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Dr. James T. Mahon, whose death was deeply and sincerely deplored by his associates in the medical profession as well as by a large circle of friends and patients, had attained a high rank in his profession many years prior to his death. He had been a resident of Lewistown, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, for many years. His father, **Dr. David D. Mahon**, was born August 28, 1815, and was also a successful physician. He had located at Newton Hamilton, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, and was engaged in the active practice of his profession a long time. He married **Martha S. Cochran**, and they both died in Newton Hamilton.

Dr. James T. Mahon was born in Shippensburg, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, December 8, 1841, and removed with his parents to Mifflin County. His preparatory education was acquired in the public schools of his native town, and he was later graduated with honor from the Baltimore Medical College (University of Maryland), in 1864. Immediately after his graduation he established himself in practice at Newton Hamilton, and had already achieved a very reasonable amount of success when he succeeded to the practice of his father in 1865 at Newton Hamilton. Twenty years later, 1885, he removed to Lewistown, Mifflin County, where his reputation as a physician had preceded him, and where he had a large and lucrative practice until the time of his death, February 1, 1895. He held a number of public and semi-public offices. He served as assistant surgeon of the One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers during the civil war, and was the surgeon for Colonel Huling Post, of Lewistown, for several years. For the period of twenty-seven years he was the physician for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and he was a member of the United States pension board of examining surgeons in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. His fraternal affiliations were with Lewistown Lodge, No. 203, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was past master; and he was a member of Chapter No. 186, Royal Arch Masons.

Dr. Mahon married, March 6, 1873, **Eliza Ellen Thompson**, born in Mexico, Juniata County, Pennsylvania, November 7, 1843, and her line of descent will be found below.

The **Thompson** Line.

(I) **John Thompson Sr.** was born in Scotland from whence he migrated to Ireland, County Antrim, about 1735. Subsequently he emigrated to America, came up the Susquehanna and Juniata Rivers, and landed at the mouth of the run three miles east of Thompsontown. He married (first) a **Miss Greenleaf**, (second) a **Miss Slocum**, (third) a **Miss Patterson**.

(II) **William**, son of **John Thompson** and his first wife, was born in 1754. He was an active participant in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown. He married **Jane Mitchell**, of Chestnut Level, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, who died January 3, 1813, at the age of fifty-nine years. Of this marriage there were nine children, **James** being the next in line of descent.

(III) **James**, son of **William** and **Jane (Mitchell) Thompson**, was born February 2, 1782, died December 14, 1847. His entire life was spent in Juniata County, Pennsylvania. He married,

April 2, 1810, **Martha Porter Allen**, born September 19, 1788, died at Mexico, Juniata County, November 22, 1855. She was a daughter of **David Allen**, and a lineal descendant of **Admiral Nelson**. They became the parents of six children.

(IV) **Charles Allen**, eldest child of **James** and **Martha Porter (Allen) Thompson**, was born in Mexico, Juniata County, Pennsylvania, January 11, 1811, died October 19, 1854. He was a man of many sided ability; he was a merchant, had milling and grain interests, and also largely interested in the coal industry. His political affiliations were with the Republican Party, and he was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. He married **Mary Ann Cochran**, born in Millerstown, Perry County, Pennsylvania, June 14, 1815, died in Mexico, Juniata County, June 14, 1887. They had children: **Martha Jane; James Horace; William Porter; Emma Sophia; Eliza Ellen**, who married **Dr. Mahon; Ada Marion; Anna Mary; Charles Allen**. In 1911 the first **Thompson** reunion was held at Thompsontown, Juniata County, Pennsylvania, and a monument was erected at Thompson's Lock, one and one-half miles east of Thompsontown, to the memory of **John Thompson**, the emigrant ancestor, the following inscription being placed upon it : "**John Thompson**, Pioneer and Patriot, Founder of the **Thompson Family** in Juniata County, Died 1769. Advocate of the Open Bible, Civil and Religious Liberty. Erected by a Grateful Posterity. 1911."

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