

# THE McFARLAN-HEALD GENEALOGY.

## FIRST GENERATION.

1. JOHN McFARLAN, b. 1738; d. 5th mo. 8, 1802.\*

SARAH HEALD, b. about 1745-6; d. 10th mo. 9, 1822.

## SECOND GENERATION.

Children of JOHN (1) and SARAH McFARLAN:

2. ELIZABETH, b. 10th mo. 1, 1766; d. 10th mo. 16, 1834.

3. WILLIAM, b. about 1768; d. 4th mo. 3, 1837.

4. GEORGE, b. 3d mo. 1, 1772; d. 5th mo. 9, 1845.

5. ENOCH, b. 7th mo. 17, 1777; d. 2d mo. 19, 1831.

6. ISAAC YEARSLEY, b. 1778; d. 4th mo. 8, 1833.

7. PHEBE, b. 1779; d. 9th mo. 18, 1820.

2. ELIZABETH, b. 10th mo. 1, 1766; m. 1783, (in her 16th year) William Taggart (in his 30th year); b. 11th mo. 14, 1753; the son of Jacob Taggart and Ann Morton, of Taggart's Cross Roads, East Marlboro', Chester County, Pa. In the simplicity belonging to the olden times, they commenced life at the lowest round of the ladder. Their first home consisted of a single room in the house of a neighbor, one-quarter of a mile west of his father's home, and north of the Street Road. William and Elizabeth afterward owned the homestead of his father at the cross roads where they lived and died, and where their son William spent the whole of his long life. "Aunt Betsey" in later life was rather portly and comely; her husband had said, "he wanted a wife that would make a well-looking old woman." She was very active, never idle, but kind and patient (except

\* I have four records of his death. His son Enoch was 25 years old at the time, has it 5th mo. 8, 1802. His grand-daughter, Polly McFarlan, 6th mo. 13, 1802; Sarah Weldin, 5th mo. 13, 1802; Amy Stern, 6th mo. 13, 1802. I give the son precedence.

to the indolent) noticing the young and tenderly caring for them. Of this the writer has personal knowledge. She died of a prevalent fever, 10th mo. 16, 1834, aged 68 years and 15 days. William died five years previous.

He was a quiet, genial, even-tempered man, unassuming and upright in demeanor; he greeted all with a fullness of good will. Pleasant memories remain of "Uncle Tah" and "Aunt Betsey" Taggart. He passed away peacefully at 2 a. m. 9th mo. 14, 1829, aged 75 years and 10 months. They are buried together, with kindred, at Old Kennett.

3. WILLIAM, b. about 1768; d. 4th mo. 3, 1837, aged 68 years; m. Elizabeth Pusey, b. 8th mo. 9, 1760; d. 3d mo. 8, 1819, daughter of Thomas Pusey, b. 6th mo. 24, 1718, and Mary Swayne, b. 3d mo. 29, 1728. William lived in his early married life in Brandywine township, and his four children were born there. In 1806 he purchased 125 acres of land in West Marlborough township, recently owned and occupied by his grand-son, the late William McFarlan, Jr. His purchase was from William John for £1050. William John had bought the same 1792, for £360, from David Every. His grand-daughter, Lizzie M. Marshall, says: "I remember him well; he was very plain in dress, frugal, orderly and industrious." Her brother, Isaac P. McFarlan, says: "Grand-father was a good farmer, very particular about his work, and difficult to please. He was kind, and regarded the wants of all in his employ, seeing personally that they had plenty to eat and drink, and with intervals of rest. This was the rule for man and beast about his farm. My recollections of him and his only daughter, 'Aunt Polly,' are

very pleasant, indeed." It was a McFarlan trait to care tenderly for animals, and it has descended, in a modified form, to some of the present generation. William's wife was a Friend, and her parents and grand-parents before her; this may have had something to do with his plain apparel, as he was the plainest of his family, none of whom belonged to any religious denomination. William survived his wife 18 years. They rest together in Friends' Grounds, at Londongrove.

4. GEORGE, b. 3d mo. 1, 1772; d. 5th mo. 9, 1845; m. 1794, Sarah Peterson, b. 11th mo. 14, 1771; d. 11th mo. 13, 1858, within one day of her 87th year. Paternally she was of Swedish descent, being the daughter of Andrew Peterson, whose wife was a Ford, and I presume a sister of old Abram Ford, of near Wilmington, Del. She had a brother, Andrew Peterson (her father's name was Andrew), who m. a daughter of an old German couple named Smaltz, who resided on the Kennett pike near Wilmington. Ex-sheriff Lyman's wife, of New Castle County, Del., is a daughter of said Andrew Peterson, and a son of Henry Peterson, a keeper of Moyamensing prison, Phil'a, and has been for years.

George and Sarah McFarlan adopted the writer of this history, and no mother ever treated her child with more tenderness than she bestowed on the orphan. She was truly a good woman, who practiced the command, "do unto others as ye would have others do unto you." George was widely known for a quarter of a century as one of the best wooden pump makers in the country. He was a carpenter by trade, but in middle and later life he followed pump making. So extensive was his business he was seldom at home more than one night in the week. He was a strong, hardy man, about five feet ten or eleven inches in height, and would weigh 170 or 180 pounds. The boring of white oak pump stocks was considered hard work for two men, yet he often did it alone. His hard, bony fingers, had worn ruts in the well seasoned hickory handle of his sixteen-foot auger. When George and Sarah were married they occupied a

room in his sister, Betsey Taggart's house. There their first, and probably their second, child was born, as we find two months after John's birth, the father made a purchase of 50 acres of land, 1st mo. 7th, 1797, of John and Rachel Pennock, for the sum of £500, lawful money of the State of Pennsylvania. This was a part of the Jacob Taggart estate. The title runs thus: "From James Bennett and James Pyle, executors of Jacob Taggart, deceased, to John and Sarah Taggart, 4th mo. 7th, 1789, to James and Hannah Pyle, 4th mo. 8, 1789, and to John and Rachel Pennock, 4th mo. 9, 1789, and to George and Sarah McFarlan, 1st mo. 7, 1797. John Pennock was a blacksmith; his stone house contained but two or three rooms; his shop and a shed near by George used for a carpenter shop and wood-house. As his family increased he enlarged the house; first, by an addition to the south end, and later by a two-story kitchen on the north.

The family were frugal, and prosperity attended them. The writer spent thirteen years of his childhood and youth at the home here described, from fifty to sixty years ago.

"Where are the friends of my youth?  
And echo answers, where are they?"

There were fifty acres more land belonging to the George McFarlan home of which I have not the "metes and bounds;" he also purchased of Jeremiah Baily, 4th mo. 25, 1816,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres of woodland, for which he paid \$450. By hard work and rigid economy he made and saved money, assisting his four sons as they settled in life to a farm each, and his three daughters to comfortable outfits as they took partners and left the old homestead.

The prosperity of this successful and seemingly happy family did not continue to the end. George McFarlan, when past three score and ten relinquished, in a measure, the work that had filled his life, and after the change became by degrees a prey to melancholy, and finally to a morbid insanity, and perished by his own hand, in a strange manner, in 1845. His widow survived him thirteen years, living with her son Joseph in

always had something to treat them to. She was very social, visiting and entertaining her friends often and pleasantly. It was a period looked forward to impatiently by the children of her brother's family when Aunt Polly was expected on a visit, and the coming of her large carriage with its door and steps behind, was watched for with dancing eyes. The visits to her home near London Grove were equally marked events to the young folks. She was plain in speech and attire, and during her residence at the old home a frequent attender of Friends' Meeting at London Grove. After her marriage she went to reside in Newlin township near to Embreeville, on the Brandywine. On one occasion in the writer's youth, in the midst of a cheerful talk, she paused and said: "How can we be proud, remembering in what helplessness and dependence we enter the world and will leave it."—L. M. M.

18. THOMAS, b. 2d mo. 8, 1796; d. 10th mo. 20, 1871. He was afflicted in his youth with a disease that left one limb always weak, and not being strong enough to farm, he learned shoe making, but never made it much of a business. He was skillful in the use of tools, and often did small jobs in wood work. Very quiet and retiring, he lived at peace with all men. He was fond of reading and of home life, but never married. The frailest of the family in health in early life, he lived nearly twenty years the longest, dying at the age of seventy-six years. For nearly thirty years his home was in Unionville, where he died, and was buried at London Grove, with several near relatives and many of his Pusey ancestors.

19. WILLIAM, b. 1st mo. 11, 1798; d. 4th mo. 25, 1853, at his pleasant home, "Hillside," Kennett township, Chester County, Pa.; m. 1st mo. 11, 1821, Ann Stern; b. 1st mo. 6, 1802; d. 6th mo. 14, 1862; both buried at Longwood. They homed when first married, with his father, near London Grove, and there Pusey and Isaac P. were born.

For thirty years they resided in Kennett, where kindred and friends always found a cordial

welcome. William was never too busy to receive and entertain them. He was genial in disposition, just and true, kind and obliging to all. He was above the average height and had brown curling hair.

He was very fond of animals, and treated them with great kindness. It is related of him, that when riding, the occupants of the carriage would frequently alight at the foot of a steep hill and walk to the top, rather than burden the horse.

Being fond of reading, he assisted in founding a library in the neighborhood, that his children might have the advantage of becoming acquainted with good authors.

It was a family trait to transact all business in a straightforward, unselfish manner. For years he lived on his Kennett farm, with the title in his father's name, improving and building upon it, and after his father's death, in 1837, he settled with his sister Mary, and brothers Thomas and Jesse P. without a jar to mar the family harmony.

20. JESSE P., b. 4th mo. 17, 1800; d. 4th mo. 19, 1839; m. 3d mo. 25, 1824, Anna Carter. He farmed at home until 1834-5, when he purchased of his father one acre of land and built a large brick house upon it. This is now the village of Upland, West Marlborough township. He possessed the ability to succeed in business, but soon lost his health, and passed away at the age of thirty-nine; was buried at London Grove.

Children of GEORGE McFARLAN (4) and SARAH PETERSON.

21. LYDIA, b. 1st mo. 27, 1795; d. 2d mo. 2, 1796.

22. JOHN, b. 11th mo. 8, 1796; d. 8th mo. 1, 1836; m. 12th mo. 16, 1819, Ann Wiley (sister of John and Kennedy Wiley, of near New London). They resided on a farm on the west side of the Brandywine, in Newlin township, where he died in middle life, and was buried at Old Kennett.

He was a tall, strong man; his son Thomas most resembles him. Ann remains a widow at this time, 1884, with children, grand, and great

grand-children. "Life is but a short preface to a long eternity."

ANDREW, b. 5th mo. 10, 1799; d. 12th mo. 1, 1875, at Kennett Square, Chester County, Pa.; m. 1st mo. 22, 1824, Harriet P. Bird, b. 5th mo. 3, 1801; d. 6th mo. 6, 1874. Their first house-keeping was in a part of Eliza Pusey's house, where Joseph A. was born. About April, 1826, they removed to the farm of 48½ acres, near the Log Meeting House, formerly owned by John Stern. About 1836 Andrew bought a larger farm one mile west of Kennett Square, on Red Clay Creek. Here they resided for 25 years or more, when they abandoned farming and retired to Kennett Square. Here they passed away, and were interred in the Union Hill Cemetery, near the borough. Both were members of the Presbyterian church. "For dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return." Children and many grand-children mourn their departure.

24. MILTON, b. 9th mo. 1, 1801; d. 8th mo. 26, 1845; m. 9th mo. 15, 1825, Mary, daughter of Hadley Baldwin, of Newlin township; b. 8th mo. 13, 1805, who still survives (1884). Their residence was a farm two miles north-east of West Chester, on the road leading to the Grove. Milton was the shortest of the brothers, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches, (John, Andrew and Joseph about 6 feet). They were all tough muscular men, and in their young days it was well to be a little shy of them, especially Milton, who was considered a powerful man, but died in middle life, leaving children and grand-children.

25. JOSEPH, b. 3d mo. 1, 1804; d. 6th mo. 15, 1872; m. 3d mo. 4, 1830, Eliza Ann Kennedy, daughter of Ebenezer Kennedy, b. 1772; d. 5th mo. 23, 1844; and Isabella Smith,\* b. 1775; d. 7th mo. 28, 1849. Ebenezer was son of Montgomery Kennedy, b. 1724; d. 1792; m. Agnes McMahon, who d. 1804, age unknown. Montgomery was son of David Kennedy, of Ireland,

and married Anna Bella Montgomery, whom tradition says, was of Montgomery Castle.

Joseph McFarlan occupied the homestead for many years, but finally sold the old buildings and about 50 acres of land, and erected new buildings on a beautiful elevation by the side of the road. About the year 1870, he sold 50 acres adjoining Cedarcroft, to Bayard Taylor. Some 10 acres remain with the new buildings, where Joseph died.\* His widow retains the home, and with her youngest daughter and son-in-law occupy it at the present, 1884.

26. MARY ANN, b. 1st mo. 17, 1807; d. 10th mo. 20, 1863; m. 12th mo. 15, 1826, George Palmer, son of Joseph Palmer and Sarah Kester (see Palmer Genealogy, page 79); b. 4th mo. 28, 1803; d. 3d mo. 11, 1867. Mary Ann was a kind, gentle and lovely woman, seeing the "silver lining to every cloud," and wearing a cheerful smile, amid her daily duties. Asking to relieve another in some heavy task, she would often say: "Let me do it, I am fresh and rested." In 1863, almost the entire family were stricken with typhoid fever (seven being ill at the same time) from which Mary Ann and the youngest son, Isaac G., did not recover. They were interred at Ercildoun.

27. JULIA ANN, b. 6th mo. 2, 1809; m. 12th mo. 15, 1826, Benjamin Hickman; b. 6th mo. 13, 1800, son of John Hickman, of "Bragg Hill," on the Brandywine. Julia A. and her sister Mary A. were married the same day in Philadelphia by the Mayor. It is reported that after the marriages were accomplished, George Palmer gave the official five dollars, when Benjamin Hickman came forward, saying, "I think my wife is worth ten dollars," giving the Mayor that amount.

I was in my ninth year when Mary A. and Julia A. were married, and of the happy family at the old homestead in East Marlborough, I alone remain (1884). Julia A. died 11th mo. 10, 1882, at a daughter's in Philadelphia, and was interred

\* Daughter of Joseph Smith, of Oxford township, Chester County, Pa. He was of Irish parentage, his wife was a Creswell. His sister, Mary Smith, was the mother of Robert Fulton, of Steamboat fame, who was born 1765, in Little Britain (now Fulton township), Lancaster County, a few miles from his Uncle, Joseph Smith's home. Fulton was an artist as well as an inventor, being a student of Benjamin West, in London, before he became interested in the Steamboat.

\* Joseph marrying into a Presbyterian family, very soon gave him a new theme of thought, the result being his uniting with his wife in membership with said church at Fagg's Manor, and in the fellowship of which he lived and died, and in whose cemetery his mortal body rests.

wagon-master in the Union army during the Rebellion, and died soon after its close.

99. JOHN, b. 3d mo., 1830; d. 7th mo. 1830.

100. ANN ELIZA, b. 11th mo. 1831; m. 1st mo., 1851, Marshall Patterson, b. 8th mo. 2, 1826. Residence, Marshallton.

Children of JOSEPH McFARLAN (25) and ELIZA A. KENNEDY.

101. JAMES KENNEDY, b. 12th mo. 31, 1830; d. 1st mo. 24, 1831.

102. MARY A., b. 11th mo. 11, 1832; m. 9th mo. 13, 1849; d. 8th mo. 12, 1852. Her husband was the Rev. John Thomas (Presbyterian.)

103. EDWARD FULTON, b. 10th mo. 31, 1834; m. 2d mo. 26, 1861, Lydia Ann Whittaker. Post Office, Unionville, Pa.

104. MARGARETTA J., b. 3d mo. 16, 1837; m. 6th mo. 8, 1865, Joseph Pyle, Jr., dealer in horses and cattle. Post Office, Kennett Square.

105. GEORGE WORK, b. 5th mo. 13, 1839. Post Office, 1884-5, Glendive, Montana Ter.

106. CHANDLER, b. 11th mo. 26, 1841; d. 1st mo. 16, 1867; m. 9th mo. 19, 1861, Mary L. Walker; d. 5th mo. 19, 1869, daughter of Lewis Walker, of Cochranville. Chandler was a dentist; settled first at West Chester, and afterward at Kennett Square, where he died; interred at Fagg's Manor.

107. JOSEPHINE C., b. 5th mo. 24, 1846; m. 10th mo. 3d, 1876, Thomas Rakestraw, b. 1850, son of Lydia (Bushong) and the late Abram Rakestraw, and grand-son of Thomas and Mary (Lippincott) Rakestraw. Post Office, Willowdale, Chester County, Pa.

Children of MARY ANN McFARLAN (26) and GEORGE PALMER.

108. SARAH ANN, b. 4th mo. 25, 1828; m. 10th mo. 23, 1855, Harry Cobourn, of Delaware County, b. 3d mo. 12, 1828; a teacher and farmer. Post Office, West Grove, Chester County, Pa.

109. SUSAN, b. 9th mo. 13, 1829; d. 5th mo. 3, 1856, lamented by all. She was a truly affectionate and lovely young woman.

110. JULIA ANN, b. 9th mo. 4, 1831; d. 1st mo. 28, 1844.

111. MARY, b. 2d mo. 4, 1834; m. Samuel Palmer, of Cheyney, Delaware County, Pa.; farmer and produce merchant.

112. JOSEPH, b. 1st mo. 8, 1836; m. 9th mo. 22, 1859, Ruth Baker, b. 7th mo. 30, 1837. Joe is a paper-board maker and farmer. Post Office, Doe Run, Chester County, Pa. Willow Glen is a pleasant, happy home.

113. ELIZABETH, b. 10th mo. 23, 1838; m. 3d mo. 13, 1862, William Walton, b. 7th mo. 11, 1827; a farmer and dairyman. Post Office, Pomeroy, Chester County, Pa.; another pleasant home.

114. GEORGE GRANVILLE, b. 3d mo. 23, 1841; d. 11th mo. 3, 1843.

115. GEORGE ELLWOOD, b. 12th mo. 21, 1843; d. 5th mo. 2, 1844.

116. ISAAC GRANVILLE, b. 5th mo. 13, 1845; d. 9th mo. 17, 1863.

117. GEORGIANNA, b. 2d mo. 3, 1848; m. 12th mo. 20, 1870, Maris T. Wollaston, farmer, b. 4th mo. 4, 1845, son of Edwin and Mary A. (Taylor,) and grand-son of Esquire James Wollaston, of East Marlborough, the original owner of Wollaston's Mill of sixty to eighty years ago. Post Office, Willowdale.

Children of JULIA ANN McFARLAN (27) and BENJAMIN HICKMAN.

118. GIBBONS GRAY, b. 1st mo. 5, 1828; m. 10th mo. 23, 1855, Salome Downey, b. 10th mo. 7, 1835. Dentist, Coatesville, Chester County, Pa.

119. SARAH, b. 7th mo. 5, 1829; m. 5th mo. 25, 1847, Jackson A. Holton, b. 7th mo. 24, 1828; d. 1st mo. 18, 1867; m. 2d, 5th mo. 15, 1871, Amos Strickland, b. 11th mo. 8, 1828, of Cochranville. Residence, West Philadelphia.

120. JOHN WILSON, b. 4th mo. 17, 1831; m. 12th mo. 15, 1853, Lizzie Lamborn, b. 4th mo. 2d, 1832; farmer, agent and Justice of the Peace. In membership with Baptists. Post Office, Russellville, Pa.