

The Perry Historians, Biographical Gleanings, Comprising Perry County

William S. Ebright, Duncannon, Perry County, Pa., was born August 20, 1811 in Frankford Township, Cumberland County, Pa., son of **Philip** and **Mary (Hunter) Ebright**. He was baptized in the Saint Peters Church, Upper Frankford, Cumberland County on October 12, 1811. His paternal great-grandfather, **John Paul Epprecht**, was born in Helmstatdt, Pfalz, Germany, September 4, 1717 a son of **George Adam** and **Eva (Fleisch) Epprecht**. **George Adam** emigrated to America in 1727 with his family and settled in Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, Pa. In 1738, **George Adam** purchased 200 acres at the Fork of the Muddy Creek. **Mr. George Adam Epprecht** was an original signer of the doctrine of the Muddy Creek Lutheran Reformed Church in 1743. His wife **Eva** was interred in the Muddy Creek Lutheran Reformed Churchyard April 25, 1769. **George Adam** and **Eva (Fleisch) Epprecht's** children were: **Hans Adam**; **Hans George**; **Andreas**; **John Paul**; **Johann Philip**; and **Johan Jacob**.

John Paul, paternal great grandfather of **William S.**, married **Miss Barbara Margaretha Sauter** on February 10, 1747 in Warwick, Lancaster County, Pa., by the Rev. John Casper Stoever. **John Paul** lived most of his life in Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, having died there in 1788. Their children were: **Ludwig**, grandfather of the subject of this sketch; **Fronica**, **George Adam** and **Anna Maria Ebright** who married **Christofel Pinnsser**, July 28, 1782 in East Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, Pa.

Ludwig Ebright, grandfather of our subject, was born in 1751. He married, March 1, 1774 in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Stouchburg, Berks County, **Catherine Bonawitz**, daughter of **Johann Adam** and **Julianna Bonawitz**, who was born in Heidelberg Township, Berks County in 1756. During the revolutionary War, **Ludwig** entered as a Private on September 20, 1777, in Captain Isaac Adam's Company, Colonel Elder Camp's Regiment of Lancaster County. They lived in Heidelberg, Berks County through 1785 and in 1786 he and his family moved to West Pennsborough, Cumberland County, Pa. **Ludwig** died the following year at his home along the Conodoquinet Creek, Cumberland County in February 1787. Their children were: **Catherine**; **Johann Ludwig**; **Johan Philip**; **Susanna** and **Eva Rosina**. His widow remarried **John Ernst**.

Johan Philip, or **Philip**, father of our subject, was born April 3, 1780 in Heidelberg, Berks County, Pa., and was baptized April 30, 1780 in Saint Daniel's Lutheran Church of that place. He married **Mary Hunter** on April 12, 1804 at the First Presbyterian Church, Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pa, daughter of **John** and **Ann Hunter**. Their children were: **John Hunter**, born December 29, 1806, married **Miss Sophia Clay**, December 23, 1834 in Perry County, Pa., daughter of **Nicholas** and **Catherine Clay**; **James Jacobus**, born August 16, 1807 in Frankford Township, Cumberland County, married **Elizabeth** and removed to Allegheny County; **Catharina**, born September 21, 1809 in Frankford Township, Cumberland County; **Wilhelm S.**, the subject of our sketch; **Nancy**, and her twin, **Anna Sarah**, both born December 15, 1813, Frankford Township, Cumberland County; and **Joseph S.**, born February 17, 1816, married **Ann Margaret Curry**, removed to Cambria County, Pa. and then Seneca Township, Monroe County, Ohio and died in a coal mining accident in Noble County, Ohio in 1856. **Mr. Philip Ebright** removed to Cumberland County with his father and owned 120 acres that adjoined Alex Officer's property and the mountain. They lived in a cabin of 20' by 30', had a

24' by 18' barn and a spring house. **Mr. Ebright** died at the age of 38 on June 12, 1818, leaving his widow and seven small children. **Mrs. Ebright** died of dropsy in early July 1835

John Hunter, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was born June 19, 1751 and married **Ann**, who was born April 15, 1747. They resided in West Pennsborough Township, Cumberland County, Pa and their children were: **Isabella**, born March 14, 1777, married **James Love** and died July 21, 1844; **Margaret**, born January 30, 1779, married **William Speer**; **Mary Hunter**, the mother of our subject, born December 28, 1780, married **Philip Ebright**; **Sarah**, born April 18, 1783, married **James McLaughlin**; and **Jane**, born January 1, 1786, married **James Summerville**.

William Ebright, our subject, was twice married. His first wife was **Ann Shannon**. This union brought **Elizabeth Catherine**, born in Cumberland County in 1839, married **Joseph W. Duncan** of Halifax Township, Dauphin County and resided in Duncannon, Perry County. After the death of the husband, April 10, 1879, she remained in Duncannon and in her advancing years moved in with her daughter, **Sarah J.** wife of **John W. Bowers** in Harrisburg until her death January 11, 1910; **Benjamin**, born in Cumberland County in 1842, died July 23, 1864 of scarbitus in Andersonville Prison, Georgia, having served with Company A, 92nd Infantry Regiment and was captured at Dandridge, east Tennessee on November 24, 1863, originally confined in Richmond, Va. and later transferred to Andersonville Prison. **Mary Jane**, born in Cumberland County, 1844, married **John Barrett** from England, who died in Lower Duncannon on November 21, 1885, she then being a widow married **Joseph Beckman** from Germany on June 20, 1886 in Perry County, Pa and removed to Danville, Montour County where she then passed April 11, 1925; **Sarah Ann**, born April 22, 1847 in Cumberland County, married in Duncannon, Perry County, February 15, 1863 to **Mr. Joseph Washington Gilbert**, son of **Joseph** and **Mary A. (Halbein) Gilbert** and died of cancer of the uterus with complications resulting from the Spanish Flu Epidemic of 1918 on October 9, 1918 in Duncannon, Perry County; **Hannah Elizabeth**, born June 26, 1859, married first, **George Jones**, whom she divorced in 1893 and then married **William B. Bird**, March 17, 1896 in Harrisburg, Dauphin County, and she died October 23, 1922 at her home in Harrisburg, PA and was interred in the Harrisburg East Cemetery, Dauphin County.

His first wife having died, his second marriage was to **Elizabeth Waitman**. From this union, three children were born: **Susan Manning**, born February 26, 1873, married **Jackson J. Seiler** in Milton, Northumberland County on May 10, 1890 and died of a bilious fever on October 24, 1898 at the age of 25 leaving issue; **Harvey Fisher**, born September 14, 1875, married **Roxanne M. Krebs**, daughter of **George** and **Sarah Krebs** of Lancaster County on April 7, 1906 in Milton, Northumberland County, Pa., dying October 30, 1945 of prostate cancer in Milton, Northumberland County, Pa; **Harriette**, born at Duncannon, Perry County in February 1880 and succumbing to malarial fever in August 1880. **William S.** passed his earthly bounds March 10, 1886, aged 74 years. He is interred in the Union Cemetery, Duncannon, Perry County, Pa.