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Robert and **Hannah Pennell** settled in Middletown Township, now Delaware County, as early as 1686 and are the founders of the **Pennells** of Chester and Delaware Counties, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They came from Boulderton, in Nottinghamshire, England, bringing a certificate from "Friends at Ffulbeck", issued the third day of the fifth month, 1684, in conjunction with **Thomas Garrett, Hugh Rodnell, Henry Pennell** and **Richard Parker** "with their wives and children intending to transfer themselves beyond the seas into East Jersey in America".

A **John Pennell** was in this country as early as 1689, residing in the vicinity of Darby and then a young man. In 1703 he married **Mary Morgan**, of Dublin Monthly Meeting, and settled in Concord Township. But little is known of **John**, but **Mary**, his wife, became eminent as a minister among Friends. She was born in Radnorshire, Wales, was educated in the Church of England, but at the age of thirteen years, she became convinced of the truth of the doctrines of the Quakers. When sixteen years of age she came to Pennsylvania and soon afterward united with the Friends Society, becoming a minister in 1722, and traveled extensively in the exercise of her holy calling, visiting the New England colonies and once going to Great Britain and Ireland.

Robert Pennell in 1687 was appointed constable of Middletown Township and was a farmer in fairly good circumstances. His wife **Hannah** died in 1711, aged seventy-one years, he surviving her several years, until 1728. Children: **Hannah**, married **John Sharpless**, of Ridley; **Joseph**, married **Alice**, daughter of **William Garrett**, of Darby; **Ann**, married **Benjamin Mendenhall**, of Concord; and **William**, married **Mary**, daughter of **Thomas** and **Mary Mercer**, of Thornburg. From **Robert** and **Hannah Pennell** sprang **Isaac Pennell**, born in Delaware County, died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was a member of the Society of Friends in good standing, as was his wife **Jane**. Children: **John**, died in Harrisburg; **Joseph**, of whom further: **Sarah**, married **William Hatton**, whom she survives, a resident of Philadelphia; **Mary**, married **William Hinkson** and died in Philadelphia.

(II) **Joseph**, son of **Isaac** and **Jane Pennell**, was born in Philadelphia in 1832, died in Wilksburg, Pennsylvania, February 19, 1904, and was brought to Mifflintown for interment. He was educated in the Friends School in Philadelphia, and prior to his marriage came to Mifflintown in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad. He entered mercantile life in Mifflintown after his marriage and continued without intermission until 1900, being at the time of his retirement one of the oldest merchants in the borough. He was an honorable, energetic and prosperous business man, and while not strict in his views, was a Quaker by birthright and inclination. He belonged to the Masonic order and was a man well liked and most highly respected. A Republican in politics, he never sought or accepted public office. He married in Mifflintown, **Rebecca Mickey**, born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, in 1839, daughter of **Frank M.** and **Elizabeth (Souders) Mickey**, both born in Perry County. **Frank M. Mickey** was a supervisor of the Pennsylvania railroad and early located in Mifflintown, where he was a captain of the military company, a member of the Lutheran Church and a Republican; children:

Rebecca, married **Joseph Pennell**, whom she survives, a resident of Pittsburgh; **Lewis**, a veteran of the civil war, resides in Baltimore, Maryland; **Jacob**, died in Shamokin, Pennsylvania; **Ann**, married **George Anderson** and resides in Altoona, Pennsylvania; **John**, now living retired in Mifflin, Pennsylvania; **Robert**, now residing at Alexandria, Pennsylvania, in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad; **Kate**, died unmarried. Children of **Joseph** and **Rebecca (Mickey) Pennell**: **Frank M. M.**, of whom further; **William**, now cashier of the Postal Telegraph Company at Pittsburgh; **Amy**, married **Thomas Evans** and resides in Avalon, Pennsylvania; **Clarence**, who is now in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad, and is residing at Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania.

(III) **Frank M. M.**, eldest son of **Joseph** and **Rebecca (Mickey) Pennell**, was born in Mifflintown, Pennsylvania, February 28, 1862. He was educated in the public schools of the borough, then entered Millersville State Normal School, whence he was graduated, class of 1882. After teaching in the public school one year, he began the study of law, reading under the preceptor ship of **Louis E. Atkinson**, an eminent lawyer, and was admitted to the Juniata County bar in 1885. Although entitled to practice, he desired still deeper knowledge of the law and he entered Albany Law School, Albany, New York, one of the very oldest and best law schools in the United States, from whence he was graduated LL.B., class of 1886. Returning to Mifflintown, he entered into partnership with his former instructor in the law, and as **Atkinson & Pennell**, they conducted a successful general practice in county, state and federal courts of the district, until **Mr. Atkinson's** death in 1910. Since then **Mr. Pennell** has conducted business alone. The firm was among the leaders at the county bar and bore a reputation for honorable, upright dealing, coupled with a legal learning and skill that attracted the best class of business. The offices are yet retained in Mifflintown, where **Mr. Pennell** conducts his legal business upon the same high plane of honor and efficiency. He has few outside interests, the law being to him a jealous mistress and to his profession he gives the best of his learning and talent. He has banking interests in the Juniata Valley National Bank and is a director of the Mifflintown and Patterson Water companies. He was one of the charter members of the Pennsylvania State Bar Association and also secretary of the Juniata Bar Association. In politics he is a Republican and from 1887 to 1890 was the elected district attorney of Juniata County. He is solicitor for the fifth district of the Pennsylvania railroad, and occupies a similar position with the Tuscarora Valley railroad.

He married, December 28, 1887, **Ida**, daughter of **James** and **Mary (Ewing) McCauley**, of Mifflintown: children: **Rebecca**, died aged four years; **Edred J.**, born December 29, 1890, graduate of Mifflintown high school and Gettysburg College, class of 1912, now a student at the University of Pennsylvania. The family are attendants of the Presbyterian Church, **Mr. Pennell** being a member of the Mifflintown congregation.