

A History of the Juniata Valley and its People Under The Editorial Supervision of John W. Jordan, LL.D.; Librarian of Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Illustrated; New York, Lewis Historical Publishing Company; 1913; Volume II

The **Gutshall** family of Pennsylvania, of which **G. W. Gutshall**, of Blain, Pennsylvania, is a member, was established in Pennsylvania before the Revolutionary war. The emigrant ancestor came to the New World from Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, about 1762, landing at Philadelphia. His son was a soldier in the war of the Revolution.

(I) **George Gutshall**, a descendant of the emigrant of the same name, was a native of Berks County, Pennsylvania, and was born about 1780, perhaps earlier. He was a valiant soldier in the war of 1812, at which time he had been married to **Barbara Spohn**, a native of Berks County, several years, as their first child was born in 1808. After peace was declared between the United States and Great Britain he returned to his farm and continued in that peaceful vocation until his death. He was a very successful agriculturist and accumulated a handsome estate before his death, at which time he owned one hundred and sixty-five highly productive acres of land. Both he and his wife were members of the German Lutheran Church, and were greatly respected by their fellow citizens and co-religionists. Children: 1. **Daniel**, of whom further. 2. **Samuel**, a farmer, died in Kansas; married **Elizabeth Hollabaugh**. 3. **Solomon**, a farmer in Perry County, Pennsylvania; married **Elizabeth Rhinesmith**. 4. **William**, a farmer in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. 5. **Frederick**, married **Susan Rhinesmith**. 6. **Abraham**, unmarried. 7. **John**, died soon after reaching majority. 8. **Lydia**, married **Jacob Ensminger**. 9. **Hannah**, married **Solomon Roth**, a farmer.

(II) **Daniel Gutshall**, son of **George** and **Barbara (Spohn) Gutshall**, was born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, December, 1808, and died in Blain, Pennsylvania, May, 1885. He received his education in the common schools of the township, and followed the occupation of farming all of his life in Jackson Township. He retired from active work in 1874, eleven years previous to his death. He was one of the leading and successful men of his township and one of its most esteemed citizens. He was a Democrat in politics and a member of the Lutheran Church, as was his wife. He married **Sarah Bower**, born in Madison Township, Perry County, Pennsylvania, April, 1809, who died in Blain June, 1886, a daughter of **Abraham** and **Barbara Bower**. Children: 1. **Jane**, married **John Tressler**, a farmer of Perry County. 2. **Mary B.**, married **George Kern**, a retired farmer. 3. **William B.**, a farmer, and who served as county commissioner from 1887 to 1892; married **Emma Rice**. 4. **Solomon**, born January 13, 1839, a farmer and hotel proprietor; married **Margaret Wagner**; one child, **Charles B.** 5. **Caroline**, married **Amos Watts**. 6. **Sarah B.**, married **David Bower**, a farmer and hotel proprietor. 7. **Diana**, married **Wilson Morrison**. 8. **Wilson**, a blacksmith; married **Susan Draybenstock**. 9. **Abraham**, a blacksmith and railway employee in California. 10. **Harry W.**, died in 1874; married **Mary Johnson**. 11. **George Washington**, of whom further. 12. **Malinda**, died aged twelve. The parents of **Mrs. Gutshall**, **Abraham** and **Barbara Bower**, were old-time residents of Madison Township, near Andersonburg, Perry County, and were among the prominent people of that section. He was a Democrat and was Democratic commissioner of Perry County for years. He was a land owner and did general farming on an extensive scale. Both he and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church, and he side by side in the cemetery near Andersonburg. Children: 1. A son, died soon after reaching majority. 2. **Josephine**, married **Jonathan Arnold**.

3. **Rebecca**, married **Jacob Wentz**. 4. **Sarah**, married **Daniel Gutshall**. 5. **Elizabeth**, married **John Beaver**. 6. **Lydia N.**, married **George M. Loy**. 7. **Diana**, unmarried. 8. **Mary**, married **Daniel Garber**. There were other children, but of their births and deaths and subsequent wanderings and marriages no records have been kept.

(III) **George Washington Gutshall**, son of **Daniel** and **Sarah (Bower) Gutshall**, was born April 14, 1852, in Jackson Township, Perry County, Pennsylvania. He received his education at the Red Hill public school in Jackson Township, and on completing his studies he assisted his father on the farm. In 1889 he purchased a farm in Juniata County, Pennsylvania, improved it, erected houses thereon and brought it to a high state of fertility. This he sold in 1892 and moved to a place near Andersonburg. In 1902 he moved to Blain and in 1905 he entered the grain and feed business, also incorporating coal with the two former. He has continued in this to the present time (1913). He was appointed assistant station agent at Blain. He is a Democrat in politics, a member of the Junior Mechanics and of the Lutheran Church, as is his wife.

He married, September 15, 1874, **Celestia Bennett**, daughter of **John** and **Elizabeth (Boiling) Bennett**, who were former residents of Adams County, but later of Juniata County. Children of **Mr. and Mrs. Gutshall**: 1. **William**, born July, 1876: married **May Richard**. 2. **Sarah E.**, born 1878; married **Mitchell Morrow**, of Pittsburgh. 3. **Ira W.**, a farmer in Jackson Township; married **Grace Drumgole**. 4. **Mary B.**, unmarried. 5. **Margaret Jane**, married **Clark Drumgole**. 6. **George L.**, in Pittsburgh, preparing himself to teach.

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