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WHITE

Thomas Jefferson White, of Lewistown, Pennsylvania, descends from the English family of the same name that for centuries has lived in the south of England. The first of the name to reach the shores of the New World was **Andrew**, who was among the passengers of the "Planter" in 1674. He located in New Hampshire, and his sons and sons' sons drifted into Pennsylvania.

(I) **Joseph White**, the first of the name of whom the Pennsylvania branch have any definite record, was a native of Chester County. He married **Mary Faddis**, also of an old English family. He was a blacksmith by trade, and an inventor. He invented the old iron bar plowshare, and for many years he and his sons manufactured them by hand. At his death his sons continued in the business, though not as a company. He was a staunch Whig, always voting with that party, and died about 1852. Children: **George Washington**, of whom further; **Jefferson, Rebecca, James, Joseph, Isaac, Lewis, Hannah, John, Robert**; all of them are dead.

(II) **George Washington**, son of **Joseph** and **Mary (Faddis) White**, was born in Chester County, in 1804, died in 1874, in Pennsylvania. His education was gained in the common schools of Chester County. He engaged with his father in the smithy and assisted him in the manufacturing of plows. He lived near Downingtown, Pennsylvania, very nearly all of his adult life. He was first a Whig, and afterward a Republican. Like the rest of his family, he was reared a Quaker, while his wife was a member of the Baptist Church. He married **Esther A. Richardson**, daughter of a neighboring farmer. Children: 1. **Joseph**, deceased. 2. **Julia Ann**, wife of **James Miller**, of Coatesville, Chester County. 3. **James**, was a civil war veteran. He, with two brothers, were members of the 192d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and after serving four months he was discharged. **James** had previously served as first sergeant in the 49th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. 4. **Lewis**, was also in the civil war. He was in Carlisle when the barracks were burned, and was dispatch carrier. He lives in Parkersburg, Chester County. 5. **Isaac** was a member of the 192d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. 6. **Thomas Jefferson**, of whom further. 7. **Rebecca**, deceased. 8. **Susannah**, deceased. 9. **Mary E.**, living in Pennsylvania. 10. **Ella**, married **Frank Bernard**, of Chester County.

(III) **Thomas Jefferson**, son of **George W.** and **Esther A. (Richardson) White**, was born September 17, 1848, in Chester County, near Downingtown. He received his education in the common schools, after which, he learned the blacksmith's trade by working in the smithy of his father. He remained here one year, then went to Downingtown, where he stayed a year; from thence moved to Newport, Pennsylvania, and then to Decatur, Illinois, where he remained over two years. He then went back to Newport, Pennsylvania, and purchased the blacksmith shop of his former employer, and ran it for twenty years. In 1898 he moved to Lewistown, and established a coach manufacturing plant in partnership with **J. H. Zinn**. In 1904 he sold his half interest to **Mr. Zinn**, and engaged with the Standard Steel Company. He owns three houses on Montgomery Avenue, and lives in his own home on Depot Street. At the beginning of the civil

war he enlisted in the 192d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served four months. He is a Republican and a member of Colonel Huling Post, No. 176, of the Grand Army of the Republic.

He married, June 29, 1872, **Eliza Ann Bair**, born November 15, 1847, in Buck's Valley, Perry County, Pennsylvania, daughter of **Jacob** and **Eliza (Baskin) Bair**. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Children: 1. **Carrie Gertrude**, born August 29, 1873, died April 27, 1895; married **Paul Rider Hombach**. 2. **Mary Ella**, born March 4, 1875; married **Elmer Ulsh**. 3., 4. and 5. **Fannie L., Annie L. and Laura** (triplets), born April 11, 1877, and died in infancy.

Jacob Bair, father of **Eliza Ann (Bair) White**, was born in Buck's Valley, Perry County, September 29, 1823. He married, August 8, 1844, **Eliza Baskin**, born August 10, 1825, also in Perry County. He died in July, 1876, and his wife died in March, 1905. They were among the old and highly respected residents of that section. Children: 1. **Sarah Jane**. 2. **Eliza Ann**, wife of **Thomas Jefferson White** (see **White III**). 3. **Catherine Louisa**. 4. **Lucy Elizabeth**. 5. **Margaret Lucinda**. 6. **Jacob Resler**. 7. **Samuel Elias**. 8. **Agnes Minerva**. 9. **Clara Cecilia**. 10. **Mary Ellen**.

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