

History of the Glass Family

By

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This family history was provided to me by William Riddle. On the next page is his cover letter from when he sent it to me. He noted that it was missing page 10. Courtesy of Jerry Andres, who located a copy of the genealogy, I have inserted that page.

At the end of the printed history are additional notes written by hand. Who wrote these is unknown, but, based on census data, they appear to be accurate.

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John C. McMichael

24 July 1998

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Dear John,

Here's the copy of the Glass Family book I promised to send you. It's missing page 10. If Bob Glass locates an "unmultilated" copy of the book and sends me this page, I'll be sure to pass it on to you.

It turns out that Bob Glass and I are cousins of some sort. His ancestor Andrew McCurdy was the brother of my great-great-grandfather, Joseph M. McCurdy. Joseph's daughter, Sarah Ann McCurdy, married my great-grandfather, William Ebenezer Riddle. His book helps me fill in a large part of my family tree since I had no record of the descendants of Andrew McCurdy.

When I carefully read through the Glass Family book, I recognized one of the pictures. It's the one of Hugh McCurdy Glass which appears on page 38. I have the same picture in my family photo albums (well ... almost the same picture, but mine is a slightly different pose). These albums have been a source of great frustration for me. There's over a hundred portrait photos from the period 1860-1890, but only a dozen or so have names. For many reasons, I feel that the majority are of McCurdy's and that most of the rest are of Ewing's. I've found photos in the archival files at the Historical Center that have let me fill in a couple of Ewing names. But this is the first time I've filled in a McCurdy name. If you know of anyone having McCurdy/Ewing connections and who have similar photo albums, I'd love to get together with them and see if we can put names with faces.

Cheers,



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1744-1924

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Jane Stewart Glass

PREFACE

In the summer of 1919 I invited all the descendants of my father and mother, with their families, to spend August 7th with me at my home in Gayly, Penna.

After a bountiful dinner provided by the guests, some one suggested that we organize and hold a reunion each year.

I was then asked if I could write the history of the family. Being the only surviving member of my father's family, and having learned from my parents many facts, which the younger generation did not know, and since there were very few available records from which to gather material for a family history, they thought I was the proper person to undertake this task which had been neglected so long. I had never done work of this kind, and I felt unable for the task, but I consented to do my best.

It is not an easy matter to write the history of a family such as ours and be sure every detail is correct, but we have searched all available records and will give you the results of our search, realizing that the work is very incomplete. Had the work of compiling this family history been attended to when my father and mother were living, much valuable and interesting information regarding the first three generations mentioned in this work could have been obtained, which is now lost. While what we have been able to obtain may disappoint the expectations of some, we send it forth with the hope that it may serve the purpose for which it was written, and that it will be appreciated by the present and future generations. We ask that you do not view it with a critic's eye, but with a desire to know more of your ancestry.

What we have written extends over a period of almost two hundred years, and we want to acknowledge our indebtedness to those from whom we have obtained valuable data: The Allegheny County History, published in 1889; The McGinness and Scott Families History by Mrs. Mary R. Ford; The Union Church History by Samuel Glass; One Thousand and One Gems arranged by Edwin O. Chapman, and to members of the family who have furnished names and dates of importance.

We could not find anything about the family of Grandmother McCurdy.

We have no pictures of our grandparents except Grandmother Glass.

The pictures of Brother Samuel and his wife were taken about the year 1873, when he was in very poor health, and that of Sister Rocsa was enlarged from a kodak picture, as we did not have a good photograph.

The date of Grandfather Glass' death as given on his tombstone is May, 1864. We had reasons to believe that this date is incorrect, so we put forth every effort to ascertain the correct date, and we are now convinced that he died May 18, 1861, so we have used that date in the history.

We have always been told that Grandfather Glass came to America when he was eleven years old, or in 1791, but since we began to write this history we have learned that the family did not come until 1806. He may have come to this country before his parents, we do not know.

The sketch and pictures of George and Lettie McCurdy Caldwell are printed, at the request of George N. Glass, who made his home with them from the time he was three years old.

Emma Lila Glass,

Gayly, Penna.

GREAT-GREAT-GRANDFATHER WALKER

In the beginning of the eighteenth century, some where in Scotland, there lived a family of Scotch-Irish descent, by name Walker. They came to America and settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where in 1744 our Great-Great-Grandfather Gabriel Walker was born. In 1772 he purchased land and settled at Hays Crossing, now known as Rennerdale, Penna.

Although everything possible was done to escape the Indians' raids through the country, yet in September, 1782, five children from this home were captured by the Indians before they could reach the fort. The children were in the field helping their father prepare ground for the sowing of timothy seed. While the father was in after the seed, the Indians shot two little boys and took their brother and two sisters prisoners. When the father heard the shots, he ran to the home of his brother to give the alarm, while the mother with two small children ran to the fort. The Indians set fire to the cabin and started with their little prisoners for the Ohio river. They crossed the river at Aliquippa and when the pursuing party reached the river all they saw was a canoe landing on the opposite side. But they had not all crossed the river, for an Indian, with the two girls, was hidden in a tree top so near to the path that the girls could have touched those who were passing; but the Indian, with upraised tomahawk, dared them to speak under penalty of their lives. They walked all the way to Detroit, which took about two weeks, and were delivered to the English. When the treaty of peace was ratified in 1783 the English gave up the prisoners and the children returned home in road wagons.

Gabriel Walker's family was among the first members the Union Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and his brother Isaac was one of the first elders.

Great-Great-Grandfather Walker died November 4, 1799, aged 64 years, and we think great-great-grandmother died April 8, 1815, aged 75 years. They are buried in Union Cemetery.

GREAT-GREAT-GRANDFATHER STEWART

We think that Hugh Stewart came from Scotland. He settled at Carlisle, Cumberland County, Penna., before 1767, where our Great-Grandfather William Stewart was born.

On March 7, 1785 there was a warrant granted to him by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for a tract of land containing 347 acres, 112 perches. By the boundaries given, we know that this land was on Campbell's Run, three miles from Carnegie, Pa., and that the old stone house, which will be referred to later, is on part of this tract. We do not know what our great-great-grandfather paid for this land, but we know that for the tract containing 398 acres lying west of this, which was granted to John Bailes in 1795, there was paid three pounds and five shillings. Part of the Bailes tract is now the John P. Scott farm.

By deed, dated March 12, 1828, Hugh Stewart conveyed this property to his son, William Stewart, "and his heirs forever, free and clear of all restrictions and reservations, with the exception of the fifth part of all Gold and Silver Ore, which is reserved for the use of the commonwealth, and is to be delivered at the Pit's mouth clear of all charges." This patent is enrolled in Patent Book H, volume 25, page 200.

We do not know whether Hugh Stewart ever lived on this farm or not, but we do know that it was the home of William Stewart, our great-grandfather.

The Stewarts belonged to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and no doubt Hugh and his family were members of the Union Church and are buried in that cemetery; but there are no stones to mark their graves, and we do not know the dates of their deaths.

GREAT-GRANDFATHER GLASS

In the latter part of the eighteenth century, there lived in Armaugh, Ireland, a merchant by the name of Isaac Glass. There were two sons in the family, Samuel, the grandfather of the writer of this history, who was born in 1780; and Henry, the father of James H. Glass of Milford, Illinois. There was a daughter, Mary, who never married, and who made her home after the death of her parents with her brother, Henry, on the home farm. We think there was a daughter, Jane, who married a Mr. Grimes, for we have heard father speak of Aunt Jennie Grimes.

The family left their home in Ireland and came to America. When they came to Pennsylvania, they settled on a farm in Robinson Township, Allegheny County, where Frank W. Scott now resides. In 1810 they bought this farm from William Marks; and Isaac Glass and his wife Mary lived there the remainder of their lives.

They were members of the Union Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and are buried in Union Cemetery. Isaac Glass died July 13, 1826, aged 66 years, and Mary Glass died July 18, 1846, aged 87 years.

GREAT-GRANDFATHER STEWART

William Stewart, our great-grandfather, was born at Carlisle, Cumberland County, Penna. We do not have the date of his birth, but it must have been soon after the middle of the eighteenth century. He married a daughter of Gabriel Walker, one of the girls captured by the Indians, but we do not know her name; and in 1792 there was born into this home a baby girl who was named Jane. Probably the family was living in Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Penna., at this time. There was a son named James, who went to Ohio with his seven daughters, all of whom married and settled in that state. His daughter, Margaret, married a Mr. Whetstone. Mrs. Emma Whetstone Hays, wife of L. C. Hays of near Imperial, Penna., is their daughter. Jane had a sister, Betsy, who married Parker Lorraine; and the family of Vance Hays, who live near Imperial, Penna.; the families of Samuel and Nelson Ewing, who lived near Oakdale, Penna.; and the family of William Lorraine of Armstrong County, Penna., are her descendants. There was, also, a sister, Patsy, who married Alexander Phillips; and Andrew H. Phillips and family of Robinson Township are her descendants.

We do not know in what year they came to live on the farm deeded to him by his father, Hugh Stewart, on March 12, 1828, but we think they were living there before that time, and that that farm was the childhood home of Grandmother Glass.

Samuel Stewart, a brother of William, was among the first elders of Union Congregation, so we have reason to believe that William and his wife were also members of that congregation; and that they are buried in Union Cemetery with no stones to mark their graves.

GRANDFATHER AND GRANDMOTHER GLASS

In the summer of 1812, Samuel Glass went to reside on a farm of a hundred acres near Campbell's Run, Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Penna. Here he lived until the spring of 1836, when he removed to an adjoining farm on Campbell's Run, which had been the childhood home of his wife, Jane Stewart, and here they spent the remainder of their lives. The old stone house is still standing by the Campbell's Run Road, three miles from Carnegie, Penna.

From the McGinness family history we learn that Mr. Samuel McGinness with his bride went to live in this stone house in the autumn of 1832. The historian says, "They removed to the 'Stewart' stone house at Campbell's Run, which was then owned by Samuel Glass and was very much out of repair, and Mr. McGinness was engaged to remodel it." In addition to being a farmer, Samuel was extensively engaged in weaving, and was the first person in this section who could do that kind of work.

Grandfather was a man of commanding appearance—tall and straight, with a strong will and a mind not easily influenced. We think he was a public-spirited man, and perhaps did much for the improvement of his community and for the upbuilding of his country in those early years of its history. We know he was a godly man. He was a member of the Union Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, now the United Presbyterian Church; and for the last twenty-five years of his life was a ruling elder in that congregation.

Grandmother was a woman short of stature and light of weight, always alert and active, and loved by all who knew her. She, too, was a member of Union Church—a godly woman, honored and loved by her children.

On the Communion Sabbath, February 6, 1870, at the age of 78 years, her spirit went home to God, and she was buried in Union Cemetery beside her husband, who had died May 18, 1861, aged 81 years.

It was into this home, in the truest sense of the word a Christian home, where God was loved and worshipped and His Word and day revered, that William Glass, our father, was born November 11, 1811. He was the second child and first son of a family of nine children, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood and married.

Matilda, the first born, married John Phillips of Robinson Township and died in early life, leaving her husband and an adopted son. Mary married Joseph Ross of Robinson Township and died young. Hannah married Joseph Stewart of Finley Township, Allegheny County, and left five sons: Samuel, William J., John P., Joseph and Albert E.; and two daughters, Mrs. Olivia Aten and Mrs. Jennie Stewart. John married Jane Cabbage of Carnegie, Penna., and had two sons, James, and Albert Glass; and two daughters, Mrs. Tillie Brown and Mrs. Sadie Lincoln. Samuel married Hannah Aiken of Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Penna., and left one son, Rev. S. J. Glass, pastor of the McClure Avenue Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh. Elizabeth married Joseph Cabbage of Carnegie, Penna., and left two sons, James C. and Boyd G. Cabbage; and four daughters, Mrs. Mary McCaughn, Mrs. Tillie Pitzer, Mrs. Sadie Hozack and Mrs. Elizabeth Barr. Margaret married Jonathan Phillips of Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Penna., and left five sons: Samuel G., Milton S., William J., Calvin K. and Everett N. Sarah Ann married Stewart Logan, and left one son, John Logan; and three daughters, Mrs. Jennie Roberts, Mrs. Hannah McKown and Mrs. Georgeanna Cummins. In all these homes there were children who died in infancy. We have named only the ones who grew to manhood and womanhood.

GREAT-GRANDFATHER McCURDY

Hugh McCurdy, our great-grandfather, came from Ireland sometime before 1774, and settled near Gettysburg, Penna. Here a daughter, Lettietia, was born on November 23, 1774, who married Major Samuel Ewing. They spent most of their married life in Armstrong County, Penna. Near Elder's Ridge, Armstrong County, Lettietia McCurdy Ewing died December 1880, at the remarkable age of one hundred and six years. She left five children, the oldest being eighty-two years of age; thirty-two grandchildren; over fifty great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

Her memory was so retentive that she was able to keep a correct chronological record of her numerous progeny without the aid of memoranda, and her chief pleasure was to name them in chronological order, giving date of birth, marriage et cetera. The writer of this history visited her about six months before her death, and although her eyesight was almost gone and her hearing such as to make it very difficult to talk with her, her memory was remarkably good. She could remember anything that she had ever heard and asked me many questions that I should have been able to answer, but could not.

The descendants of this family are the Ewings of Armstrong County, Penna., and the family of David and Polly Ewing McKee of Pittsburgh, Penna. Judge Walton Mitchell of Pittsburgh is a great-grandson of Lettietia McCurdy Ewing.

Another daughter, Margaret, was born in 1783, and in 1809 she married Joseph Scott of Washington County, Penna. They made their home at Miller's Run, Washington County, where she died at the age of forty-four. Some of the Scotts at Venice, Washington County, and the Palmers and Thompsons of Ohio are descendants of this family.

A son, Joseph, married Mary Hall, and their descendants are the McCurdys of Robinson Township; the Bells of Robinson Township; the Dicksons of near Imperial; and the Riddles of Newtown, Penna.

A daughter, Elizabeth, married Mr. Shaw, but there are no descendants living. Misses Ellen and Margaret Shaw were daughters. There was another son, Andrew, our grandfather.

About 1794 Hugh McCurdy crossed the mountains and bought three hundred acres of land on Campbell's Run, about one mile northwest of the Stewart home. Here they lived, but we do not know the dates of their deaths. We know that great-grandfather's name was Hugh McCurdy and his wife's name was Grizzilla McCurdy, and like the Walkers, the Glasses and the Stewarts they were members of Union Church, and are buried in Union Cemetery.

GRANDFATHER AND GRANDMOTHER McCURDY

Some ten or twelve years after the McCurdy family moved to Robinson Township, Andrew McCurdy married Elizabeth Glenn and they made their home on part of the farm his father had purchased on Campbell's Run. There were born into this home eight children, some of whom died in infancy, some before they reached middle life; but Sarah, the fourth child, was one of three who lived to a good age. She was born in a log house, which stood on the western end of the farm, on July 4, 1816.

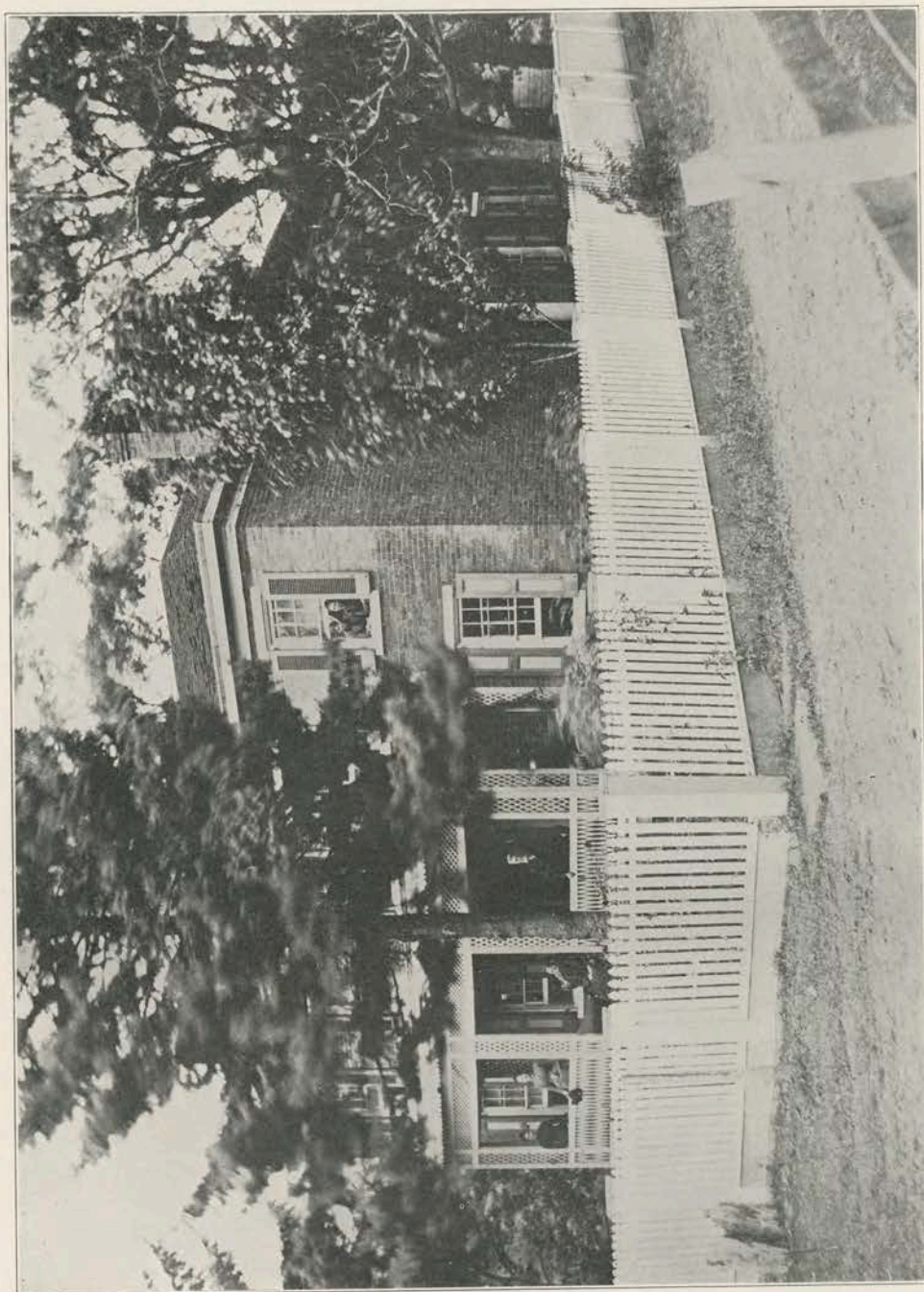
Grandfather was justice of the peace for about twenty-five years, and from his record book, which we have in our possession, we learn that he had considerable work, but not much pay. Twenty-five cents was the amount he usually charged, but in some cases his charges were only twelve and one-half cents.

From an assessment notice found in this book, we learn that the part of the farm owned by his brother, Joseph McCurdy, containing not less than one hundred and twenty-five acres, was assessed in the year 1820 for one thousand ninety-nine dollars. The rate per cent was two mills, making a tax of two dollars and nineteen cents.

As there is no one living who ever saw Grandfather and Grandmother McCurdy and we do not have photographs of them, we can not describe their physical appearance; but we know that they were good Christian people and trained their children in the ways of righteousness and thrift. They were members of Union Church.

Grandfather died February 15, 1840, aged fifty-five years, and grandmother December 27, 1829, aged forty years. They, with all their children, are buried in Union Cemetery.

The only descendants of this family are the family of Alexander McCurdy of Pittsburgh; the family of Mrs. Mary Hannah McCurdy Sherrett of Venango County; and the Glass family.



The Glass Homestead

HOME

It takes a heap o' livin' in a house t' make it home.
A heap o' sun an' shadder, an' ye sometimes have t' roam
Afore ye really 'preciate the things ye lei' behind,
And hunger fer 'em somehow, with 'em allus on yer mind.
It don't make any difference how rich ye get t' be,
How much yer chairs and tables cost, how great yer luxury:
It ain't home t' ye, though it be the palace of a king,
Until somehow yer soul is sort o' wrapped round everything.

Home ain't a place that gold can buy or get up in a minute;
Before it's home there's got t' be a heap o' livin' in it;
Within the walls there's got t' be some babies born, and then
Right there ye've got t' bring 'em up t' women good an' men;
And gradjerly, as time goes on, ye find ye wouldn't part
With anything they ever used—they've grown into yer heart:
The old high chairs, the playthings, too, the little shoes they wore
Ye board; and if ye could ye'd keep the thumb marks on the door.

Ye've got t' weep t' make it home, ye've got t' sit and' sigh
And watch beside a loved one's bed, and know that Death is nigh;
An' in the stillnes o' the night t' see Death's angel come,
An' close the eyes o' her that smiled, an' leave her sweet voice dumb.
Fer these are scenes that grip the heart, an' when yer tears are dried,
To find the home is dearer than it was an' sanctified;
An' tuggin' at ye always are the pleasant memories
O' her that was an' is no more—ye can't escape from these.

Ye've got t' sing an' dance fer years, ye've got t' romp an' play,
An' learn t' love the things ye have by usin' them each day;
Even the roses round the porch must blossom year by year
Afore they 'come a part o' ye, suggestin' someone dear
Who use t' love 'em long ago, an' train 'em just t' run
The way they do, so's they would get the early mornin' sun:
Ye've got to love each brick and stone from cellar up t' dome:
It takes a heap o' livin' in a house t' make it home.—Edgar A. Guest.

FATHER AND MOTHER

William Glass, oldest son of Samuel and Jane Stewart Glass, was born November 11, 1811. He was a farmer all his life. He was one who thought of others and considered the work of the church and state of as much importance as his own personal interests. He was a patriotic man and although too old to be drafted for the civil war, he helped the cause very much by his enthusiasm and financial help.

Perhaps there is no word that I could write that would convey to future generations the true character of our father quite so well as a sketch of his life written by the session of Union United Presbyterian Church at the time of his death, which is as follows:

"William Glass was born and lived in the same community in which he died. He belonged to one of the community's oldest and most highly respected families. In the providence of God he was spared to a good old age, reaching his 90th year. At the time of his death he was the oldest resident



William Glass



Sarah McCurdy Glass

for miles around. He survived all his brothers and sisters, though he was the second in the family of nine children. He was blessed with such health that he never found it necessary to consult a physician until within about a year of his death.

Death, at last, was not the result of any special disease, but was caused rather by a gradual decline of the powers of the body. Mr. Glass' life was distinguished for its piety. He "walked with God: and he was not: for God took him." Early in life he united with what is now the Union United Presbyterian Church, Gayly, Penna. He continued a life-long and consistent member of this congregation. His religion was of the heart. He worshipped God in private as well as in public. In his home there was a family altar, where morning and evening "the saint, the husband, and the father" prayed.

His life was one of unusual activity whether in religious or secular affairs. He served the community as a citizen. At the same time, and for a

period of about forty years, he held the offices of school director, road supervisor and tax collector. He served the church, also, giving of his time and wealth to its support. He was the Congregation's treasurer for many years, and for almost forty-three years he served it as a ruling elder.

He twice represented Monongahela Presbytery in the General Assembly of our Church. As a member of session, as well as in every other relation in life, he maintained the courage of his convictions. He was a man thoroughly wed to principle and yet he was neither arbitrary nor contentious. Instead, he was always a peace-maker. It is the testimony of those long associated with him in the session that if, at any time, there was danger of strife arising in the congregation, he seemed able to suggest some way by which all friction could be avoided, and which would involve no sacrifice of principle.

At a recent meeting of the session the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved 1. That in the death of Mr. Glass we recognize the hand of God, and bow in humble submission to the divine will. The loss which we sustain is, we believe, our brother's gain. For him to depart was to be with Christ, which is far better.

2. That we bear testimony to the zeal, fidelity and efficiency with which he served the church as a member of session. Of noble Christian character, he brought to the duties of the eldership a high degree of devotion to duty, and an unflinching purpose to adhere to right principles. To these sterling qualities of heart and mind were added a wise discretion and a ripe judgment which lent influence and weight to his advice. His counsel was naturally much sought after and was of much value to the session and congregation.

3. That we, as a session, are reminded that the time is short, that life is passing swiftly, and that we are admonished to be up and doing while the day lasts, to be more faithful and diligent than heretofore in the great work of leading souls to the Saviour.

4. That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved friends who mourn a father's loss, and commend them to the God of all comfort and consolation.

5. That these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of the session and a copy of them sent to the United Presbyterian for publication." Rev. John T. Aiken, Jonathan Phillips, Committee of Session.

Sarah McCurdy, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Glenn McCurdy, was born July 4, 1816. On March 10, 1836, she married William Glass and they began housekeeping in the log house on the farm to which his father, Samuel Glass, came in the summer of 1812 when William was eleven months old; and on this farm they lived together for fifty-nine years, one month, and seventeen days; and neither was ever absent from home more than two weeks at any time. Twenty years after their marriage, in the summer of 1856, they built a good brick house to replace the log house of earlier days. Early in life Sarah united with the Union Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and for more than sixty years was an active and faithful member.

She was a most devout Christian, a loving and devoted wife and mother and a kind and obliging neighbor and friend. She was one of the world's most helpful women. As a home maker she was equaled by few and excelled by none. Her home was her kingdom. It was a center from which radiated good influences in every direction, as attested to often by those who have breathed its atmosphere and partaken of its comforts and hospitality. She was a woman such as the wise writer in the Bible describes, "One who was virtuous and her price above rubies and when she died her children rose up to call her blessed. Her husband, also, he praised her."

William Glass died May 18, 1901, in the ninetyeth year of his age. Sarah

McCurdy Glass died April 17, 1895, in the seventy-ninth year of her life. They are buried in Union Cemetery.

Into this home were born four sons and six daughters: Elizabeth Ann, Samuel S., Hugh McCurdy, Jane Stewart, Hannah Mary, Letitia Jane, Rocsa, William Stewart, Andrew Dale and Emma Leila.

"They come not back, they shall rise again
In fairer forms than on earth they wore,
And free from fear of decay or pain
Shall live in Heaven forevermore.
Oh! There at last, life's trials past,
We'll meet our loved once more
Whose feet have trod the path to God,
Not lost, but gone before."



At the sounding of the trumpet, when the saints are gathered home
We shall greet each other by the crystal sea;
When the Lord himself from Heaven to His glory bids us come,
What a gathering of the faithful that will be.

When the angel of the Lord proclaims that time shall be no more,
We shall gather, and the saved and ransomed see;
Then to meet again together, on the bright, celestial shore,
What a gathering of the faithful that will be.

At the great and final judgment, when the hidden comes to light,
When the Lord in all his glory we shall see;
At the bidding of our Saviour, "Come ye blessed, to My right,"
What a gathering of the faithful that will be.

When the golden harps are sounding, and the angel bands proclaim,
In triumphant strains a glorious jubilee;
Then to meet and join to sing the song of Moses and the Lamb,
What a gathering of the faithful that will be.

I. H. KURZENKNABE.

ELIZABETH GLASS SPEER

The first child of William and Sarah McCurdy Glass was a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, born in the log house on the farm in Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Penna., on March 12, 1839. October 13, 1864, she married Andrew Braden Speer, son of James and Elizabeth McCoy Speer, also of Robinson Township. They were married at the bride's home by Rev. Lafayette Marks. Andrew being the only son in the family, they went to live on the farm of his widowed mother and kept a home for her on the farm while she lived.

The Speer family were United Presbyterians and members of Union congregation until the year 1868, when Andrew and Elizabeth transferred their membership to the Forest Grove Presbyterian Church.



Elizabeth Glass Speer



Andrew Braden Speer

Andrew was a farmer and to the very end of his life was noted as having the best kept farm in the community. Their home was a very hospitable home, a place where relatives and friends liked to visit. He was a great Bible student and his life was governed by the rules taught therein. For some years he was a ruling elder in the Forest Grove Church and was a teacher in the Sabbath School for many years. Less than a year before his death he transferred his membership back to the Union United Presbyterian Church. He died March 15, 1921, in the 89th year of his age. The promise of Psalm 91:16 was given to him in great measure, for to the very end of his life his mental and physical powers were wonderfully preserved. He was buried in Union Cemetery.

Elizabeth Glass Speer was educated in the public schools of Robinson Township and in the Mansfield Academy. Early in life she united with the Union United Presbyterian Church, and was one of eight who were the first teachers in the Sabbath School which was organized June, 1859. She took a leading part in the war activities of the township during the Civil War. Her

home after her marriage was about five miles from her childhood home. Here she was a true helper to her husband, she was a true mother to her children and she had the love and confidence of her sons to a very marked degree. Although not strong physically, she was always active and energetic and always thought of others. She was a wonderful home-keeper and looked well to the ways of her household. She was active in every good work and loved by all who knew her. She died October 23, 1903, in the 65th year of her age and was buried in Union Cemetery.

Five sons were born into the home of Andrew and Elizabeth Glass Speer: William James, Albert Howard, Clayton Westley, Harvey Burnett and Walter Braden.

I.—William James Speer was born July 27, 1865 on the Speer homestead. He was educated in the schools of Stowe Township, Allegheny County, Penna., which was formerly a part of Robinson Township, but which is now Kennedy Township. He helped his father on the farm until he was grown; then, he took a business course in Iron City Business College, after which he entered Moon Run store, where he remained several years. Since then he has been employed most of the time as store manager. At present he is with the M. A. Hanna Coal Company at North Bessemer, Penna., having been store manager for this Company for twenty years. William and his family are active members of the Unity United Presbyterian Church, Allegheny County, Penna.

October 14, 1897, he married Annie Marshall, oldest daughter of Silas B. and Ella Douglass Marshall of near Imperial, Penna. The wedding was at the home of Rev. J. J. Beacom, pastor of the Forest Grove Presbyterian Church, where Annie had made her home for a number of years.

Three children were born into this home.

(1) Andrew B., who finished his public school education in the Burgettstown High School and is now in the third year in the Medical Department of University of Pittsburgh.

(2) Lois Eleanor, who was educated in the public schools and is now helping her father in the store.

(3) Ferna Ella, who is finishing her public school education in Oakmont High School.



Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Speer and Family

died Jan. 17, 1950

II.—Albert Howard Speer was born October 19, 1867, in Stowe Township, Allegheny County, Penna., and was educated in the public schools of that place. When a very young man he learned the carpenter trade and worked at it for several years. Later he chose the profession of dentistry and was graduated from the Louisville, Kentucky, Dental School. He first practiced his profession in Braddock, Penna.

On December 25, 1900, he was married to Annie Petrie, daughter of Amos Sawyer and Mary Scully Petrie of Ingram, Penna. The wedding was at the Petrie home. They made their home in Braddock, Penna., until 1906 when they went to California. Since that time their home has been in Long Beach, Cal. They are members of the Presbyterian Church.

III.—Clayton Westley Speer was born on the Speer farm in June, 1870. He was educated in the public schools of Stowe Township and was graduated from Pittsburgh Academy in 1894. He taught in the public schools of Findley, Stowe and Robinson Townships, Allegheny County, Penna. Later he



Anna Petrie Speer



Albert Howard Speer

took up the occupation of gardening on his father's farm where he now resides.

December 27, 1904, he married Margaret Blanche, ^{B Sept 11, 1878} oldest daughter of James and Emma Thompson Riddle of Gayly, Penna. They were married at the bride's home by Rev. John T. Aiken. Clayton and his family are active members of the Union United Presbyterian Church. *Clayton died Feb 27, 194*

Three daughters have been born into their home:

(1) Violet Emma, who was educated in Kennedy Township school and is now a pupil in McKees Rocks High School.

(2) Jean Elizabeth, who was educated in the schools of Kennedy Township and is now in the McKees Rocks High School.

(3) Marion Virginia, who is now in her seventh year and is attending public school.



Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Speer and Family

IV.—Harvey Bennett Speer was born January 18, 1874, in the Speer Homestead, and attended the public schools of Stowe Township and the Pittsburgh Academy. He chose the medical profession, attending the Medical Department of the University of Pittsburgh from which he was graduated in June, 1903.

He began the practice of his profession at Carnot, Penna., where he remained six years. He then removed to Coraopolis where he has a large practice at the present time. He is a member of the Coraopolis Presbyterian Church.

June 30, 1904, he married Anna Hamilton Moore, daughter of James N. and Emma Jane Phillips Moore. The wedding was at the Moore home. The ceremony was performed by Rev. David Dickson.

Early in life Anna united with the Presbyterian Church and was always an active member. Previous to her marriage, she was a very successful school teacher for several years. She was a woman of pleasing personality and wonderful ability. She was a wife in whom her husband trusted and a mother dearly loved by her children. She loved her home and counted no sacrifice too great if she could make the home folks happy; but her activities were not confined to the home. In the church in its different departments and in the community in which she lived, she was always ready to take a leading part in every good work. She was strong and robust and always active and alert until two years before her death. During these years she suffered much because of bodily affliction, but there was also resignation to the Father's will and a strong faith in God. May 24, 1924, her spirit went home to God and we laid her body to rest in the Coraopolis Cemetery at the age of forty-eight years.

"We live in deeds, not years—in thoughts, not breaths—

In feelings, not in figures on a dial.

We should count time by heart throbs.

He most lives who thinks most,

Feels the noblest, acts the best."

Harvey died July 30, 1948
Two sons and one daughter were born into this home.

(1) Harvey Bennett, Jr., born May 10, 1907; and died August 7, 1908, aged 1 year, 2 months, 28 days.

"There is a Reaper whose name is Death

And with his sickle keen,

He reaps the bearded grain at a breath

And the flowers that grow between."

(2) James Moore, born March 20, 1911. He is in the Coraopolis schools, with the medical profession as his goal.

(3) Helen Elizabeth, born October 2, 1914, who is in the grade schools of Coraopolis.



Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Speer and Family

V.—Walter Braden Speer was born in Stowe Township, October, 1878. Early in life he united with the Forest Grove Presbyterian Church. He was educated in the schools of Stowe Township, and chose as his life work the occupation of a jeweler and engraver. He worked for a few years at the jeweler's trade, and then went to Philadelphia to learn engraving.

Soon after he finished this and was fully equipped for his work, the dread



Walter Braden Speer

disease, tuberculosis, took hold of him and, after two or three years spent in traveling from place to place seeking relief, he died March 12, 1906 in the twenty-eighth year of his life. He was a young man of exemplary life, one who made friends wherever he went. His life here was short in years, but powerful in its influence for good on the lives of those who knew him. With no fear of death, but with a strong faith in the promises of God, he crossed the valley of the shadow to enter upon the life beyond.

"Leaves have their time to fall

And flowers to wither with the north wind's breath

And stars to set—but all—

Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death."

SAMUEL GLASS

The second child of William and Sarah McCurdy Glass was a son, Samuel, born March 13, 1841. He was educated in the public schools of Robinson Township Allegheny County, Penna., in Mansfield Academy and took a course in Duff's Business College, Pittsburgh, Penna. He was drafted into the Civil War, but, not being very strong physically, he was exempt; and his father paid three hundred dollars for a substitute.

Early in life he united with the Union United Presbyterian Church. He was the first secretary and treasurer of Union Sabbath School and the writer of the congregational history, which was read at the Centennial Celebration October, 11, 1894; and, though in later years connected with other churches, his heart was always warm toward the old home church. He was a loving



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Glass

son, a kind and devoted husband and father. He loved his country and was always ready to lend a helping hand to all reforms or any good work in church or state.

May 15, 1869, he married Margaret Ann, daughter of Benjamin and Eleanor Deemer McCormick, of Robinson Township. The wedding was at the McCormick home and the ceremony was performed by Rev. J. D. Turner. They made their home on a farm north of the Glass homestead, which was given to them by his father.

Margaret McCormick Glass, at the age of fifteen years, united with the Union Church and was an earnest, consistent member during the remainder of her life. She had many noble traits of character. She is remembered by those who knew her for her cheerfulness, her kindness, her hospitality and

her liberality. She was an affectionate wife and a kind, self-denying mother. When her bodily powers began to decline because of disease, she clung tenaciously to life; but during all the years of weariness and suffering, she was cheerful and patient and uncomplaining, always willing that God's will should be done.

Samuel Glass died March 7, 1902 at his home near Impertal, aged sixty-one years. Margaret McCormick Glass died February 6, 1889, aged forty-six years. They are buried in Union Cemetery.

Three sons and four daughters were born into this home: George Neuton, Sarah Ellen, William Stewart, Benjamin McCormick, Emma Laura, Ida Myrtle and Ethel May.

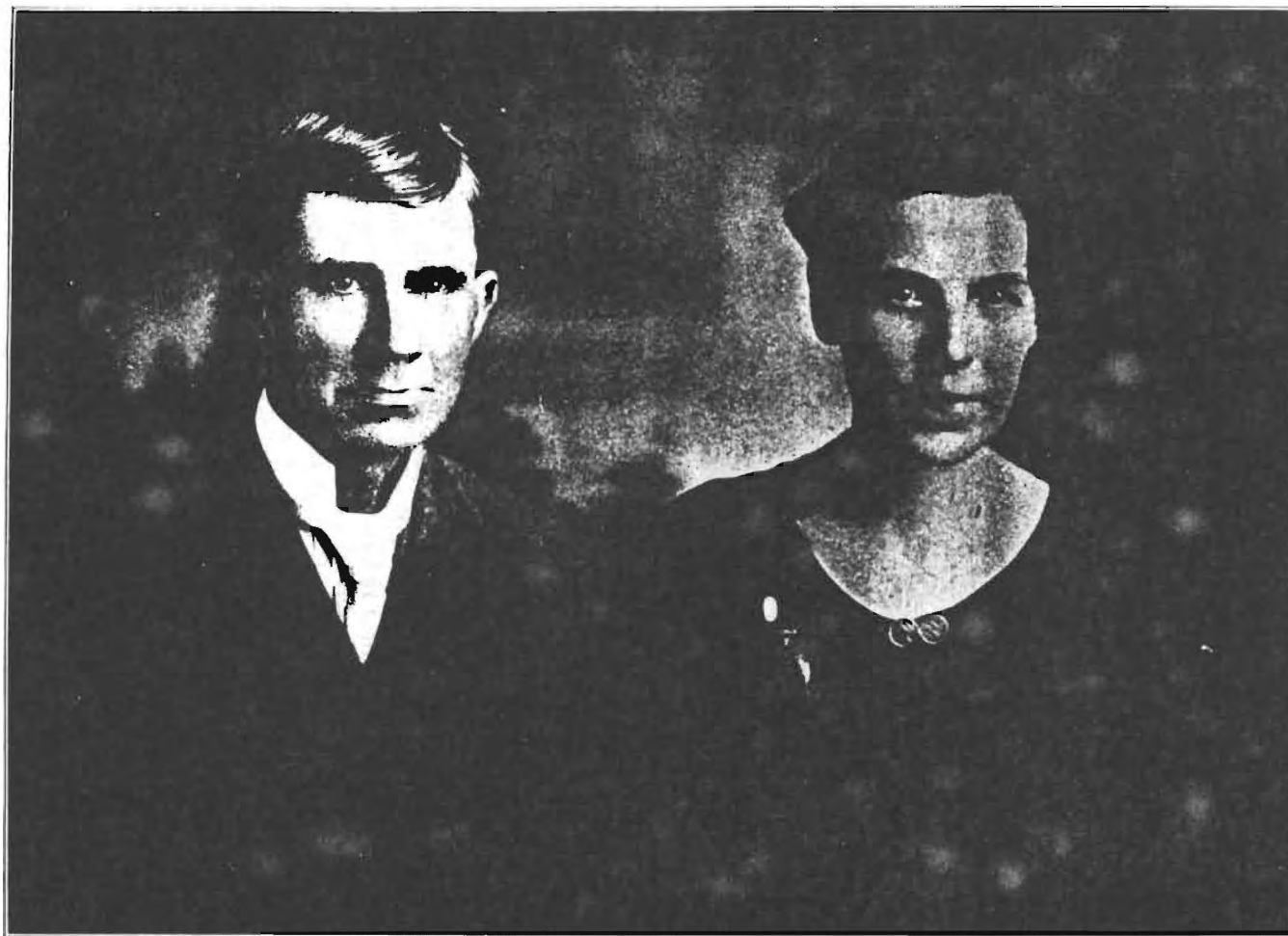


I.—George Newton Glass was born on the farm in Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Penna., May 27, 1870. At the age of three years he went to live with George and Lettie McCurdy Caldwell on their farm near Venice, Washington County, Penna. In this home he had all the privileges and advantages that a son would have had. He was educated in the schools of Washington County and in Canonsburg Academy. He chose farming as his occupation and later, while quite a young man, started in the dairy business.

On March 17, 1896, he married Irene Glass, daughter of James H. and Ellen McCormick Glass, of Milford, Ill. They made their home on the Caldwell farm, which he bought from Uncle George. They now reside on a farm adjoining that one, which they bought later. He is now extensively engaged in the farm and dairy business, and also in oil.

George and Irene are active members of the Venice United Presbyterian Church, Washington County, Penna.

died Mar 3, 1939.
Irene " May 19, 1955



Mr. and Mrs. George N. Glass

II.—Sarah Ellen Glass was born on the farm in Robinson Township, August 3, 1872. She was educated in the schools of Robinson Township and in Oakdale Academy. When Sarah was sixteen years old, her mother died, leaving her to care for the home, which position she filled faithfully.

December 24, 1895, she married Arthur Wordworths Smith, son of Samuel and Amelia Burgwin Smith, of Robinson Township. They were married by Rev. J. E. Wishart at the bride's home in Ingram, Penna. They made their home near Crafton for several years, and in 1903 they went to Lincoln County, Tenn. Their home is now in Fayetteville, Tenn. They are members of the A. R. P. Church of Fayetteville.

One son and two daughters were born into this home.

Arthur died Apr 16, 1956
Sadie died Dec 6, 1962



William Lawrence Smith

(1) William Lawrence, who died July 1, 1907, in the eleventh year of his age, from a fractured skull inflicted by the kick of a colt. He was buried in the cemetery at Lincoln, Tenn., and later his body was removed to the Fayetteville Cemetery.

(2) Velma, who was educated in the public schools of Lincoln County, Tenn., and was graduated from Bryson College, Fayetteville, Tenn., in 1924, and is now teaching in the high school at Coffeeville, Ala.

(3) Ferna, who was educated in the public schools of Lincoln County, Tenn., and graduated in 1924 from Bryson College, Fayetteville, Tenn.; and is now teaching in the A. R. P. Mission School at Andalesia, Ala.

"There is no flock, however watched and tended,
But one dead lamb is there;
There is no fireside, howsoever defended,
But has one vacant chair."



Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith and Daughters

died Oct 28-1958

III.—William Stewart Glass was born February 9, 1875, on the home farm. He was educated in the public schools of Robinson Township, in Duff's College and in Pittsburgh Academy and Geneva College. He chose the ministry as his profession and entered the United Presbyterian Seminary in Allegheny, Penna., in 1898, and was graduated in 1901. His first charge was Hopewell United Presbyterian Congregation, Lincoln, Tenn. From there he removed, in 1909, to Mercer County, Penna., where he took charge of the Springfield and Ebenezer congregations, and later Scotch Hill was added. Here he remained until 1918 when he was called to North Buffalo, Washington County, Penna., where he is still pastor.

He also taught school in Imperial Academy, Penna., in the Glass High School, Tenn., and in schools of Washington County, Penna.

Allie Aug 25/1949

May 8, 1906, he married Mary Allie, daughter of J. Harvey and Savanah McDill Kennedy, of Lincoln County, Tenn. The marriage ceremony was performed in the Hopewell United Presbyterian Church of which he was pastor, by Rev. S. J. Hood.

Four sons and two daughters have been born into this home.

(1) William McDill was educated in the public schools of Mercer County, Penna., and Washington County, Penna., finishing High School in 1924 and entering Muskingum College in the fall of 1924.

(2) Florabel is in High School in Washington County, Penna.

(3) Herbert Morton is in the public schools of Washington County, Penna.

(4) Raymond McCormick is in the public school.

(5) Samuel Earl has had one year of school life.

(6) Mary Irene is in her fourth year.



Rev. and Mrs. Wm. S. Glass and Family

died Mar 10 1909

III.—Benjamin McCormick Glass, twin brother of William S. Glass, was born February 9, 1875, on the home farm. He was educated in the public school of Robinson Township, in Pittsburgh Academy and Geneva and Grove City Colleges. He taught in the public schools and later in the Academy at Imperial, Penna. In 1902, he went to Lincoln, Tenn., where he started the Glass High School, and taught there several years.

He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church and wherever he was, he was active in church work, and lived a Godly life.

June 14, 1905, he married Carrie, daughter of Harvey and Elizabeth McDill Hamilton. His twin brother, Rev. William S. Glass, performed the ceremony at the Hamilton home, Fayetteville, Tenn.

Soon his health began to fail and on March 10, 1909, his spirit went home to God. He was in his thirty-fifth year. A short life but one full of helpfulness, for wherever his life touched other lives there was always an influence for good. He was buried in the cemetery at Lincoln, Tenn., and later his body was removed to the cemetery at Fayetteville.

"Flowers that die in their beauty's prime,
Live there in endless summertime."

One daughter was born into this home.

(1) Margaret Anna, who is now living in Denver, Colo., and was graduated from the Denver High School, June 6, 1924.

Carrie Glass ~~was~~ Mrs Helmar Esterquist



Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin McC. Glass and Daughter

*died
Harry" Sept 9,
Laura" " 20, 1941*
V.—Emma Laura Glass was born January 2, 1880, in Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Penna. She was educated in the schools of that township and in Ingram, Penna.

March 27, 1901, she married Harry Banks, son of Matthew and Elvira McDermott Banks, of Beaver Falls, Penna. The wedding was in the bride's home in Beaver Falls, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. W. W. Kidd. Their home is in Patterson Heights, Beaver Falls, Penna. Laura and her family are active members of the United Presbyterian Church of that place.

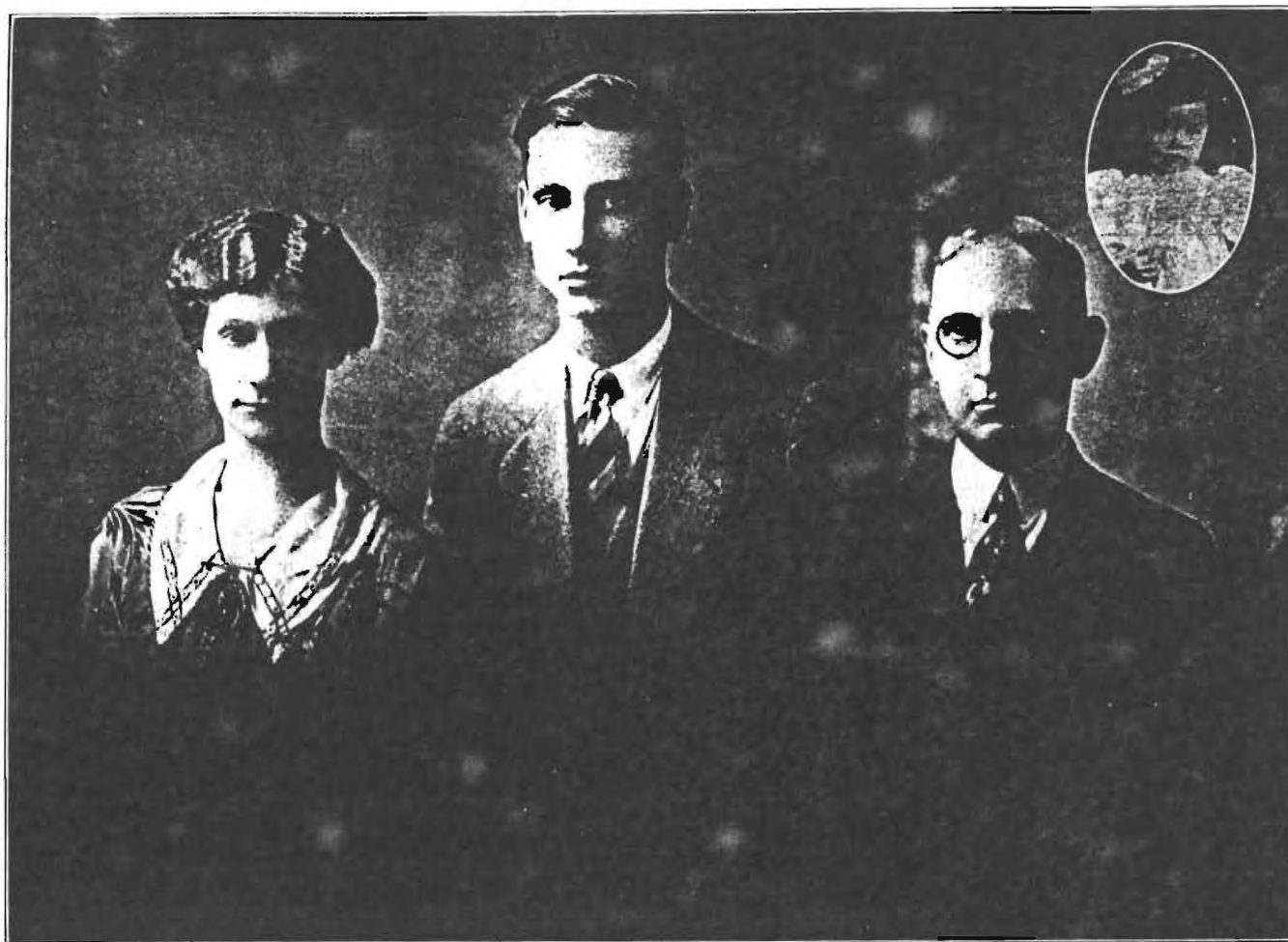
One daughter and one son were born into this home.

(1) Helen Florence, who died October 24, 1904, aged two years, nine months and twelve days, from the effects of a burn from a gas fire.

"Yonder the flowers immortal grow,
Yonder the living waters flow;
Where the redeemed in glory stand,
Dwells the children's angel band.
Round the throne of God they sing,
Through the heavens their voices ring;
Golden harps in every hand,
Blessed, blessed angel bands."

(2) Duane Eugene, who was educated in the schools of Beaver Falls, Penna., and is now a junior in Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Penna.; and expects to enter the medical profession.

D June 15, 1966.



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Banks and Family

*died June 14, 1932
 Sam. Aug. 3, 1932* V.—Ida Myrtle Glass was born April 2, 1882, in Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Penna. She was educated in the schools of Ingram, Penna., and Beaver Falls, Penna. After graduating from school, she taught in Imperial Academy, Imperial, Penna.

In 1902 she went to Tennessee. August 29, 1905, she married Samuel Hunter McCown, son of James and Jane McDill McCown, of Lincoln County, Tenn. The wedding was at the home of her sister, Mrs. Smith, and the ceremony was performed by her brother, Rev. William S. Glass. Their home is now in Fayetteville, Tenn., where Myrtle has been matron of the Spratt Home for Girls at Bryson College since 1921.

Myrtle and her family are active members of the A. R. P. Church of Fayetteville, Tenn.

One daughter was born into this home.

(1) Romain Agatha was educated in the schools of Lincoln County, Tenn., with one year in Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Penna. She is now a sophomore in Bryson College, Fayetteville, Tenn.



Mr. and Mrs. S. H. McCown and Daughter

*died Feb 4 1959
Went to Dec 18 1943*

VI.—Ethel May Glass was born April 29, 1886, in the new house on her father's farm. She was educated in the schools of Ingram, Beaver Falls, and Imperial Academy, Imperial, Penna.

December 25, 1905, she married James Herbert, son of James and Jane McDill McCown, of Lincoln County, Tenn. Rev. William S. Glass performed the ceremony at the home of her sister, Mrs. Smith. They made their home on the McCown homestead for several years, before they moved to Fayetteville, Tenn., where they now reside.

Ethel and her family are active members of the A. R. P. Church, Fayetteville, Tenn.

Three sons and one daughter were born into this home.

(1) George Wilber was educated in the schools of Lincoln County and Fayetteville, Tenn., and is now a sophomore in Bryson College.

(2) Vera Gladys is being educated in the Fayetteville schools.

(3) James Harold is being educated in the Fayetteville schools.

(4) William Robert is in his eighth year.



Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCown and Family

HUGH McCURDY GLASS

The third child of William and Sarah McCurdy Glass was a son, Hugh McCurdy, who was born in the old log house April 8, 1843. He was educated in the schools of Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Penna., and was a farmer.

He was a member of Union United Presbyterian Church and for many years a trustee in the congregation. He was always interested in the politics of his country. Being too young to be drafted in the Civil War, he, together with some eight or ten young men of the township, enlisted in John J. Young's Company G, Independent Battery Pennsylvania Volunteers, December 30, 1863, in which he served until the summer of 1865, receiving his discharge from the hospital. His work was guarding prisoners of war at Fort Delaware.

December 9, 1869, he married Evaline Scott, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Nickle Scott. They were married by Rev. J. D. Turner in the Scott



Evaline Scott Glass



Hugh McC. Glass

home. He built a house on part of the home farm, given to him by his father, and here they made their home for twenty years. In the spring of 1889 they moved to Robinson Township, Washington County, Penna., to a farm which they bought with money received from her father's estate; and here they spent the remainder of their lives. They transferred their church membership to Robinson United Presbyterian Church, and in this congregation Hugh served as treasurer for twenty-four years.

He was a man of sterling character, with strong convictions of right, from which he was not easily moved; and in all his dealing with his fellow-men he was honest and upright.

Evaline Scott Glass was a woman who looked well to the ways of her household. Thrifty and industrious, her home was her kingdom. She loved her home and home-folks and was thoughtful of their comfort. She was a

faithful member of the church, and her place in the Sabbath school and Missionary Society, (of which she was a charter member) was never vacant if she could be there. She left to her children an example worthy of imitation.

Hugh McCurdy Glass died October 24, 1917, in the seventy-fifth year of his age, and Evaline Scott Glass died August 22, 1910, in her sixty-first year; and they are buried in Robinson Cemetery.

Four sons and one daughter were born into this home: Albert Preston, Samuel James, William Hall, Robert John and Sarah Elizabeth.



Elizabeth Glass

V.—Sara Elizabeth Glass was born in Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Penna., March 31, 1884. She went with the family to Washington County in 1889. She was educated in Robinson Schools, Washington County, Penna.

Early in life she united with the Robinson United Presbyterian Church, and is an active and faithful member, taking part in all the activities of the congregation.

She remained in the home and cared for her father in his declining years. She now makes her home with her brother James on the home farm.

died Sept 18 1945

I.—Albert Preston Glass was born September 26, 1870, on the farm in Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Penna., and received his education in the schools of that township. He went with his father to Washington County, Penna., in the year 1889, but returned to the old home in the spring of 1893.

March 18, 1897, he married Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of Leonard and Jane Jackson Donald, of Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Penna. They were married in the bride's home by Rev. J. D. Turner. They make their home on the farm, which he purchased from his father, and are extensively engaged in the chicken business and fruit growing, having the largest fruit farm in the community.

Albert died May 7, 1911.
Sarah " Aug 11, 1947.
Albert was ordained a ruling elder in Union United Presbyterian Church in 1911. He with his family are active members of this congregation.

Three sons and two daughters were born into this home.

(1) Evaline Jane, who was educated in the schools of Robinson Township, helps her mother keep the home.

(2) William White Donald, who was educated in the schools of Robinson Township, is employed with his father on the farm.

(3) Leonard Donald, who was educated in the schools of the township, is also employed on the farm.

(4) Sarah Elizabeth, who was educated in the township schools and in Slippery Rock Normal School, is teaching in the Robinson Township Grade schools.

(5) Infant son, died July 2, 1907.

"Riddle of destiny, who can show
What thy short visit meant, or know
What thy errand here below?"

Elizabeth Glass Harbaugh died July 1, 1886



Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Glass and Family

II.—Samuel James Glass was born on the farm in Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Penna., March 1, 1873. He was educated in the schools of the township. He went with the family to Washington County in 1889.

Anna B Feb 3, 1875
" D Nov 26 1968
February 6, 1908, he married Anna Elder, daughter of Elder David and Mary A. McNall Crawford, of Bulger, R. D. 1, Penna. They were married in the bride's home by Rev. T. A. Gibson. They built a house on the home farm, Washington County, Penna., where they live. James, with his brothers, William and John, is engaged in farming and dairying, and they have the most extensive orchards in all the community.

James and family are active members of the Robinson United Presbyterian Church. *died Mar 11, 1928*

Two daughters were born into this home.

(1) Mary Evelyn was educated in Robinson School, Washington County, and will enter High School.

(2) Anna Elizabeth is being educated in the Robinson Township Schools.



Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Glass and Daughters

William died Apr 24 1944
Clara Nov 26 1941

III.—William Hall Glass was born in Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Penna., June 10, 1877. He was educated in the schools of Robinson Township, in Allegheny and Washington Counties.

February 7, 1918, he married Clara Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac and Sallie Ackelson Wyke, of Bulger, R. D. No. 1, Penna. The wedding was at the bride's home, where the ceremony was performed by Rev. P. E. Carson. They made their home in the farm homestead, where they now reside. William, with his brothers, carries on an extensive business on the farm.

This family are active members of the Robinson United Presbyterian Church.

Two daughters have been born into this home.

(1) Clara Elizabeth, six years old.

(2) Sara Evaline, two years old.



Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Glass and Daughters

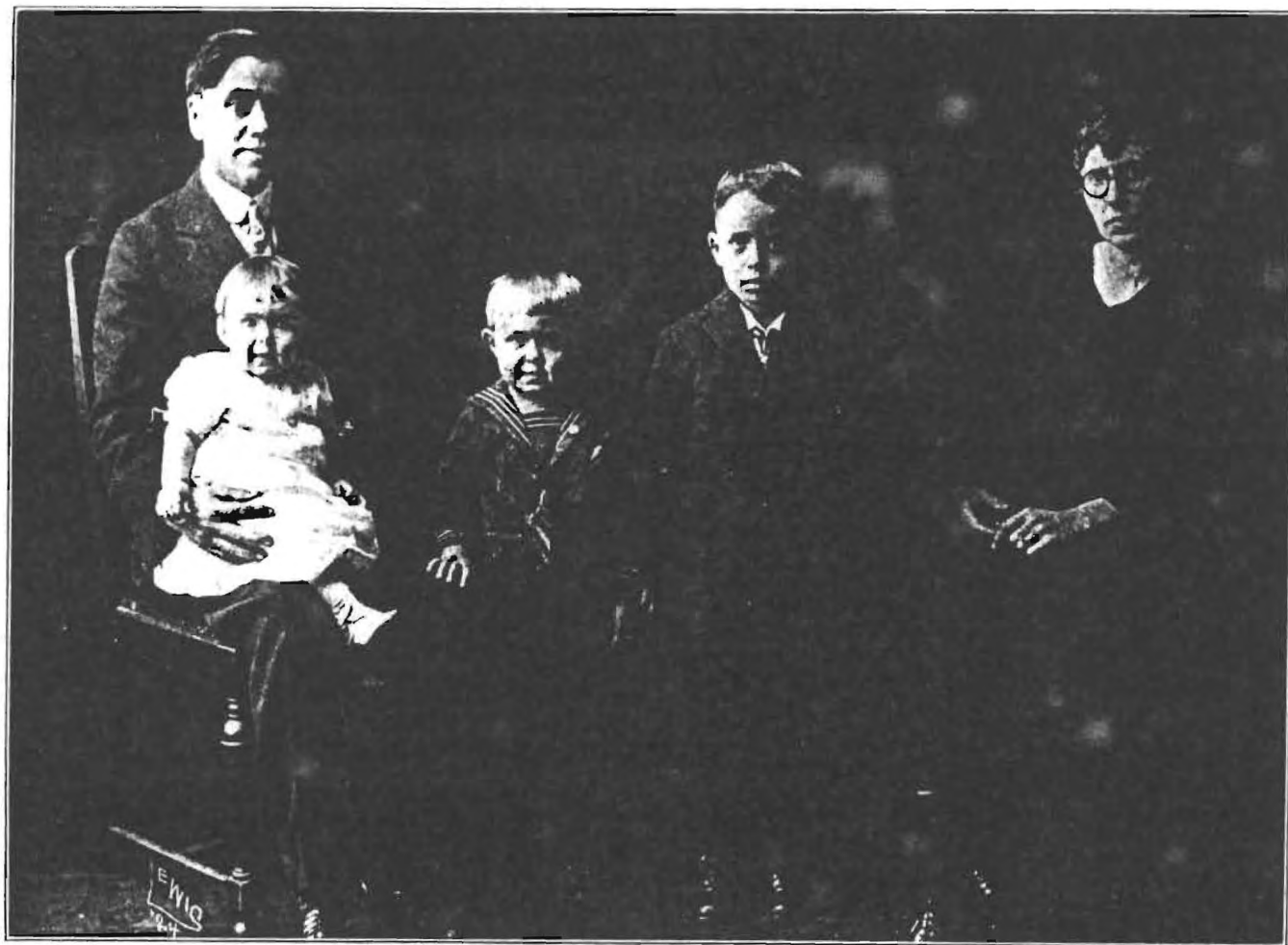
IV.—Robert John Glass was born September 20, 1881, on the farm in Allegheny County, Penna. He was educated in the schools of Robinson Township, in Allegheny and Washington Counties, Penna.

December 25, 1917, he married Lulu May, daughter of James T. W. and Margaret Shook Jamison, of near McDonald, Penna. The wedding was at the bride's home, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. B. Cavitt. They built a home on the farm, where they reside. John is with his brothers on the farm, and the place is known as "Glass Brothers."

This family are active members of the Robinson United Presbyterian Church.

Two sons and one daughter have been born into this home.

- (1) Wallace Jamison, six years of age.
- (2) Paul Scott, three years old.
- (3) Margaret Marie, eight months old.



Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Glass and Family

JANE STEWART GLASS

The fourth child of William and Sarah McCurdy Glass was a daughter, Jane Stewart, born February 8, 1847, and died September 10, 1849, aged two years, seven months, two days.

HANNAH MARY GLASS

The fifth was a daughter, Hannah Mary, born May 6, 1849, and died December 15, 1852, aged three years, seven months, nine days.

WILLIAM STEWART GLASS

The eighth was a son, William Stewart, born February 29, 1856, and died December 25, 1856, aged nine months, twenty-six days.

ANDREW DALE GLASS

The ninth was a son, Andrew Dale, born October 17, 1857, and died January 14, 1858, aged two months, twenty-eight days.

THE REAPER AND THE FLOWERS

There is a Reaper, whose name is Death,
And with his sickle keen,
He reaps the bearded grain at a breath
And the flowers that grow between.

He gazed at the flowers with tearful eyes,
He kissed their drooping leaves;
It was for the Lord of Paradise,
He bound them in his sheaves.

"My Lord has need of these flowerets gay,"
The Reaper said, and smiled;
"Dear tokens of the earth are they,
Where he was once a child."

They shall all bloom in fields of light,
Transplanted by my care,
And saints, upon their garments white,
These sacred blossoms wear."

And the mother gave, in tears and pain,
The flowers she most did love;
She knew she should find them all again
In the fields of light above.

LETTIETIA JANE GLASS

The sixth child of William and Sarah McCurdy Glass was a daughter, Lettietia Jane, born in the old log house on the farm August 10, 1851. She was educated in the schools of Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Penna.

October 7, 1880, she married Benjamin Newton, son of Benjamin and Eleanor Deemer McCormick, of Robinson Township. They were married in the bride's home by Rev. J. A. Douthett. They made their home on a farm given him by his father about one mile north of the Glass Farm. They lived in a log house on the farm until they built a new house in 1892. Here she spent the remainder of her days.

Early in life she united with the Union United Presbyterian Church and was active in its work. She was a teacher in the Sabbath School, a charter member of the Missionary Society, and for a time president; and at the time of her death was treasurer of the society, having filled this office for many years. She was a woman of unusual strength of character. Tireless energy and ceaseless activity characterized her life. She gave much thought to her home and



Lettitia Glass McCormick



Benjamin Newton McCormick

made it a happy and cheerful place. It was a privilege to enter her home and enjoy its "free-hearted" hospitality. She enjoyed extending this privilege to her friends, and especially to the young people of the church and community. She was a loving, obedient daughter, a faithful wife, and a mother loved and trusted by her children. She walked with God and was not for God took her. Suddenly in the midst of her activities, the summons came and she laid down her work to wear the crown on January 10, 1905, in the fifty-fourth year of her age; and her body was laid to rest in Union Cemetery.

Benjamin Newton McCormick is a veteran of the Civil War. He enlisted in the United States Army December 20, 1863, in Captain John J. Young's Independent Battery G, Pennsylvania Artillery, for three years and served his time at Fort Delaware, guarding prisoners of war. He was discharged June 18, 1865, at Harrisburg, Penna.

He is a member of Union United Presbyterian Church and is the oldest member of the Glass family, being in his 84th year. He lives on the farm.

Two sons and one daughter were born into this home: Benjamin Franklin, William Alvin and Roca Etta. *died Feb. 15, 1939.*

I.—Benjamin Franklin McCormick was born August 4, 1881, and died April 25, 1889 in his eighth year. He was of a gentle, loving disposition, and was always thoughtful of others, especially of his sister. He was in school part of one year, when he was taken sick and was not able to return. He was a child of marked ability and left a vacant place in the home. He was buried in Union Cemetery.

"There is no death! The flowers go down
To rise upon some fairer shore;
And bright in Heaven's jewelled crown
They shine forever more."

II.—William Alvin McCormick was born April 19, 1883, in the log house on the farm in Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Penna. He was educated in the public schools of the township and Imperial Academy, Imperial, Penna.

September 14, 1916, he married Elsie Frances, daughter of Frank and Annie Wills Sheldon of Gayly, Penna. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. H. C. Hildebrand in the parsonage of Union Church. They make their home on his father's farm and care for the father.

At the present time Alvin is a member of the Board of Education of Robinson Township. They are active members of the Union United Presbyterian Church.

One daughter and two sons have been born into this home.

- (1) Bernice Mae is in her seventh year, and in her first year in school.
- (2) Benjamin Newton, who is in his fifth year.
- (3) William Alvin, Jr., who is in his third year.



Etta McCormick

III.—Rosa Etta McCormick was born June 16, 1884, in the log house on the farm in Robinson Township. She was educated in the schools of Robinson Township and in Imperial Academy, Imperial, Penna. After her mother's death she took care of the home.

In April, 1917, she entered the training school for nurses in Columbia Hospital, Wilkesburg, Penna., from which she was graduated June 8, 1920, and since that has been practicing her profession, and is very proficient in this work.

She is a member of Union United Presbyterian Church.

Etta died July 13 1931



Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCormick and Family

ROCSA GLASS

The seventh child of William and Sarah McCurdy Glass was a daughter, Rocsa, born on the farm in Robinson Township, November 25, 1853. She was educated in the schools of the township. Early in life she united with Union United Presbyterian Church, and lived a consistent Christian life. She was regular in her attendance at all the services of God's house while health permitted her to be there. She was a charter member of the Woman's Missionary Society, and secretary for several years. She was also a charter member of the Young People's Christian Union, and a teacher in the Sabbath school.

Her life was spent in the home, where she was ever faithful and true. In March, 1898, her health failed, and during the last ten years of her life she was confined to her bed much of the time. Naturally of a quiet disposition, she was patient and cheerful under affliction. Her pastor said that it never seemed to him that he was visiting the sick when he came to see Rocsa, for she was always so cheerful, and was interested in all the work of the church and community.

In the autumn of 1901, she, with her sister, left the farm and went to Tennessee, where they spent the winter. Later they made their home in Gayly, Penna., two miles from the home farm. Here they built a house in the summer of 1906, where she spent the remainder of her days.

As she was failing in health, she was taken to the McCormick home in the hope that the change would be beneficial, but her Heavenly Father had other plans for her, and July 29, 1908, in the fifty-fourth year of her age, her spirit went home to the Father's house, where the inhabitants never say "I am sick."

"Blessed are they that do his commandment, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

We laid her body to rest in Union Cemetery, not in the family burial lot, which was already filled, but in the new part of the cemetery.

Call not back the dear departed,
Anchored safe where storms are o'er;
On the borderland we left them,
Soon to meet and part no more.
Far beyond the world of changes,
Far beyond the world of care,
We shall find our missing loved ones,
In our Father's mansion fair."

EMMA LEILA GLASS

The tenth child of William and Sarah McCurdy Glass was a daughter, Emma Leila, born November 14, 1862, who, along with her older sister, Rocsa, remained in the home to care for their parents as long as they lived; but who now lives at Gayly, Penna., two miles from the old home, which has been owned by Fred and Martha Brimm since 1905.

For some years Rocsa was an invalid. During all her period of illness, which lasted till her death, Emma Leila ministered to her faithfully and affectionately. Since the death of her sister, Rocsa, she has been called upon many times to minister in loving care to her kinfolks.



Rocsa Glass



Emma Glass

Early in life she accepted Christ to be not only her Saviour, but also her Lord and Master. She became a member of the Union United Presbyterian Church in 1876 and has been an active member ever since. During her whole Christian life she has been actively engaged in many different kinds of church work. She is a member of the Woman's Missionary Society, and has served there in an official capacity, and also as Junior Missionary Leader. She has been a Sabbath school teacher for many years, and for ten years she was the very efficient treasurer of her home congregation. During the World War she was active in Red Cross work, being secretary of the township organization and one of the sewers for the Red Cross. Like Dorcas of Bible times, her life has been full of good and loving deeds.—Written by Rev. William S. Glass. *died Feb. 10, 1932.*

GEORGE AND LETTIE CALDWELL

Letitia McCurdy Caldwell was the youngest daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Glenn McCurdy. She was born on the McCurdy farm November 8, 1827. When she was two years of age her mother died, and when she was thirteen years old her father died. Soon after her father's death she went to the home of her sister, Sarah McCurdy Glass, where she made her home most of the time until her marriage.

She married George Caldwell, son of William and Ellen Aiken Caldwell. They made their home on his father's farm and cared for his father, until he died in 1870. Soon after the father's death, they sold the farm in Robinson Township, Allegheny County, and bought a farm near Venice, Washington County, Penna., where they lived the remainder of their lives.

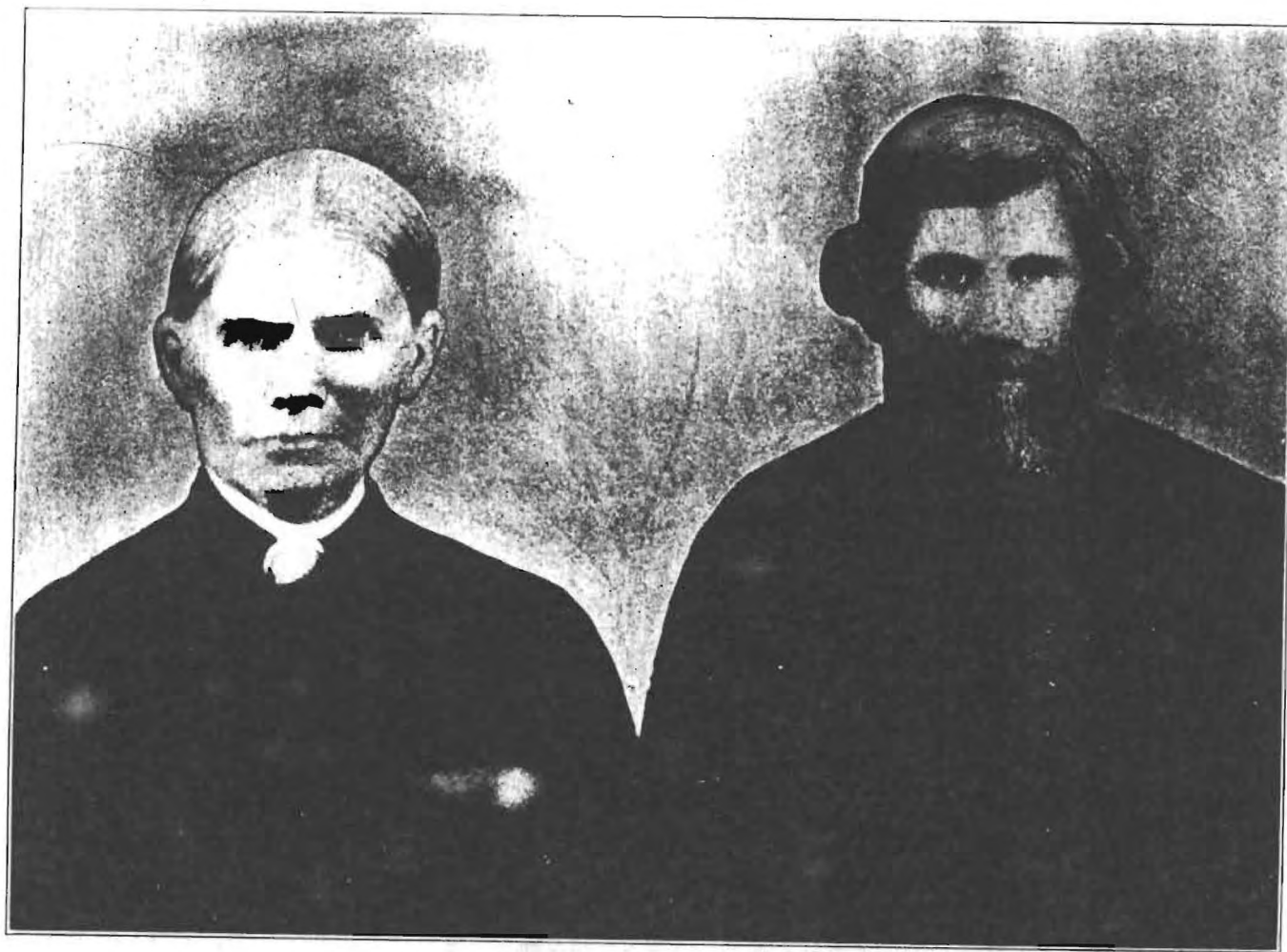
They were members of the Union United Presbyterian Church, and transferred their membership to the Venice United Presbyterian Church, when they went to Washington County to make their home.

When George Newton Glass was three years old, he went to live with George and Lettie Caldwell. They were very fond of children and, having no children of their own, George enjoyed all the privileges and advantages a son would have had.

George Caldwell was a man of sterling character. He was an industrious man, but never too busy to be neighborly. He had a strong will, was not easily influenced; and he had an exceptionally kind heart, as those who knew him well can testify.

Aunt Lettie Caldwell, as we all called her, was a woman in whom her husband trusted. Her home was her kingdom, but she was ever ready for any good work in the church or community. She was industrious and frugal, and exhibited in a marked degree a characteristic which was found to be very prominent in the McCurdy family, that of neatness and orderliness. This trait has been found in many of the descendants of this family. The Caldwell home was a Christian home from whose altar, morning and evening, prayer and praise ascended to God.

February 16, 1895, after a few hours sickness, Lettie McCurdy Caldwell was called from the midst of her activities to the Heavenly Home, at the age of sixty-seven years. March 31, 1897 George Caldwell was called Home, aged sixty-five years. They are buried in Union Cemetery.



Mr. and Mrs. George Caldwell

CONCLUSION

Our task is done. We lay down our pen, realizing that the work is very incomplete.

Would we could have taken you across the mighty deep, and shown you in word pictures the homes of our ancestors in the fatherland and that we could have given you more facts as to the appearance and character and customs of those who were our first representatives in America. It is greatly to be regretted that we do not know more of the pioneer life of our ancestors.

It would be both interesting and instructive to review the lives and actions of those from whom we derive our descent and who have done honor to the family name by their talents and their virtues.

It has been truly said "The study of family history elevates and enobles the nature of man, and lifts it up to a truer and nobler type."

To know nothing of our ancestry or whence we came, to have no reverence for the precious memories of the past, or interest in those who are to succeed us in the battle of life, is to ignore the influences that have made us what we are, and to suppress the aspirations and hopes of a soul that is to live on forever. When we think of the trials and dangers through which our ancestors passed in their struggles for existence in a new country, we need not wonder that so little attention was paid to the preservation of family records.

Let us who are living today profit by the neglect of those who have preceded us and give special attention to the preservation of important events, facts and records, so that some one, in the future, may be able to gather the broken threads and weave something more beautiful than the present historian has been able to do.

From what we have been able to gather, we believe that we have an ancestry of which any family would have reason to be proud—a history with no black spots so far as we know. Surely we have reason to be thankful for those who have gone before and for the legacy they have left us.

True it is nothing great as the world counts greatness. We have a sufficiency of this world's goods, but we have something that is much better. We have a heritage of honesty, industry and faith in God, and I believe that, as children and grandchildren, we have been reaping and will continue to reap the fruit of this sowing.

Let us pass on to others what we have received, so that the coming generations may have the blessing also.

When others meet to ponder o'er
The deeds of those passed on before,
May our poor lives some courage bring
To those who meet our praise to sing:
May they rejoice with you and me
Beneath our old ancestral tree."



Union United Presbyterian Church and Cemetery, Gayly, Pa.

I William James Speer. died Dec. 29. 1932.
Annie Marshall Speer died.

1. Andrew B. Speer } married Sept. 10. 1927.
Verna Garner }

(A) Thomas Andrew Speer. born Apr. 20. 1929.

(B) Marcella Jean Speer. born Apr. 8. 1936

(C) Walter Braden Speer. born Nov. 13. 1933.

(2) Lois Eleanor Speer } married Oct. 6. 1925
Luther Bright.

(A) Mildred Marie Bright. Mildred Marie ^{Aug 1927}
born Mar. 16. 1933.
B Katherine Shirley died Nov. 19. 1940.

(3) Ferna Ella Speer. } married Mar. 18. 1926.
Harry Thomas Mc Williams }

(A) Harry Thomas Mc Williams born Oct. 16. 1929.

(B) Alice Louise Mc Williams born Oct. 20. 1932.

III Clayton Westley Speer. ^{elder} died Feb. 28. 1948. ¹⁹²⁵

(1.) Violet Emma } Married Aug 29. 1935.
Samuel Mitchael)

(A) Harry Louise Mitchael born Apr. 18. 1937.

(B) James Clayton Mitchael born Sept. 10. 1938.

(2) Jean Elizabeth Speer. } Married June 14. 1941.
Dr Robert Edward Milburn)

Army 1941.
A Edward Collins b. July 13, 1947.

(3) Marion Virginia Speer. } married Jan 12. 1935
Edward Temple.

(A) Robert Speer Temple born Jan. 15. 1936.

(3) Marion Virginia Speer Temple } married 1948.

IV Harvey Burnett Speer } died July 30. 1948
Zetta Dickson Moore } married Aug 9. 1926

(1.) James Moore Speer } married Jan 23. 1927
Carolyn Smith

(A) James Harvey Speer born July. 4. 1938.

(2) Helen Elizabeth Speer. } married July 28.
Dr William R. Schultz. } 1937.

(A) William R. Schultz Jr. born Mar. 4. 1941.
B Margaret Ann b. Jan 15 1944
C Harvey Speer b. Jan 23 1948

II Sarah Ellen Glass Smith
Arthur W. Smith.

- (2) Velma Smith.
Rev Jessie B Mc Ferrin } married Dec. 24. 1925
- (A) Sara May Mc Ferrin born Jan 16. 1927.

- (3) Fern Smith } married Apr. 9. 1925
Beloo Robinson
- (A) Fern Robinson born June 10. 1931.

- III 1. Margaret Ann Glass } married Dec. 23. 1929
Frederick Vernon Altwate
- (A) Margaret Ann Altwate in July 30. 1934.
(B) Kathleen Barrick alt. born Feb. 9. 1937.
(C) Mary Jane Altwat born July 29. 1940.

IV Emma Laura Bank.
Harry Bank.

(2) Duane Eugene Bank } married June 21, 1936
Harriot Josephine Pyle }
(A) Duane Eugene Bank Jr. born Oct. 15, 1935

III William Stewart Glass.

1. William Mc Gill Glass. } married June 2, 1937.
Sara Hitchinson }
(A) Ronald Neil Glass born Dec. 8, 1938.
(B) Patricia Ann Glass born Sept. 11, 1940.
(C) Wm Lee Glass b. Apr 30, 1943

2. Florable Glass. } married June 12, 1937.
Boyd Patton. }
A. Margaret Ann Patton. born Sept. 25, 1939.
B James David born. Aug 18, 1941
C Stephen Boyd b. Oct. 25, 1946

(13) Herbert Morton Glass. + ~~Barbara Elizabeth~~ ~~July 18, 1944~~
A Paul Herbert b. Aug 24, 1949 Clawson

(14) Raymond McCormick Glass } Army 1941.
Edna Sins Oct 13, 1944 } Married
A John Raymond b. Jan 8, 1947 died Jan 11, 1947.

Rev
(15) Samuel Earl Glass } Minister May 13, 1942.
Anna Katherine Piper } Married June 19, 1942

(16) Mary Irene Glass } married May 19, 1942
Robert Kenneth Elliott
A Jay Lance Elliott b. July 13, 1944
B Marilyn Jean " b. July 1, 1945
C Joyal Carroll " b. Sept 5, 1946
D Linda Fay " b. Jan 5, 1947

(17) Joseph Benjamin Glass } born Sept. 23, 1925
A Joan Ann Glass } married June 26, 1947

✓ Ida Myrtle Glass Mc Crown died June 14/1932.
Samuel Hunter Mc Crown died Aug 3. 1932.

(1.) Romain Agatha Mc Crown } married Nov 13/1935.
Erskine Boyce Sinclair
(A) John Mc Crown Sinclair born Oct. 25. 1937

✓ Ethel May Glass Mc Crown
James Herbert Mc Crown D Dec. 14. 1943

1. George Wilber Mc Crown } married July 16. 1939.
Mildred Goodrich

(A) Wilber Mc Crown Jr born Mar. 2. 1931.

(B) Landess Mc Crown born July 29. 1934.

(2) Vera Gladys Mc Crown } married Aug 3. 1937.
Donald Ware

(A) Gwendolyn Mc Crown Ware born Aug 5 1938.
Donald William ... b. Nov. 26. 1943

(3) James Harold McCown } married Sept 7 1940
Mary Roddy Edwards.

(4) William Robert McCown army 1942.
Ernestine Kersey Allen Jan 31, 1943
A Edna Carolyn McCown b. Aug. 27, 1947.

I Albert Preston Glass died Mar 7. 1933
Sarah Elizabeth Donald Glass died Aug. 1. 1947.

(1) Evaline Jane Glass.

elder June 6. 1948.

(2) Wm. H. D. Glass } married Feb. 2. 1934.
Nellie C. Glass }

A. Benjamin Albert died May 19. 1935.

B Robert Glen Glass ~~died~~ May 27. 1936.

C. Etta Marlene Glass died May 27. 1937.

D William Donald born May 11 1951

died Nov 19 - 1982

(3) ^{elder May 24. 1942} Leonard D. Glass } married June 20 1939.
Martha Snodgrass }

A. Bruce Donald Glass adopt. Feb 12. 1936

B. Blair Preston Glass born Nov 12. 1940

C. Janet Luella Glass born Apr 19. 1942

- 4 Sarah Elizabeth Glass } Married June 20 1928
 Clarence C Harbaugh. }
- A. George Albert Harbaugh. born Jan 30, 1930.
 B. Charles Westley Harbaugh. born Feb 25 1933.
 C. Frank Clifford Harbaugh. born July 17, 1948

II Samuel James Glass died Mar 11, 1928.

1. Mary Evelyn Glass } born Apr 10, 1910
 Carl Campbell } Married June 30 1942
- A. James Oliver Campbell b. Apr. 2, 1945
 B. John Everett Campbell b. Dec. 18, 1947

2. Anna Elizabeth Glass } born July 14, 1913
 John Empfield } married June 6, 1940

- III William Hall Glass, elder May 24 1942
 Clara Elizabeth Wyke Glass died April 24, 1948
 Clara Elizabeth Glass died Nov 24, 1947
- 1 Clara Elizabeth Glass } born Nov. 14, 1918.
 William Lloyd } married June 15, 1946

2. Sara Evaline Glass. born July 5, 1922.
Clair Lorain Hopper } married Jan 14, 1946.
A Dennis Lorain Hopper born Mar 27, 1947.

~~born May 18, 1953~~

IV Robert John Glass. ~~Apr 27, 1927~~

1. Wallace Jamison Glass born Nov. 7, 1918
army July, 1941.

2. Paul Scott Glass } Apr 6, 1921
Ruth Perkins. } army. Feb 6, 1938
married June 26, 1948.

3. Margaret Marie Glass born Nov. 15, 1923.
Kenneth Altman married July 2, 1966

4 Howard Mc Curdy Glass born Aug 22, 1925
Betty Savage married July 31, 1948
James Howard Glass b. July 15, 1949

5 Robert John Glass ^{Apr 28 1983} born Apr. 28, 1927
Roberta Jean Glass died May 18, 1983
Marcel F. Rocher married Sept 4, 1948

II William Alvin Mc Cormick

1. Bernice Mae McCormick (born Feb. 3, 1918,
William Eugene English) Married Dec. 22, 1938
A Shirley Ann English born July 27, 1936
B Clyde Alvin English born Aug 7, 1938.
Nancy Dover English married

2. Benjamin Newton Mc Cormick born June 17, 1930
Benjamin Newton Mc Cormick
Catherine English married Sept 16, 1961

3. William Alvin Mc Cormick Jr. born Oct 23, 1941.
Helen Louise McCurdy married Aug 28, 1946
A. William Alvin Mc Cormick III b. May 4, 1949

4. Eleanor Marie Mc Cormick born July 24, 1927.