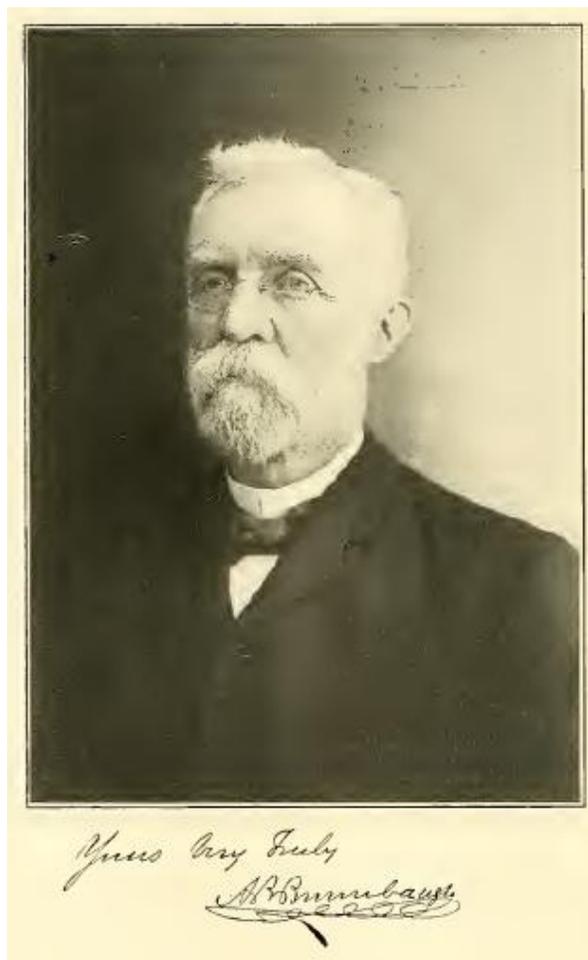


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**Andrew Boelus<sup>5</sup> Brumbaugh, M.D., (Jacob<sup>4</sup>, George<sup>3</sup>, Jacob<sup>2</sup>, Johannes Henrich<sup>1</sup> Brumbach)\*** was born August 9, 1836, upon the homestead farm in Penn Township, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania. His education was begun in a subscription school prior to the establishment of an organized system of public education in Pennsylvania, and continued in the public schools, after which he taught nine years. He attended a select school (Academia) near Newport, Perry County, Pennsylvania, and Millersville State Normal School. "His early training was academic, not collegiate, but by private study and earnest application he became a thorough master of the classics and sciences, thus fitting himself for that large sphere in life to which ambition and destiny led him."

October 11, 1859, he married **Maria Baer Frank**, born February 10, 1840, on the **Frank farm\*\*** in Penn Township, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, daughter of **Jacob** and **Elizabeth Brubaker (Baer) Frank**. Her parents came from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where the **Brubakers, Baers** and **Franks** have a long and interesting Mennonite ancestry.

**Andrew<sup>5</sup>** decided to make the practice of medicine his life work. While earning a living for his small family by working at the carpenter trade, with anatomy and other medical books open before him upon the work bench, he laid deeply the foundation for his later medical and surgical success. He also trained both hands, and became ambidextrous for his later surgical and other professional work. He matriculated at the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, October, 1863, and graduated (M.D.) in the class of 1866. Prior to graduation he had acquired a considerable medical practice in Penn Township and at Marklesburg, as shown by his diaries for '62 and '63.

October 12, 1864, the family moved from the homestead farm to Marklesburg (James Creek P. O.). April, 1866, he located in the office of the late Dr. Luden, in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, and continued in active practice in this town until his death. Intense concentration and keen observation

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\* Extracted from Genealogy of the Brumbach Families; Gaius Marcus Brumbaugh, 1913; pp. 521-529.

\*\* This was the site of "Fort Hartsok" (or "Hartslog"), closely adjoining the Brumbaugh homestead, and this farm later passed into ownership of the late David Boyer' Brumbaugh.

were the keynotes of his life. Much of his recreation and happiness throughout life was drawn from the gratification of his intense love of nature and for nature study.

**Dr. Brumbaugh** was truly a "pioneer educator" in his church and among his own people. He regarded the founding of The Pilgrim at Marklesburg, Pennsylvania, in 1870, as a logical step toward the fulfillment of his cherished dream—his oft-repeated words were, "Paper and advanced educational institution together at Huntingdon." "With singleness of purpose and a deep insight as to the future educational and other possibilities for the college and other associated church interests to be grouped together at Huntingdon. He steadily tried to influence the opinions of the church leaders and to lay deep the foundations for Juniata College," etc.

**Dr. Brumbaugh** was baptized by "S. Lehman of Va., Sept. 7. 1853, in Morrison's Cove, Blair County, Pa., at the Clover Creek Church," having walked twelve miles across Tussey's mountain from his home to attend the then nearest church. He continued actively in the work of the Church of the Brethren (G. B. B.) throughout his life. At the time of his death he had been the only secretary of "The Brethren (German Baptist) Church of Huntingdon, Pa." . . . "which began its existence in 1876 with a membership of eight persons," and was incorporated June 16, 1888.\*

**Dr. Brumbaugh** similarly held the position of secretary of trustees of Juniata College, and served, with singleness and steadfastness of purpose, the Normal Select School and each of its successors in title. See also mention of Juniata College in the historical pages of this work.

For a number of years **Dr. Brumbaugh** was literary editor of The Pilgrim and also of The Huntingdon Journal. He founded the Juniata Echo, in connection with the other trustees of Juniata College, and was its editor, representing it in membership upon the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association. His literary activity also showed itself in various papers and addresses before medical, literary and historical bodies. He loved books and literary work, seeking therein relaxation from the exacting duties of his extensive medical and surgical practice.

"No doctor in this section of the State was a closer student and investigator than **Dr. Brumbaugh**. Though advanced in years, he was modern and up-to-date in his work, the natural sequence of his close alliance with the medical societies of the state and nation, whose meetings he regularly attended. He was identified with the Huntingdon County Medical Society, which he helped to organize in 1872 [president, secretary and treasurer at various times]; member of the State Medical Society; the American Medical Association; the National Association of Railway Surgeons, and of the American Academy of Railway Surgeons. He was a member of the pension examining board in Huntingdon for nearly thirty years, and at the time of his death was the surgeon of the Pennsylvania and Broad Top railroads at this point. He was the county inspector of the State Board of Health and a member of the local board [as also a member of the National Board of Health during its existence]. He was the physician at the Orphans' Home for 27 years, and the bigness of his heart is revealed from the fact that he served without any compensation whatever." \* He also assisted the late David Emmert, the founder of the said Orphans' Home, and the originator of the "Huntingdon idea" in dealing with orphans, in every manner possible and served continuously as a trustee—all the Huntingdon **Brumbaughs** have been closely connected with this work.

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\* The application for incorporation of the congregation is a beautiful piece of penmanship by Dr. Brumbaugh, evidencing intense interest and devotion in the work.

"**Dr. Brumbaugh** is highly esteemed not only for his professional ability, but also for his public-spirited generosity and active interest in all movements relative to the general improvement of the community in whose behalf he has so industriously and effectively labored.

"Here for forty-two years he has been going in and out of the homes of our people, ministering alike to rich and poor, high and low, and winning fresh laurels year after year, both for his well-rounded ability and the persevering industry he displayed in his professional life. He was equally successful in the dual relation of physician and surgeon, which is uncommon.

". . . Our remembrance of him will be of one who in all his relations in life, both public and private, was the embodiment of loyalty and devotion."\*

January 21, 1908, **Dr. and Mrs. Brumbaugh** attended the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association at Harrisburg. They returned to Huntingdon next day, and the doctor at once started in his buggy to see patients. He became sick with intense symptoms of appendicitis; went to bed; was taken to Philadelphia for operation, and died there January 27, 1908, "to the unfeigned sorrow and regret of thousands who had the pleasure of his acquaintance." Thus his oft expressed wish that he might "die in the professional harness" was actually fulfilled. His body was tenderly laid away in Riverview Cemetery, overlooking the center of much of his long years of faithful service. Such a life is a continued blessing, and an inspiration.

At a special meeting of the Huntingdon County Medical Society, January 29, 1908, the following was ordered to be placed upon the minutes:

"In the death of **Dr. Andrew B. Brumbaugh**, who was one of the founders and a member of the society since April 9, 1872, and its secretary for many years, this society has sustained a great loss. He was rarely absent from its meetings and was always willing to use his rich fund of experience and ripe judgment in promoting the interests of the society and maintaining its dignity and honor.

"For forty-two years, by day and by night, in sunshine and storm, he devoted his talents to the people of this community and ministered with great medical and surgical skill to alleviate their sickness and suffering."

The following editorial appeared in *The Juniata Echo*, February, 1908, Carman Cover Johnson, editor-in-chief:

"The inadequacy of words forces itself upon us as we endeavor to speak editorially by way of appreciation of our deceased **Dr. A. B. Brumbaugh**. He was such an ardent spirit in his interest in everything that made for the advancement of Juniata in general, and of *The Echo* in particular. *The Echo* was his own creation; and it seems such a strange coincidence that his death should occur while the last *Echo*, containing just a little sketch of him, was being published. The Doctor had creative imagination, literary taste and style, insight into human nature, sympathy to the extent of self-sacrifice; devotion to home, and friends, and profession, and church, and school, away beyond the ordinary; and a hearty good-cheer that made him always invigorating. He leaves a great vacancy in the large community of which he was part : and we can only hope that those who take up the various lines of activity in which he led shall catch somewhat of inspiration from his resourceful personality."

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\* Mr. Butz, *Huntingdon Globe*, January 30, 1908

The following is an extract from minutes of Trustees of Juniata College, March 3, 1908, and signed by the committee: David Emmert, Joseph E. Saylor, and I. Harvey Brumbaugh:

"The Trustees of Juniata College in recording the death, January 27, 1908, of **Dr. Andrew Boelus Brumbaugh**, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, unite in expressing their feeling of loss and sorrow in the removal from their midst of one who had been a loyal and earnest coworker in the cause of Christian education.

"**Dr. Brumbaugh** was active in promoting and establishing the small school which was opened April 17, 1876. From that date to the time of his death he was Secretary of the governing body, or Trustees of the institution, and its inner history is preserved in his handwriting. He was most faithful in attendance upon meetings, even when held at hours which interfered with his professional practice. His service as a Trustee was much more than perfunctory. As a close student of affairs, well read in different fields of study and investigation, his views were progressive and often ahead of the times. He suggested new activities and gave the enthusiasm of his own spirit to aid any movement which counted for the development of the College.

"**Dr. Brumbaugh** also served as a member of the Faculty, giving his time without remuneration, for lectures to the student body on hygiene. In this form of instruction he took special delight, and his practical work along this line is well remembered by many who were under his tuition. "As Editor of the Juniata Echo he performed a distinctive service to the college, especially in maintaining an official organ for the institution in the days when it was small. His pen was ready and high hopes were expressed most confidently for the school to which he gave so much of his time and thought.

"On the personal side **Dr. Brumbaugh** will be remembered best as the college physician, who ministered with skill and devotion to those who needed his assistance. To natural acumen, and a thorough understanding of the science of medicine he added those qualities which made him quick to perceive the source and nature of disease, and ready to adapt the remedy to the patient. Joined to this professional skill were those personal traits of sympathy and solicitude which made one glad to go to him for medical advice.

"In recalling these services to the college and recording the loss which it has suffered the Trustees wish to add their word of sympathy for the immediate family, who have no more the companionship with one who possessed so many splendid traits of heart and mind. May they enjoy the comforts and blessings of Our Heavenly Father, who does all things well!"

**Mrs. Brumbaugh** desired to live in close association with the projects so dear to her late husband, and purchased a lot facing the campus of Juniata College and the new stone church erected therein, and in 1911 moved into her new residence at 1618 Moore Street, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. Children: **Gains Marcus**, M.D., born May 7, 1862; infant **son**, born and died February 19, 1865; **Cora Adele (Mrs. Alfred Purvis Silverthorn**, of Coalport, Pennsylvania), born April 21, 1866.

**Gains Marcus<sup>6</sup> Brumbaugh**, M.S., M.D., (**Andrew Boelus<sup>5</sup> Brumbaugh**, M.D., **Jacob<sup>4</sup>, George<sup>3</sup>, Jacob<sup>2</sup>, Johannes Henrich<sup>1</sup>**) was born May 7, 1862, in Penn Township, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, on the old homestead farm. He was educated in private school,

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Huntingdon Academy, Brethren's Normal School, Juniata College, graduating from latter (B.E., '79); also received M.E. and M.S. ('98) from the same institution. He taught several years in public schools of Pennsylvania; attended medical lectures at University of Pennsylvania; Medical Department, Columbian University (now G. W. U.); Howard University, Medical Department, graduated M.D., from same '85; Medical Department, Georgetown, graduating M.D. from latter, '98. He removed to Washington, D. C, in 1882, but has continued his legal residence at Huntingdon ; held several positions under the government, the last being assistant chief, Bureau of Animal Industry; and since 1899 has been a member of Third Board of United States Pension Examining Surgeons, of which he was secretary, 1899-1913. He entered upon active medical practice (Reg.) in Washington, D. C, October, 1887; member Medical Society of the District of Columbia; American Medical Association; American Association for the Advancement of Science, Pennsylvania German Society; Pennsylvania Historical Society, etc. He is examiner for a number of life, accident and health insurance companies; lecturer on material medical and therapeutics. National Training School for Nurses (Sibley Hospital) for over fourteen years; author of "Genealogy of the **Brumbach** Families," 1913, 875 pp., etc. He became a member of the German Baptist Church, April 5, 1876, and actively participated in the foundation of the Normal Select School, Brethren's Normal College and Juniata College, as pupil, later pupil instructor and graduate; was elected trustee of Juniata College (1909) as his father's successor in membership in that board. He is a Republican. Office and residence, 905 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C, and Huntingdon, Pennsylvania.

October 1, 1889, at Elmira, New York, he married **Catherin Elliott Brown**, born June 15, 1868, in Mansfield, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, daughter of **Charles W. Brown**, M.D., and **Mary Eleanor (Elliott) Brown**.

**Catherin Elliott (Brown) Brumbaugh**, a native of Pennsylvania, was taken, when a young girl, to Elmira, New York, where her father, **Dr. Charles W. Brown**, was a prominent physician. Here she spent her girlhood, attended St. Ursula and the Woman's College of that city. Here she married **Dr. Gains Marcus Brumbaugh**, and moved to Washington, D. C, where she has been identified with various organizations looking to the betterment of the race. Prominent among these is the National George Jr. Republic League, of which she is recording secretary.

"She began her activities as a Daughter of the American Revolution in Constitution Chapter, holding the office of registrar and then recording secretary, which office she resigned to become corresponding secretary in the new chapter, Livingston Manor, organized by her mother, February, 1909. She was one year state recording secretary, declining renomination in order to give more time to the office of secretary to the National Magazine Committee, which office she resigned on her election in 1911 to the office of registrar-general Daughters of the American Revolution, for a term of two years [and reelected in 1913]. She was elected corresponding secretary-general of Children of the American Revolution, October, 1913; is national chaplain of the Children of the American Revolution, of which her two interesting boys are enthusiastic members. Through her father's line she is a member of the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America.

Children: **Charles Andrew**, born May 13, 1897; **Marcus Morton**, born July 28, 1899, died May 15, 1900; **Elliott Frank**, born January 24, 1903.