

A HISTORY

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WASHINGTON COUNTY MARYLAND,

FROM THE EARLIEST SETTLEMENTS TO THE PRESENT TIME

INCLUDING A

HISTORY OF HAGERSTOWN

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TO THIS IS ADDED A BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD OF REPRESENTATIVE FAMILIES
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Catherine McFerren, of Franklin County, Pa., and lives in Tiffin, O.; Emma J., who married Emanuel Snyder, of Franklin County, Pa.; John H., who married Miss Jennie Greenewalt, farmed nine years for Gov. Hamilton, and died May 13, 1902; Anna= who married Henry Rice; B. Franklin, who died in 1883; S. Alfred; Laura, who married Christian Royer, of Salem, Ore. Mrs. Elizabeth (Beck) Harnish died in March, 1862.

Samuel Harnish was married a second time, to Elizabeth C. Sword, of Washington County. Their children are: Ida, living in Lanark, Ill.; Clara, who lives in Waynesboro, Pa.; D. Clinton, lives in Lanark, Ill.; Cora, who married S. A. Bowers, of Cearfoss District. Mrs. Elizabeth (Sword) Harnish died in 1878.

Mr. Samuel Harnish died October 16, 1880. He was a successful farmer, and at the time of his death owned a valuable farm. In politics, he was a Republican. He was an active member of the United Brethren Church, of Middleburg, Pa. His first wife was a member of the Reformed Church at Middleburg, and his second wife of the German Baptist Church at Broad Fording, Md. Mr. Harnish was highly respected by his neighbors.

After attending the common schools of his neighborhood, S. Alfred Harnish was a pupil of a select school at Middleburg, Franklin County, Pa. He spent his early days on the farm with his parents. In 1882, he was employed as clerk in the store of Thomas I. Keller, at Cearfoss, and remained in this position for five years. He then purchased an interest in the stock, having as his partner George W. Cunningham; they carried on business successfully for thirteen years, under the firm name of Harnish & Cunningham. At the end of that time Mr. Cunningham died, and Mr. Harnish, as sole proprietor, has conducted the business prosperously ever since. Besides the merchandise of a general store, he deals in fertilizers.

Mr. Harnish was appointed postmaster at Cearfoss in 1883, and filled the position very satisfactorily until he was elected by the Republicans as a delegate to the Maryland Legislature, in 1895. He served one term, making a creditable record in that body, although his party was in the minority. He was chairman of the Library Committee, and a member of the Engraving and Election Committees. On his retirement from the Legislature, Mr. Harnish resumed the management of his store. The post-office being in his

store-room, he is the clerk in charge of the Cearfoss R. F. D. Station.

S. Alfred Harnish was married in 1885 to Mollie Cearfoss, who died in 1889, leaving two children: V. Davis, who died April 7, 1906, aged 20 years, 1 month and 7 days; and Mary E. He was again married, February 28, 1894, to Mollie France, daughter of John France; their children are: Mary K., deceased; Edna; Ross, deceased; and Catharine J. deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Harnish are members of the Reformed Church, of which his first wife was also a member.

In 1899, Mr. Harnish was nominated by his party for Judge of the Orphans' Court, but was defeated, with the rest of the ticket. He has been for several years a school trustee, and did much to secure a graded school at Cearfoss. He takes an active part in the political battles of his party. He is a trustworthy citizen, one to whom his neighbors frequently resort for counsel. Aside from his mercantile interests, Mr. Harnish is the owner of a fine residence in Cearfoss village, surrounded by ten acres of land.

THE SNYDER FAMILY. Adam Snyder was born in Germany, and emigrated to America when a young man, settling in Washington County, Md. Here he married Catherine Putman, in 1775. She was a daughter of Andrew and Catherine Putman, who came from Germany at an early day, and settled near what is known as Eakle's Mills. Here Mr. Putman secured two tracts of land, one containing 50 acres, and called a part of "Root's Hill," the other containing 92 1-4 acres, called "Partnership." Andrew Putman was too old for service in the Revolutionary War, but two of his sons enlisted in Gen. Washington's army, and took part in a number of battles. Andrew and Catherine Putman had issue: John; Peter; Andrew; Elizabeth, who married John Dull; Magdalene, who married Henry Brunner; Catherine, who married Adam Snyder; Susanna, who married Henry Baker; and Amelia, who married Christian Wyand. John Dull, Henry Brunner, and the Putman sons lived in Milford Township, Bedford Co., Pa., and Henry Baker lived in Baltimore.

Adam Snyder was a tailor, and was employed at his trade in Baltimore for three years. In 1780, he returned to the Putman farm, where five years before he had been married, and kept house. He

subsequently removed to Somerset County, Pa., where he purchased a large tract of land, on which the town of Somerset was afterwards built. Adam and Catherine (Putman) Snyder had fourteen children, as follows : Jacob, born January 17, 1777; Susanna, born in 1778; Adam, born in 1781; Rosanna, born in 1783; Henry, born in 1784; Elizabeth, born in 1787; John, born in 1789, died in the same year; Magdalene, born in 1790; *John (2)*, born in 1792; Peter born in 1794; Catherine, born in 1795; Atilla, born in 1797; Maria, born in 1799; and Joseph, born in 1802.

Christian Wyand, who married Amelia Putman in 1783, was a native of Germany; he came to America when a young man. After the death of Andrew Putman, he bought the farm from the Putman heirs in 1790, and resided there until his death, in 1812. The farm was then sold to his son-in-law, Jacob Snyder. Amelia Wyand, his widow, never married again; she lived to the age of one hundred years, and died in 1853. The children of Christian and Amelia (Putman) Wyand were: Henry; John; and Jacob, who married in Ohio; Catherine, who married Jacob Snyder; Susan, who married Jacob Snavelly; Elizabeth, who married David Rohrer; Tenia, who married Samuel Deaner; Mary, who married Benjamin Zimmerman; Simon, who married Rebecca Geeting; and Christian, who married Mary Cost.

Jacob Snyder, eldest child of Adam and Catherine (Putman) Snyder, was born on the homestead near Eakle's Mills, January 17, 1777, and died May 30, 1869, at the same place. He married Catherine, eldest daughter of Christian and Amelia Wyand, in 1801. She was born August 20, 1774, and died September 30, 1871. She was from early life a member of the United Brethren Church. Her husband, Jacob Snyder was converted when he was nineteen years old, and joined the Lutheran Church, of which he was a faithful member until his death. During the last twenty three years of his life, he was blind, but was always cheerful and contented. He was a true American citizen, always at the polls on Election Day, so long as he was able to go there, and when the War of 1812 broke out, left his home and family to serve his country. He resided in Washington County during his entire life, with the exception of ten years, spent in Somerset County, Pa., where he owned 900 acres of land, and three years of his childhood passed in the city of Baltimore. Jacob

Snyder and his wife made several trips from Washington County, Md., to Somerset County, Pa., on horse-back; *they* also made a trip to Ohio and home again in a carriage, as they lived before the day of railroads in America. Mr. Snyder was fond of hunting deer and bear, which were then plentiful; he was very successful in this sport

The children of Jacob and Catherine (Wyand) Snyder were : 1. Christian, born August 21, 1802, married Jennie Wright; he was a weaver, and carried on that business for some years at the homestead. He then removed to Fountain County, Ind., where he farmed for two years, and afterwards to Ford County, Ill., where he purchased land, and lived until his death, at the age of 81 years; he left descendants, one of whom, Milton T. Snyder, resides on the homestead in Ford County; 2. Rosanna, born November 1, 1804, married John Geeting, a farmer, who settled in Indiana, where he died, leaving children, among whom were Henry, Isaiah and Catherine; 3. John, born August 30, 1806, married Eliza Ann Benner, farmed the homestead for a time, then went to Ohio, where he died in West Alexandria, leaving children, Aaron, Elias D., a physician, Jacob S., and Marietta, who married Elias Mumma; 4. Elizabeth, born June 18, 1809, married Thomas Wright, a weaver, who carried on that business on the Snyder homestead and at Porterstown, Washington County; he removed to Fountain County, Ind., where he bought forest land, cleared it and lived upon it until his death; he left one son, Ezra, a farmer of that State; 5. Susanna, born April 1, 1811; 6. Ezra J., born March 1, 1813, married Sarah A. Staubs; 7. Adam, born April 4, 1815, married Miss Neff : was a farmer, and settled in Preble County, O., where he died, leaving one son, John A., now a farmer in Missouri; 8. Mary, born July 18, 1817, married John Bomberger, and settled in Illinois, where they died, leaving children, Josiah, Elias D., Catherine, Mary Ellen, and Almeda; 9. Matilda, born July 7, 1819, did not marry; 10. Jacob, born April 9, 1821, died in infancy; 11. Clarissa, born August 11, 1823, married William Buxton, a miller; their children were Catherine, Jacob, John W., Almeda (Mrs. William B. Sperow), Susan, who married the Rev. J. W. Kiracofe, Otho, M. D., Webster City, Iowa; David H., a dealer in mill machinery Des Moines, Ia., and Curtis La Fayette ; 12. Josiah, born December 31, 1827, was married in Illinois, and is the only one of the children now

living; he is seventy-five years of age, and has three children, Martin, Dora (Mrs. _____ Wilson), and Otho, a teacher in the Illinois public schools; 13. Jacob (2), born March 22, 1832, died in infancy.

Ezra J. Snyder, son of Jacob and Catherine (Wyand) Snyder, who married Sarah A. Staubs, was a storekeeper at Buena Vista, now Eakle's Mills, from 1851 to 1857. He afterwards cultivated a farm in that neighborhood. His wife was a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Blessing) Staubs, and was a relative of George Blessing, of Frederick County, Md., the hero of Highland, in the late Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Ezra J. Snyder had ten children, as follows: 1. Catherine, who died young; 2. Jacob AL, who enlisted at Polo, Ill., August 23, 1862, in Co. D, Ninety-second, Ill. Volunteers, was with the Army of the Cumberland, and was wounded in the battle of Chickamauga, Ga., September 19, 1863, was transferred to 1. C., March 21, 1864, and mustered out July 16, 1865, at Rock Island, 111., as second corporal; resides in Estherville, Ia., retired, married Mary A. Rinehart, of Virginia, and has children, Fidelia, Laura, and Anna; 3. DAVID O., who was educated in the common schools and taught for twenty-three years in the public schools of Washington County, twenty-two of which were under County Supt. P. A. Witmer. In 1883, David O. Snyder began buying sheep, and still continues in that business. He places them with farmers, receiving in payment one-third of the increase; he furnishes a share of the grain fed to animals. This has proved not only a financial success for him, but an excellent source of income for the farmers interest in the enterprise. Mr. Snyder is the owner of valuable real estate. He is unmarried, and resides on the old homestead with his unmarried sisters. He became actively interested in Sunday-school work at the time when he began teaching day-school, and devotes much time to the organization of Sunday-schools of any denomination, wherever needed; he is well and favorably known in many parts of Maryland, as an earnest Christian gentleman. He is a member of the United Brethren Church; his political views are Republican; 4. Elizabeth, who married Martin T. Snyder (not a relative), who is since deceased, and she survives; 5. Rosanna, who married Nicodemus Zimmerman, deceased; resides in Keedysville; 6. Susan; 7. Mary E., who married

Daniel W. Wyand; S. Aaron D.,; 9. Jeremiah, deceased; 10. Barbara.

Ezra J. Snyder died September 24, 1888, and his widow, September 24, 1890. Both were interred in the cemetery at Keedysville. They were members of the United Brethren Church at that place, which Mr. Snyder served as steward. He left the old homestead to his children.

Aaron D. Snyder, eighth child of Ezra J. Snyder, was born August 2, 1851, at Eakle's Mills. He was educated in the home school, at Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa., and the Western College of Iowa, taking a two years' course at each of these colleges. He taught for six years in Ogden, Ia., and on his return to the East, was for one year principal of the schools of Edinburg, Va. After this, he returned to his native district, where he has ever since remained, engaged in teaching, dealing in fruit packing, and as City Passenger Agent for the B. & O. R. R. Co. He has also dealt with good success in Western real estate. He is teacher at the old Eakle's Mills school, which has a history probably unexcelled by that of any other school of Washington County. Among the men who acquired the beginnings of their education at this school we may mention Judge M. L. Keedy of Hagerstown, Md.; Clayton O. Keedy, Esq., of Frederick City, Md.; Dr. Caleb Rohrer, member of the Faculty of College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Md.; D. H. Buxton, the leading manufacturer of mill machinery west of the Mississippi River, who resides in Des Moines, Ia.; Prof. S. S. Wyand, President of the Soldiers' Memorial College, Mason City, Ia.; and Prof. E. Clayton Wyand, of the Maryland School for the Deaf, at Frederick City, Md. A large proportion of the business men of the past and present, of Keedysville, were students of this famous school, which was founded in 1532. Doctors, ministers and lawyers almost innumerable, have begun their education in this rural academy. Two buildings, only, have served to accommodate the school during its long existence.

Aaron D. Snyder served two years as Burgess of Keedysville, and four years as Justice of the Peace. He was for ten years a member of Company B, First Maryland National Guards. On December 27, 1887, Aaron D. Snyder was married to Annie E. Eakle, of Leitersburg District. Their children are: Verda A., a student of Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa., and Mary

Arita. John _). Eakle, the father of Mrs. Snyder, was a native A Keedysville, but removed when young to Leitersburg District.

JEREMIAH B. CROMER, ex-county commissioner and one of the leading farmers of Funkstown district, was born in Franklin County, Pa., December 18, 1830, a son of George and Mary (Runnel) Cromer, natives of Lancaster County and Franklin County, Pennsylvania, respectively.

George and Mary Cromer removed to Washington County in 1844, settling in Clearspring district, where they died, and were buried in the St. Paul's churchyard. Both were members of the Reformed Church. They had eleven children, all of whom grew up: Elizabeth, who married Geo. Baker; Mary, who married John Mowrey; Margaret, who married D. W. Cosley; George, deceased; Jacob, deceased; Frederick; John, deceased; Josiah, deceased; A. Jackson, who lives in Iowa; Jeremiah B.; and Hannah C., who married Benjamin F. Beard.

Jeremiah B. Cromer was educated in the common schools of Franklin County and Washington County, having removed to the latter with his parents when he was fourteen years old. He was brought up at farm labor and remained with his father until he was twenty-six years of age. He was married in 1856 to Mary M. Keller, daughter of Judge Thomas and Eliza (Martin) Keller.

Judge Thomas Keller was sheriff of Washington County and judge of the Orphans' Court for a number of terms. Judge Keller was a conscientious and unselfish adviser, and often persuaded his neighbors to compromise existing difficulties. His son, Robert Jesse Keller, resides in Hagerstown, and is one of the well-to-do citizens of that place. Judge Keller died about 1860. He was buried in the Presbyterian graveyard at Hagerstown. His brother, the Rev. Isaac Keller, was for many years a prominent Presbyterian minister. Mrs. Keller lived many years after the death of her husband. She was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery. Judge Thomas and Eliza Keller were the parents of nine children: Eliza Jane; Martha, deceased, who married N. J. Ditto; Mary M. (Mrs. J. B. Cromer); Elizabeth, who married Louis Harbaugh; Robert Jesse, who married Alice Seibert, of Hagerstown; Sallie, who married Franklin Miller; Margaret; Thomas, who is deceased; and

Louisa, who married Solomon Summer. Judge Keller and wife were members of the Presbyterian Church.

Jeremiah B. Cromer cultivated the old homestead from 1857 to 1868. He then rented a farm in the vicinity for two years, and afterwards another tract in what is now Downsville District, from Andrew Schnebly, then a resident of Mercersburg, Pa. Here he remained for twelve years, after which he purchased in 1874, 168 acres known as the Westibarger farm; to this place he removed in 1882, and has ever since remained there. He has improved the property by erecting a fine dwelling and other buildings. On February 12, 1890, Mrs. Cromer died, having suffered for ten years with rheumatism. She was an active member of the Reformed Church for thirty years; she was buried in rose Hill Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah B. Cromer had ten children: 1. Mary, who married David M. Schnebly; he is dead, and she resides in Hagerstown; 2. Elizabeth, who married Perry Wilkes, and resides in Los Angeles, Cal.; 3, 4. Margaret and Sallie, who reside at home, keeping house for their father; 5. The Rev. Thomas K., who married Catharine Russell, and lives in Winchester, Va., is a minister of the Reformed Church; he was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., in 1891; his first charge as minister was at Lovettsville, Va., where he remained for five years; the next five years he devoted to the congregation at St. Clairsville, Bedford Co., Pa., and the past five years have been devoted to ministerial work in Winchester; 6. Clarine, who married C. C. Minter; and they reside in California; 7. Charles, who married Clyde Dunlap, and resides in California; 8. The Rev. Frederick, of Dayton, Ohio, was educated at Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, and is a missionary evangelist for the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church; he lately married Miss Mary Halverstadt; 9. Louisa, who married Herbert Heitshu; they reside in Lancaster, Pa.; 10. Ella B., who resides in Lancaster, and is unmarried.

In 1881, Jeremiah B. Cromer was elected County Commissioner and served faithfully and conscientiously for one term. He has also served as Supervisor of Roads and trustee of schools for a number of years. He was elected a member of the Maryland Legislature in 1893, and served a full term with credit to himself and his constituency. In politics, Mr. Cromer is an earnest and reliable Republican. During the Civil War, he

On April 17, 1895, David K. Cushwa married Nannie Motter Taylor, daughter of William E. and Christiann (Newcomer) Taylor, of Williamsport, Md., members of old Washington County families. Mr. and Mrs. William E. Taylor have seven children: Louisa C. Ross, deceased; Bertha, who married George Spaide; Nannie M. (Mrs. David K. Cushwa) ; William J.; Daisy B., who married William R. Bartgis, of Baltimore; Frank D.; and Elizabeth A., a trained nurse in Maryland General Hospital, Baltimore.

The children of David K. and Nannie M. (Taylor) Cushwa are: Christian; David K., Jr., and Elizabeth Catherine. Mr. Cushwa is a liberal supporter of the Catholic Church.

B. W. T. PHREANER, a leading photographer of Hagerstown, was born in Cearfoss District, No. 13, October 9, 1845, son of William and Louisiana (Bowman) Phreaner, both now deceased.

William Phreaner was a tailor by trade and was born in Lebanon County, Pa., May 19, 1819. He was a son of John Phreaner, who died when his son William was only four years of age. William Phreaner died in Washington County in 1889. John Phreaner, great-grandfather of B. W. T. Phreaner, emigrated from the German Palatinate, and settled in Lancaster, now Lebanon County, Pa., among the early German emigrants. He was the father of a large family.

B. W. T. Phreaner was the only son of William Phreaner and was but six years old when his parents removed to Hagerstown, where he grew to manhood, and received his education in the public schools. At the age of fifteen he began the study of photography. In 1864 he engaged in business for himself, which he has continued successfully for the past forty-two years. In later years, Mr. Phreaner has given much attention to out door and landscape photography, and has practised his art in all its branches. He has made a high reputation for out door, as well as portrait work.

Mr. Phreaner married, in February, 1869, Miss Emma C. Wagner, daughter of Samuel and Catherine Wagner, of the vicinity of Keedysville, Washington County. Mr. Wagner was a successful farmer; he died in 1892, aged ninety years. Mr. and Mrs. Phreaner were the parents of six children: Lulie, who is the wife of George E.

Stover, of Hagerstown ; they have a daughter Helen; Willie, died in childhood; Edith, unmarried, of Hagerstown; Leighton K., of Hagerstown; Edgar C., of Hagerstown; and Franklin, of Hagerstown.

In politics, Mr. Phreaner is a strong Prohibitionist, and has been an active worker in the cause of Prohibition for the past twenty years. He is an active member of Christ's Reformed Church, of Hagerstown. He is also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workman.

Mrs. Phreaner's mother, whose maiden name was Mumma, was a descendant of the early families of Washington County. Of her brothers and sisters, the following survive : John H., Samuel and Benjamin, of Boonsboro, Md., and MPs. H. B. Snively.

CHRISTIAN WYAND (spelled Wyandt, Viont, Viant, and Weyandt,) came to Maryland from Bavaria, Germany, with the tide of Germans who founded colonies in various parts of what was then Frederick County. Wyand was one of the party who settled on the Conococheague, he going as far south as Eakle's Mills. In 1783, he married Amelia Putman, daughter of Andrew Putman (spelled Buttman, Putnam), who came from Germany about the same time, and lived on a grant known as "Root's Hill Survey," now the old Snyder Homestead, one mile south of Eakle's Mills. In 1790, Putman died and Wyand bought his estate from his heirs, and resided there until the time of his death, in 1812. The stone dwelling, distillery, and spring-house, now standing, were erected by Wyand, but the log house adjoining was built by Andrew Putman and was, perhaps, the first house in that section. .

Christian Wyand was a wine-maker, having learned the trade in Germany, and cultivated extensive vineyards. According to his will, now on file in Hagerstown, he owned over a thousand acres of land in the neighborhood of Eakle's Mills. This land came into his possession partly by purchase, but largely by original grants. The tract embraced the farms of Mrs. Jeremiah Snyder (the Putman homestead.), Charles Keyfauver, Mrs. Elizabeth Snyder, Mrs. Frank B. Keyfauver, Mrs. Daniel W. Wyand, Mrs. Martin Rohrer, William G. Smith, F. T. Hagan, C. O. Eakle, Joseph Keedy and D. H. Snively. Wyand also owned an equally large tract in Somerset County, Pa. At

his death he bequeathed all his property-real and personal, to his widow and children, giving to each an equal share.

The children of **Christian and Amelia (Putman) Wyand** were: Jacob, born in 1779, moved to Somerset County, Pa., and, in 1818, to Stark County, Ohio, where he died in 1838, leaving a large number of descendants; Catherine was married to Jacob Snyder (see sketch of Snyder family); John, settled in Somerset County, Pa., removed to Harrison County, Ohio, where his descendants are numerous; Susanna, married Jacob Snavelly (Schnebly), progenitor of the Snavelly and Snively families now living near Keedysville, Md.; Christina, married Samuel Deaner, of Keedysville, and was the grandmother of Prof. H. Clay Deaver; Elisabeth, married David Rohrer, of Washington County, Md., emigrated to Ohio; their descendants reside about Dayton, O.; Mary, married Benjamin Zimmerman, lived on the part of her father's estate now owned by her daughter, Mrs. Martin Rohrer; Henry, went to Somerset County, Pa., and, in 1818, to Stark County, Ohio, and founded the town of Wilmot on his estate, leaving eleven children, of whom one son survives, Jacob, living at Wilmot, aged seventy-four, and one daughter, Mrs. Mary Ball, aged seventy-two, and residing in Canton, O.; Christian, who inherited and resided upon the land now owned by Frank T. Hagan and Clayton O. Eakle; Simon who inherited and resided upon the land now owned by Mrs. Frank B. Keyfauver and William G. Smith. Christian Wyand's wife is buried in the old Hebron graveyard near Keedysville; she attained to her one hundredth year. On the foot of her stone is "Christian Wyand, died 1812," which does not indicate that he is buried there. On other side of her grave is that of her son, Simon, and on the other that of her daughter, Mary Zimmerman.

Christian Wyand, Andrew Putman and Adam Snyder (Schneider) were, in all probability friends in Germany, and joined hands in venturing over the sea, to the new country. Putman and Snyder were probably men of family, while Wyand was a youth. Putman was no doubt, the leader, for the Putmans were a brave and adventurous people, as is seen by the records of Israel and Rufus, who settled in Massachusetts, and served in the Revolutionary War with such bravery that their names are hearth-stone names. At the sale of the Put

man estate, his children left Washington County, Md., and joined the Wyand pioneers, going first to Pennsylvania, and thence to Stark County, Ohio, where they are well remembered as "the pioneers." The children of Andrew and Catherine Putman were remarkable for the great age which they all attained. Most of them lived to be seventy-five, several reached eighty, ninety, one, ninety-seven, and one rounded out a full century.

An historical sketch of the Christian Wyand family is being published by Prof. E. C. Wyand, of Washington County, Md.; at the fifth generation the descendants can not be numbered, while at the sixth, all is hopeless confusion. Among them are found those who have responded to every call to arms, and have served their country from Valley Forge and Yorktown, to Manilla and Santiago de Cuba.

The descendants of Christian and Amelia (Putman) Wyand, now living in Washington County, Md., are the descendants of Jacob and Catherine (Wyand) Snyder; Jacob and Susanna (Wyand) Snavelly; Samuel and Christena (Wyand) Deaner; Benjamin and Mary (Wyand) Zimmerman; Christian and Mary (Cost) Wyand and Simon and Rebecca (Geeting) Wyand.

Christian Wyand, Jr., ninth child of Christian and Amelia (Putman) Wyand, was born February 3, 1800. He was a farmer and lived all his life upon his heritage, the F. T. Hagan farm, near Eakle's Mills. In April, 1825, Christian Wyand was married to Mary Cost, who attained the age of ninety-six. Their children were:

(1.) FREDERICK, born in 1827, started in business as a shoe-maker, in the old Mill House at Eakle's Mills. He learned his trade with Samuel Cost of Keedysville, and afterwards went to Keedysville and opened a grocery store in the basement of the house now owned by Malinda Keedy. In 1861, he erected the F. Wyand block and soon became the proprietor of the largest general store in the county. In 1863, he married Lydia Ecker of Keedysville, who survives him. Their children are: Annie (Mrs. Theodore Davis), of Colorado; Grant, succeeded his father in the mercantile business; Lillie (Mrs. Harvey Cost), of Hagerstown.

(2.) DAVID HENRY, born October 2, 1830, followed his brother's example, starting in business as a shoemaker in the old Mill House. In