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## LOUDON

**James Loudon**, of East Waterford, Juniata County, Pennsylvania, represents in his person the admirable qualities of the transplanted Celt in the second generation, which make them such desirable citizens of this Republic.

(I) **Robert Loudon**, the grandfather of **James Loudon**, was born in Ireland, and was there married. His stalwart sons, growing tired of the scant prospect of advancement at home, determined to put their fortunes to the touch, and emigrated to America. After some years they induced him to join them in the United States, and it is probable that his wife crossed with him. He was then an old man, and never returned to Ireland, spending his last days with his children near East Waterford. His children, all of whom are dead, were: **John, Robert, David, William, Solomon, Lydia, Eliza, Nancy, Paul** and **James**.

(II) **Solomon Loudon**, son of **Robert Loudon**, was born in the County of Derry, Ireland, as was his wife. He came to the United States at the age of eighteen and located near East Waterford. Here he married **Eliza Barton**, who came with her parents from Ireland when she was but twelve years old. He purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Tuscarora Township, and later added to it another one hundred and sixty acres, making in all three hundred and twenty as fertile acres as could be found in that part of Pennsylvania. In his early manhood he followed the shoemaker's trade, eventually gave that up and devoted himself to agriculture, and became one of the successful farmers of his section. He lived a quiet, retired, though useful, life. He erected substantial buildings on his farm, and it was known far and near for its up-to-dateness. In politics he was a Democrat, and both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. He died about 1869 and she in 1879. Children: 1. **Sarah Jane**, married **Daniel Thatcher**; she is dead. 2. **John M.**, married **May McKee**; lived and died in Nebraska. 3. **Mary Ann**, married **Robert McWilliams**; he served as register and recorder of Juniata County; they moved to Illinois, and he was killed there; she died, aged eighty-four. 4. **Samuel B.**, tailor by trade at East Waterford; he was elected sheriff of Juniata County, and died at Mifflintown; married **Mary Sweringen**. 5. **Paul**, at the age of twenty-five moved to Ireland and lives there. 6. **James**, of whom further. 7. **Elizabeth**, married **John Silverborn**; both died in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania. 8. **Rachel**, married **James McConnell**; lived in Perry County some years, now makes her home in Germantown, Pennsylvania. 9. **David S.**, enlisted in civil war and served four years; married **Mary Elder**, and moved to Page County, Iowa, and there lives. 10. **Margaret**, married **L. E. Dougherty**; lives in Page County, Iowa. 11. **Martha**, widow of **John Anderson**; he died in Cambria County, Pennsylvania. 12. **Tabitha**, died at the age of eight years.

(III) **James Loudon**, son of **Solomon** and **Eliza (Barton) Loudon**, was born in Tuscarora Township, Juniata County, Pennsylvania, February 26, 1833. He was educated in the common schools of the township and reared on the farm. He remained with his father until after the civil war, then, following the trend of the times, went to the oil region. He returned home, and with

his brother, **David**, took over the management of the home farm. A year later **David** went west, and **James** purchased the homestead from the other heirs, and there made his home until 1895. In that year he moved to East Waterford, to occupy a house that he had erected the year previous, and has lived there until now (1913). In 1909 he disposed of the farm and retired from business life. In politics he is a Democrat and has served in township offices, and has been tax collector. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, of which he has been an elder for more than forty years. He is a member of the local Grange. He married, February 14, 1867, **Susan E. Dougherty**, born January 22, 1849, in Juniata County, daughter of **Mathew** and **Susan (Minary) Dougherty**, old residents of Juniata County. Children: 1. **Ida M.**, widow of **James Hockenberry**; lived near Waterford; children: **Eva** and **Pearl**, twins. 2. **Florence**, died in infancy. 3. **Charles W.**, engaged in a silver ore smelter in Montana; married **Olive Allen**; children: **Dale**, died aged four; and **Ray**. 4. **Millie G.**, married **J. Harry Murphey**, an employee on railroad at Altoona, Pennsylvania; children: **Annis**, **John** and **James**, the two latter twins. 5. **Lottie J.**, married **Bruce Hockenberry**; lives in Berea, Kentucky; children: **Susan Ray**, **James Loudon** and **Dorman**. 6. **Margaret M.**, married **Harry Lawton**; has one child, **Faye**. 7. **Frank F.**, married **Blanche Allen**; he is a ranchman at Plumber, Idaho. 8. **Mabel S.**, married **James B. McMeen** (see **McMeen** sketch, this work).

**Mathew Dougherty** was the only son of his father, who died when he was quite a lad, in Chester County, Pennsylvania. He married **Susan Minary**, daughter of **Joseph Minary**, an old resident of Philadelphia, where he was a carpenter before he moved to Juniata County, at an advanced age, and died in the home of his daughter.

**Mathew Dougherty** was born in the state of Delaware, December 22, 1810, and, owing to the death of his father when he was quite young, he was reared by an aunt. He married **Susan Minary**, February 8, 1837, in Philadelphia, and soon moved to Juniata County. They located near Mifflin, and in 1857 moved to Tuscarora Township and bought a farm, and later added two more to the land holdings, aggregating two hundred and seventy-five acres. He died February 15, 1889, and his wife died February 1, 1889. They were both devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he was a Democrat. Children: 1. **William**, a farmer, and died in Juniata County. 2. **Joseph**, died on homestead. 3. **John**, lives in Harrisburg. 4. **Thomas**, one of the wealthy men of Iowa. 5. **Sarah**, married **John Andrews**; died in Ohio. 6. **Mathias Day**, lives in Iowa. 7. **Lemuel Emory**, lives in Iowa. 8. **Susan Evans**, born January 22, 1849, married **James Loudon** (see **Loudon III**). 9. **Ellen**, married **Moses Felmlee** and lives at Shade Gap. 10. **Charles**, died aged eight. 11. **Juniata**, died in infancy. 12. **Wilson McCullough**, died on homestead. 13. **Martha Jane Irvin**, married **David Milliken**, and lives in Reedsville, Pennsylvania.