

History of Butler County, Pennsylvania. Embracing Its Physical Features; Aborigines and Explorers; Public Lands and Surveys; Pioneers; Early Settlement and Subsequent Growth; Organization and Civil Administration: Political Affairs; The Legal and Medical Professions; The Press; Schools and School Laws; Internal Improvements; Agriculture; The Temperance Cause; Military History; The Butler Oil and Gas Fields; Sketches of Boroughs, Townships and Villages; Religious, Educational, Social and Material Progress; Biographies and Portraits of Pioneers and Representative Citizens, Etc., Etc. Illustrated. R. C. Brown & Co., Publishers. 1895.

John Hockenberry, a native of Perry County, Pennsylvania, came to Butler County about 1803, and settled in Brady Township. He resided there for several years, and then removed to Cherry Township, where he died. He married **Hannah Kelly**, and was the father of eight children, viz: **John**; **Casper**; **Jonathan**; **Elizabeth**, who married **James Buchanan**; **Jane**, who married **Moses McCandless**; **Annie**, who married and died in Ohio; **Ellen**, who married **William Graham**, and **Joseph**, all of whom are dead.

Casper Hockenberry, Sr., second son of **John** and **Hannah Hockenberry**, was born in Perry County, in 1785, came with his parents to Butler County, and about 1810 located on Muddy Creek, in Worth Township. He purchased 200 acres of land, upon which he spent the remaining years of his life, and died on October 29, 1860. He married **Margaret Shaffer**, who bore him the following children: **Annie**, who married **Jonathan Wimer**; **Joseph**, a resident of Butler; **Catherine**, wife of **J. J. Baker**; **Hannah**, deceased wife of **William Gallagher**; **Effie**, wife of **Joseph Forrester**; **Mahala**, wife of **Sheplar Boston**; **William**, who died recently in Worth Township, and **Mary**, wife of **Elijah Rolls**.

Joseph Hockenberry, eldest son of **Casper** and **Margaret Hockenberry**, was born January 16, 1844. After arriving at maturity he purchased a farm in Worth Township, but subsequently removed to Franklin Township, and followed agriculture until 1891. He then retired from active business life, and located in Butler, where he is spending his declining years. **Mr. Hockenberry** has been twice married. His first wife was **Eliza Kennedy**, a daughter of **David Kennedy**. She died in 1878, leaving six children, viz.: **Casper**; **Euphemia**, wife of **Jacob Shields**; **Mary J.**, wife of **J. S. Snyder**; **Margaret**, who married **William Bennet**, and after his death **John Hunt**; **Mahala**, wife of **James Cratty**, and **J. Pierce**. His second wife was **Mrs. Mary J. Lepley**, who died in 1883.

Casper Hockenberry, eldest son of **Joseph** and **Eliza (Kennedy) Hockenberry**, was born on the **Hockenberry** homestead, in Worth Township, November 27, 1835. He obtained a common school education, and was reared a tanner. In 1864 he purchased seventy-five acres in Franklin Township, to which he has since added the same amount, and has resided upon this farm up to the present. He is also the owner of 100 acres in Connoquenessing Township. In 1891 oil was discovered upon his farm in Franklin Township, which now contains ten producing wells, which bring him in a comfortable competence. **Mr. Hockenberry** is one of the successful farmers of the county, and a man of enterprise and public spirit. In 1864 he married **Priscilla Bryan**, a daughter of **Robert Steel Bryan**, of Cherry Township. Fourteen children have been born to this union, viz.: **Wilbert E.**; **Margaret C.**, wife of **William Cooper**; **Robert M.**; **Joseph M.**; **Mary E.**, wife of **Lewis Double**; **Casper A.**; **William M.**; **Amelia**; **James C.**; **Ann Eliza**; **Blanche**;

David; Milton, and Ernest. Mr. Hockenberry is a staunch Democrat, and is a member of the Baptist Church; he is recognized as one of the leading citizens of the community.

William Hockenberry, youngest son of Casper and Margaret Hockenberry, was born in Worth Township, Butler County, March 80, 1827, and died upon his homestead. December 15, 1898. He was reared to farm life, and received a common school education. When twenty-three years of age, his father having died, **William** began life for himself, and continued to follow agricultural pursuits until his death. On October 2, 1851, he married **Mary Fisher**, a daughter of **Jacob Fisher**, of Worth Township, who survives him. Ten children blessed this union, vi/...: **James N.**, a resident of Illinois; **Nancy**, wife of **William Steckle**, of Butler; **Hampson**, of Brady Township; **Casper J.**, of New Castle. **Lizzie**, wife of **William Shields**, of Worth Township; **Clara**, wife of **Benjamin Lillie**, of Corapolis; **Iva J.**, wife of **John Lemmon**, of Jackson Township; Marion F., who resides on the homestead, and **Nettie K.**, wife of **Edward Johnson**, of Connoquenessing Township. **Mr. Hockenberry** was a member of the Baptist Church, and in politics, a Democrat.

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