

**HISTORICAL**

**FAMILY HISTORIES**

**CARSON**—David Carson and Jean (Oliver) Carson were of Scotch ancestry, but both born in the North of Ireland, he in 1750, she in 1760. In 1784 he emigrated to America and immediately settled in Greencastle, Penna. He afterward visited Ireland, and on July 28, 1788, there married Jean Oliver. The same year he returned with his bride to Newcastle, where both continued to reside until death. He died September 10, 1823, and she died August 5, 1839. The quaint certificate of good character brought to this country in 1784 by Mr. Carson, and signed by the "dissenting clergymen and other inhabitants of the Parish of Donaghadee and neighborhood of Londonderry, Ireland," and the equally quaint marriage certificate of David Carson and Jean Oliver certify that they "were bred and born of honest dissenting parents, devoted to ye covenanted work of ye reformation." Their children were William, Thomas, Elizabeth, James Oliver, and David. James Oliver Carson was born at Greencastle, Penna., February 4, 1796, and died at Mercersburg June 14, 1870. During a long and active life he was prominent in the business and industrial life of southern Pennsylvania. He was for many years an associate judge of Franklin county, and a man of influence and power in the section of the county in which he resided. On January 2, 1821, he was married to Rosanna Marshall White, by the Rev. John Lind, at Hagerstown. She was the great grand-daughter of John White, an Englishman, who came to this country about 1725, and settled in New Jersey. Her grand-father, Peter White, settled in Washington (then Frederick) county, Maryland, and took up a large tract of land, situated on both banks of the now historic Antietam creek. There he married Margaret Stull, by whom he had eight children. Their fourth son, John White was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and the father of Rosanna Marshall White. He married Ellen Williams, who was of Welsh ancestry, and settled in the Ligonier valley, Westmorland county, Penna., where Rosanna Marshall White was born, May, 2 1791. She died at Mercersburg on September 24, 1879. Their children were, Ebenezer Erskin, Davin, Ellen Jane, Elizabeth Erskin, James White and John Lind. John Lind Carson was born at Mercersburg August 30, 1832, and married Miss Mary Masters Ruly. He settled in Nebraska in 1856, where he established the first banking house in the (then) territory, and has since resided and been engaged in banking.

**STUART**—Donald Stuart emigrated from Scotland during the early part of the eighteenth century, and settled in Rowley, Essex county, Mass., where he died when nearly one hundred years of age. One of his descendants, Charles Stuart, was born in Sterling, and there spent the whole eighty four years of his life. He was farmer by occupation, and married Miss Elizabeth Moore, who bore him several children. Their son, Levi, was also born, reared, married, and died at Sterling. He died in the early part of the year 1875, his wife, Jane Ames, having died twenty years before 1855. Their children were Alexander, Ambrose P. S., Susan, Addison, Eliza, Addison A., Marietta, Washington, and Charles Wesley.

**WILSON**—Joseph Wilson came to

the United States from the North of Ireland prior to the Revolution. His son, Robert, married Agnes Wilson who although of the same name, was not related, and settled near Shick-shinny, Luzerne county, Penna., where on Sept. 13, 1813 ——— Wilson, their son, was born. There he remained until 1832, when he removed to Ohio, where he settled at Rome, in Seneca county (now Fostoria). On April 1, 1841, he married Mary Feasel, of Seneca county, daughter of Henry and Jane Feasel. Their son, Henry H., was born January 1, 1854, and is the eldest son and seventh child in a family of nine.

**KING**—Apollies King was born in Chester, Hampden county Mass., a descendant of Phillip King, the first ancestor of the family in America, who came here in 1620, and settled at Taunton, Mass. Apollies was a young man at the time of the Revolution, and was commissioned captain in the state militia by John Hancock, and later as major by Samuel Adams. The latter commission is now in the hands of the representative of the family in Lincoln. Apollies King married, and his son, Thomas King, was born in Chester, where he was reared, and in 1812 moved to Onondaga county, New York, where he took up land and became a farmer. He married Submit James, who was born in Northampton, Mass. Their son, Chauncey J. King, was born in Otisco, Onondaga county, where he married Laura Miller, to whom were born seven children. Orman J. King, the oldest child, was born March 5, 1851.

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