

A History of the Juniata Valley and its People under the Editorial Supervision of John W. Jordan, M.D. Librarian of Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa., Volume II, Illustrated, New York, Lewis Historical- Publishing Company, 1913

Samuel Gilbert Beaver, of Port Royal, Pennsylvania, descends in a direct line from good German stock. The family has been established in America one hundred and seventy-three years, and has added to the material progress and social and religious advancement of the state of Pennsylvania. The family has always been noted, even from the earliest times, for its honesty, sobriety, keen sense of justice toward its fellowmen, as well as its deep religious convictions and wide philanthropy.

(I) **George Beaver**, the great-great-great- grandfather of **Samuel Gilbert Beaver**, emigrated from Germany in 1740. He probably landed at New York, and after looking around the new country finally decided to cast his lot with the settlers of Pennsylvania. He located among the pioneers of Chester County, purchased land, cleared and cultivated it and erected on it a comfortable house of unhewn logs, and here installed his family some years later. He took part in all of the Indian wars of that locality, and they were many, and proved the worth of his musket to the early settlers. He was appointed as one of the watch to keep an espionage on the red men, and so well did he perform his duty that he came to be regarded by the Indians as something supernatural and with an uncanny prescience of their plans. At the call to arms in 1776, though somewhat advanced in years, he enlisted in the continental army and fought under General Anthony Wayne, who always led his men where the danger was greatest. With him were five of his sons, two of whom were mere lads, and who lost their lives in defense of the independence of their country. At the cessation of hostilities he returned to his farm and again took up the peaceful vocation of farming. He died on the land that he first bought and is there buried. He married a native of Pennsylvania, it is thought, though her name is unknown.

Children:

1. **George**, of whom further.
2. **Jacob**.
3. **Abraham**.
4. **Hannah**, married a **Mr. Rosenberger**, of Lebanon, Pennsylvania.
5. **Hondeter**, killed in the revolution.
6. **Benjamin**, lost his life in the war of the revolution.

(II) **George (2)**, son of **George (1) Beaver**, the revolutionary war patriot, and himself a soldier in the same war, was born May 1, 1755, in Chester County, Pennsylvania. He was a member of a corps of rangers organized for the purpose of protecting the scattered pioneer families from the Indians. He was a farmer and helped reclaim from the wilderness the fertile acres which he cleared, cultivated and on which he built a house of logs. He married **Catherine Keefer**, the daughter of a neighbor.

Children:

1. **Peter**, of whom further.
2. **Mary**, married a **Mr. Gudekuntz**.
3. **Samuel**, died in South America.

4. **Hannah**, married a **Mr. Gudekuntz**, the son of a neighbor.
5. **Betsy**, married a **Mr. Edwards**.
6. **Peggy**, married a **Mr. Gudekuntz**.
7. **George**, died in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, in 1868.
8. **Sarah**, married a **Mr. Delaney**.
9. **David**. Three **daughters**, names unknown.

(III) **Rev. Peter Beaver**, son of **George (2)** and **Catherine (Keefer) Beaver**, was born December 25, 1782, in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. He was educated in the common schools of the day, and engaged in farming. Feeling a call to preach he was ordained at Elkton, Maryland, by Bishop Asbury of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He preached many years in both English and German in order that the English speaking as well as the German speaking members of his congregation might have the full benefit of the Gospel. He engaged in the mercantile business in Pfoutz Valley, where he died August 25, 1849, greatly mourned by his congregation, neighbors and friends. He married **Elizabeth Gilbert**, who died before him. She was of an English family that had long been established in America, and was a woman of great piety as well as physical courage. She was in every way a fit helpmeet for the pioneer preacher.

Children:

1. **George**, of whom further.
2. **Samuel**, born 1804, died March 20, 1834; married **Maria Lehman**.
3. **Jacob**, married **Eliza Adams**: died 1840.
4. **Jesse**, born March 8, 1810, died December 9, 1892: married **Mary Ann Schwartz**.
5. **Thomas**, born November 16, 1814, died in Danville, May 16, 1891.
6. **Peter**, born June 28, 1816, died June 13, 1890; married (first) a **Miss Simonton**; (second) **Mrs. Elliott**.
7. **Sarah**, born November 25, 1817, died in Ohio, September 13, 1892; married **Aaron Nevins**.
8. **Eliza F.**, born in 1818.
9. **Catherine**, born June 25, 1819; married **Rev. Archibald Greenlee**.
10. **Mary**, born November 22, 1820; married **Henry Miller**.
11. **Elmira**, born May 9, 1839, died December 13, 1859.
12. **Amanda**, deceased.
13. **Lydia**, deceased.

(IV) **George (3)**, son of **Rev. Peter** and **Elizabeth (Gilbert) Beaver**, was born in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, September 24, 1802, died December 31, 1878. He was educated in the public schools in the county. He learned the tanner's trade at Stumpstown. He conducted business in Pfoutz Valley, Perry County, for some time. In 1830 he purchased the farm that his son **Samuel** afterward owned and tilled. He was a Democrat until 1854, when he affiliated himself with the Know Nothing Party, and later became a Republican, to which he was allied at the time of his death. He at one time conducted an independent Democratic journal; afterwards it became the Republican People's Advocate and Press. He was a popular politician in his early days and served in the state legislature, having been elected in 1841 on the Democratic ticket. He served as county commissioner in 1833-34 and was urged to accept it a third time, but

declined. He married, April 15, 1827, **Maria Catherine Long**, daughter of **Jonathan Long**. They were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and were generous in their support of it.

Children:

1. **Mary Ann**, deceased.
2. **Elizabeth**, deceased; married **George M. Brubaker**.
3. **Samuel Long**, of whom further.
4. **Sarah Catherine**, deceased.
5. **Sophia**, married **D. M. Rickabaugh**; died in 1912.
6. **Peter**, deceased.
7. **George E.**
8. **Ellen Jane**, married **Uriah Shuman**, deceased.

(V) **Samuel Long**, son of **George** (3) and **Maria Catherine (Long) Beaver**, was born March 2, 1831, died January, 1910. He was born in an old log house on the farm he owned at time of his death, and which is known far and wide as the **Beaver** homestead. When he was fifteen years old he helped to carry the brick for the house which supplanted the old log house. He was educated in the common schools of the county, which were held for only three months of the year, and his attendance was curtailed by his having to leave before the session was finished to work on the farm. He remained at home until he was twenty-one when he was engaged as salesman in the store of his brother-in-law, at Millersburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. After his marriage he lived on the home farm for three years, and then bought one hundred fertile acres in Perry Valley, which he cultivated for twelve years, bringing it to a high state of productiveness. He was a Republican and held the political offices of county auditor and school director. He was connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, but at the time of his death was a member of the United Brethren Church. He contributed generously to the cause of religion and benevolence throughout his lifetime. After the death of his **wife** he moved to Millerstown and there lived the remainder of his life, retired. During the civil war he was drafted for service, but after a medical examination at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, was rejected. He was one of the most highly respected citizens of his town, county and state, and was universally regretted at his death. He married, June 12, 1862. **Mary Eliza Kipp**, born at Milroy, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, October 1. 1838, daughter of **Jacob** and **Elizabeth (Harmon) Kipp** (see Kipp II).

Children:

1. **Thomas K.**, born January 8, 1864; was first a farmer and is now merchant at Academia, Juniata County, Pennsylvania; married **Fannie Seiber**, of McAlisterville, Pennsylvania.
2. **William A.**, born May 5. 1865; married **Emma Troutman**, of Greenwood Township, Perry County, Pennsylvania; he is a farmer at Academia.
3. **Laura**, born November 22, 1866; married **Lewis Zeigler**, deceased.
4. **George E.**, born June 10, 1868; married **Jennie McLain**; lives on homestead.
5. **Jennie**, born May 25, 1871, died in infancy.
6. **Samuel Gilbert**, of whom further.
7. **Bessie**, born August 1, 1875, died in infancy.
8. **Mary Ella**, born November 2, 1877; married **Harvey L. Ulsh**.

9. **Elizabeth**, born December 1, 1880; married **Isaac N. Rinehart**; lives at Farmer City, Illinois.

10. **Minnie C.**, born August 8, 1884; lives in Millerstown.

(VI) **Samuel Gilbert**, son of **Samuel Long** and **Mary Eliza (Kipp) Beaver**, was born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, August 6, 1873. He was educated in the common schools of the county and at Juniata College, where he made a record as a student. Leaving college he was engaged as salesman by his brother, **Thomas K.**, at Academia, from October 2, 1894 until 1905. He became ambitious to branch out for himself, and in 1905 established a general store at Mexico, Pennsylvania, and remained there two years. He moved to Port Royal in 1907 and established a department store with a stock of about six thousand dollars. By keen insight, a close and careful management, a desire to please his patrons of all classes and kinds, he has succeeded in more than doubling his capital invested in the business. He is eminently a successful business man and a live wire in his town, commanding alike the respect and admiration of his fellow townsmen. In politics he is a Republican, and has been school director for three years. He is one of the substantial, thorough-going men of his community, and it is confidently predicted of him that his past successes will be duplicated in the future. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, while his wife's affiliations are with the Presbyterians. He married, May 17, 1895, **Laura Jane Seiber**, a native of Juniata County, daughter of **Abraham** and **Henrietta Seiber**. Children: **Paul Seiber**, **Mary Henrietta**, **Chester Lloyd**, **Margaretta**, died in infancy.

(The Kipp Line).

Holland contributed the **Kipps** toward the building up of America. The immigrant progenitor of the Pennsylvania family of that name most probably came direct from Amsterdam and settled in New York State with other Hollanders. There he lived, married, reared a large family and died. One of his descendants was **Peter**, of whom further.

(I) **Peter Kipp** was of straight Dutch descent. He was born in the state of New York, but came to Pennsylvania when a young man. The records of the war department show that he enlisted January 1, 1777, in the continental army, served as sergeant in the Sixth Company, Captain Fleming's artillery, and he held the rank of corporal. His name was on the rolls until June 10, 1783. At the close of the revolutionary war **Peter Kipp** went to Bucks Valley, Perry County, Pennsylvania. He married **Margaret Finton**, of the Valley, and settled there. He was a tailor and plied his vocation as a journeyman from house to house, as was customary in those days. Later he settled in Greenwood Township, and died, about 1827. **Margaret**, his wife, survived him and died in Delaware Township in 1840, having been a pensioner of the United States government as widow of a revolutionary soldier.

Children:

1. **Peter**, a farmer; settled in Perry County, moved later to Juniata County, and there died.
2. **Isaac**, a miller; died in Juniata County.
3. **William**, a wagon maker; settled and died in Millerstown, Pennsylvania.
4. **Jacob**, of whom further.

5. **John**, wagon maker; located in Center County, later at Newport, Pennsylvania, and there died.
6. **Margaret**, married a **Mr. Parsons**; settled in Bucks Valley, where both died.

(II) **Jacob**, son of **Peter** and **Margaret (Finton) Kipp**, was born in Bucks Valley, Perry County, Pennsylvania, February 6, 1806. He was educated in subscription schools and was adjudged an excellent scholar for those times. He taught two terms, after which he learned wagon making with John Shull at Millerstown, Pennsylvania. He married **Elizabeth Harmon** and after marriage moved to Milroy, Mifflin County, where he followed his trade for twelve years, and for three farmed. In 1851 he moved to Greenwood Township, where he farmed for ten years, and then farmed in Tuscarora Township for five years. In 1866 he returned to Greenwood Township and purchased the **Daniel Kauffman** farm near the Wardville post office, on which his father died, and where he later died, March 10, 1896, at the age of ninety. His wife died some years previous. He served in several township offices with great credit to himself and benefit to the township. He was a highly intelligent and progressive man and wielded a great influence for good in the community.

Children:

1. **Margaret**, died young at Milroy.
2. **William**, born at Milroy, August 12, 1836; lives in Millerstown.
3. **Mary Eliza**, born at Milroy, October 1, 1838; married, June 12, 1862, **Samuel Long Beaver**, born March 2, 1831, died January, 1910 (see **Beaver V**).
4. **J. Calvin**, lives at Millerstown.
5. **James M.**, a farmer
6. **Sarah Jane**, married **J. Kohler Peck**, of Snyder County.
7. **J. Harmon**, a farmer in Greenwood Township.

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