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This branch of the **McLaughlin** family was founded in Pennsylvania by **Hugh McLaughlin**, born in Ireland, who settled in Lancaster on first coming to America. The date of his coming to Juniata County is fixed at 1793 or 1794, by deeds and land transfers. His lands were in Turbett Township and there he lived until death. He married in Ireland and brought a family to this country with him.

(II) **James**, son of **Hugh McLaughlin**, was born in Ireland and came to Pennsylvania with his father at the age of fourteen years. He moved to Juniata county, married and settled on the homestead farm in Turbett Township, where his after life was spent. During the war of 1812 he raised a company, and was always active and useful in town affairs. He was one of the prime movers in locating the old Mount Hope schoolhouse and was given the honor of bestowing upon it a name. He was a Democrat in politics. He married **Elizabeth Swyler**, born in Germany, but came to this country when a girl.

Children: **John**, died in Juniata County, a farmer and insurance agent; **Mary**, married **Joseph Steager** and died in Indiana; **James** (2), of whom further; **Elizabeth**, married **George DeVault** and died in Illinois; **Jane**, married **William Hench** and died in Turbett Township; **Margaret**, married **Michael DeVault** and died in Illinois; **Frank**, died in Turbett Township; **Hugh**, died aged seventeen years; **Samuel**, died in Spruce Hill Township, formerly Turbett.

(III) **James** (2), son of **James** (1) and **Elizabeth (Swyler) McLaughlin**, was born in Turbett Township, Juniata County, Pennsylvania, March 4, 1817, died in the same township, March 15, 1901. He remained at the home farm until his marriage, then in 1850 purchased a farm to which he added until he had one hundred acres of fertile, well cultivated land. From 1876 until 1879 he was a commissioner of Juniata County, elected as a Democrat. He was a man of high character and held in universal esteem. He married (first) **Mary Wharton**, who bore him three children, now all deceased: **William K.**, **Rebecca J.**, married **Elias Arbogast**; **Edward P.**, died in South Dakota. He married (second) **Elizabeth Irvine**, born in Perry County, January 2, 1821, died in

Turbett Township, February 15, 1901, daughter of **William** and **Sarah (Milligan) Irvine**. Her parents were both born in Saville Township, Perry County, where **William Irvine** followed his trade of blacksmith until his death, aged forty years. His widow never remarrying, died aged sixty-nine years. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church; their children were: **James**, died in Perry County, a farmer; **Jane**, died unmarried; **Elizabeth**, married **James (2) McLaughlin**; **Sarah**, died unmarried; **John**, is living in Virginia, aged eighty years. Children of **James (2)** and **Elizabeth (Irvine) McLaughlin**: **John**, died aged three years; **James Scott**, of whom further; **Sarah Ann**, married **D. B. McWilliams**, a worker in the Standard Steel Works, at Burnham, Pennsylvania, also their residence.

(IV) **James Scott**, only son of **James (2)** and **Elizabeth (Irvine) McLaughlin**, was born on the farm which he now owns in Turbett Township, Juniata County, Pennsylvania, November 29, 1859. He was educated in the public schools and Airy View Academy, and has always lived on the homestead farm. There his youth was spent as his father's assistant, later he purchased the interests of the other heirs and has since added adjoining acres. He has erected a new residence on the property and otherwise enhanced its value. **Mr. McLaughlin** was one of the principal organizers of the People's National Bank of Mifflin and was chosen its first president, an office he has most ably filled. He is also the owner of a grist mill at old Port Royal, and interested in other business enterprises. He is a Democrat in politics, and both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church and the Patrons of Husbandry. **Mr. McLaughlin** is a fine type of the business farmer, loves the soil, and the associations clinging around the old home farm have always held him closely.

He married, December 22, 1886, **Blanche M. Caldwell**, born at White Deer, Clinton County, Pennsylvania, daughter of **Joseph** and **Mary (Milliken) Caldwell**, who both died in Milton, Pennsylvania. Children: **James I.**, a miller of Missouri, but a plumber by trade; **Mary C.**, married **Charles Finnefrock** and resides in Mifflintown; **Grace E.**, residing at home; **Paul E.**, a student at Port Royal high school.

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