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The Goodhart Family

The Goodhart family, of which **James McEwen Goodhart**, of Lewistown, Pennsylvania, is a member, has been connected with the history of the country since a considerable length of time prior to the revolution.

(I) **Frederick Goodhart** emigrated from Germany to America.

(II) **John Goodhart** was of Trumbull County, Ohio.

(III) **John**, son of **John Goodhart**, was born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, March 22, 1809, and died at Spring Mills, Center County, Pennsylvania, July 7, 1888. During his earlier years he was engaged in the manufacture of the once celebrated Conestoga wagons, for which the state of Pennsylvania was noted before the advent of railroad travel. His later years were spent on his farm near Spring Mills, Pennsylvania. **Mr. Goodhart** married, March 13, 1834, **Martha Gregg**, daughter of **Henry** and **Elizabeth (Gregg) McEwen**, and granddaughter of **William** and **Sarah (Holmes) McEwen**. The last two mentioned came to this country from Gileorbet, Ireland, about 1734-35, and were of Scotch-Irish descent. **Elizabeth (Gregg) McEwen** was a daughter of **James Gregg**, and a niece of **Andrew Gregg** (1st).

Henry McEwen enlisted in a company of Pennsylvania riflemen under the command of Captain Hendricks, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. They were at once ordered to Boston, and his company with several others was chosen by General Schuyler, with Arnold in command, to make the memorable march from Fort Western, now Augusta, through the wilderness to join General Montgomery and assist in the attack on the fortress at Quebec. In this hand-to-hand fight **McEwen** was wounded and taken prisoner, his captain and steadfast friend, **Hendricks**, mortally wounded. **Henry McEwen** had the distinction of not only serving his country during the revolution, but gave one of his sons in the war of 1812, one in the war with Mexico, another, his namesake, **Henry McEwen Jr.**, when he was quite an old man, to the war of the rebellion.

(IV) **James McEwen**, son of **John** and **Martha Gregg (McEwen) Goodhart**, was born at Potters Mills, Center County, Pennsylvania, September 28, 1842. He was educated at the Aaronsburg Academy, and at the Plainfield Institute, now Northwestern College, Napierville, Illinois. After leaving school he came to Lewistown and entered into the employ of George Blymyer & Sons, and several years later associated himself in a partnership with J. Ritz Burns and J. S. Houtz, in the dry goods business, the firm name being Burns, Goodhart & Houtz. Twenty- one years were spent in this business, and then **Mr. Goodhart** withdrew and purchased the Lewistown Foundry & Machine Company, of which he was president for a period of fifteen years. During this time, in connection with several others, he purchased a farm east of the town and organized the Mount Rock Land & Improvement Company and the Mount Rock Cemetery Company, of both of which companies **Mr. Goodhart** is president. Some years ago he was also one of the organizers of the Lewistown Trust Company, in which he is serving as vice president

and as one of the directors. He served as postmaster of Lewistown during the second administration of President Cleveland; was a school director for twelve years, during this time acting as secretary of the board; and has been active in any project for the public welfare. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and has taken the Knight Templar degree. His association with the Presbyterian Church is active; he is at present a ruling elder, and he has frequently served in its higher courts.

Mr. Goodhart married (first) **Sarah Beatty**, daughter of **Samuel Kyle**, of Reedsville, Pennsylvania, and granddaughter of **Judge Joseph Kyle**, of Kishacoquillas Valley. They had no children. He married (second) June 7, 1882, **Rosanna Catharine**, daughter of the late **Hugh Hamilton**, of Fermanagh, Juniata County, Pennsylvania. Her great grandfather was **Captain John Hamilton**, of revolutionary fame, who gave his services as well as his means to the cause of his country. Her mother was **Sarah Kloss**, of Juniata County. Of this marriage two children were born:

1. **Martha Gregg Goodhart** is wife of **Charles M. Thompson**, of Elkhurst, West Virginia, and has one child, **James Goodhart Thompson**. **Mrs. Thompson** was a graduate of Elmira College, Elmira, New York. **Mr. Thompson** is a son of **John I. Thompson Jr.**, and a grandson of the late **Moses Thompson**, of Lemont, Center County, Pennsylvania.

2. **Hugh Hamilton Goodhart**, a graduate of the Pennsylvania State College, Pennsylvania; is a mechanical engineer, residing in Buffalo, New York. Through her **Hamilton** ancestry **Mrs. Rosanna Catharine Goodhart** is a member of the Bellefont (Pennsylvania) Chapter, D. A. R.

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