



J. F. Thompson M.D.

J. F. Thompson, M.D., Liverpool, Perry County, Pa., son of **John** and **Lydia (Blake) Thompson**, was born on the homestead farm at Stormstown, Centre County, Pa., October 8, 1839. His paternal grandfather was born in Ireland, and emigrated to the United States at an early day, settling on the present site of Stormstown, where he died, having reared a family of four sons and two daughters. His son, **John Thompson**, was born at Stormstown. A part of the old homestead property came to him by inheritance, and he purchased the shares of the other heirs. He was reared to farming pursuits, and enjoyed the ordinary advantages of the common schools. Endowed with more than ordinary intelligence and observation, he became a student, and attained to unusual proficiency in mathematics and the sciences. His taste for good literature was liberally cultivated and indulged. He served one-term in the office of sheriff of Centre County; as a candidate for State Senator, he was defeated by eleven votes, a result attributed by his friends solely to the circulation of false reports to the

effect that he was opposed to the floating of large logs in the rivers. His associates and peers were such prominent people as the **McAlisters**, the **Curtins** and the **Halls**. For ten years he was engaged in mercantile pursuits, after which he retired from active business. His death occurred about 1886, when he was about seventy-eight years of age. **Mr. Thompson** was originally of the old Democratic school of politicians, and when the "Know-Nothing" Party came into existence he joined in its organization. Later he united with the Republican Party, having been an Abolitionist, in touch with managers of the Underground Railroad, and a constant reader of William Lloyd Garrison's anti-slavery newspaper.

Mr. Thompson married **Lydia Blake**, who was born at West Chester, Pa. She had a brother, **John Blake**, and a sister, **Hannah (Mrs. Robert Monahan)**, who settled near West Chester, Pa., where she died, leaving an only daughter. **John Blake** is supposed to have been a lawyer. The children of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Thompson** are:

I. **Joseph**, farmer and wagon-maker, married **Mary A. Johnson**, and resided in Clearfield County, Pa., afterwards in Centre County, Pa., where he died about 1884, his wife still surviving and occupying the old homestead in Centre County;

II. **John K.**, M. D., read medicine with **Dr. G. P. Engles**, of Centre County, was graduated from Jefferson Medical College about 1842, settled at Marion, Indiana County, Pa., where he became a successful practitioner, and died in 1890, was married to **Jane Thompson**, whose death occurred before his own;

III. **George W.**, M. D., graduate of Jefferson Medical College in 1853 or 1854, was in practice for a number of years at Mill Creek, Huntingdon County, Pa., now lives retired at Mt. Union, Pa., married first **Rebecca Dougherty**, who died about 1866, and secondly **Miss McGarvey**, of Huntingdon County;

IV. **Andrew Jackson**, deceased, was a farmer, and remained on the old homestead, of which he owned one half, married **Mary Hartsock**, of Centre County, and died in 1885;

V. **Henry Adams**, remained on the old homestead until sixteen years of age, prepared for college at the Pine Grove Academy, was graduated from Jefferson College, and took the course at the Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny City, Pa., was a professional teacher in several western cities, and for twenty years was president of Otterbein University at Westerville, O., during which time he became deeply interested in the temperance reform, and was a prominent and popular leader in the Prohibition Party, was nominated for Congress, and for the vice-presidency on the ticket of that party, now resides at Dayton, O., and is editor of the United Brethren Sunday-School Journal;

VI. **Dr. J. F.**;

VII. **Homer S.**, was reared on the farm, attended Otterbein University, O., enlisted in Company E, Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, served till the close of the war, returned a veteran. He was wounded in the side of the head at the battle of the Wilderness, by a minie ball. At the close of his military service, he embarked in mercantile business at his old home, Stormstown, Pa., in which he remained for several years, and afterwards went to Kansas, whence he returned in 1879 to Pennsylvania, and kept a store at Reeds Gap, Juniata County, for three years, then opened a store at Pine Grove Mills, Centre County, Pa., but owing to the failure of his health, resulting from the severe hardships of his army life, he was compelled to abandon business for a time. In 1887, having in a great measure regained his health, he engaged in mercantile business at East Waterford, Juniata County, Pa., where he still lives. He is a large stockholder in the bank at Port Royal, Pa.; his wife is a native of Lycoming County, Pa.;

VIII. **Martha**, attended the common schools and prepared herself for teaching, which occupation she followed until her declining years forced her to seek a more quiet life; she died unmarried in October, 1896, in the seventy-second year of her age; she was a woman of strong intellect, clear, common sense views, and a large and losing heart, beloved by a host of ardent and admiring friends, and was an active member of the Presbyterian Church;

IX. **Lydia (Mrs. George Horacher)**, of Montoursville, Lycoming County, Pa.

Dr. J. P. Thompson attended the common schools of his native place and pursued a course of study at Pine Grove Academy, after which he became a clerk in the store of **Samuel E. Isett**, at

Aetna Furnace, Blair County, Pa. He then read medicine for two years with his brother, **Dr. G. W. Thompson**, at Mill Creek, Pa., was graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1863, and immediately after passing his examination, went into the military service as assistant surgeon of the Sixtieth Ohio Sharpshooters, and remained until mustered out of the service at Cleveland, O., in August, 1865. He was wounded in the foot by a shell at Cold Harbor. After his discharge from the army he practiced at Three Springs, Huntingdon County, Pa., until 1876; he then removed to Liverpool, Pa., where he has established a large and lucrative practice.

Both professionally and socially, **Dr. Thompson** stands in the lead, enjoying the esteem of the community. He is an active worker in the Republican Party, but not a political aspirant. He served for three years of President Harrison's administration, as pension examiner. **Dr. J. F. Thompson** married first, at Jersey City, in 1865, **Jennie L. Neevetey**, a native of that place. Their children are: **Lillie K. (Mrs. Woods)**, of Huntingdon, Pa.; and **George Blake**, graduate of Lock Haven Normal School, now employed in the office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Philadelphia, Pa. **Mrs. Jennie L. Thompson** died in February, 1886. Dr. Thompson was married December 4, 1888, to **Miss Nettie Pauling**, born in Chester County, Pa., and reared in Philadelphia, daughter of **Robert A. and Fanny M. (Marduck) Pauling**, the former born in Berks County, Pa., and still living, the latter born in Chester County, Pa., and is deceased. **Dr. and Mrs. Thompson** are members of the Methodist Church, in which **Mrs. Thompson** is a prominent worker.

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