

A History of the Juniata Valley and its People Under The Editorial Supervision of John W. Jordan, LL.D.; Librarian of Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Illustrated; New York, Lewis Historical Publishing Company; 1913; Volume II

The first settlers of Bucke's Valley, Buffalo Township, Perry County, Pennsylvania, were **Reuben Earl, John Law, George Albright, Samuel Rankin** and **Martin Wain**, who took up lands along the Susquehanna River about 1773. **George Albright** came to that locality from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. At the outbreak of the revolution he entered the patriot army, served throughout the war, leaving at home a wife and several young sons who did the farming. **Mrs. Albright** and her servant girl took her grain to the banks of the Susquehanna on horseback, loaded it into a canoe and poled down the stream to the nearest mill, which was at Dauphin. After the grain was converted into flour, they poled up the stream to the spot where the horses had been left hitched, when it was again loaded on their backs and all returned to the farm. After the war **George Albright** returned to the farm in Perry County, and there resided until death. He and his wife are buried in the soil of the valley he helped to defend from foreign and savage foe.

(II) **George** (2), son of **George** (1) **Albright**, was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and there married. Later he moved to Ferguson's Valley, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, where he purchased a farm of two hundred acres, on which he built a stone house that is yet standing. He prospered in his new home and became one of the substantial farmers of the valley. In addition to the homestead, he owned a tract of about one hundred acres on which the village of Yeagertown was built. He donated the land on which the Lutheran Church stands and also gave the land for the Lutheran Cemetery at Yeagertown, in which he is buried. His wife, **Elizabeth**, was also born in Lancaster County. Children: 1. **Sarah** ("**Sally**"), died unmarried. 2. **Eliza**, married **Miller McIlvaine**, moved west and there died. 3. **Peter**, died in Nebraska. 4. **John**, died in Lewistown, Pennsylvania. 5. **Daniel**, died in Yeagertown. 6. **William**, died in Kansas. 7. **George**, died aged twenty years, and was the first person buried in the Lutheran Cemetery at Yeagertown. 8. **Henry** (of whom further).

(III) **Henry**, son of **George** and **Elizabeth Albright**, was born in Lancaster County in 1818, but when a boy was brought by his parents to Ferguson Valley, Mifflin County, where his after life was spent. He inherited the homestead farm, on which he lived as owner for forty years, a substantial, contented and respected farmer. In 1897 he moved to Yeagertown, where two years later, in 1899, he died. He was a Democrat in politics and served his township as collector of taxes and supervisor. Both he and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church. He married (first) 1834, **Mary Miller**, born in Juniata County, who left an only child, **Joseph**, now living in Reedsville. He married (second); **Mary Ann McCartney**, born in Huntingdon County in 1834, died 1909, daughter of **James** and **Catherine (Collobine) McCartney**.

James McCartney was born in Centre County, Pennsylvania, 1806, where he married and farmed all his active life. Later he moved to Mifflin County, where his wife died on their Ferguson Valley farm. His last years he spent with his sons in Burnham, where he died in 1893. Both he and his wife were Lutherans. Fifteen children: **Alfred; John; James**, a veteran of the civil war; **Jerry; Irvin**, died young; **Sarah**, married **John Irvin**; **Mary Ann**, married **Henry Albright**; **Ellen**, died young; **Asbury**, died young; **Anthony**, and five who died in infancy. All these children are deceased, except **Jerry**, who resides in Yeagertown, and **Anthony**, of

Burnham. Children of **Henry** and **Mary Ann Albright**: 1. **Millard Burns** (of whom further). 2. **Laura**, married **Porter Mann** and lives in Pottstown. 3. **James**, resides in Yeagertown. 4. **Lizzie**, married **James Darwin**, of Lewistown. 5. **Harry**, of Yeagertown.

(IV) **Millard Burns**, son of **Henry** and **Mary Ann (McCartney) Albright**, was born in Ferguson Valley, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, March 11, 1859. He was educated in the public school, grew to manhood at the homestead farm settled by his grandfather, and continued there, engaged in its cultivation, until the year 1900. He then joined in partnership with his brother **Harry** and established a meat market and butchering business in Yeagertown, which he operated until January, 1911, when **Millard B.** purchased his brother's interest. He conducted the business alone until 1912, then sold to **Harry Albright**, his former partner. **Millard B.** then moved to Burnham, where he erected a suitable building and again established in the butcher business, which he still continues. He is a Democrat in politics and is a member of the Lutheran Church, his wife belonging to the Methodist denomination. He is also a Knight of Malta. He married, May 13, 1906, **Mrs. Delia (Confer) Wallizer**, born in Centre County, Pennsylvania, daughter of **Elias C.** and **Alice (Musser) Confer**, both natives of Centre County. He now living retired on a small farm in Penn Township, but she died July 27, 1905. Children: 1. **Delia**, married (first) in 1890, **Elmer Wallizer**, by whom she had: **Bruce**, married **Alice Way** and resides in Yeagertown; **Elias**, living at home; she married (second) **Millard B. Albright**. 2. **Carrie**, married **Asher Confer** and lives in Centre County. 3. **Franklin**, resides at home. 4. **John**, living in Renovo. **Mrs. Delia (Confer-Wallizer) Albright** is a granddaughter of **George** and **Catherine Confer**, who were all residents of Centre County. Four of their sons served in the Union army, one of them, **Felta**, receiving a wound from which he died. **Alice Musser** was a daughter of **John** and **Catherine (Stumm) Musser**, natives of Centre and Clinton Counties, respectively.

The only child of **Millard B.** and **Delia Albright** is **Mary Alice**, born April 20, 1909. The family residence is at No. 46 North Main Avenue, Yeagertown, which **Mr. Albright** built in 1906.

www.theperryhistorians.org