller left a business legacy and one of community service that his son-in-law, Arthur Fred Young, continued into the next generation and his son Rulaf and his son Marshal into the present generations.

In 1924, Rulaf's two daughters, Clara Young and Belle Everson, died within six months of each other- Belle on Monday May 18, 1924, and Clara on Thursday November 13, 1924. Reverend Ashley S. Wilson of the Presbyterian Church presided at both funerals and they, too, were buried in Evergreen Cemetery. In August 1926 A.F. Young remarried. His second wife was Vina Rouse, a Union City school teacher.

Arthur Young made another change in his life in January 1927, when he decided to make certain his hardware store would be family operated into another generation. He announced that he had taken his son Rulaf Young, as a partner in the hardware business. He said that the new firm would be known as A.F. Young and Son. Rulaf Young had been clerking in his father's store for a number of years and was well acquainted with the business and the buying public and his father decided to recognize his faithful service by making him a junior partner in the thriving business.

Besides selling hardware and contracting work, A.F. Young and Son sponsored cooking institutes. In March 1929, they secured the services of Miss Grace Preston of the Home Service Department in Erie, Pa. Miss Preston was well known throughout the United

States as a lecturer on cooking and household engineering problems. She came to Union City and gave a series of lectures starting on Tuesday April 2 , 1929, at 2 p.m.

In July 1930, A.F. Young & Son won an important plumbing contract for improvements at the high school. The Youngs made a low bid of \$1,389 for the new installations asked at the special meeting. New toilets and laboratories would be installed in the high school building in the next few weeks at a cost to the school board of \$1,389. They continued their advertising into 1931 and 1932 with an advertisement in the paper that read A.F. Young & Son Hardware Plumbing, 19-21 South Main Street.

The years 1932 and 1933 proved to be again a time of loss for the Young family. In February 1932, Arthur Young and his son Rulaf, motored to Rochester, New York, to spend the weekend with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Jack Rose. Marjorie Young Rose had been critically ill, but was now on the way to complete recovery, or so the doctors said. In April 1932, Rulaf Young and his wife, Julia Marie, went to Rochester to visit Marjorie. In July 1932, Marjorie died at her home in Rochester.

Marjorie Young was born August 13, 1908, in Union City and received her education in the Union City public schools. She graduated from Union City High School in 1925, and attended the National Park Seminary at Washington D.C. during 1925 and 1926. In 1926 and 1927 she was a student at Mechanics Institute in Rochester, New York. She married Jack Dill Rose of Rochester, New York on March 12, 1929, and the couple lived in Rochester. Reverend Walter I. Eaton, the Presbyterian minister, conducted her funeral at the Young home on West High Street and she was buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

Six months later there was another funeral in the Young family. On Thursday January 19, 1933, Arthur Fred Young died at his home on West High Street. His many friends called at his home Friday and Saturday to bid him good-bye. Reverend Walter I. Eaton conducted private funeral services on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, standing among a great display of beautiful flowers. His close friends Elton H. Blair, Comer H. Fuller, Ben. J. Stranahan, Charles H. Eastman, A.G. Buller of Corry and Homer Andrews of Chautauqua, New York carried his casket. He was buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

Rulaf Young carried on the family business as R.F. Young Hardware and gradually expanded the line of merchandise he sold at the hardware store. Some of his advertisements included O'Cedar Sponge Mops for \$3.25 and Frigidaire Appliances, ranges and refrigerators. He sold sleds and skis, hardware tools, tool boxes, planes, pliers, table lamps, hair clippers, Pyrex ware, Big Ben and Baby Ben clocks. Besides continuing the family business, Rulaf Young served on the Union City Council. He was elected from the Second Ward on March 20, 1933. In time Rulaf and Julia Marie Young had two sons, Marshal, born in 1928, and David, born in 1932. Marshal would be the next generation of Youngs to run the family hardware store.

Rulaf Young died in July 1973. He had spent about 60 years in the hardware business, had been actively involved in the community, and had carried on his father's tradition of innovative advertising and merchandising in the small town hardware business.

While he was growing up in Union City, Marshal clerked in Young Hardware just as his father had done. He joined the Navy in 1948 and was attached to an electronic anti-submarine unit which went to Key West, Florida, with instruction to remove some

electronic equipment from Ernest Hemingway's yacht. During the Second World War, Hemingway had outfitted his yacht, the Pillar, with submarine detecting gear and spent a year and a half cruising off the coast of Cuba hunting Nazi submarines. The Navy men found no one home at Hemingway's villa, but they saw the yacht moored to the dock. They towed it to Key West and removed the gear.

Marshal's next adventure with Hemingway happened during the Korean War in Key West when he bought a boat and ran "Young's Fishing Service." One day a fisherman fishing from Marshal's boat caught a record breaking tarpon. Hemingway heard about it and he came down and asked Marshal all about the fish, including what tactics were used to catch it. After Marshal answered all the questions, Hemingway turned and walked away.

The last encounter Marshal had with Hemingway involved an autographed copy of his book, "Across the River and into the Trees." Hemingway autographed the book and Marshal took it with him on a train. The book disappeared and eventually Marshal wended his way back to Union City. After he got out of the Navy, Marshal decided to go into the hardware business full time. To use his words: "On February 4, 1952, I was mustered out of the Navy Air Force at the end of the Korean War and I returned to Union City where I began working full time in the store with my father and Carlton Clough, who was the accountant and also a clerk. Carlton retired in 1963 and at about that time we changed the name of the business to the present, Young Hardware."

When Marshal came to work at R.F. Young Hardware full time, so did a new department. The new department in the store was called "The Fly Fishing Center," and it was

announced in April 1952. In conjunction with the opening, the store offered a new fly rod to the fisherman who caught the largest trout on opening day. The only condition was that the fish had to be a brook, rainbow or brown trout from one of the area streams. Marshal, the manager of the new department, said that the store planned to carry the largest stock of fly fishing and spinning equipment to be found in this section of the country. From 1952 until it closed in the late 1990s, Young Hardware has been a fly fishing , fish story, and fly tying gathering spot for anglers.

Marshal owned and operated Young Hardware with the help of his wife, Ellen, and her brother, John Suter, until the late 1990s.

# Chapter Fourteen

## Thompson Family Soldiers

A Short List of Thompson Family Soldiers, Including Relatives and A Few Union City Friends

(Based on a Union City Times article dated Thursday, June 5, 1879 and Research in Pennsylvania Archives. The article was basically a list of names. This is just the beginning of researching them.)

### **Revolutionary War Soldiers**

Dennis Carroll. Private on Pennsylvania Line. Received pension of \$48.00. Pension checks cashed by Mr. Judson, Waterford. Died March 10, 1829. Chaney Records.

Fernando Carroll. The article says that Ferdinand Carroll was a Revolutionary soldier, but Ferdinand Sr. came to American when his children were grown. Perhaps a son or another relative.

Matthew Gray, Jr. He served in the Fourth class of Andrew Bogg's Company of the Fourth Battalion of the Lancaster County Militia. (Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series, Vol. 7, pages 444-445.)

William Gray. Served in the First Class of Andrew Bogg's Company of the Fourth Battalion of the Lancaster County Militia. (Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series, Vol. 7, pages 444-445)

The Gray's have marriage ties with the Thompsons. Matthew Gray, Sr., also served in these companies. Matthew Gray died in 1814 and he is probably buried on his farm on the Concord Road in Union Township. With his brother William and sister Rachel, he came to Union Township about 1803 from Huntington County. (Pennsylvania Archives, Third Series, Volume II.)

Names of the Revolutionary Pensioners which have been placed on the Roll of Pennsylvania under the law of the Eighteenth of March 1818, from the passage thereof, to this day, enclosure, with the rank they held, and the lines in which they served, viz, p. 58.

Abel Thompson. The Pension List of 1819. Washington, 1820. Printed by Gales & Seaton, 1920. Reprinted Southern Book Company. Baltimore, 1959. p. 494.

William Black –Private – Pennsylvania

Samuel Barnes – Private-Pennsylvania

Dennis Carroll – Private-Pennsylvania

Abe Gillet-Private-Sheldon's Dragons

Robert King – Lt. –Pennsylvania

Thomas Bowland (Boylan) – Private-Maryland Line

Thomas Thompson- Private-February 12, 1819

Epaphras Thompson – Private Connecticut Line

John Thompson, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Private-Pennsylvania Line

Wilson

Robert M. Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Boatswain, Ship Washington

Andrew Wilson – Private

Robert Wilson – 2<sup>nd</sup> Pennsylvania

John Wilson – Private-Pennsylvania

Alexander Wilson – Private-Pennsylvania

David Wilson – Private-New York

Soldiers Entitled to Donation Lands (Revolutionary War)

Thomas Church – Major – Received 600 Acres. P. 624

Andrew Cook, Pvt. 200 Acres – p. 633

William Gray, Captain, 500 Acres- p. 653

Retiring Officers – January 11, 1785

William Thompson- Lt. Cavalary-400 Acres – p. 739

Joseph Thompson – Surgeons Mate – Cavalary-300 acres- p. 739

Hugh Thompson- Sgt. First Pennsylvania- 200 Acres- p. 740

Pennsylvania Archives, Second Series – Pennsylvania Pensioners-1820

John Thompson 2<sup>nd</sup>- Private-p. 707

John Thompson, Black Smith. Colonel Benjamin Flower's Company. General Military Stores Department and Armory. P. 383.

Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series. Volume IV p. 105 . Soldiers Who Received Depreciation Pay as Per Cancelled Certificates On File in the Division of Public Records – Pennsylvania State Library.

Private Hugh Wilson – Northampton County Militia- p. 365

Private William Gray – Washington County Militia- p. 401

Private James Thompson- p. 123

Private John Thompson- Fourth Regiment- Pennsylvania Continental Line- p. 133.

Thomas Church, Junior. P. 134.

Private Thomas Carroll. P. 134.

Private John Thompson- p. 148

Lieutenant William Thompson, p. 168.

### **War of 1812 Veterans**

**Jonathan Bacon** was a pioneer of Genessee and Chenango Counties in New York and a soldier of the Revolutionary War. He died in Genessee County in 1833. His son, Henry C. Bacon, was a native of Whatley, Massachusetts and a soldier of the War of 1812. Of his children, three survived: Daniel S., Chester W. and Wells W. Chester W. married Rosana Hale in 1840 and they had two children. Chester W. has always lived on his homestead farm in Union City and is well and favorably known among the citizens and pioneers.

**Reverend Levi Barnes.** Reverend Levi Barnes was born on February 25, 1796, in North Canaan, Connecticut. In 1818, he was married to Susan Capron and in 1820 with his wife and one child homesteaded on a farm in Union City. They journeyed from Utica, New York in a sleigh.

Levi Barnes was converted when he was 18 and licensed to exhort in 1823. He was ordained a Deacon in 1853 and an Elder in 1863. The pioneer preacher always found a warm welcome at his home. He spent 57 years in Erie County, enduring many hardships.

He took an active part in establishing schools, churches, etc. and in 1834 was elected, and for several years served as captain of a company of militia. His son, Levi B. Barnes preserved his sword. Mrs. Barnes after a lingering illness, died in the faith on May 10, 1877. Reverend Barnes died May 19, 1877.

Levi G. stayed on the homestead farm. His brothers and sisters were: Chares G; John Vincent; Harriet; Hannah E. Alheus; and Susan A. Nathan S. died a year and a half after his parents died. L.S. married Mary m. Shelmadine in 1857, and they had six children.

**Charles Capron, Sr.** He was born on February 24, 1760 and died on July 11, 1824. His family lived in Marlborough, New Hampshire and when he came of age he bought a farm in Marlboro in 1795, which he sold in 1804, and moved to Reading, Vermont. He was “warned out” at Reading in 1805 and admitted as a “Freeman” of Reading in 1808. He came to Erie County, Pennsylvania in 1819, with his wife and his son.

**Charles Capron, Jr.** is buried in the Old Thompson Cemetery in Union City, Pennsylvania.

**Thomas Carroll.** Thomas Carroll was one of the six sons of Ferdinand Carroll who settled in Union Township in the fall of 1801. Thomas grew up on the family homestead and served in the War of 1812. He settled on his own farm near the west line of Union Township. He married Elizabeth Mulvin and they were the parents of nine children. He died at the age of 64.

**Thomas Church** was born on June 26, 1786 and enlisted as a lieutenant in the Second Artillery, Connecticut State Troops. He died December 17, 1864, and he is buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

**James Gray** was drafted and served in General Harrison's Campaign of 1813. He moved to Warren, Pennsylvania.

**William Gray** was drafted and served in General Harrison's campaign of 1813. William and Matthew Gray lived in Beaverdam and died there.

**Amos Hare** was the son of Michael Hare and father of James Hare. His son James settled on Oak Hill and later lived in Union City. Two of his sons served in the Civil War and were killed in battle.

**William Mulvin, Sr.** His wife was Margaret and they had a son named William Jr. William Sr. died April 22, 1848, at age 92 years.

**Enos Northrop.** He had a son named Alvin. Alvin Northrop was a member of the Presbyterian Church and in October 1854 became an elder. He was married to Suphronia and they had a son named Marquis Crane who was baptized in June 1850.

**C.L. Rockwood.** There is a Caro P. Rockwood in the Erie County Atlas of 1876. He was located on Tract 159 in Union Township. He was from New York, a farmer and had farmed in Union Township since 1854.

**Jacob Rouse.** (From the Union City Times of Thursday April 2, 1885) In the death of Jacob Rouse at the home of his son near Wattsburg last week, the last pensioner of the War of 1812 has joined the great majority. Jacob Rouse was born in 1794 and had been a resident of Amity Township since 1820. In the war of 1812, he was one of the first to enlist and was an eye witness to the burning of Buffalo by the British when the entire city was destroyed. He was much respected by his neighbors and his death was deeply mourned by all.

**James Smiley.** A soldier in the War of 1812 who served under General Harrison. A miller by trade, he came to Union Township in 1816 with his wife and children. He was in charge of the mills that William Miles operated. He moved to the foot of Conneaut Lake where for several years he was employed as a miller at the only mill then in existence in that section. A few years later he located permanently near Union City, Pennsylvania. He married Margaret Kirkpatrick near Carlisle, Pennsylvania in 1800. She died in Union City on July 16, 1849. He died in Union City on January 13, 1840. He is buried in Waterford Cemetery.

**G.J. Stranahan.** John Stranahan, a native of Rhode Island, was born in 1737 and died on March 23, 1786. In September 1752, before the Revolution, he married Lucy Bock, and settled in Cameron, New York. They had a son, Gibson, Gibson J. Stranahan was born in Canan, New York in 1785. He married Miss Dolly Deverdorf in Herkimer County for many years and there followed the occupation of a farmer. In 1803, he with his family came West and settled in Concord Township in Erie County. He died in 1839. His wife was born in Herkimer County, New York, and died in 1862 or 1863, aged 73 years. She

was the daughter of John Deverdorf, a native of Herkimer County, New York. Gibson and Dilly had four children. Perry G. Stranahan was a lawyer and farmer. Daniel V. was a doctor. Franklin B was a farmer. Margaret H. was the wife of William A. mead, a surveyor and farmer of Youngsville.

**Caleb Thompson** was a captain in John Fulmer's Company. It was a militia regiment commanded by Colonel John Thompson from the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 1814, when last mustered to the 5<sup>th</sup> of January 1815. Caleb was a son of Abel and Jemima Thompson. He was born on January 30, 1790. He came to Union Township in the year 1802 with the rest of his family. He was a farmer and a carpenter and joiner who finished many of the first houses in Union City. According to the 1820 Federal census in Union Township, he was then married with two children. He died on October 15, 1863 at 74 years of age. He was buried in the Thompson Burying ground outside of Union City.

**Joel Thompson** was one of the five sons of Abel Thompson, a pioneer settler of Union Township. He was a blacksmith and a stonecutter. Along with his father, Abel, he found boulders in the woods and from them made grinders for the new mills in the township. Joel made most of the tombstones in the township from native stone. And he and Abel also made all of the farming and household utensils for the community. According to the county histories, Joel Thompson was a veteran of the War of 1812, serving under Perry. He also held the degree of Bachelor of Sciences. Joel Thompson was married twice. His first wife died of fever, leaving a daughter. He remarried and had eight children from his second marriage. They were William, Samuel, Caleb, John W., Chares, Hatton, Jane, and Lucilla.

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p. 37. Samuel Carroll served in Captain Thomas Atkinson's Company of Volunteers attached to the 137<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia. Ralph Martin, Lt.

Colonel Commandant from the 28<sup>th</sup> of August to the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 1812.

Second Series, Volume 12, p. 27. Captain Jacob Achey's Company. Lt. Hugh Wilson, Andrew Wilson and James Smiley served.

Second Series, Volume 12, p. 98. Henry L. Coryell's Company, Commanded by Col. Joel B. Southerland. Discharged January 3, 1815. Began September 5, 1814:

James Sherwood

John Sherwood

William Sherwood

p. 109. Two Caprons are listed in Captain Samuel D. Culberton's Company.

p. 217. Thomas Thompson is listed in Captain Peter Hartzog's Company of drafted militia attached to the Second Regiment, commanded by Colonel Patterson. The regiment served from October 2, 1812 to April 2, 1815.

## Civil War Soldiers

Clinton S. Ames. Pvt. Co. A. 102 Rgt. Served from April 5, 1865-June 28, 1865. Born in 1821 and died in 1903. Samuel Bates. GAR Book. Evergreen Book. Buried in Evergreen.

Nelson E. Ames. Lt. Company A. 111<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Enlisted November 3, 1861. Died at Little Washington, Virginia, on August 28, 1862. Bates. Twentieth Century History of Erie County.

Walter Ames. Pvt. Co. K., 83<sup>rd</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Enlisted at Concord on September 2, 1861. Killed at Malvern Hill. Bates.

Alpheus Barnes. Pvt. Co. c. 16<sup>th</sup> Cav. Served from January 18, 1864-August 11, 1865. Buried in Asbury. Inscription: Asbury Cemetery, Union Township. Alpheus s. Barnes. Son of Levi and Susan Barnes. Born August 3, 1832. Died February 11, 1893.

Horace E. Burroughs. Pvt. Co. L. 12<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Cavalry. Mustered in February 1861. Served until 1865. Born in Windham, Vermont in 1820 and died in 1911. GAR Book. Bates. Evergreen Book. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

John L. Burroughs. Pvt. Co. G. 6<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. Mustered in August 1861. Captured October 17, 1864. Died at Andersonville, Georgia on January 9, 1865. Bates. Evergreen Book. Marker in Evergreen Cemetery.

Charles Carroll. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. 145 Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Fatally wounded at the Battle of Fredericksburg on December 13, 1862 and died there a day later. Bates.

Nelson's Biographical. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery or there is a marker there. The marker says: Charles S. Carroll. Inscription, Asbury Cemetery, Union Twp.

Died/December 16, 1862/Aged 26 years, 6 months, 4 days (Flag).

Robinson J. Carroll. Co. F. 168<sup>th</sup> Regt. Pa. Mil. Mustered in October 16, 1862 and mustered out on July 23, 1863. Born in 1837 and died in 1903. GAR Book. Bates. Evergreen Book. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

Israel Coe. Pvt. Co. B. 98<sup>th</sup> Rgt. Born in 1824 and died in 1884. GAR Book. Bates. Evergreen. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

William B. Gray. Pvt. Co. E, 83<sup>rd</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Enlisted at Waterford on September 4, 1861. Killed at Gaines; Mill on June 27, 1862. Presbyterian Session Records. Bates.

Joseph Jaggi. Pvt. Co. L. 12<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Cavalry. Served from March 1, 1862 to July 20, 1865. Farrier. GAR Book. Bates. Buried in Asbury.

Jacob E. Kamerer. Pvt. Co. F. 169<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania. Volunteer Infantry. Served from November 16, 1862 to July 26, 1865. Born in 1839 and died January 8m, 1901. GAR Book. Bates. Evergreen. Buried in Evergreen.

Henry Mulvin. Pvt. Co. L. 12<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Cavalry. Served in 1865. Bates.

James W. Mulvin. Pvt. Co. A 145<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Served from August 27, 1862-June 1863. Born in 1839 and died in 1915. GAR Book. Bates. Evergreen book. Buried in Evergreen.

Simeon D. Putnam. First Sgt. Co. E. 145<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Killed at Fredericksburg, Virginia on December 13, 1862. Age 24. Bates. GAR Book. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery. The Putnams were related to the Thompsons by marriage.

James B. Range, Pvt. Co. C 16<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. Served from June 13, 1864-January 22, 1865. Died at Lincolnville. Buried at Townline Cemetery. Bates. He was the grandson of Aunt Nancy Range.

Horatio N. Rockwood. Pvt. Co. L. 12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. Served from December 29, 1863-July 20, 1865. Born in 1845 and died January 21, 1899. GAR Book. Bates. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

James W. Sherwood. Pvt. Co. L. 12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. Served from January 14, 1864-July 14, 1865. Promoted to corporal. Born in 1844 and died in 1927. GAR Book. Bates. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

Joseph Sherwood. Sgt. Co. L. 12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. Mustered in January 4, 1864. Bates.

Frank Sherwood. Pvt. Co. E. 145<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Enlisted August 27, 1862 and killed at Fredericksburg, Virginia, on December 13, 1862. Bates. Buried in Evergreen.

George W. Sherwood. Pvt. Co. E. 145<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Enlisted August 27, 1862, and killed at Fredericksburg, Virginia on December 13, 1862. Bates. Buried in Evergreen.

Perry Smiley. Sgt. Col. L. 12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. Mustered in February 4, 1864. Bates.

Benjamin B. Thompson. Pvt. Co. L. 12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. Mustered in March 31, 1864. Bates.

Charles Harvey Thompson. Born November 3, 1841 in Lorraine, Ohio. Starved to death in Andersonville Prison, December 1864. Son of Charles Kemp Thompson and Anna Capron.

Charles W. Thompson. Pvt. Co. E, 145<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Transferred to Co. F. 53<sup>rd</sup> Regiment. Mustered in December 29, 1863 and served three years. Died of wounds in 1867. GAR Book. Bates. Buried in Evergreen.

Darwin Thompson. Pvt. Co. C. 83<sup>rd</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Enlisted in Erie on August 9, 1861. Wounded in the arm at the Second Bull Run. Re-enlisted on February 17, 1864. Discharged on July 3, 1865. GAR Book. Bates. Son of Caleb Thompson, born in 1843.

Darwin Thompson. Son of Charles Kemp Thompson and Anna Capron. Born July 31, 1846, in Platteville, Wisconsin. Died in Libby Prison.

John W. Thompson. Pvt. Co. F. 168<sup>th</sup> Rgt. Served from October 16, 1862-March 18, 1863/ Discharged on surgeon's certificate. Born in 1826 and died in 1896. Bates. GAR Book. Evergreen Book. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery. Son of Joel Thompson.

## **William B. Gray and the 83<sup>rd</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry at Gaine's Mill**

Clerk of the Session David Wilson entered a terse sentence in the session records of the Union City, Pennsylvania Presbyterian Church in June 1862. He wrote: "Was killed in battle near Richmond on the 27th day of June 1862- [William B. Gray](#), a member of this church, in the 26th year of his age."

### **William B. Gray Enlisted in the 83rd Pennsylvania Volunteers**

Some of William B. Gray's personal history can be gleaned from examining previous session records. The record says that in May 1837, Reverend Chamberlain baptized one child for William Gray, a boy christened William Bracken Gray. In October 1854, William made a public profession of his faith, partook of the Lord's Supper and became a member of the Presbyterian Church.

William probably worked with his father on the family farm until he enlisted in Company E of the 83rd Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers at Waterford on September 9, 1861.

The farm and factory boys of Northwestern Pennsylvania resolved that the Union had to

be preserved at all costs, even at the price of leaving home to fight their countrymen in the tangled woods and swamps of Virginia and the alien countryside of the remainder of the South. Many of them were convinced that the war wouldn't last long. After all, hadn't Mr. Lincoln called for three month volunteers?

By October 1861, the 83rd Regiment had reached its full complement of 1,000 men. Of these, nearly 300 had been members of Colonel John McLane's Three Month's Regiment. The 83rd was mustered into the United States service on September 8, 1861, and departed for Washington on September 16, seven days after William B. Gray enlisted. The 83rd soon earned an excellent reputation for drill and soldierly appearance.

### **Friday June 27, 1862 – The Day William B. Gray Died at Gaines' Mill**

Less than a year after William B. Gray and his [83rd Regiment](#) left Erie, they found themselves in the thick of what would prove to be one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War. The day that William B. Gray and Colonel John McLane died- June 27, 1862- seemed like a day suited more to frittering away than fighting. A Union veteran recalled it: "The morning of Friday, the 27th day of June 1862 broke hot and sultry."

### **The Seven Days Campaign Ends a Three Month Union Drive to Capture Richmond**

Despite the hot weather, the Union and Confederate armies had determined to fight and fight they did. The battle they fought came to be called the [Battle of Gaines' Mill](#) and was part of the Seven Days Campaign which began on June 25, 1862. The Seven Days Campaign ended a three month Union drive to capture Richmond. From June 25 to July 2, 1862, General Robert E. Lee and his army and Major General George B. McClellan

and his army fired at each other and marched and maneuvered in the Chickahominy swamps that stretched to the James River. More men were involved in these battles and more casualties resulted from them than in any other campaign in American military history to this point. The biggest and bloodiest battle of the Seven Days Campaign was Gaines' Mill.

General Robert E. Lee had a combat strength of 56,000 men to Brigadier General Fitz-John Porter's 35,000. The casualty figures were 8,750 Confederate and 6,937 Yankee dead and wounded. Captain Judson states in his regimental history that the position of the Union Army resembled a letter V, occupying both banks of the Chickahominy. The Army's left flank rested a little beyond Fair Oaks, some four or five miles from Richmond. Then the lines extended in a northeasterly direction down to the river at Gaines' Mill, whose position may be called the head of the letter. Then the line ran northwest on the left bank of the river to the vicinity of Mechanicsville. General Fitz-John Porter's entire corps occupied the left bank and constituted the right wing of the army.

### **General Robert E. Lee Vows to Defend Richmond**

Confederate General Robert E. Lee had spent weeks concentrating his forces and building new levees to help defend Richmond. He brought Stonewall Jackson down from the Shenandoah Valley to Hanover Courthouse. He planned to transfer the main body of his army to the left bank of the Chickahominy and attack the Union forces in front, while Stonewall Jackson with 30,000 men was to hurl them on the Union flank and rear. The Confederates wanted to crush the right wing of the Union Army, to break up the base of

the Union supplies at Watt House, and force it to fall back and seek another base on the James or at a greater distance from Richmond.

The Union infantry prepared as best it could to beat off the Confederate attack. Brigadier General Porter had established his headquarters at the Watt House and a little beyond that the Union front line formed along the bottom of the brush-choked swamp. The soldiers formed a second line at the crest of the ravine, and threw up breastworks of knapsacks, logs, and dirt. Open fields stretched beyond the ravine, and Union artillery commanders positioned their guns to stop any Rebel advances across them. The ground on which the battle was fought consisted of rolling hills, broken up into ravines and hollows. Some of it was open country and some was heavily timbered.

The woods extended from the slope of the high ground terminating in the flats from one half to 3/4 of a mile from the river to Gaines' Mill and were about a mile in length. The stream on which the mill stood emptied into the Chickahominy, flowing a little over half way between these woods and Gaines' house. At a point below the mill, a small rivulet branched off and running along the skirts of those woods again emptied into the stream. It was on the banks of the rivulet, in a hollow on the edge of the woods, that the 83rd and 44th New York formed a line of battle.

### **The Battle of Gaines' Mill Ends for William B. Gray**

With a roar of guns and the Rebel Yell, Robert E. Lee's, Band his men opened the Battle of Gaines' Mill. The 83rd, according to Captain Judson, had "the hottest corner." He wrote: "It now became evident that the principal attack was going to be made along the

lines of our brigade, for, if they could succeed in crushing us, our left flank would be turned, and the whole corps turned back toward the Pamunky and cut off from the rest of the army."

The men of the 83rd hastily built a breastwork of logs in their corner and held the position which was on the extreme left of the Union Army. Captain Judson saw Colonel McLane standing near the center of the regiment, beneath the shade of a wide-spreading beech. The Colonel told his men that they must hold their position to the last. Inspired by his courage, the men vowed never to be driven from their position. Aided by artillery, the 83rd repelled the Rebels in three ferocious charges, but then the Rebels partially broke through. The men of the 83rd knew that the Rebels wanted to break through the Union lines, sweep down the river bank, secure the bridges, and cut off retreat.

It seemed that the Rebels were successful. The 83rd Regiment was cut off from the rest of the Army and flanked upon the right as well as in front. All the 83rd could do was come out from cover and fight in the open. They came out and stood to it, while men fell thick and fast on all sides. There is no record in the regimental history of when, where and what time William B. Gray fell. It is just noted in the church record that he died on June 27, 1862.

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### **Henry Mulvin**

Henry Mulvin joined the 12<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Cavalry in 1862 and three year later got into a fight with someone besides the Rebels. He was arrested for striking his captain who had insulted him. He was court martialed and sentenced to a military prison. When the case was being investigated, the officers of the 12<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Cavalry testified that Henry was one of the bravest men in the regiment.

After the Civil War ended, Henry continued to fight his prison sentence. In May 1878, President William McKinley pardoned him from the prison sentence, but an Act of Congress proved necessary to reprieve him from the charge of desertion.

The Congressional Act finally happened in March 1910 when Congress passed the Bates Bill which directly affected Henry who now lived in Wattsburg. The Bates Bill relieved him of the charge of desertion from the United States Army during the Civil War.

Congressman Arthur L. Bates had been backing the measure for a long time, and finally because of his efforts, Congress passed it.

The Bates Bill removed the stain from Henry Mulvin's record, 45 years after the Civil War ended.

### **Horace Burroughs**

Horace Burroughs was born at Windham, Vermont on December 17, 1829 and celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in December 1910, three months before he died on March 2, 1911.

He grew up in Vermont and married Miss Nancy Humphreys of Essex, Vermont in January 1841. They had two children and his son, Moron, of Underhill, Vermont survived him.

The first Mrs. Burroughs died in November 1843 and Horace remarried on June 1, 1867.

This time he married Miss Margaret Jackson of Spartansburg, Pennsylvania and following her death, he married Miss Mary Pier in January 1884. After she died, he was married for the fourth time to Miss Susie G. Mitchell at Jamestown, New York, on October 9, 1895. She was very faithful to her husband during the last years of his life, which was filled with intense suffering.

Horace enlisted in company L, 12<sup>th</sup> Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry on February 6, 1862. He was mustered into the service at Philadelphia on February 10, 1862 and served for three years. The battles he participated in included Bull Run, South Mountain and Antietam.

After being promoted to Quartermaster Sergeant, Horace was honorably discharged at Kearneyville, Virginia, on January 26, 1863.

Horace reenlisted at Harrisburg on June 13, 1863, and he was mustered into Captain Murray's Independent Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry which was organized to defend an invasion of the Confederates into Pennsylvania. On August 11, 1863, he was honorably discharged as a commissary sergeant.

Horace's heart was still with the fighting men in blue so firmly that he again enlisted in Company B, 12<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Cavalry on February 13, 1864. This time he took part in opposing General Early during his raid and he fought with his regiment at the battles of Solomon's Gap, Pleasant Valley, Champton's Gap and Winchester. He also participated under Sheridan in his Shenandoah campaign, receiving his final discharge on October 20, 1864.

Reverend Homer P. Potter of the Methodist Church conducted his funeral services for Horace Burroughs at the Methodist Church. The McLane Post No. 102 of the Grand Army of the Republic of which he was an honored member, led burial services at Evergreen Cemetery.

# Chapter Fifteen

## Thompson Family Reunions

The Thompson Family has been holding reunions since 1885 . They were first named the Boylan & Thompson reunions after Aaron Boyland & Sarah Thompson his wife and Abel Thompson and Katy Boylan, his wife. The reunions were first held at a grange hall in Mercer Co., Pa., and also at Union City, Meadville and Chautauqua Lake, N.Y. with a large attendance. Through some dissatisfaction the reunions were discontinued for a while. Then Abel Thompson #2 held a family reunion among his own children for a number of years. John Thompson's descendants did likewise. Then the reunions began to enlarge again.

The Union City Times of Thursday, September 17, 1885, talks about the third annual Thompson Reunion, so they probably resumed sometime in 1885. The September 17, 1885, story said that next Saturday is the day fixed for the annual reunion of the Andrew Thompson family which will be held at Mr. Thompson's residence about two miles south of town. It is expected all the children and grandchildren will be present, and a very pleasant social time is anticipated.

Union City Times

September 17, 1885

The third annual reunion of the Boylan and Thompson families and their descendants will be held near the old cemetery on the old Abel Thompson farm in the southern part of Union City on Friday, September 25, 1885. All relatives and friends are cordially invited and are expected to bring well filled baskets. For further particular see or address any of the following gentlemen at Union: F.H. Thompson, G.W.. Brakeman, Josiah Emerson, William a. Thompson, Wesley Davison, E.J. Thompson, T.J. Wilson or write to S.L. Thompson, Secretary, Blooming Valley, Pennsylvania.

1886

There will be a reunion of the Boylan and Thompson families and their descendants at Union City, Pa., on Wednesday, September 22, 1886. All relatives are cordially invited to attend.

The Andrew Thompson family reunion was held last Saturday at the residence of Andrew Thompson south of town. As is usual at the gathering of this family, a very pleasant time was enjoyed. There were present from out of town Lewis Thompson of New Castle and Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Terrill of Erie.

1887

The relatives of the Thompson and Boylan families are invited to attend a family reunion to be held on Wednesday afternoon and evening September 15, 1887, on Wesley Davison's lawn on Waterford Street, Union City, Pa.

1912

The Thompson Family Reunion was held at the Steele farm near Ellwood City, Pa., on August 23, 1912. Sixty people attended. After an elaborate dinner, John Thompson, acting as chairman called the business meeting to order. A motion was made and carried that the descendants of John and Charles Thompson be asked to meet with them annually. The number of descendants in August 1912 were 158.  
H.F. Thompson, Secretary

1913

Minutes of the Thompson Family reunion held at Cascade Park, New Castle, Pa., on August 21, 1913, with 80 attending. The business meeting was called to order by the President John H. Thompson. Collection: \$4.75. Marriages, 3 Expense, \$3.75 Births & Balance - \$1.00. Post Cards, \$.75.

1914

This year the Thompson Family reunion was held at Columbia Park, Greenville, Pa., on August 15. The following officers were elected:  
C.M. Thompson, president  
Harley F. Thompson, secretary and treasurer.  
Suggested that all present send Jessie Reynolds and Angie Reed a post card because of illness. The balance on hand in treasury was \$5.04. There were three marriages, six births, and five deaths.

1915

On August 21, 1915, the Thompson Family Reunion was held at Riverside Park in Greenville, Pa. F.W. and H.T. Newmaker gave addresses and new officers were elected. They were C.M. Thompson, president, F.W. Newmaker, vice president and H.F. Thompson secretary and treasurer. Moved and carried that a record book be purchased and the record Abel Thompson #2 be recorded therein. Moved and carried that Fred Markle prepare a program for the next reunion.

1916

The annual Thompson Family Reunion was held at the home of John Thompson on August 19, 1916. In the absence of the president and vice president, J.M. Thompson acted as chairman and called the meeting to order. New officers elected were president, Fred Markle; vice president, Ralph Thompson, and secretary and treasurer, H.F. Thompson. There were 11 births, 1 death and three marriages recorded for the year and the balance in the treasury was \$3.60.

1917

The 1917 Thompson Family Reunion was held at Brenner's Grove near Slippery rock Church on August 18, 1917. President Fred Markle called the meeting to order. The following officers were elected: President Fred Markle; vice president, R.J. Thompson, secretary and treasurer, Ralph Thompson. The president appointed a committee of Mrs. Emma Bell, Eva Thompson and Edith Thompson to see that signs are painted and used at the next reunion.

1918

The Bell home in Hubbard, Ohio, was the scene of the Thompson Family Reunion on Saturday, August 17, 1918. The attendance was 102. A motion was made and approved that the present officers be retained for another year. There were six births, six deaths, and three marriages during the year. The Treasury showed a deficit of \$8.07.

1919

Minutes of the Thompson Family Reunion held at Buhl Park, Sharon, Pa., on August 16, 1919. The meeting was called to order by the President, Fred Markle. The financial report showed a deficit of \$8.07 which bill was disposed of before any farther business was acted upon. Motion was made and approved that the business meetings hereafter be held immediately after dinner.

The following officers were elected: President, W.A. Hoesh; Vice President, Walter Steele; Secretary and Treasurer, La Clede Markle, Remarks were given by La Clede Markle of his experience as a Marine in France. The table committee was chosen by the President. Chair Mrs. G. Basher; Assistant Mrs. Harley Thompson, Mrs. Lloyd Hamill, Mrs. William Bell, Mrs. Perry Flansberg. One hundred sixty two people attended. During the year there were 7 births, no deaths, and two marriages.

1920

The 1920 Thompson Family Reunion was held at Buhl Park, Sharon, Pa., on August 21, 1920, with 167 attending. Harley Thompson was chosen new president; C.M. Thompson,

vice president; and S. LaClede Markle secretary and treasurer. There were two births during the year, four marriages and no deaths. Treasury balance was \$14.60.

1921

President Harley Thompson called the Thompson Family Reunion to order at Buhl Park in Sharon, Pa. on Saturday, August 20, 1921. Music selections were given by mixed quartets which were enjoyed by all. Leon Thompson was elected president for the next year; Perry Flansburg, vice president, and Mrs. Margaret Hamill, secretary treasurer. Sports was enjoyed by all. There were two births, three deaths, and five marriages for the year and the treasury balance was \$19.95.

1922

The annual reunion of the Thompson family was held on Saturday, August 19, 1922 at Buhl Park in Sharon, Pa., with an attendance of 175. At noon a very good dinner was served and enjoyed by all.

After dinner the business meeting was called to order by the President Perry Flansburg. A record of the Thompson and Shinn families was read by Mrs. Ada Hill. A vote of thanks was extended to her for her trouble in getting the record. It was voted to pay Mr. Harley Thompson and Mrs. Hill \$5.00 for their expenses. The following offices were elected: President, Perry Flansburg, Vice President, S.A. Markle, and Secretary-Treasurer, Lloyd A. Hamil.

1923

The Thompson Family Reunion was held at Buhl Park, Sharon, Pa., on Saturday August 18, 1923 with an attendance of 206. At noon a picnic dinner was served and enjoyed by all. After dinner the business meeting was called to order by President Perry Flansburg and the minutes of the last reunion were read and approved.

Those present extended a hand of greeting to Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Bell of St. Paul, Minnesota and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thompson of High Point, North Carolina. New officers were elected with Walter Steele being chosen president; Mrs. Martha Slater, Vice President, and Lloyd Hamill, secretary-treasurer.

The total treasury balance for 1923 was \$8.35 and there were three deaths, six marriages, and eight births during the year.

1924

Buhl Park in Sharon, Pa. was the setting for the August 16, 1924, Thompson Family Reunion, with an attendance of 207. A noon dinner was served and enjoyed and after dinner the regular business meeting was called to order by the President, Walter Steele. The motion was made and seconded that the present officers be retained for another year.

A committee was chosen to make an inspection of the grave of Abel Thompson #2, located in the Clarksville Cemetery in Clarksville, Pa. and have a report of the condition of the grave at the next reunion to be held on the third Saturday in August 1925.

The committee members are: John A. Thompson, Laurence Rabberman, Harly F. Thompson, Bert Thompson, Frank Rich and Lloyd Hamill. There were no deaths, no marriages, and seven births during the year. Total treasury balance was \$7.17.

1925

August 15, 1925 was the date of the Thompson Family Reunion held at Buhl Park in Sharon, Pa. Noon dinner was served to 160 people and after dinner the business meeting was called to order by President Walter Steele.

The Reunion voted to erect a headstone at Abel Thompson #2's grave at Clarksville Cemetery. The committee on the headstone reported progress. Ralph M. Thompson was elected president, Bennie Watkins, vice president, and Lloyd A. Hamill, secretary-treasurer.

1926

The Thompson Family Reunion was held at the Thompson Grist Mill at Milledgeville, Mercer County, Pa., on Saturday August 21, 1926. The attendance was about 150.

After noon dinner, President Ralph M. Thompson called the business meeting or order. Remarks were given by C.M. Thompson and James Bell of St. Paul, Minnesota. New officers elected were President Lloyd Hamill, Vice-President, Harry Thompson and Secretary---Treasurer Walter Steele. The headstone committee reported the purchase of the bronze tablet to be placed on Abel Thompson #2's grave. There were nine births during the year.

1927

One hundred and thirty three people attended the Thompson Family Reunion at Clarksville, Pa., Mercer County on Saturday, August 13, 1927. C.M. Thompson of Warren, Ohio, gave a very interesting description of the life and character of Abel Thompson #2 in whose memory this reunion is being held. There were eleven births during the year.

1928

Jackson Center Park, Jackson Center, Mercer Co., Pa., was the site of the Thompson Family Reunion held on Saturday, August 11, 1928. Under new business, a letter written by Abel Thompson #2 on April 14, 1861, was read by the Secretary. This letter is to be framed by the President, C.M. Thompson, so it may be preserved for the future generations and it is to be copied in the record book by the Secretary.

Interesting remarks were given by J.H. Bell, John Thompson, Rev. Floyd Childs and the Rev. Thompson. A reading was also given by Caleb Thompson. Treasury balance for the year was \$12.08.

1929

The Family Reunion of the descendant of Abel Thompson #2 was held at Jackson Center Park, Jackson Center, Pa. In August 1929, President Caleb Thompson called the meeting to order.

Births reported were Louisa Schuler, Sarah Ann Hill, Helen Lucille Thompson, Martha Curry, and Carol May Watkins.

Deaths reported were Mrs. John Thompson, Mrs. William B. Steele.

There were two marriages reported: Martha Steele to Herman Persons and William Horne to Leta Dawson.

1930

The Annual Reunion of the Abel Thompson #2 Family was held at Jackson Park, Jackson Center, Pa., on Saturday, August 9, 1930. President C.M. Thompson called the meeting to order. Under new business the following births were announced: James John Hazen; Marellyn Markle; Doris Pauline Childs; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stillings; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Reach; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Dallas McCartney.

Since the last reunion there was one death, Frank Thompson on January 6, 1930.

There was one marriage reported, Miss Ruth Thompson to Leonard Hanna on April 10, 1930.

1931

On August 8, 1931, the Thompson Family Reunion was held at Lakewood Beach, New Castle, Pa. President Lloyd Hamill called the meeting to order and minutes of the last reunion were read and approved.

J.H. Bell of S. Paul, Minnesota, exhibited pictures of some of the older generations of the Thompson families. He stated anyone desiring to have any of these pictures could have them by notifying the secretary or himself.

Mrs. Ada Hill suggested that the burrs from the Old Thompson Flour Mill be mounted in the school yard at Milledgeville, Pa., as a memory to the Old Thompson Mill.

The treasury had a balance of \$23.75, reported Secretary-Treasurer Harold F. Thompson.

1932

About 150 people attended the Annual Reunion of the Abel Thompson Family held on Saturday, August 13, 1932 at Mill Creek Park in Youngstown, Ohio. Mr. Harley Thompson gave a report on the burrs of the Old Grist Mill at Milledgeville, Pa. It was voted not to mount the burrs on account of the expense it would take to have them mounted.

Mrs. Ada Hill was elected President; Stanley Thompson, Vice president, and Lloyd A. Hamill, Secretary-Treasurer. There were five births, seven deaths, and four marriages during the year. The treasury ended up with balance of \$11.71.

1933

The Thompson Family Reunion was held at Castle Beach, New Castle, Pa., on Saturday, August 12, 1933, with an attendance of 150. President Mrs. Ada Hill called the business meeting to order. There were two deaths and three marriages during the year and the treasury had a balance of \$13.67.

1934

About 200 people attended the Reunion of the Thompson Family held at Castle Beach, New Castle, Pa., on Saturday, August 19, 1934. After President Ralph Thompson called the meeting to order, the minutes of the last reunion were read and approved as read.

Several remarks were made for the good of the reunion and enjoyed by all. New officers were elected. President: Bennie Watkins, Vice President, Mrs. Maude Basher and Secretary-Treasurer, Lloyd Hamill.

1935

The descendants of Abel Thompson #2 held their Annual Reunion on August 10, 1935, at Castle Beach, New Castle, Pa., and about 100 people attended. Songs were sung by the Seymore family in the Congo language. Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Bell attended from St. Paul, Minnesota.

After the business meeting roller skating was enjoyed by all who tried it. Leonard Hazen was elected President; Harley F. Thompson, Vice President and Lloyd A. Hamill, Secretary-Treasurer. The treasury balance was \$6.03.

1936

The annual Reunion of the descendants of Abel Thompson #2 was held at Castle Beach, New Castle, Pa., with about 125 present. The minutes of the last reunion were read by the secretary and approved as well.

Mrs. Ada Hill was elected historian for the reunion and gave several remarks. A committee was appointed to investigate conditions of the Thompson Burial lot at Union City. The Committee was as follows: Harley Thompson, Ada Hill, and J.H. Thompson. It was also voted to deduct a certain amount from the treasury to erect a memorial on this lot. The following officers were elected: President, Howard Fetteroff; Vice-President, Theo. A. Hill, and Secretary-Treasurer, Lloyd Hamill.

1937

The Annual Reunion of the descendants of Abel Thompson #2 was held at Ewing Park, Ellwood City, Pa., with a very good attendance. The minutes of the last reunion were read and approved. It was approved that we organize a junior organization to work in harmony with the adult group. The day was spent with sports and enjoyed by all.

The following officers were elected: President, John R. Thompson; Vice President, Theodore Hill; and Secretary-Treasurer, Lloyd A. Hamill.

1938

The Abel Thompson #2 Family Reunion was held at Memorial Park, Grove City, Pa. on Saturday, August 13, 1938, with a good attendance present. The day was spent visiting and a sport program was prepared by the junior organization. The treasury balance was \$11.86.

1939

Stoughton Beach near Slippery Rock, Pa., was the scene of the Thompson Family Reunion on Saturday, August 12, 1939. A motion was made and approved that each one bring their own table service. There was a very good attendance and the day was spent in visiting and enjoying the concessions of the park.

1940

The Thompson Family Reunion was held at Packard Park, Warren, Ohio, on Saturday, August 10, 1940, with a good attendance. Vice President Paul Thompson called the meeting to order and the minutes of the last reunion were read and approved. John Thompson made some remarks on the old cemetery. Mr. Caleb Thompson recited a poem which was enjoyed by all.

1941

A goodly number of people attended the Annual Reunion of the Abel Thompson Family held at Packard Park, Warren, Ohio, on Saturday, August 9, 1941. Officers elected were Howard Fetteroff, President; Charles Markle, Vice President; and Lloyd Hamill, Secretary-Treasurer.

1942

The Thompson Family Reunion was held at Camp Perry, Mercer County, on August 1, 1942, with a good attendance. President Howard Fetteroff called the business meeting to order and new officers were elected. Robert M. Thompson was elected President; A.J. Musselman, Vice President; and Lloyd C. Hamill, Secretary-Treasurer. The afternoon was enjoyed with sports and visiting with relatives. The treasury balance was \$24.20

1946

The annual Reunion of the Abel Thompson Family was held at Camp Perry, Mercer County on the second Saturday of August, 1946. The meeting was called to order by the president Robert M. Thompson. The minutes of the last reunions were read and approved. This was the first reunion held since 1942, the reunions having ceased during the war years.

A motion was entertained and approved that we purchase an honor scroll and the names of the descendants who served their country in both World Wars be inscribed there on. After dinner, fitting remarks were made by John H. Thompson, John r. Thompson, Mrs. Ada Hill, Mrs. Emily Bell, and Rev. Herman Persons. Lindsey and Mrs. Eleanor Bates. The rest of the day was spent in reminiscence and sports which was enjoyed by all. Charles Markle was elected President for 1947; Ernest Kinerd, Vice President and Lloyd A. Hamill, Secretary-Treasurer. The treasury showed a \$29.08 balance.

1947

The annual Reunion of the Abel and Charles Thompson family was held at Memorial Park, Grove City, Pa., on August 16, 1947, with a very good attendance. Remarks were

given by Mrs. Walter Klinger from Los Angeles, Calif., and Lewis Middaugh of Friendship, N.Y.

1948

One hundred and fifty people attended the annual Reunion of the Abel and Charles Thompson families held at Camp Perry, Mercer County, Pa., on the second Saturday of August, 1948. Remarks were given by J.H. Thompson, Robert M. Thompson, Mrs. Ada Hill, Mrs. Emma Bell, and Mr. Howard Fetteroff. The treasury balance was \$48.50/

1949

The Abel and Charles Thompson families held their annual Reunion at Camp Perry, Mercer County, on Saturday, August 13, 1949, with a very good attendance. President Dale Musselman called the meeting to order. The day was spent in reminiscing and enjoying a sports program.

1950

The Annual Reunion of the Abel and Charles Thompson families was held at Camp Perry, Mercer County, Pa., on Saturday, August 19, 1950, with a very good attendance. The business meeting was called to order by the President, Kenneth Kinkston of Greenville, Pa. After the invocation, the minutes of the last reunion were read by the secretary and approved as read.

Mrs. Ada Hill reported that something should be done about the care of the Thompson Burying Ground at Union City, Pa. A motion was made by Charles Markle and seconded by Perry Flansburg that the Reunion appropriate \$10.00 per year towards the upkeep of the cemetery at Union City. After a few remarks the election of officers was in order. Elected were Charles Rabberman, President; Henry Casper, Vice President; and Lloyd A. Hamill, Secretary-Treasurer. Treasury balance was \$40.70.

1952

The annual reunion of the Abel and Charles Thompson families was held at Camp Perry Mercer County on August 11, 1952, with a large attendance. Vice president Henry Cooper of Erie, Pa., called the meeting to order and he minutes of the last reunion were read and approved.

Mrs. Ada Hill reported that she had not obtained a man to take care of the Thompson Cemetery at Union City, Pa., but she said that she would still try to get someone. Officers elected for the years were President, Henry Cooper; Vice president, Leonard Markle; and Secretary-Treasurer, Lloyd A. Hammil. Treasury balance for 1952 was \$44.01.

1953

The Brandes Springs Park at Mercer, Pa., was the scene of the annual reunion of the Abel and Charles Thompson families on the third Saturday of August 1953. Vice President Jack Cooper; Vice President, Lloyd Thompson, and Secretary-Treasurer, Lloyd Hamill. Treasury balance was \$29.50.

1954

On Saturday, August 28, 1954, the Abel and Charles Thompson families held their annual reunion at Brandes Springs Park in Mercer, Pa. Henry Cooper arranged an enjoyable program. Officers elected to serve for 1955 were President, Joseph Moynihan; Vice President, Donald Glitch; and Secretary-Treasurer, Lloyd Hamill.

1955

Henry Cooper arranged an enjoyable program for a very large attendance at the annual reunion of the Abel and Charles Thompson families held at Brandes Springs Park in Mercer, Pa., on Saturday, August 28, 1955. Lloyd Thompson was elected president for 1956; Russell Myers, Vice President, and Lloyd Hamill, Secretary-Treasurer.

1956

The annual Reunion of the Abel and Charles Thompson families was held at Brandes Springs Park in Mercer, Pa., on Saturday, August 15, 1956, with a good attendance. After dinner, Henry Cooper presented a program and officers for the next reunion were elected. They were: President, George b. Markle; Vice President, John Bates; and Secretary-Treasurer, Lloyd A. Hamill. The treasury balance was #13.

1957

On Saturday, August 17, 1957, the annual Reunion of the Abel and Charles Thompson families was held at Brandes Springs Park, Mercer, Pa., with an average attendance. After dinner the children enjoyed the program of fables that was arranged by Henry Cooper of Erie, Pa. Officers elected for the years were John Bates, Jr., President; Russell Federoff,

Vice President; and Lloyd M. Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer. The president called on a few of the old timers of the reunion for remarks. Treasury balance on hand was \$13.08.

1958

The annual reunion of the Abel #2 and Charles Thompson families was held at Brandes Springs Park, Mercer, Pa., on Saturday, August 15, 1958, with everyone enjoying a delicious picnic dinner at noon as well as in the evening. The attendance was 110.

After dinner the children enjoyed a program of games that was arranged by Buzz Markle and the game committee. The business meeting was called to order by John Bates, Jr. The minutes were read and approved. It was voted that we hold next year's reunion at the same place.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Horn was the oldest couple present. A contest was held to find out who was the "mystery Jr. and Mrs. Thompson." These were guessed by Bill Cunningham, the Mr. Thompson being Howard Fetteroff, and Donna Zona, guessing Mrs. Thompson who was Olive Cornelius. Election of officers was held with the same officers being reelected for 1959. President, John Bates, Jr.; Vice President, Russell Fetteroff; Secretary-Treasurer, Lloyd N. Thompson. The president called on the old timers of the reunion for a few remarks. Treasury balance: \$10.74.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lloyd M. Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer

1959

Everyone enjoyed a delicious noon and evening meal at the annual reunion of the Abel #2 and Charles Thompson families held at Brandes Springs Park at Mercer, Pa., on Saturday, August 15, 1959. Officers elected were President, Russell Fetteroff; Vice President, Kenneth Thompson; and Secretary-Treasurer, Lloyd M. Thompson. Treasury balanced was \$4.72.

1960

On Saturday, August 20, 1960, the Abel #2 and Charles Thompson families held their annual reunion at Brandes Springs Park, Mercer, Pa. The attendance was 138. After dinner the children enjoyed a program of games presented by the committee in charge.

The same officers were elected for 1961: President, Russell Fetteroff; Vice President, Kenneth Thompson and Secretary-Treasurer, Lloyd Thompson.

At the conclusion of the business meeting it has always been the custom to call on some of the old timers for a few remarks. Herman and Lena Horn were the oldest couple present and made some appropriate remarks to the relatives present. Treasury balance was \$5.25.

1961

The Thompson Family Reunion was held at Brandes Springs Park in Mercer, Pa., on Saturday, August 19, 1961. Herman Horn was the oldest man present and Anna Flansburg the oldest lady present. Lawrence Markle was elected President; Lou Olestro, Vice President; and Lloyd M. Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer.

1962

The attendance was 131 at the annual reunion of the Abel #2 and Charles Thompson families held at Brandes Springs Park in Mercer, Pa., on Saturday, July 14, 1962. The same officers were reelected for 1963. Treasury balance was \$5.14.

1963

At the annual reunion of the Abel #2 and Charles Thompson families, Anna Flansburg was the oldest lady present and Ralph Mowery was the oldest man present. Cheri Ann Carters, seven months old, was the youngest person present. The reunion was held at Brandes Springs Park in Mercer, Pa., on Saturday, August 17, 1963. Rev. A.J. Musselman was elected President; Robert Markle, Vice President. Treasury balance was \$4.37.

1964

The Thompson Family Reunion was held at Brandes Springs Park, Mercer, Pa., on Saturday, August 15, 1964. President A.J. Musselman called the meeting to order and Secretary Lloyd M. Thompson read the minutes which were approved. Lena Horn was the oldest lady present, and Julius Shackelford was the oldest man at the reunion. Marcy Greenberg, four months old, was the youngest present. Beverly Greenberg moved and Grace Hazen seconded the motion that the reunion be held on the third of fourth Saturday of July, whichever could be secured, and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Buzz Markle and seconded by Margaret Hamill to hold the reunion at the same place if possible. Margaret Hamill moved and Grace Hazen seconded the motion to retain the same officers for another year and the motion was carried.

Secretary Treasurer Lloyd Thompson reported that attendance was 110 "on this wet dreary day." Treasury balance was \$2.01.

1965

Anna Flansberg, 81, was the oldest lady present and Ranken Steele, 77, was the oldest man present at the Thompson Family Reunion held at Brandes Springs Park, Mercer, Pa., on Saturday, July 31, 1965. Chery Lee Osborn, 11 months, was the youngest person present.

William Horn was elected President; Jack Cooper, Vice President; and Lloyd M. Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer. Last year's attendance was 145 present. The weather was ideal for the reunion, pleasing both young and old alike. Treasury balance was \$3.40.

1966

Saturday, July 30, 1966, was the day of the Thompson Family Reunion held at Brandes Springs Park, in Mercer, Pa. Margaret Hamill moved that we retain the same officers for next year. Anna Flansburg seconded the motion, and it was carried. Dorothy Houk volunteered to make a new banner for the Thompson Reunion. The oldest lady present was Anna Flansburg, 82. The oldest man was Rankin Steele, 78. The attendance was 138 with every one having a very enjoyable day. The weather was ideal for a reunion. Treasury balance, \$13.59.

1967

The annual Thompson Family Reunion was held at Brandes Springs Park, Mercer, Pa., on Saturday, July 27, 1967. Officers elected were Eleanor Bates, President; Leonard Hazen, Vice President; and Lloyd M. Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer.

Lena Horn was the oldest lady present at 83 years young. Howard Fetteroff was the oldest man at 79 years young. David E. Lohr, two months old, was the youngest. The attendance was 122. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Search came the longest distance from New Jersey. Treasury Balance was \$30.62.

1968

Brandes Spring Park in Mercer, Pa., was the site for the Thompson Family Reunion held on Saturday, July 20, 1968. Eleanor Bates was elected President for next year. Don Lohr, Vice President, and Lloyd M. Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer. Anna Flansburg, 84, was the oldest lady present and Howard Fetterhoff, 80, was the oldest man. Connie Misner, 4 months, was the youngest present and William Horn came the farthest, 145 miles, to attend. Attendance was 77, and the treasury balance was \$20.28.

1969

Sunday, July 20, 1969, was the date of the annual Thompson Family Reunion at Brandes Springs Park, Mercer, Pa. Rev. A.J. Musselman had charge of the devotions and the same officers were retained for next year. Lou Olestro traveled 120 miles to attend. Howard Fetterhoff, 82, was the oldest man, and Lena Horn, 85, the oldest woman. Allan Connors, six months old, was the youngest attending. It was a real damp day. It rained all morning with showers in the afternoon, rather warm and humid. There were 86 present. The afternoon was enjoyed by viewing the pictures of Vietnam shown by William Fetterhoff taken while on duty in that country. Treasury balance was \$14.80.

1970

The Thompson Family Reunion was held on Sunday, July 26, 1970, at Brandes Springs Park, Mercer, Pa. The meeting was called to order by the President, Eleanor Bates. The attendance was 140 with Harry and Dorothy Lash traveling 400 miles to attend. Anna Flansburg, 86, was the oldest lady present. Howard Fetterhold, 82, was the oldest man. Philip Strohecker, 14 months, was the youngest.

Officers elected for the next year were Russell Fetterhoff, President; Don Lohr, Vice President; and Lloyd M. Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer.

Mrs. Ada Hill was present and talked about the ancestry of the Thompson family and would like to know if anyone has information on Abel Thompson #1 serving in the Revolutionary War. She also discussed the deplorable condition of the cemetery at Union City where Abel Thompson #1 is buried.

The day was nice and warm and sunny and bright. The afternoon was spent visiting with each other and reminiscing about things that happened in the past as well as in the last year. Mr. William Horn led us in prayer before the noon meal.

1971

The Thompson Family Reunion was held at Brandes Spring Park, Mercer, Pa., on Sunday, July 18, 1971. The attendance was 151 and Anna Flansburg received the honors for being the oldest lady present and Howard Fetterhoff was the oldest man present. James Markle, two months old, was the youngest. The same officers were elected for another year. Treasury balance was \$25.41.

1972

Brandes Spring Park, Mercer, Pa., was the site of the Thompson Family Reunion held on Sunday, July 23, 1972 with an attendance of 146. Lena Horn and Anna Flansburg were the oldest ladies present and Howard Fetterholf was the oldest man. Richard Houk, three months, was the youngest. Treasury balance, \$27.09.

1973

Sunday, July 15, 1973, was the date for the Thompson Family Reunion held at Brandes Spring Park in Mercer, Pa. Attendance was 167 and Anna Flansburg was the oldest lady present at age 89. Mary Larch was elected President; James Houk, Vice President; and Lloyd M. Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer. It was a nice warm summer day with an abundance of food for everyone at both the noon and evening meal. Treasury balance was \$21.62.

1974

The reunion of the Thompson Family was held on Sunday, July 21, 1974, at Brandes Springs Park in Mercer, Pa. Attendance was 143 and Anna Flansburg, 90, was the oldest lady attending. Lon Glitch won the prize for traveling the greatest distance from California. We also had in attendance relatives from New Mexico, Florida, and New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fetterholf was the longest married couple, being married 65 years. Treasury balance was \$27.82.

1975

Brandes Springs Park in Mercer, Pa., was the site of the Thompson Family Reunion held on Sunday, July 20, 1975, with 119 attending. Anna Flansburg, 91, was the oldest lady present and Ralph N. Thompson, 86, was the oldest man. Christi Houk was the youngest. Harry Lach drove the furthest distance. Olive Cornelius had five generations of her family present.

Officers elected for the next year were Harry Lach, President; Dorothy Hazen, Vice President; and Lloyd Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer. Treasury balance was \$31.19.

1976

Sunday, July 18, 1976, was the day for the reunion of the Thompson Family at Brandes Springs Park in Mercer, Pa., with an attendance of 110. Olive Cornelius, 82, was the oldest lady present and Ralph N. Thompson, 87, was the oldest man present. Lena Vogler,

18 days old, was the youngest present. Olive Cornelius had five generations of her family present. Ralph and Clare Mowery were present.

The following officers were elected: Harry Lach, President; Lou Oliastro, Vice President; and Lloyd Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer. Treasury balance was \$22.23.

1977

The Thompson Family Reunion was held on Sunday, July 17, 1977, at Brandes Springs Park, Mercer, Pa. Ninety Nine people were present. The oldest lady was Olive Cornelius and the oldest man Ralph N. Thompson. The youngest was Kamis Courtney, 4 ½ months old. Harry Lach traveled the longest distance to attend the reunion. It was suggested that we have some type of a sign or banner to identify our group. Rich Bruening volunteered to donate a sign. The same officers were retained for next year. It was amice, bright summer day and a good time was had by all. Treasury balance was \$22.02.

1978

On Sunday, July 16, 1978, the Thompson Family Reunion was held at Brandes Springs Park, Mercer, Pa., with an attendance of 75. The oldest lady present was Olive Cornelius and the oldest man Ralph Thompson. The youngest was Michael Spellich.

The following officers were elected for next year: Harry Lach, President; Elvia Tillia, Vice President; and Lloyd N. Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer. It was a bright and sunny day and a good time was had by all. Treasury balance was \$21.25.

1979

The Thompson Family Reunion was held on Sunday, July 15, 1979 at Brandes Springs Park, Mercer, Pa., with an attendance of 78. The oldest lady present was Mrs. Hodges and the oldest man was Ralph N. Thompson. The youngest present was Tom Courtney. The same officers were retained for the next year. Treasury balance was \$17.85.

1980

Sunday, July 20, 1980 was the day of the Thompson Family Reunion at Brandes Springs Park, Mercer, Pa. The oldest lady present was Mrs. Hodges and the oldest man Ralph Thompson. The youngest present was Rebecca Johnston.

The following officers were elected: President Ruth Vogler; Vice President, Elvia Tillia; and Secretary-Treasurer, Lloyd Thompson. It was decided to change the day

of the reunion back to Saturday to see if it would not help the attendance. The mystery guest was Richard Tillia. Treasury balance was \$20.07 and the attendance was 64.

1981

The Thompson Family Reunion was held on Saturday, July 18, 1981, at Brandes Spring Park, Mercer, Pa., with an attendance of 51. The oldest lady present was Ida Mussleman and the oldest man Jake Mussleman. Dale Mussleman came the greatest distance, driving 630 miles. It was suggested to try and change reunion back to Sunday if possible. The election was held and the same officers were reelected for another year. Treasury balance was \$20.14.

1982

Brandes Springs Park in Mercer, Pa., was the site of the annual Thompson Family Reunion held on Saturday, July 17, 1982. President Ruth Vogler called the meeting to order. The oldest lady present was Ida Mussleman and the oldest man Ralph M. Thompson. It was decided to change the day of the reunion back to Saturday if the date can be changed.

The following officers were elected for the next year: Elvia Tillia, President; Harry Lach, Vice President; and Lloyd N. Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer. The attendance was 82 and the treasury balance \$11.73.

1983

Approximately 65 people attended the annual Reunion of the Thompson Family held on Sunday, July 17, 1983, at Brandes Springs Park, Mercer, Pa. President Elvia Tillia called the meeting to order. Mona Plympton was the oldest lady present and Henry Horn was the oldest man. Joe Bruening was the youngest at 23 months. Dolly and Hirman Hartsuff traveled the farthest, 1,200 miles.

It was also decided to give a prize to the largest family present, hoping to increase attendance to keep from disbanding.

The following officers were elected for the following year: J. Rich Bruening, President; Lois Marvin, Vice President; Lloyd N. Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer.

1984

Rich Bruening, President, called the meeting to order at the Thompson Family Reunion held on Saturday, July 21, 1984, at Brandes Springs Park in Mercer, Pa. Attendance was 103 and Jake and Ida Mussleman at 86 and 88, were the oldest man and woman present. Marcy Courtney was the youngest at five days. Harry Lach traveled the farthest, 400 miles. The Courtneys traveled the shortest distance of four miles. Since the next year will be our 100<sup>th</sup> reunion, we urge everyone to come. A motion was made and seconded to retain the same officers for next year. Treasury balance was \$27.52.

1985

On Saturday, July 20, 1985, the Thompson Family Reunion was held at Brandes Springs Park in Mercer, Pa. Louise Shields, 97, was the oldest lady present, and Harry Lach, 81, the oldest man. Hiram and Dolly Hartsuff traveled the greatest distance, 1,200 miles. Elvia Tillia had the largest family present, 20 people.

The new officers elected for next year were President, Tom Lach; Vice President, Don Thompson; and Secretary-Treasurer, Lloyd Thompson.

This being the 100<sup>th</sup> reunion, many talked about their first reunion and how some came by horse and buggy and they said that the early reunions seemed to be more attended than now. A prize will be given for the largest family attending next year. Treasury balance, \$36.02.

1986

Sixty eight people were present at the Thompson Family Reunion held on Saturday, July 19, 1986, at Brandes Springs Park in Mercer, Pa. Dorothy Lach was the oldest lady present and Maya Courtney was the youngest. Elvia Tillia, had the largest family with 23 descendants present.

The election of officers was held and Tom Lach was chosen President; Don Thompson, Vice President, and Lloyd N. Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer. It was mentioned that Harry and Dorothy Lach had celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year. A good time was had by all. Treasury balance was \$23.07.

1987

The Thompson Family Reunion was held on Saturday, July 18, 1987, at Brandes Springs Park, Mercer, Pa. John Bates had the largest family present. Leonard Hazen, 85, was the oldest man present and Connie Horn, 80, the oldest lady. Maya Courtney was the

youngest at three years old. Ian Klinger and wife were present. This was the first reunion he has attended in over thirty years.

Katie Thompson Hill was also present with her husband, George, who had not attended for over 25 years. The election of officers was held with Ion Thompson chosen President; Katie Thompson Hill, Vice President; and Lloyd Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer. There were 49 present. Treasury balance was \$21.05.

1988

Leonard Hazen, 86, was the oldest man present at the Thompson Family Reunion held on Saturday, July 16, 1988, at Brandes Springs Park in Mercer, Pa. Naomi Myers, 74, was the oldest lady present. Andrew Steven Cline was the youngest at four months. There were 54 people present and the treasury balance was \$42.60.

1989

President Ion Thompson called the meeting to order at the Thompson Family Reunion held on Saturday, July 15, 1989, at the Brandes Springs Park in Mercer, Pa. The oldest man present was Leonard Hazen, 87, and the oldest lady present was Mona Plympton at 76. The youngest present was Erin Leslie Perry at four months old. The largest family present was the Ralph Thompson family.

Katie Thompson Hill was elected President; David W. Thompson, Vice President; and Lloyd Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer. It was a beautiful day with 59 present. Treasury balance was \$68.95.

1990

President Katie Thompson Hill called the meeting to order at the Thompson Family Reunion held on Saturday, July 21, 1990, at Brandes Springs Park in Mercer, Pa. Connie Horn, 83, was the oldest lady present and Bill Horn, 82, was the oldest man present. James Daniel Vogler was the youngest at one year old. Ruth Vogler had the largest family present.

The election of officers was held. President is David W. Thompson; Vice-President and Historian Katie Thompson Hill; and Secretary-Treasurer, Lloyd Thompson.

A discussion was held about the old cemetery at Union City, Pa. it was suggested that we check and see if any government agencies were responsible for its maintenance. There were 45 people present and several requested a copy of their family history. Treasury balance was \$47.98.

1991

The Thompson Family Reunion was held on July 20, 1991, at Brandes Springs Park, in Mercer, Pa. Bob Reed spoke about the old cemetery of the Boylan-Reed-Thompsons. It was moved and seconded to establish a cemetery fund and inquire about banking and cost of maintenance of the cemetery.

Connie Horn was the oldest lady present at 84 and Bill Horn, the oldest man at 83. Officers elected were Larry Markle, President; Jeff Zonia, Vice President; and Lloyd Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer. Katie Thompson Hill is historian. Treasury balance was \$49.95.

1992

The Thompson Family Reunion was held on July 18, 1992, at Brandes Springs Parks in Mercer, Pa. George Hill talked about the old cemetery at Union City, about its condition and what we need to do to improve it. We voted to send out a letter for funds, for a fence and a survey of the boundaries. A committee will be named to do this.

The following officers were elected for next year: Larry Markle, President; Mary Lou Cunningham, Vice President; and Lloyd Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer. The cemetery fund has been turned over to our historian Katie Hill. Treasury balance was \$49.52.

1993

On Saturday, July 17, 1993, the Thompson Family Reunion was held at Brandes Springs Park at Mercer, Pa. George Hill gave a progress report on the cemetery at Union city. A committee has been named to start restoration of the cemetery. A deed will be drawn placing the cemetery in the name of Union City Thompson Pioneer Cemetery. This will be a nonprofit corporation, making all donations tax deductible. We have received several donations for the cemetery. Katie Hill, our historian, gave an update on this.

Officers elected were Larry Markle, President; Mary Lou Cunningham, Vice president; and Lloyd N. Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer. We encourage a larger attendance at the reunion. Treasury balance was \$38.00.

# Thompson Documents

Wil and Jamies Kemp Thompson were both  
born at Great Egg Harbor N.J. / About 1785 -  
they moved to Fayette Co. Pa. Per home book.  
In 1802<sup>\*</sup> moved to Union Mills or Union City  
as it is now called. They died there and were  
buried in the old Thompson Burying ground  
at that place with about 40 other relatives.

Robert Gray Thompson son of second marriage  
was married to Mrs. Yeager. They had several  
children and lived near Williamsport, Pa

\* Erie Co. History Book says 1800  
other " " History Book " 1787

# FAMILY GROUP RECORD

**HUSBAND** Abel THOMPSON II  
 Born 14 April 1795 Place \_\_\_\_\_ N.Y.  
 Married 26 Jan 1809 Place \_\_\_\_\_ PA.  
 Occupation farmer  
 Church Affil. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died 26 Apr 1861 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other wives And Sarah BONNER 20 Dec 1849  
 Father Abel K. Thompson  
 Mother (maiden name) Jemima Kemp

**WIFE** Caty Boylan  
 Born 7 Oct 1791 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church Affil. \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died 2 Feb 1849 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other husbands \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father Aaron BOYLAN  
 Mother (maiden name) Sarah Mc Dade

NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON FILLING OUT THIS SHEET  
Nancy Thompson  
3030 Marina Ave  
Long Beach

Relationship of above to Husband:  
3-Great

Relationship of above to Wife:  
3-Great

NAMES OF HUSBAND AND WIFE OF THIS CHART ARE THE SAME PERSON AS NOS. 2 & 3  
 ON LINEAGE CHART NO. 2

Sex M F	CHILDREN	BORN DATE & PLACE	MARRIED TO WHOM DATE & PLACE	DIED DATE & PLACE
M 1	* Ransom THOMPSON	6 Oct 1826	1) Sarah Maria Shepard 1840 2) Mary Harvey 1858	20 Mar 1896 Claverdale
M 2	William Boylan THOMPSON	22 Oct 1809		24 March 1850
F 2	Eliza	24 Apr 1811		May 1871
M 3	Joel	9 Feb 1813		
F 4	Jemima	6 Jan 1815		21 Dec 1846
M 5	Abel III	29 Nov 1816		21 Oct 1902
M 6	Charles	31 Oct 1818		15 Feb 1876
M 8	John Wesley THOMPSON	10 May 1822	Sarah Bull Jan 1840	24 July 1890 Merwin PA near Millstonville
F 9	Sarah	25 Aug 1824		4 Jan 1870
M 10	Aaron	1 Nov 1826		21 March 1885
F 11	Caty	21 May 1830		14 Feb 1836
F 12	Mary	13 Aug 1835		29 Sept 1839

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Chiel and Lavinia Kemp Thompson were both born at Great Egg Harbor N.J. / about 1785 - they moved to Fayette Co. Pa. On some land. In 1803<sup>\*</sup> moved to Union Mills or Union City as it is now called. They died there and were buried in the old Thompson Burying ground at that place with about 40 other relatives.

Presit King Thompson son of second marriage was married to Mrs. Yeager. They had several children and lived near Williamsport, Pa.

\* Erie Co. History Book page 1800  
" " History Book " 1887

Henry Thompson----- born 1731 ----Died Sept.20,1960  
 Married Mary Shinn -----a Widow of Wm.Taylor---31 st. of Aug.1754  
 He was Born in Burlington Co.New Jersey  
 Father was John Thompson ---Mother was Elizabeth Staples  
 Son Able married Jenina Kemp Their Children  
 Children of Able & Jenina Kemp Thompson

1 Thompson, Job born-05-July-1755 Great Egg Harbor N J  
 Wife --Isabell. Died May 2, 18

2. Mary Born 1781----- Died 18  
 3. Infant Born 1783 Died 1  
 4. Able T- Born 1785, April 14 Died April 18  
 Married Katherine Boylan Jan. 26, 1809  
 5. Joel--- Born, 1788 -Red Stone, Fayette Pa.-D. Aug. 26. 1  
 Married- (1) Margaret Smith  
 6. Caleb Born 1790-Red Stone Fayette Pa. D.  
 Married Clarissa  
 7. Sara Born 1792 -----  
 Married Aaron Boylan, Jr.  
 8. Charles Kemp Thompson, born 1796 March 30, Also Red Stone Pa.  
 Married Anna Cabron-May 10, 1820 He died Sept. 30, 1873  
 He is buried Mo.

Children---

1. Amos Judson--Born-Oct. 15, 1821 Died March 19, 1872 Born  
 Married Elizabeth Hopkins -3 orn, May 31, 18  
 2. Sylvia--- Born March 30, 1824, Erie Penn  
 Married--James Moore, he was a Sea Captain and  
 3. Elvina--- Born- March 11, 1826-Erie Penn Died Aug. 3, 1849  
 Married Alvin Wood  
 4. Asa Thompson born--- Oct. 26, 1828 Died -June 26, 1829  
 5. Nathan Winton -Born, Aug. 7, 1831-Erie Pa. Died Dec. 8, 1890  
 Married-Mary Taylor-widow with small son Chester (Freemont) Taylor  
 She was born-1839 and died--1874.  
 Second wife-Elizabeth Thompson-widow of Brother Amos Judson  
 Divorced---  
 Third Wife-Sara Hester Smith-  
 6. Sara Elizebeth -born Sept. 25, 1833 ---Died-Jan. 13, 1888(aunt Lizz  
 Married Levi Houts----Sept. 21, 1851 HeDied -March, 2, 1900  
 7. Anna Thompson--born-Aug. 21, 1836-- Died April 1855--Erie Pa  
 8. Asa Able --bornSept. 27, 1839--Wayne Co. Ohio--Died-June 6, 1899-Sali  
 Married-Elizabeth Blunt--born April 3, 1848-Monroe Wis. Green Co.  
 9. Charles Harvey -bornNov. 3, 1842 in Ohio Died Aug. 1, 1862  
 (Civil War Prisoner--Andersonville Prison  
 10. Baby Thompson Oct. 1844 Died Dec. 23, 1844 in Ill.  
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*weighed  
 300 lbs  
 when she died  
 (No children)*

Henry Thompson----- born 1731 -----Died Sept.20,1960  
Married Mary Shinn -----a widow of Wm.Taylor---31 st. of Aug.1754  
He was Born in Burlington Co.New Jersey

Father was John Thompson ---Mother was Elizabeth Staples  
Son --Able Married ---Jemima Kemp Their children--  
Children of Able and Jemima Kemp Thompson

1 Thompson, Job born-05-July-1755 Great Egg Harbor N J  
Wife --Isabell. Died May 2, 18  
2. Mary Born 1781----- Died 18  
3. Infant Born 1783 Died I  
4. Able Y- Born 1785, April 14 Died April 18  
Married Katherine Boylan Jan.26,1809  
5. Joel--- Born, 1788 -Red Stone, Fayette Pa-D. Aug.26.1  
Married- (I) Margaret Smith  
6. Caleb Born 1790-Red Stone Fayette Pa. D.  
Married Clarissa  
7. Sara Born 1792 -----  
Married Aaron Boylan, Jr.  
8. Charles Kemp Thompson ,born 1796 March 30 ,Also Red Stone Pa.  
Married Anna Capron-May 10, 1820 He died Sept.30, 1873  
He is buried Mo.

Children---

1. Amos Judson--Born-Oct.15, 1821 Died March 19, 1873  
Married Elizabeth Hopkins -Born, May 31, 18  
2. Sylvia--- Born March 30, 1824, Erie Penn  
Married--James Moore, he was a Sea Captain and  
3. Elvina--- Born- March 11, 1826-Erie Penn Died Aug.3, 1849  
Married Alvin Wood  
4. Asa Thompson born--- Oct.26, 1828 Died -June 26, 1829  
5. Nathan Winton -Born, Aug.7, 1831-Erie Pa. Died Dec.8, 1890  
Married-Mary Taylor-widow with small son Chester (Freemont) Taylor  
She was born-1839 and died--1874.  
Second wife-Elizabeth Thompson-widow of Brother Amos Judson  
Divorced---  
Third wife-Sara Hester Smith-  
6. Sara Elizebeth -born Sept.25, 1833 ---Died-Jan.13, 1888(aunt Liza  
Married Levi Houts---Sept.21, 1851 HeDied -March,2, 1900  
7. Anna Thompson--born-Aug.21, 1836-- Died April 1855--Erie Pa  
8. Asa Able --bornSept.27, 1839--Wayne Co. Ohio--Died-June 6, 1899-Salt  
Married-Elizabeth Blunt--born April 3, 1848-Monroe Wis. Green Co.  
9. Charles Harvey -bornNov.3, 1841 in Ohio Died Aug.1, 1862  
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MULVIN, WILLIAM

Inscription, Old Thompson Cemetery, Union City

Memorial Of/ William Mulvin/ Junr who died Feb. 16th/  
A. D. 1828. aged 22 years

There is a calm for those who weep,/ A rest for weary  
pilgrims found;/ And while the mouldering ashes  
sleep/ Low in the ground;/ The soul, or origin  
divine,/ God's glorious image freed from clay,/ In  
heaven's eternal shore shall shine/ A star of day.

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