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The **Chilcotes** came to America from England, where **John Chilcote** was a land owner. He became involved in the political disturbances of the day, lost his property by confiscation, and either fled or was banished from England. He came to this country, where he was soon after joined by his brother **James**. They settled in the province of Maryland, purchasing from Lord Baltimore one hundred acre tracts of land, now covered by the streets and buildings of Baltimore. In the second, third and fourth generations the name is variously spelled **Chilcoat**, **Chilcott** and **Chilcote**.

(II) **John** (2), son of **John** (1) **Chilcote**, married and had sons: **Robinson**, of whom further; **John** (3), **Joshua**, and **Humphrey**.

(III) **Robinson**, son of **John** (2) **Chilcote**, was the founder of the family in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania. He moved with his family from Maryland to near Shirleysburg, where he engaged in farming. Just prior to the revolution the Indians became so numerous and so warlike that he sold his farm and moved to North Carolina. When the struggle for independence began he was loyal to the king, but later becoming convinced of the justice of the colonial cause, he joined the revolutionary army, was captured by the British, and died of swamp fever while a prisoner. He had sons: **Nicodemus**, who died of paralysis in Huntingdon County; **John**, settled in Tennessee, there founding a family; **Hethcote**, died in Licking County, Ohio; **Humphrey**, settled in Cromwell Township, Huntingdon County, where he died; **Benjamin**, of whom further; **James**, died in Cassville, Huntingdon county, about 1838.

(IV) **Benjamin**, son of **Robinson Chilcote**, settled on a farm in Clayton Township, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, near Three Springs. He was a farmer and miller, conducting for several years a mill at Saltillo. He married **Comfort McLain**, who died in Cromwell Township, March 4, 1844. **Benjamin Chilcote** died July 31, 1854, aged about ninety-six years. Children: **Elizabeth**, died unmarried; **Nancy**, married **Christian Moore**; **Mary**, married **Samuel Hicks**, and died March 29, 1868; **William McLain**, of whom further; **Sarah**, married **Henry Huntsman**; **John**, died in Orbisonia, Huntingdon County; **Susan**, married (first) **John Cornelius**, (second) **Joshua Kelly**.

(V) **William McLain**, son of **Benjamin** and **Comfort (McLain) Chilcote**, was born in Clay Township, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, June 10, 1797, died April 12, 1880. He was a practical, prosperous farmer, moving after his marriage to Cromwell Township, where he spent his afterlife. In September, 1835, he immigrated with his family and some of his relatives to what was then the "West," Licking County, Ohio, making the journey with a four-horse team in thirteen days. He rented a farm four miles from Granville, but in March, 1836, he returned to Huntingdon County. He was an earnest Christian, and a class leader of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married (first) in Clayton Township, near Saltillo, **Keziah Long**, who died October 3, 1847. He married (second) **Permelia Martin**, born in Perry County, Pennsylvania.

Children by his first wife:

1. **James S.**
2. **John W.**
3. **Sarah**, married **Daniel Heck**, and died in 1865.
4. **B. F.**, born July 14, 1829; married **Ruhama Miller**; he was a soldier in the Union army.
5. **Thomas L.**, of whom further.
6. **Mary E.**, married **Thomas Webb**. Children by his second wife:
7. **Margaret J.**, married (first) **Laurence Hagbloom** (second) **George Doughman**.
8. **Rebecca E.** married **George Numer**.

(VI) **Thomas L.**, son of **William McLain Chilcote** and his first wife, **Keziah Long**, was born in Cromwell Township, Huntingdon County, in 1830, died August 11, 1900. He was educated in the public schools, in after life engaging in agriculture, becoming the owner of a small farm and spending his entire life in that pursuit. In politics he was a Republican, and held several local offices. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married **Susan Whitsel**, daughter of **Powell** and **Amelia Whitsel**, of Huntingdon County, both of German descent. Children: **Mary Catherine**, died aged eighteen years; **Mary E.**, married **William C. Huntsman**, a farmer; **Permelia**, married **George M. Schenfelt**, a carpenter; **William Henry**, of whom further; **Sarah M.**, married **John E. Stuart**, a carpenter; **Mattie**, married **W. C. McCollum**, an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad; **Rebecca**, married **E. M. Schenfelt**, a farmer; **Abraham**, an employee of the East Broad Top railroad; **Philip**, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now stationed at New Florence; **Thomas F.**, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, stationed at Lafayette City, Pennsylvania.

(VII) **William Henry**, son of **Thomas L.** and **Susan (Whitsel) Chilcote**, was born October 20, 1860. He was educated in the township schools, learned the carpenter's trade, and then entered the employ of the East Broad Top Railroad Company, continuing twenty years in their wood-working department. After leaving the employ of the railroad company he became a contractor and builder, a business which he has successfully conducted up to the present time. He is interested in the First National Bank of Orbisonia; is a Republican in politics; has served as secretary of the school board, return judge, constable, and in 1903 was elected treasurer of Huntingdon County. **Mr. Chilcote** has taken a deep interest in the system of road improvement adopted by Pennsylvania, and since 1912 has been foreman of construction on the Huntingdon County state roads. In all the public offices he has filled **Mr. Chilcote** has displayed a conscientious regard for the trust placed in him, and has served the county with loyalty and integrity. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 640, in which he has passed all the chairs. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

He married, April 27, 1893, **Charlotte**, daughter of **William** and **Ellen Ott**. Children of **William** and **Ellen Ott**: **Charlotte**, of previous mention; **Mary W.**, married **Philip Wilson**; **Stuart**, **Annie**, **Wesley**, **Hugh M.** Children of **William Henry** and **Charlotte (Ott) Chilcote**: **One**, died in infancy; **Margaretta**, born in 1897.