



**John Rogers Shangle**, serving at the present time (1907) in the capacity of mayor of Hightstown, discharging the duties of this responsible office in a highly creditable and efficient manner, and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents and the public at large, was for many years the head of a large business enterprise, which was established in Hightstown, New Jersey, by his father. He is a son of **Sering** and **Rachel S. (Rogers) Shangle**, grandson of **Frederic H.** and **Elizabeth (Crater) Shangle**, great-grandson of **Frederick** and **Marie (Patrey) Shangle**, and great-great grandson of **Heinrich Schenkel**, who came from Strasburg, Germany, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in ship "Robert S. Oliver," from Rotterdam, September 11, 1738. He married three times; third wife in America, maid of honor to Queen Anne. He died in 1769. His eleventh child, **Frederick**, born March 8, 1770, died 1832. Married, January 8, 1793, **Marie Patrey**, at Potterville, New Jersey, died September 16, 1834.

**Frederick Honnel Shangle**, fifth child of **Frederic** and **Marie (Petrey) Shangle**, was born in Morris County, New Jersey, but a considerable portion of his life was spent in West Windsor Township, Mercer County, where he followed farming as a means of livelihood. He married **Elizabeth Crater**, and their children were: 1. **Sering**, see forward. 2. **Philip**, born September 26, 1828, married **Phoebe Hutchinson**; they are both deceased; they had two children: **Amos** and **Ellison**. **Amos** had two sons, **Milton A.** and **Amos**. 3. **Mary**, born September 20, 1830, married **John Hunt**. Both are now deceased. 4. **Susan**, born April 20, 1832, deceased, was the wife of **Gideon Hutchinson**, also deceased. 5. **Amanda**, born December 20, 1833, married Hon. **John D. Rue**, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; they have one child, **Gilbert**, married **Annie Mount**, one child, **John Rue**. 6. **Frederick**, born March 15, 1836, died September 1, 1889. Married (first) **Amanda Updyke**, two children: **Sarah E.**, born August 16, 1859, married **David D. Bergen**, has one child; **Carrie**, born October 6, 1864, married **Hiram Augustus Cook**, has seven children. **Frederic Shangle** married (second), January 2, 1873, **Elizabeth Hulse**, had one child, **Frederick**, born July 14, 1881, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

**Sering Shangle**, father of **John R. Shangle**, born March 11, 1827, died November 1, 1899. He established a foundry in Hightstown, New Jersey, for the manufacture of agricultural implements, also parts of same, and subsequently admitted his son, **John Rogers Shangle**, into partnership. **Sering Shangle** was a prominent man in the affairs of Hightstown, and held many important public offices, including those of justice of the peace and mayor, serving in the latter capacity for a period of three years. He was a charter member and elder of the Presbyterian Church, a Republican in politics, and a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife, **Rachel S. (Rogers) Shangle**, bore him three children, namely: **John Rogers**, see forward. **Caroline**, unmarried. **Elizabeth**, married **Charles**

**Applegate**, three children: **Emily**, **Charles Milton**, and **Edmund Buel Applegate**, who was drowned December 30, 1903, at Glasborough, New Jersey, at the age of seven years.

**John R. Shangle** was born in Edinburg, Mercer County, New Jersey, September 16, 1848. He attended the public schools in the vicinity of his home and the Classical School of John E. Alexander in Hightstown, New Jersey. He then entered his father's foundry in Hightstown for the manufacture of agricultural implements, thoroughly learned the business in all its branches, was admitted to partnership upon attaining his majority, and at the death of his father purchased the plant and continued the business until 1905, when he retired from active business pursuits. During the period when the foundry was in operation it was an important factor in the development and upbuilding of Hightstown, giving steady employment to a number of skilled workmen, and in addition to the manufacture of farmers' utensils they manufactured machines for an export trade. Since attaining his majority **Mr. Shangle** has taken an active interest in the work of the Republican Party, and has been elected on that ticket to the offices of assessor of the borough, township collector, 1885, serving for eleven years, and mayor of Hightstown, elected in 1906 for two years. He is equally prominent in fraternal circles, holding membership in the order of Free and Accepted Masons, Improved Order of Red Men, Pawnee Tribe, No. 70, Junior Order United American Mechanics, No. 70, of which he is a charter member, and the Knights of Pythias, No. 22. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and succeeded his father to the position of elder. **Mr. Shangle** has just returned from an extended tour of California, having visited all the points of note and interest along the Pacific coast. **Mr. Shangle** has recently disposed of considerable of his real estate holdings, but is still the owner of a beautiful home on one of the principal streets of the borough, which is equipped with everything needful to the comfort of its inmates, including a plant for the heating of the same, electric lights and all modern improvements, and for a long period of time this was the only house in the vicinity supplied with steam or hot water heat.

**John R. Shangle** married, December 21, 1881, **Mattie A. Alexander**, born November 26, 1849, who bore him two children: **Clifford L.**, December 4, 1882, and **Frank A.**, died in infancy, aged nine months, 1888. **Mrs. Shangle** attended for three years the female seminaries at Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and Norristown, Pennsylvania, after which she engaged for some time in teaching. She united at an early age with the Presbyterian Church in Hightstown, New Jersey.

**Hugh Alexander**, the pioneer ancestor of the family of which **Mattie A. (Alexander) Shangle** is a representative, was the eldest son of **John** of Lanark, and was born either in Scotland or in County Armagh, Ireland. He was probably a lad of twelve years when his father's family emigrated to America, 1736. **Hugh Alexander** learned the trades of wheelwright and carpenter, and practiced these trades in West Nottingham, Chester County, on the Octorara, in connection with agricultural pursuits. Prior to his residence in Nottingham, in 1757, he was the owner of land in Tyrone Township, Cumberland County (now Perry County), in Sherman's Valley, Pennsylvania. There is a reliable tradition that **Mr. Alexander** and his wife fled several times from Sherman's Valley back to their old home on the eastern shore of Maryland from Indian raids, and returned to find their habitation burned. About 1758 he established himself permanently on his farm in Sherman's Valley. His tract contained eleven hundred acres. In 1777 he acquired tracts of land in Lost Creek and Kishacoquillas Valleys, and on the north branch of

the Susquehanna. **Hugh Alexander** was one of the deputies from Cumberland County to the Continental Congress, and this conference of deputies issued an address to the Associators or Patriotic Volunteers of Pennsylvania, made a declaration in favor of Independence, passed resolutions for raising six thousand troops for the "Flying Camp" of ten thousand, and made arrangements for the election of delegates from the counties to a constitutional convention. **Hugh Alexander, William Clarke** and **James Brown** were the first assemblymen from Cumberland. **Mr. Alexander** took his seat in that body January 13, 1777, and January 27, he was on a committee which reported a bill on excise, license and taxes, which passed into a law. His labors in the assembly were destined to a speedy termination, as his death occurred either in February or March, 1777.

**Hugh Alexander** married, 1752, **Martha Edmiston**, born 1733-34, of Lower West Nottingham, Cecil County, Maryland, daughter of **David** and **Margaret (Donnel) Edmiston**, the former of whom was born in 1700, died November 2, 1771. Their children were: **Margaret, John**, see forward; **Mary, David** and **Hugh**. **Hugh Alexander** married (second) **Mrs. Lettice Thompson**, about 1773, who bore him three children: **James, William** and **Emily**, twins. **John Alexander**, eldest son of **Hugh** and **Martha (Edmiston) Alexander**, was born either in Nottingham, Chester County, or in Sherman's Valley, then in Cumberland, but now in Perry County, Pennsylvania, about the year 1756. His childhood and youth were spent on his father's farm in Sherman's Valley, near Landisburg, on the waters of Sherman's Creek. He hastened with other volunteers to reinforce Washington's army on the Delaware in December, 1776, and participated in the capture of the Hessians at Trenton, December 26, which turned the tide of victory and revived the desponding spirit of the nation. After the death of his father, in 1777, the settlement of his estate and the care of the younger children fell upon **John** and his step-mother, who were named as executors. In 1787, accompanied by his wife and three children, **John Alexander** removed to a tract of about one thousand acres in Little Valley, Pennsylvania, which lay four miles northeast from Lewistown, the county seat of Mifflin County, and one mile east of Freedom Iron Works. He was one of the founders of the Little Valley Church, and for many years and until his death was an active ruling elder.

**John Alexander** married, about the year 1780, **Margaret Clark**, of Sherman's Valley, who bore him the following children: **Frances, Hugh, Samuel Edmiston**, see forward; **Martha, Thomas Clark, Margaret, Mary** and **John**. The father of these children died November 23, 1816, aged about sixty years and his wife died November, 1834, and both are buried in the graveyard of the Stone (now Brick) Presbyterian Church in East Kishacoquillas. After the death of her husband, **Mrs. Alexander** lived a widow for eighteen years in the homestead with her youngest son, **John Alexander**.

Hon. **Samuel Edmiston Alexander**, second son of **John** and **Margaret (Clark) Alexander**, was born in Sherman's Valley, January 17, 1785. He was called after Dr. **Samuel Edmiston**, of Chester County, Pennsylvania, who was a brother of his maternal grandmother, **Martha Edmiston**. He was two years of age when his parents removed to Little Valley, near Lewistown. Besides farming, he also learned in his youth to use the tools of the smith and carpenter, but employed this skill only for private purposes. After his marriage he established himself on a portion of his father's tract, which was mostly a forest, and this he cleared and improved, making of it one of the best cultivated farms in that section of the country. He sought no public offices,

yet his fellow-citizens entrusted him with those of county commissioner and associate judge. He was an active and efficient elder of the Presbyterian Church for forty years, taking an interest in all that pertained to its temporal and spiritual prosperity, giving liberally, attending punctually, and delighting to entertain the clergy, who often enjoyed his generous hospitality.

**Hon. Samuel E. Alexander** married, December 28, 1809, **Mary Alexander**, daughter of **James Alexander**, of West Kishacoquillas: they were second cousins. Their children were: **Belinda**, born November 16, 1810; **Jane Adams**, January 12, 1813; **John Edmiston**, June 2, 1815, see forward; **Margaret Ann**, September 22, 1817; **James Hamilton**, November 19, 1819; **Emily**, January 22, 1822; **Mary Elizabeth**, March 25, 1824; **Frances Martha**, February 14, 1826, died September 22, 1846; **Samuel Hugh**, January 27, 1828; **William Annan**, August 19, 1830; **Milton Clark**, September 28, 1832, died September 5, 1840; **Harriet Rosanna**, December 15, 1834; **Henry Price**, September 22, 1837; **David Bingham**, July 27, 1838; **Thomas Howard**, July 2, 1841. **Mr.** and **Mrs. Alexander** celebrated their golden wedding, December 28, 1859, and there were present a number of children, grandchildren, other relatives, friends and neighbors, who enjoyed the ceremonies and festivities. **Samuel E. Alexander** died January 17, 1862, on his seventy-seventh birthday. His wife died December 9, 1869, in the seventy seventh year of her age, and was buried with her husband and children in the graveyard of the Little Valley Presbyterian Church.

**John Edmiston Alexander**, eldest son of Hon. **Samuel E.** and **Mary (Alexander) Alexander**, was born June 2, 1815, died April 4, 1902. His early youth was spent on his father's farm in Little Valley, Pennsylvania. Manifesting a fondness for study he became a pupil at Lewiston Academy, and later entered Jefferson College, where he graduated under the presidency of the elder Dr. Brown, 1839. Having become a Christian in the second year at college, he changed his choice of a profession from law to divinity, and entered Princeton Theological Seminary, 1839, and graduated under Drs. **Archibald Alexander**, **John Miller**, **Charles Hodge**, and **Joseph Addison Alexander**, 1842. After being licensed by the Huntingdon Presbytery in June of the same year, he supplied the Presbyterian Church of Indiana, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, for four months. In the autumn of 1843 he received a unanimous call to the pastorate over the churches of Washington and Senecaville, Guernsey County, Ohio, containing an aggregate of three hundred and twenty communicants. He served this large and laborious charge for ten years, with gratifying success, until compelled, by severe bronchial disease, to resign his pastorate and to seek the benefit of a milder climate, in Florida, 1852. Having returned from the south improved in health, but still disabled for the pulpit, he was appointed principal of the Miller Academy by the Presbytery of Zanesville, 1853, in which he had good success until the school was closed, 1862, by the effects of the Civil war. In the spring of 1863 **Mr. Alexander** removed from Ohio to New Jersey, and founded the Hightstown Classical Institute, over which he presided for nine years. Here he made a specialty of aiding and educating young men preparing for the ministry. July 8, 1872, he removed to Elkton, Maryland, and conducted the academy there for two years, and April 1, 1875, moved to Ridley Park, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, and for six months taught in Ridley Park Academy and preached to a small congregation gathered at that place. Having received a call from the Presbyterian Church of Greeneville, East Tennessee, he removed to that place October 15, 1875, taking charge of the church. He was also principal of Washington College at Greeneville, Tennessee. In July, 1876,

he composed and published a "*Historical Sketch of Greeneville Church.*" One of the first organized west of the Alleghanies.

**Rev. John E. Alexander** married (first), November 22, 1842, **Mary**, born October 22, 1820, in Kishacoquillas Valley, died December 5, 1854, daughter of **Robert Milliken**, an elder of the East Kishacoquillas church. Their children were: 1. **Samuel Milliken**, born in Ohio, March 29, 1844, married **Emma Norris**, of Hightstown, has five children: **Benjamin Franklin**, born January 27, 1867; **Mary Ann**, July 12, 1868; **James Norris**, May 8, 1871; **Sarah Blanche**, December 18, 1872; **Raymond**, January 8, 1875. 2. **Anna Mary**, born in Ohio, November 28, 1847, died August 17, 1868, buried in the cemetery at Hightstown, New Jersey. 3. **Robert Wilson**, born April 14, 1846, married **Helen Phelps**, two children: **Albert Wilson** and **Mary Milliken Alexander**. 4. **Martha A. (Mattie)**, born November 26, 1849, forementioned as the wife of **John Rogers Shangle**. 5. **John E.**, born April 26, 1854, died at his father's residence in Elkton, Maryland. **Rev. John E. Alexander** married (second), December 28, 1858, **Catherine Milligan Potter**, of Steubenville, Ohio, daughter of **Daniel Potter**, son of the Rev. **Lyman Potter**, who had emigrated from Vermont to Ohio in 1800. Her father was long a ruling elder in the first Presbyterian Church in Steubenville. Her mother was **Mary (Milligan) Potter**, a daughter of **John** and **Catherine Milligan**, and a native of Cecil County, Maryland. **Mrs. Alexander** was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Steubenville, and a graduate of the Female Seminary under **Dr.** and **Mrs. Beatty**. Their children were: **Katie**, born in Washington, Ohio, May 20, 1861; **Daniel Potter**, born in Washington, Ohio, March 5, 1863; **Susan**, born in Hightstown, New Jersey, June 5, 1865; **William**, born in Hightstown, New Jersey, September 18, 1868.

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