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George H. Weber, of Alexandria, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, is of direct German extraction on both the paternal and maternal sides. The immigrant member of the family who founded the American branch was **John Weber**, born in Württemberg, Germany. He emigrated to the United States in 1849, and settled in Brady Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, and there established himself upon a farm. He died on the place where he first made his home in this country. He was accompanied from Germany by his wife, **Louisa (Schoch) Weber**, and their children, three boys and a girl; one was born in this country. The children were: **Godfrey, Charlotte, Jacob, Henry and Lewis**.

(II) **Godfrey**, son of **John and Louisa (Schoch) Weber**, was born in 1834, in Württemberg, Germany, and died in 1905, in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania. He came with his parents to the United States in 1849. He received his education in the fine public schools of his native land. After his father had settled on a farm in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, he assisted him until reaching his majority. In 1883 he moved to Huntingdon County and settled on the Adam Leffard place, where **George H. Weber** now lives, and here passed his last days. He was a Democrat, and after his naturalization became active in politics. He and his wife were members of the Reformed Church. He married **Rachel Schucker**, born in Clearfield County, February 27, 1830, died in Huntingdon County, December 22, 1907, daughter of **Michael and Mary (Ellinger) Schucker**, both of whom were natives of Berks County, Pennsylvania, moving to Clearfield County after marriage. Children of **Godfrey and Rachel (Schucker) Weber**: 1. **George H.**, of whom further. 2. **Eleanora**, married **Paul F. Greaser**, of Martinsburg, Blair County, Pennsylvania; they have four children: **Carrie**, married **G. H. Rhodes**, and they have two children—**Paul and Roy**; **Edna**, married **R. A. Rhule**, and they have one child, **Hazel**; and **Edith and Orpha**, at home.

(III) **George H. Weber**, son of **Godfrey and Rachel (Schucker) Weber**, was born November 28, 1859, in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, where he received his education. He moved with his father to Huntingdon County, where they farmed, in which occupation he has always been successful, doing general farming and devoting his attention to methods that produce the best results. For the past eight years he has combined the lumber business with that of cultivating the soil, making the two pay a handsome profit. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church. He supports the Democratic Party with his franchise, and was elected to the official position of tax collector on his party ticket. He married, in September, 1882, **Lavina Bonsall**, born in Clearfield County, died August 1, 1913, aged fifty-three years, daughter of **Amos Bonsall**. Children: 1. **Otto**, born October 13, 1885; lives in Alexandria; married, July 10, 1907, **Rachel States**; one child, **Ralph**. 2. **Nora**, born October 4, 1888; formerly a teacher; married, August 27, 1913, **H. Frank Shingler**; resides at home. 3. **Maude**, born September 2, 1890; a teacher; resides at home. 4. **Ada**, born July 26, 1893; a teacher; resides at home. 5. **Mahlon**, born April 15, 1900.

(The Bonsall Line).

Richard Bonsall, the immigrant ancestor of the **Bonsalls** of Pennsylvania, settled as early as 1694 in Newton, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. In 1697-8 he bought two hundred acres of land at Upper Darby, Delaware County, above Fearn, part of a tract of 655 acres surveyed by **George Wood**, November 6, 1682. This farm is at what is now Kellyville. In 1790 the first federal census showed that his descendants were then numerous. The heads of families, mostly living in Darby and vicinity, were **Caleb, Edward, Enoch, Isaac, Abram, Benjamin** (mentioned below), **George**, another **Isaac, Jonathan**, two **Josephs, Joshua, Levi, Margaret, Mary, Obadiah**, and **Rachel**.

(II) **John**, grandson or great-grandson of **Richard Bonsall**, was a soldier in the revolution, from Pennsylvania, and passed the winter at Valley Forge with Washington's army. According to family history he was one of those placed on guard at the time the famous order was given: "Let only Americans be on guard tonight." Among his children was **Benjamin**, mentioned below, and others mentioned in the census quoted above.

(III) **Benjamin**, son of **John Bonsall**, was born in Perry County, that state. He was a tanner by trade, and in later life he also followed farming. He married **Maria Fowler**, who was also of colonial ancestry. Among their children was **Amos**, mentioned below.

(IV) **Amos**, son of **Benjamin Bonsall**, was born in Perry County, in 1822, and is still living (1913) in Clearfield County. He was educated in the public schools, and followed farming for an occupation. He is a life-long Democrat in politics, and a member of the Lutheran Church. He married **Catherine Kuntz**, a native of Germany, who came to this country with her parents at the age of five years, daughter of **Jacob** and **Catherine (Yockey) Kuntz**. Her parents were born in Germany, emigrating to America after their marriage and locating in Clearfield County. Her father followed farming there until he died at the advanced age of ninety-four years. During his later years he was also a merchant. He and his family were Lutherans. **Lavina**, daughter of **Amos**, married **George H. Weber**, mentioned above.

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