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was a woman of undoubted energy and courage, and at the same time being of refined taste and manners. Two incidents have come down to us which exemplify the former characteristics. The first Harris mansion was a log house surrounded by a stockade for the better security against the Indians. In 1758 an English officer was one night at the house, when by accident the gate of the enclosure was left unfastened. The officer was seated at the table with Mr. Harris and his wife. An Indian entered the gate of the stockade and thrust his rifle through one of the port holes of the house, and it is supposed pointed it at the officer. The night being damp, the gun simply flashed. Instantly Mrs. Harris blew out the candle to prevent the Indian aiming a second time, and he retreated. On another occasion the servant girl was sent upstairs by Mrs. Harris, who took with her a piece of lighted candle without a candlestick. The girl coming down without the candle, Mrs. Harris asked what she had done with it, who said she had stuck it into the barrel of *flaxseed*. This, however, happened to be a barrel of *powder*. Mrs. Harris instantly arose, and without saying a word, went upstairs, and advancing to the barrel, cautiously placed her hands under the candle and lifted it out—and then coolly reproved the girl for her stupidity. Mrs. Harris died at Harris' Ferry on the 20th of January, 1764, aged thirty-five years. She was buried in the Pantang church graveyard. It was her daughter Mary who married William Maclay.

FREDERICK HUMMEL was a native of the Pfalz, in Germany, born April 14, 1726. With some friends he came to America about 1738, and subsequently took up a large body of land where Hummelstown is located. In 1762, foreseeing the advantages, he laid out on a portion of his tract a town, which he named Frederickstown, but was changed upon his death to that now bestowed upon it. He donated land for the erection of the Lutheran and German Reformed churches, and erected a school house, directing the English branches should be taught therein. He was an active participant in the French and Indian war, and when the frontiers were setting an example to the people of the three original counties to prepare for resistance to British injustice, he was chairman of the patriotic meeting at Derry, held at Hummelstown in June, 1774. Mr. Hummel, however, did not live to see the triumph of liberty in America. He died at his residence on the 24th of June, 1779, aged fifty-three years. He was the ancestor of a large family, who can look with pride to the high-born zeal, energy and patriotism of their progenitor. His remains, with those of his two wives and children, are interred in the Lutheran church graveyard at Hummelstown.

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a large tract of land along Conewago creek, where John, Isaac, Christian and Samuel Risser, and others now live. Thomas Robinson had first taken up land at or near where Annville is located, but owing to the scarcity of water, he removed nearer the creek. In that neighborhood the Logans and other Scotch-Irish Presbyterians settled, and there Robert Robinson, Mrs. Logan's grandfather, was born in 1732. There was an Indian wigwam near where Risser's school house stands. These Indians, Mrs. Logan said, were friendly Indians and the whites were always kind to them. As it is traditional that the Hayes brothers, there were two, who had a saw mill near the wigwam, between the Conewago and Little Conewago, were with the Paxtang boys in their raid to Conestoga and Lancaster, Mr. Logan stated it was not correct. Robert Hayes was sheriff in the latter part of the century. He was killed by being caught in the machinery of the saw-mill. North of this Presbyterian settlement the Germans located. Not being able to converse with each other, the latter hung pots and kettles upon forked sticks driven into the ground, to show they had a right to the land. The Presbyterians worshipped at the old Derry church, but prior to its erection, Mr. Logan stated that a church had been built a little south of the present one near the large spring on Jacob Behm's farm. Some thirty years ago in making road near that place human bones were dug up, but most of the remains had been removed, long prior, to the graveyard attached to the present church. There was also at that early day a church somewhere near the boundary between Conewago and Londonderry, not far from the Conewago. Mr. Logan saw one of the graves. I shall try and hunt it up. The Robinsons and others had negro slaves, and Mr. L. pointed out in one of his fields where the slaves had been buried. Both Mr. and Mrs. Logan are in the enjoyment of good health and memory, and delight in talking about "the old times."

C. G. S.

TOMBSTONE RECORDS.—I.

LUTHERAN CHURCH-YARD, HUMMELSTOWN.

[In the old graveyard surrounding Zion Evangelical Lutheran church at Hummelstown, are the tombstone records of those which follow. Believing that their preservation in this form will be appreciated by many—especially those who have "gone out from the old home"—we have arranged them alphabetically for convenience of reference. Will some correspondent give us the marriage and baptismal records of this next to the oldest Lutheran church in Dauphin county.]

- Greenawalt, Eliz. *wf. J.* b. 1769 ; d. May 26, 1849.
 Greenawalt, Jacob, b. 1773 ; d. Nov. 11, 1824.
 Greiner, Cattarina, b. Dec. 4, 1777 ; d. June 4, 1847.
 Hamilton, Maria M., *wf. N.*, b. 1762 ; d. Mar. 22, 1840.
 Hamilton, Nicholas, b. 1752 ; d. Sep. 28, 1836.
 Heckaman, Cath, *wf. G.*, b. 1814 ; d. Mar. 11, 1878.
 Heckaman, George, b. July 18, 1809 ; d. April 11, 1878.
 Henderson, Dr. William, b. 1795 ; d. Mar. 8, 1849.
 Hocker, Barbara, *wf. M.*, b. Oct. 6, 1787 ; d. Mar. 16, 1878.
 Hocker, Martin, b. April 2, 1768 ; d. April 25, 1862.
 Hoerner, John, b. June 3, 1783 ; d. Nov. 8, 1874.
 Hoerner, Magdalena, *wf. J.*, b. Oct. 26, 1789 ; d. June 13, 1867.
 Hoffer, Susanna, b. 1766 ; d. April 30, 1844.
 Horner, Eliz., *wf. M.*, b. 1794 ; d. Sep. 22, 1853.
 Horner, John Jacob, b. Feb. 1, 1789 ; d. May 7, 1857.
 Horner, John, b. April 13, 1766 ; d. Mar. 12, 1814.
 Horner, Michael, b. Sep. 16, 1797 ; d. April 24, 1859.
 Horner, Salome, *wf. J. J.*, b. 1792 ; d. Jan. 4, 1843.
 Horner, Sarah, *wf. J.*, b. Dec. 4, 1769 ; d. April 24, 1816.
 — Hummel, Anna Eve, *wf. V.*, b. Dec. 20, 1750 ; d. Sep. 16, 1830.
 Hummel, Barbara, *wf. Fred.*, b. Sep. 1, 1779 ; d. Nov. 22, 1864.
 Hummel, Christian, b. 1773 ; d. Mar. 7, 1837.
 Hummel, David, b. Aug. 9, 1761 ; d. Oct. 3, 1793.
 Hummel, David, b. 1792 ; d. Feb. 9, 1805.
 Hummel, David, b. May 16, 1809 ; d. July 27, 1870.
 — Hummel, Eliz., *d. F.*, b. Sep. 23, 1807 ; d. Mar. 24, 1836.
 — Hummel, Frederick, b. April 14, 1726 ; d. June 24, 1779.
 — Hummel, Frederick, b. October 4, 1758 ; d. Dec. 7, 1802.
 Hummel, Fred., b. July 6, 1782 ; d. Mar. 28, 1831.
 Hummel, Fred., b. Dec. 24, 1782 ; d. Oct. 31, 1847.
 Hummel, George T., b. Sep. 2, 1812 ; d. Ap. 15, 1875.
 — Hummel, Hannah, b. Sep. 18, 1789 ; d. June 21, 1860.
 Hummel, Jacob, b. 1780 ; d. Nov. 5, 1850.
 Hummel, Jacob, b. March 24, 1791 ; d. Mar. 13, 1847.
 — Hummel, John, b. Sept. 11, 1774 ; d. Sept. 11, 1832.
 Hummel, Joseph, b. Aug. 16, 1793 ; d. Ap. 8, 1852.
 Hummel, Joseph, b. 1803 ; d. June 19, 1841.
 Hummel, Justina, *wf. J.*, b. Sept. 15, 1793 ; d. April 15, 1845.
 Hummel, Martin, b. June 8, 1808 ; d. Jan. 23, 1875.
 Hummel, Mary, *wf. D.*, b. 1764 ; d. Dec. 29, 1858.
 Hummel, Peter, b. June 14, 1807 ; d. May 18, 1868.
 — Hummel, Rachel, *wf. F.*, b. 1757 ; d. Nov. 24, 1835.

- Hummel, Richard, s. *F.*, b. July 25, 1823 ; d. Aug. 7, 1845.
- Hummel, Rosanna, *wf. F.*, b. Dec. 20, 1732 ; d. Dec. 26, 1768.
- Hummel, Rosina, b. May 4, 1795 ; d. March 24, 1876.
- Hummel, Sarah S., *wf. P.*, b. 1821 ; d. July 18, 1853.
- Hummel, Savilla, *d. F.*, b. Dec. 11, 1803 ; d. Dec. 19, 1836.
- Hummel, Susanna, *wf. C.*, b. 1772 ; d. Sept. 28, 1854.
- Hummel, Susanna, *wf. F.*, b. Mar. 7, 1783 ; d. Ap. 6, 1855.
- Hummel, Susanna, *wf. J.*, b. 1783 ; d. Dec. 10, 1845.
- Hummel, Val., b. Feb. 17, 1753 ; d. Oct. 20, 1802.
- Kaufman, Eliz., b. 1783 ; d. Dec. 30, 1833.
- Kellar, Magdalena, *wf. J.*, b. Dec. 27, 1786 ; d. Ap. 15, 1853.
- King, Dr. Duncan, b. 1786 ; d. Oct. 6, 1821.
- Klopp, Eliza, *wf. S.*, b. 1806 ; d. June 5, 1874.
- Klopp, Samuel, b. May 20, 1808 ; d. Aug. 9, 1852.
- Landis, Leah (Hummel), b. 1787 ; d. Jan. 20, 1817.
- Leebrick, Mary G., *wf. P.*, b. Sept. 24, 1776 ; d. March 23, 1860.
- Leebrick, Philip, b. February 27, 1775 ; d. Nov. 30, 1827.
- Louer, Barbara, *wf. G.*, b. 1757 ; d. March 7, 1819.
- Louer, Eve (Bittner), *wf. S.*, b. 1800 ; d. Aug. 24, 1852.
- Louer, George, b. Sep. 15, 1755 ; d. Dec. 29, 1810.
- Manly, Catharine, *wf. D.*, b. 1783 ; d. Feb. 26, 1848.
- Manly, David, b. 1785 ; d. Feb. 2, 1839.
- Messimer, Susan (Smith), b. Nov. 15, 1791 ; d. July 18, 1865.
- Metz, Maria, b. 1809 ; d. Feb. 12, 1825.
- Moorck, Margaret, b. April 1719 ; d. Sep. 13, 1795.
- Philips, John, b. 1786 ; d. July 11, 1855.
- Nitz, Ann B., *wf. P.*, b. Sept. 23, 1793 ; d. Aug. 27, 1871.
- Nitz, Peter, b. July 17, 1781 ; d. July 7, 1852.
- Reed, David A., b. 1811 ; d. Jan. 3, 1846.
- Rees, Eliz., b. 1798 ; d. Jan. 2, 1826.
- Reigel, Johannes, b. 1785 ; d. May 15, 1892.
- Reighard, Susan, b. 1800 ; d. Feb. 20, 1870.
- Rhamborn, Jacob, b. June 9, 1783 ; d. Feb. 19, 1850.
- Rhamborn, Mary Ann, *wf. J.*, b. Oct. 17, 1785 ; d. May 7, 1850.
- Ricker, Daniel, b. Jan. 11, 1799 ; d. Sept. 8, 1877.
- Ricker, Frederick, b. Oct. 24, 1790 ; d. May 6, 1872.
- Ricker, Jacob, b. 1720 ; d. Mar. 19, 1802.
- Ricker, John, sen., b. 1756 ; d. June 20, 1849.
- Ricker, Mary (Fitchburn), *wf. J.*, b. Feb. 10, 1765 ; d. July 2, 1836.
- Ricker, Mary, *wf. D.*, b. Jan. 1, 1806 ; d. July 19, 1878.

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habits and of good reputation, as they were looked upon as men of consequence and with greater respect than at present. Educated men were not so numerous, which caused the minister and the doctor to be of first importance in the community. Doctors whose reputation as to morals were doubtful, would have been discountenanced by public opinion, and would have been compelled to take a back seat.

TOMBSTONE RECORDS.—IV.

NEW CEMETERY, HUMMELSTOWN.

- Hocker, Benjamin, b. Dec. 1, 1805; d. June 1, 1863.
Hocker, Fanny, *wf. B.*, b. June 18, 1813; d. Sep. 22, 1875.
Hower, Isaac, b. Oct. 13, 1822; d. Apr. 10, 1855.
Humbler, Adam, b. 1779; d. Nov. 15, 1828.
Humbler, Molly, *wf. A.*, b. 1777; d. Apr. 5, 1845.
Hummel, Jesse B., b. Nov. 4, 1807; d. Aug. 11, 1867.
Hummel, Lydia, *wf. V. B.*, b. Nov. 27, 1827; d. Apr. 20, 1876.
Hummel, Mary, *wf. J. B.*, b. Apr. 27, 1815; d. June 14, 1849.
Hummel, Valentine B., b. Apr. 28, 1825; d. Oct. 10, 1879.
Jones, Margaret, b. Nov., 1772; d. March 8, 1846.
Lingel, John, b. Sept. 26, 1809; d. Oct. 11, 1880.
Lingel, Martha, *wf. J.*, b. Oct. 29, 1810; d. Sept. 12, 1880.
Lutz, John, b. Mar. 5, 1795; d. Aug. 5, 1872.
Lutz, Samuel, b. Dec. 7, 1818; d. July 6, 1868.
Lutz, Sarah, (Deininger), *wf. J.*, b. Nov. 10, 1799; d. May 23, 1859.
Keever, Susan, b. May 16, 1776; d. Aug. 25, 1855.
Kinzel, Jonathan, b. Feb. 17, 1793; d. Jan. 12, 1851.
Kinzel, Mary, *wf. J.*, b. Jan. 20, 1803; d. July 21, 1872.
Mack, Rev. P. S., b. Ap. 8, 1842; d. Oct. 10, 1879.
Mann, Charles E. J., b. Jan. 22, 1793; d. Feb. 12, 1860.
Mann, Eliz., *wf. C.*, b. Feb. 20, 1789; d. Sep. 22, 1859.
Manley, Solomon, b. Oct. 13, 1817; d. June 11, 1872.
Minnich, ———, *wf. W.*, b. Feb. 25, 1731; d. 1783.
Minnich, Barbara, *d. W.*, b. 1768; d. Mar. 11, 1823.
Minnich, Wendel, b. Sep. 25, 1725; d. Sep. 5, 1781.
Minnich, Wendel, jr., b. 1755; d. Feb. 14, 1820.
Nissley, Christian, b. Aug. 16, 1806; d. July 8, 1847.
Nissley, Esther, *wf. J.*, b. April 23, 1776; d. Mar. 4, 1876.
Nissley, Johannes, b. 1776; d. Mar. 3, 1836.
Nissley, Nancy, *wf. C.*, b. Dec. 15, 1811; d. Ap. 2, 1878.

writing of later times, and it has been called a "colonial congress." But those who originated it may be said to have called it a colonial convention, or a meeting of colonial committees. The term, a general "congress" of deputies from the different Colonies, first appeared in a letter of the Philadelphia committee to the city of Boston, dated May 21, 1774. At a meeting at the State House on the 14th of June, the citizens agreed to a resolution recommending a general congress of all the Colonies. This congress adjourned after a session of about six weeks, after adopting a resolution that another congress should meet at the beginning of May, 1775. The latter found the country already at war with Great Britain, and, therefore, was obliged to assume the authority of a permanent body. It represented the people of the continent of North America, and hence in time began to be called the Continental Congress. We know that it is a usual thing among writers who have not considered this matter to speak of the congress of 1774 as the "Continental Congress," but we do not believe that it was ever called so by persons then living. The title thus applied has arisen under the inaccuracy of later times.

GENEALOGICAL DATA.

VANCE.

I. JOHN VANCE, of Paxtang, d. July, 1734, leaving a wife Mary, and children, among others:

- i. *Hugh.*
- ii. *George.*
- iii. *Jean.*

II. MOSES VANCE, of Paxtang, d. April, 1786, leaving a wife Anna, and children:

- i. *William.*
 - ii. *Adam*
 - iii. *Jane, m. Edward Ashcraft.*
 - iv. *Elizabeth.*
 - v. *Sarah.*
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VANDYKE.

LAMBERT VANDYKE, of Londonderry, d. Sept., 1793, leaving a wife Margaret (Campbell), who afterwards m. ——— Thompson, and children:

II. ABRAHAM WILLIAMS (John), of Hanover, killed by the Indians prior to 1763, and his wife taken captive, and probably never returned; she was Catharine Smiley, daughter of Thomas Smiley; and they had children:

- i. John, m. Mary ———.
- iv. Isaac.
- iii. Margaret.
- iv. Elizabeth.
- v. Abraham.
- vi. James.
- vii. Thomas.
- viii. Benjamin.

III. JAMES WILLIAMS (John), d. in Sept., 1764, leaving a wife and children:

- i. Elizabeth, m. Thomas Atkinson.
 - ii. Christian.
 - iii. Adam.
 - iv. Margaret.
 - v. Mary.
 - vi. Benjamin.
 - vii. Thomas.
 - viii. John.
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WOLFARTH.

JOHANNES WOLFARTH, of Derry, d. in 1751, and left children:

- i. Michael, b. 1734.
 - ii. Christopher, b. 1736.
 - iii. Philip, b. 1738.
 - iv. Catharine, b. 1740.
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WRIGHT.

I. JAMES WRIGHT, of Hanover, died March, 1764, leaving a wife Margaret, and, among others, children:

- i. William, d. Oct., 1782; m. 1761, Margaret McCord, and had Mary, m. John Elder, and Margaret.
- ii. Margaret, m., 1761, William Moore.
- iii. Ann.
- iv. Agnes.

II. JAMES WRIGHT, of Hanover, d. prior to 1785; in 1793 there were living of his children:

- i. Lemima m William Wharton; resided in Russell county.

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ANTONIUS ROSENBAUM,
(Swatara.)

Rosenbaum—Susanna—b. May 3, 1739;
bap. April 16, 1742. Sponsors, Martin
Speck and his wife.

—Salome, b. March, 1741; bap. April
16, 1742. Sponsors, Philip Dubs and
his wife.

JOHN GEORGE SCHMIDT,
(Lancaster.)

Schmidt—Christian, b. Feb. 10, 1742;
bap. May 2, 1742. Sponsors, Christian
Andereck and wife.

CHRISTIAN ANDERECK,
(Lancaster.)

Andereck—Catarina, b. Feb. 23, 1742;
bap. May 2, 1742. Sponsors, John
George Schmidt and wife.

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VI.

A Statesman's Ancestors.

In the old Fairfield Presbyterian burying ground in Ligonier Valley, Westmoreland county, this State, among the many tablets erected to the memory of persons prominent in the early history of Western Pennsylvania, are two which mark the spot where lie the remains of the grandparents of that distinguished statesman, the late Vice President Hendricks, and which bear the following inscriptions:

"In memory of Abram Hendricks, Esq., who departed this life January 2, 1819, aged 70 years."

"In memory of Ann Hendricks, who departed this life December 23, 1834, aged 82 years."

The tablets are of sandstone, three feet in height, and though discolored by age and the ravages of the elements, the inscriptions are clear cut and remarkably legible.

The Will of Frederick Hummel.

The will of Frederick Hummel, the founder of Hummelstown, is on record at Lancaster. It is dated April 8, 1779, and was probated on July 21, 1779, being entered of record in Will Book C, Vol. 1, page 557. He mentions a widow, name not given, and following heirs: Valentine, Frederick, Rosina, David, Catharine, Christian, John and Barbara, and specifies that the profits from the sale of lots and ground rents shall go to

Rosina and David in 1779; Catharine and Christian in 1780, and John and Barbara in 1781.

GUYASUTHA.

The most distinguished Indian chief that was concerned in the early affairs of Western Pennsylvania was undoubtedly Guyasutha. He was a Seneca, and his tribe was one of the powerful confederacy of the Six Nations. Guyasutha first came to our notice in 1753. George Washington, when he set out on the 30th day of November in that year from Logstown for the French post at Venango, was accompanied by four Indians, namely, Tanacharison or the Half-King, Jeskakake, White Thunder, and the Hunter. By the latter he meant Guyasutha. Why he terms him "the Hunter," instead of giving him his proper name, we do not know; but we presume his fame as an aboriginal Nimrod was such as to make him better known by that appellation than by his proper cognomen. Many years afterwards, in 1770, when Washington was making his tour of the Ohio in company with Dr. Craik, Captain Crawford, and others, he says that on the 28th of October they fell in with the hunting party of Guyasutha on the Ohio River near the mouth of the Great Hockhocking. "In the presence of Guyasutha," he says, "I found an old acquaintance, he being one of the Indians that went with me to the French in 1753." As there were but four Indians in Washington's company on that occasion, and the names of three of these are given, the fourth one or "the Hunter," was necessarily Guyasutha. "He expressed a satisfaction at seeing me," says Washington, "and treated us with great kindness, giving us a quarter of very fine buffalo. He insisted upon our spending that night with him, and, in order to retard us as little as possible, moved his camp down the river just below the mouth of a creek, the name of which I could not learn. At this place we all encamped."

On the occasion of Washington's visit to the French posts, Guyasutha had nothing to say. The Half-King alone seemed to be the spokesman for the Indians in the conferences that were held with the French officers. But in after years Guyasutha had much to say, and was the chief speaker for his people in many important conferences with the English, as in the treaties with Bradstreet and Bouquet and at the meeting of whites and Indians at Fort Pitt in July, 1776. In the troubles of the western country for many years he bore a part, and such was his prominence