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MACCRACKEN'S MULTIPOTENTIALITY



Portrait of General Samuel Finley MacCracken I
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LANCASTER – Born to William and Elizabeth (Finley) McCracken in April 1785, Samuel Finley came into the world in their hometown of Big Springs, a town located in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

The McCracken family originally immigrated from Scotland in 1680 and settled in Virginia. In the years to come, they managed to make their way to Big Springs and settled in.

When Samuel emigrated to Lancaster on horseback in July of 1810, he changed the spelling of his surname to MacCracken, and promptly opened a general store, which lasted for nearly forty years. The current main house at the Snortin' Ridge encases the original log cabin constructed by Samuel when he first came to settle in Lancaster. The master bedroom and office make up the original square footage and the present dining room sits where the former summer kitchen used to stand.

In 1945, the property transferred from William V. Fisher, former Anchor

Hocking President and his wife, Marie Carolyn (McFarland). Upon William's death, Marie donated a plot of land for the Fisher Catholic School, named after them. In 1938 they purchased the buildings along with approximately 800 acres from the Samuel MacCracken Estate.

MacCracken christened the name "Snortin' Ridge." Around 1942-1943, renovations commenced by the Fishers as they designed it specifically around the original cabin to preserve the history. The stone used for the front face and several fireplaces inside transported from being quarried near Portsmouth.

Samuel married Sarah Ann Craft in Carlisle Pennsylvania on September 15, 1815, and together they added five children to their family: Samuel Finley II, Martha, Jane, John, and James.

Known by all as a man of integrity and great ability, Samuel continued the enterprise of his general and hardware store business. By 1824, he employed Jacob Lutz to run his new store branch in Circleville, and later again in 1829, established a partnership with William J. Reese, resulting in a branch opening in Newark. Daniel Duncan ran operations at that location. In time both became prominent in their own right; Lutz became a prominent merchant and Duncan a politician and prominent citizen of Newark. As time passed, Samuel sold the tannery he established in 1815 to William V. Thorne who invested a partnership with James M. Pratt.

Samuel MacCracken switched gears yet again and began as an insurance agent, and in 1830 hung up his ropes to the mercantile business. He sold his business and store to George Myers, Fall, and Dresback.

At this point, as one of the most distinguished citizens of the city, he

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ZANE'S LAST WILL & TESTAMENT

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WHEELING, WV – Ebenezer Zane laid out his estate within the words of his Last Will and Testament as it follows extracted exactly how it appeared:

"I Ebenezer Zane being of sound mind and memory do hereby make and ordain this my last will and testament, as follows, to-wit,

1st - I give and devise to my sons Noah and Daniel and their heirs forever the following tract of land with all the rights privileges and hereditaments there to belonging to be held by them as

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No man that warreth
entangleth himself with the
affairs of this life; that he may
please Him who hath chosen
him to be a soldier.

II Timothy 2:4

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CARPENTER’S CORPSE ENCASED IN OWN CREATED COFFIN AFTER COLLAPSE

LANCASTER – 1830 brought about a mysterious man, William Van Taefel, a Pennsylvania Dutchman, to Lancaster.

Married to Lisbet, they both lived in a home adjacent to his workshop where he fashioned cabinets and coffins as a carpenter. The proximity to his home and growing popularity welcomed his talents and presence into the night.

Although known as an honest man by the other citizens due to paying his debts on time, the younger population believed if one stole from Mr. Van Taefel, he harnessed the ability with a threat to place the “Dutch hex” upon them which forced them to remain immobile for a specified time.

Disciplined and hardworking, William spent one late evening fulfilling an order demanded for same day delivery. His wife made him breakfast, which he consumed quickly in order to finish the

poplar wood coffin on his work bench.

Upon completion, William waited patiently for the customer to pick up the coffin, however he never arrived. Instead, another individual led his wagon up to him and requested a coffin be manufactured in two hours. William kindly advised the man that a coffin completed with the constraints of such a time frame lay impossible and offered a wooden box instead for the deceased. The customer agreed and waited.

After inquiring about the half-finished coffin on his worktable, William explained how he worked to fulfill an order for a young boy who died after he fell out of a tree in Thornville. After a moment’s ponder, William offered to sell it to the present man, and he left satisfied with the purchase.

Later he began another project for a child who died near Rushville. While

manufacturing coffins throughout the night, the couple grew concerned for the numerous orders which plagued their schedule.

On another night, an order for a walnut coffin came in with a request to pick it up at 6 o’clock the following evening. His wife, Lisbet, unable to settle down from worry of his overload of orders, went to the workshop to check on him and the progress. Upon her entry, he explained as he added the finishing touches, “That is a coffin fit for a governor. It is just 6 o’clock and I am ready,” as he achieved the deadline.

Ready for death, that is, as upon completion of his sentence he collapsed suddenly on his workbench. Lisbet ran for a doctor, however, was too late as Van Taefel fell to his death and his corpse later, ironically, lie encased in the very black walnut coffin he created.



THE GEORGIAN MUSEUM standing situated on the corner of North Broad and East Wheeling Streets, upon a snowy landscape, originally built by Gen. Samuel Finley MacCracken I
Photo taken by Joe McFarland

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assumed the role as Lottery Fund Commissioner when appointed for the state of Ohio for a duration of ten to fifteen years. John Claypool served as the other commissioner during that time as well. He held the responsibility of dispersing funds for the construction of the Ohio canals, which resulted in Ohio sending Samuel overseas to Europe between 1838 and 1839 as the financial representative to secure a loan for additional funds to continue construction of the canal system. The funds obtained from the lotteries were used to pay the loan back. His son James C. MacCracken joined him on the voyage. After Samuel visited with Sir Thomas Morgan, Governor of the Bank in England, he admired his home so well that upon returning to the states he brought back plans to secure a building of identical design for his family. In 1833 Daniel Sifford and his crew completed the mansion and the home became one of the finest of the original Lancaster, standing on Lot 9, and west half of Lot 10, of Square 12.

At the corner where the Georgian Museum stands, Henry Arnold originally owned the plot of land in 1819. After holding it for four years, he sold the land to Peter Reber, a local tavern keeper since the early pioneer days of Lancaster's beginning.

Peter maintained multiple business ventures and decided to add the construction of a small, horse-powered mill. Unfortunately, within the next four years, before 1823, the mill caught fire and deteriorated to smoke covered ash as

no buckets lie available to transport water against the blazing fight. Historians believe, at this pivotal moment, the city ordinance went into effect that required every building and home to have a leather bucket easily accessible and hung at the front door. This ensured that in case the bell rang at the courthouse, alerting the citizens to spring into action, the ability to distinguish the flames resulted in their favor. It may also have resulted in the fire cisterns required throughout down-town Lancaster.

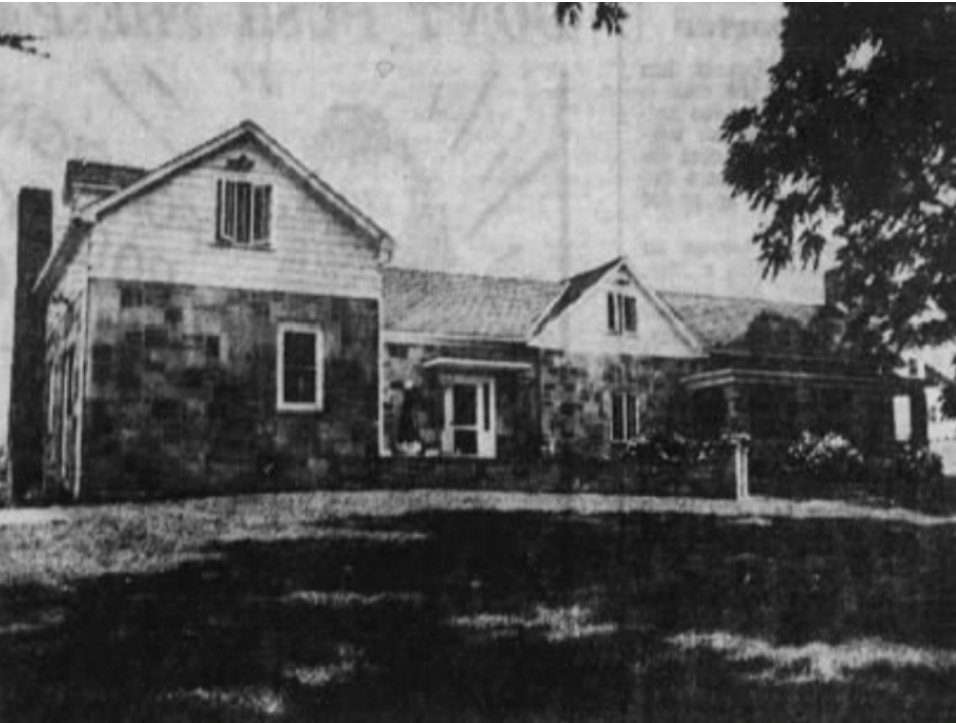
The property shifted hands to Nancy Reber, and her guardian Benjamin Connell sold the corner lot to Samuel MacCracken on March 9, 1833. At that time, Samuel served as a director of the Lancaster Lateral Canal Company, established in 1826, and ranked as one of the largest shareholders. Purchasing the property ensured the plans he brought back from Europe would materialize.

In later years the Ohio Militia brought Samuel on as a Brigadier General to serve the country.

Samuel noted on one of his trips back east to purchase goods, he held the responsibility to transport \$100,000 from Ohio banks. In today's dollars that lies equivalent to over \$3 million. When their transport neared Ellicott's Mill in Maryland, outlaws held up the stage-coach and robbed it of all the contents, or so they thought. The funds from the banks lied secure in MacCracken's trunk as the bandits neglected to search the contents.

Retirement brought MacCracken cracked health as his energy crumbled in his elderly age. In 1851 an accident crippled his ability to climb the staircases through the mansion, so he started con-

struction on a smaller cottage. Once complete, the handsome cottage on the corner of High Street and Mulberry Street resulted in 1852 to accommodate his abilities. He sold the family property to his friend, local businessman and politician, John D. Martin, in 1854, and moved into the cottage for his remaining days. What now stands as the Georgian Museum, John Martin, established the Martin Mansion as it stood known for the twelve years he resided there. The home switched hands again to William B. MacCracken, Samuel's grandson and then later to William T. Hooper who held the deed for only three short months until it changed hands again to Lizzie R. Reeves, wife of Judge John Graybill Reeves. The home bore its current name as the Georgian after



The Snortin' Ridge home built around Samuel MacCracken's original log cabin.
Courtesy of The Lancaster Eagle-Gazette



GEN. SAMUEL FINLEY MacCRACKEN's tombstone standing firm in Elmwood Cemetery
Courtesy of FindAGrave.com

Thomas Hoffman purchased the property from the Reeves family. It resembled the name of the boutique and tearoom that served the public. Thomas ended the line of residence that called this mansion home as it now remains owned by the Fairfield County Heritage Association. They continue renovations to maintain the integrity of its time-period, and in early 2000 the project required \$16,000 for the library, kitchen, and office to undergo such renovations.

General Samuel Finley MacCracken, I passed away after experiencing an energetic, eventful, and enduring life through his emerging enterprises on May 19, 1852, and placed to rest in the Elmwood Cemetery among other early, prominent pioneers. A tall, white tombstone stands to forever embody the memory of Samuel's life. His bride, Sarah, survived him and continued as a prominent member of society as well as a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She held the position of superintendent of the Sunday School at one time also. Once she passed away on February 25, 1873, Colonel Granville Moody participated in attendance at her funeral.

As a great-grandson of General Samuel Finley MacCracken, I, Ralph MacCracken advised the *Lancaster Eagle-Gazette* that if *"anyone who complains about living in Lancaster should try living somewhere else and he/she would learn to fully appreciate this town of ours."* He also stated, *"You can take a boy out of Lancaster, but you can't take Lancaster out of a boy."*

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Tenants in Common and not as joint tenants to-wit, The tract of land on which I now live bounded by Wheeling Creek and adjoining the Town of Wheeling with all the lots situated in said and not disposed of before my death together with my dwelling house and the land adjoining the same with the appurtenances subject nevertheless to the devise hereinafter made to my wife, Elizabeth, Also the Island in the Ohio River opposite the Town of Wheeling also so much of fraction numbered twenty-eight in the third Township and second range of Township situated in Belmont County and State of Ohio bounding on Indian Wheeling Creek and the Ohio River supposed to contain three hundred and fifty acres more or less as have not here tofore conveyed to my son in law Jacob Burkett also my ferries as established by law in Virginia and the State of Ohio with all the rights and privileges thereto belonging subject nevertheless to the charge herein after made for the benefit of my wife, Elizabeth.

2nd - I devise to my Executors hereinafter named and their heirs to be by them held as joint tenants and not as tenants in Common so much of that tract of land situated in the County of Fairfield and State of Ohio on which the Town of Lancaster now stands as has not been sold or shall not be sold at the time of my death in trust nevertheless that my said Executors or the survivors or survivor of them shall sell and dispose of the same as soon after death as a fair price can be obtained for the same, and divide the monies arising from such sales together with all the clear profits which they may receive for the rents thereof previous to such sale into four parts or shares to be distributed and disposed of in the following manner, to-wit.

3rdly - Two parts or shares to be placed in the hand of my son Noah Zane to be by him held in trust for the sole and separate use of my daughter Rebeckah Clark and such children as she now has or hereafter may have to be applied and distributed from time to time at the discretion of my son Noah, and in case of his death before the whole of the two shares aforesaid so to be placed in his hands shall have been applied and distributed I do hereby authorize and empower him by his last will and testament to appoint and direct in what manner and proportion the residue remaining undisposed of and in his hands at the time of his death shall be

benefit of my daughter and her children and in default of such appointment my will is that so much of me two parts or shares aforesaid as shall remain in the hands of my son Noah at the time of his death shall be divided equally among my daughter and her children then living. One other share to my son Samuel one other share to my daughter Hester Woods.

4thly - I give and devise to my sons Noah, Samuel, and Daniel and their heirs forever all my lands in Wood County, Virginia as also all my land on the waters of Grave Creek and Wheeling Creek in County of Ohio.

5th - I give and devise to my son Samuel and his heirs forever the following tracts of land situated in Belmont County in the State of Ohio to-wit, fraction numbered fifteen in the Township numbered three and range two being the same on which he now lives also one half section of land with twenty acres adjoining thereto adjoining the fraction aforesaid and situate in the same Township and range being half of section numbered twenty four the said fraction half section and twenty acres of land all constituting one plantation, also the north East half of section twenty nine in the Township and range last mentioned and to include all the remainder of said last mentioned section not already conveyed to my son in law Elijah Wood.

6th - To my beloved wife, Elizabeth Zane, I give and bequeath all my wearing apparel and household furniture of every kind and description and such two of my negro slaves as she may choose to keep to be her absolute property. I also give and devise to my said wife for and during the time of natural life the use of my dwelling house with the appurtenances including all the back buildings together with the lot of ground on which such house and buildings stand including four acres more or less and the lot of ground lying across the street now used for a pasture field including about ten acres more or less also I give and devise to my said for and during the time of her natural life one half of the clear profits of my two ferries before mentioned to be paid to her quarterly by my sons Noah and Daniel.

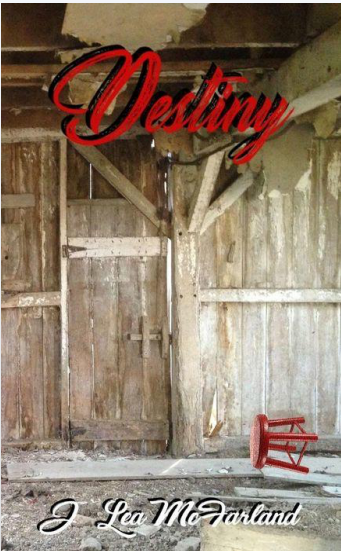
7th - I direct that all my debts of which there are but few and none of magnitude be speedily and punctually paid by my Executors hereafter named out of my personal estate.

8th - I direct that all my personal estate not otherwise disposed of by this my will after paying all my just debts be divided into six equal shares of which my

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sons Noah and Samuel and Daniel and my daughters, Sarah McIntire, Rebeekah Clark, and Hester Wood shall each respectfully have one share and should they not agree about the division my will the property be sold and money arising from the sale be divided and in case of a sale I direct that the said sale be made by my Executors on a credit of twelve months taking bonds with good security from the purchasers.

9thly - I hereby authorize and empower my executors hereinafter named and the Survivors or Survivor of them to execute and complete all contracts made by me during my life time upon such conditions and terms as I should be bound at law or equity to execute the same if living all monies arising from the purchase money paid to my Executors on account of property sold but not conveyed during my life time as well as all others outstanding debts at the time of my decease are to be considered as part of personal estate and subject to the division mentioned in the preceding clause.

10thly - I give and devise to my sons Noah and Daniel and their heirs forever the East half of Section numbered four in Township numbered six and range numbered three lying in Belmont County State of Ohio to be divided into three equal parts according to quantity and quality two parts thereof to go to my said son Noah and the remaining third part to my son Daniel.

11thly - I appoint my wife Elizabeth and my sons Noah, Samuel, and Daniel Executrix and Executors of this my last will and testament hereby annulling and revoking all other wills heretofore made by me.

12thly - I direct that my Executors pay to my daughter Catherine Martin three hundred dollars out of the proceeds of my personal estate.

13thly - In case any of the persons to whom real or personal estate is devised to by this my will should die before my death I will and direct that the legacy or devise given to such person by this my will shall descend and go to the person or persons who may be the legal heirs and representatives of such deceased person at the time of my death.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this fifth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven."

On August 5, 1811, Ebenezer's will finalized with his signature as it was signed, sealed, published, and declared by Ebenezer Zane as his last will and testament in the presence of Benjamin McMechen, John Carr, and John McColloch.

Ebenezer further stated as it remains recorded, "I Ebenezer Zane being of sound mind and memory do hereby make and publish the following codicil to my last will and testament Viz; I hereby revoke so much of the fifth clause

in the said will as devises to my son, Samuel, the North East half of section twenty nine in Township Numbered three and range numbered two, and to include all the remainder of said last mentioned section not already conveyed to my son in law Elijah Woods and I do hereby give and devise the said North East half of Section twenty nine in Township numbered three and range numbered two with all the remainder of said last mentioned Section not already conveyed to my son in law Elijah Woods, to my son Daniel and his heirs forever.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty fifth day of October, 1811."

In the presence of Noah Linsley, David Downing, and James Chapline, Ebenezer added the following addition two months later.

Upon Ebenezer's death the will proved in court during the December term 1811.



VALUED VETERANS AND HEROES

**PVT. HEINRICH “HENRY” REINHARDT
ALSPACH, I**
24 SEP 1739 - 15 JUN 1822
OLD BETZER CEMETERY

PENNSYLVANIA – Born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, Heinrich Reinhardt Alspach came into life on Thursday, September 24, 1739, born to Reinhardt R. Alspach, I and his wife, Anna Magdalena (Brandstetter). They wed on March 29, 1737. Reinhardt and Anna were the ones to immigrate from Germany to Pennsylvania as they sought to secure a new life in the late 18th cen-

ture. Heinrich took on the American name Henry and married Catharine Stein on Monday, October 13, 1766 at the Saint Paul’s Lutheran Church in Berks County. They made the trek to Bloom Township in Fairfield County sometime between 1800 and 1810 as the 1800 census records their residence in Brunswick, Berks County, and the 1810 census reveals Bloom Township. Henry appears on the Battalions and Militia index showing he served in the Revolutionary War as a Private in the Pennsylvania Militia as his tombstone also confirms. Further noted, he served as a Private 8th class in Captain Willis’ Company. Henry passed away in Carroll, Bloom Township, on Saturday, June 15, 1822 at 82 years old. His remains were put to rest in the Old Betzer Cemetery, across the road from the new edition,



PVT. HENRY ALSPACH’s Military Tombstone
stands proudly in the Old Betzer Cemetery in
Carroll, Ohio.
Courtesy of FindAGrave.com

and believed to have been buried on Tuesday, June 18. His wife, Catharine, survived him just one month shy of ten more years.

HENRY ALSPACH’S LAST WILL & TESTAMENT

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BLOOM TOWNSHIP – Recorded as case #452 in Will Book 2, in 1822, on page 110, Heinrich Reinhardt Alspach, I wrote his last will and testament on February 20, 1822, originally in German. It translates as follows: “In the name of God, Amen. I, Henry Alspach, Senior, of Bloom Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, being weak in body but of sound mind, memory and understanding. Blessed be to God for the same. But considering the uncertainty of this transitory life. Knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I do make and publish my last will and testament in the following manner. First of all, I recommend my immortal soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner, at the discretion of my executors, hereinafter named. And as to such worldly estate where with it has pleased God to bless me with in this world, I do give and dispose in manner following. First, after all my just debts and funeral expenses are paid by my hereinafter named executors, I do give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Catharine the sum of one hundred dollars exclusive of certain articles and privileges mentioned on a testament of writing, being dated the twenty fourth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen. The one hundred dollars to be paid to my wife by my executors out of the first money they

shall receive out of my estate after my decease. Next, it is my will and I order that my son Sebastian Alsbaugh shall have the premises whereon I now live or so much as I shall mention. That is, one hundred acres of my land with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, also my windmill, wagon, horse gears. And the same I do give and bequeath unto my said son Sebastian, to his heirs and assigns forever. Next, I do bequeath unto my son Henry Alsbaugh seventy-five acres of land out of the same half section whereon I now dwell, with all the buildings and improvements thereon erected, to be taken of the north end of said half section, to his heirs and assigns forever. Next, I do give and bequeath unto my son Michael Alsbaugh, seventy-five acres of land out of the same half section with all the buildings and improvements thereon erected, to be taken out of the south end of the same said half section, to his heirs and assigns forever. Next, I do give and bequeath unto my son Adam Alsbaugh the half of the southeast quarter section number twenty, township fifteen, in range twenty to be taken out of the south end with all the buildings and improvements thereon erected, to him his heirs and assigns forever. Next it is my will and I do bequeath unto my son George Alsbaugh's widow and orphan children, the north half of

the above-mentioned quarter section of land with all the buildings thereon erected Further, it is my will as the widow of my said son George has married again and have already advanced and paid him the sum of forty-two dollars and one-half cent of money more than any of the rest of my children. Now it is my will that the above sum be charged against the estate of said George and if not paid by the administrators of the said George, then the said sum to be collected by my executors after my decease. And it is my will that if my sons cannot agree on dividing the said lands, then it is my will that it be divided by some disinterested persons agreeable to my will as near as may be that they choose. And as to my personal estate I do give and dispose of in the following manner. After my wife has received her one hundred dollars, then my daughter, Barbara, intermarried with Martin Kettering, Mary who is intermarried with Daniel Fall, who is now dead and she has again married a man with the name of Clinger and Daniel Alsbaugh have not yet received to the amount of one hundred dollars out of my estate, it is my will that the balance yet due them to make them equal to the other children shall be paid as follows. Barbara Kettering shall receive of my executors her share first. Then the balance yet coming to my daughter, Mary, intermarried with Clinger, she shall not receive any more part or share of my

estate, real or personal. But the balance yet coming to her to be paid by my executors to the administrators of the estate of Daniel Fall, deceased. For to pay for the land the said Fall in his life-time bought of John Wintermoot.

Next, and then my son Daniel to receive his part to be paid to them as the money comes into the hands of my executors.

Next, it is my will and I order that my son Sebastian pay to my executors the sum of three hundred and thirty dollars, agreeable to his obligation given my son Henry to pay them the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars, in the same manner and my son Adam to pay them the sum of sixty dollars in the same manner, lawful money of the United States.

Next, it is my will and I order and direct that after my three before named children are made equal with the rest of my children as before mentioned. Then it is my will that the residue of my estate shall be equally divided among my children. Only my sons yet living to have thirty dollars more than any of my daughters. To be paid to them as they exceed others in age. Except my son-in-law John Bensinger nor his wife is not to

have any share or part of my estate, real or personal. But the part of my estate coming to them shall be put to interest by my executors for their children to be paid to them as they succeed others in age. Share and share alike when they become of lawful age.

Next, it is my will that the house my wife and I now live in shall be for her use during her natural life.

And lastly, I do constitute, nominate, and appoint my well-beloved son Jacob Alsbaugh and my trusty friend Henry Orwig to be my executors of my last will and testament. Hereby revoking, disannulling, and making void all other wills, legacies and bequeaths by me heretofore made and hereby ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two.

Henry's will presented as signed, sealed, and subscribed in German and Henry Alspach, II and David Brandt witnessed the signature sealing the request upon Henry's death as he requested.

Heinrich, or Henry, Alspach, I remains attributed as the founder, along with his wife, of this Alspach family growing deeply in the new land of the United States of America after his parents immigrated from Germany. He fought in the Revolutionary War to secure such freedom.

The names in the will translated to Alsbaugh, however other documents confirm Alspach remained throughout the generations as well.

REWARD
- POCKETBOOK LOST -

GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP – A large pocketbook lies misplaced as of Saturday, January 20, 1852. Last noticed on the Columbus Road, between the Blue Ball Tavern by Rock Mill and Lancaster.

The contents contained \$5 cash, various notes totaling \$550, and a check drawn off Pickaway County Bank for \$250, signed by Solomon Stout. He paid Henry Alspach on December 15, 1851. Henry issued a \$10 reward for whoever acquires the pocketbook and returns the contents. Their name needs left at the local *Telegraph Office*.



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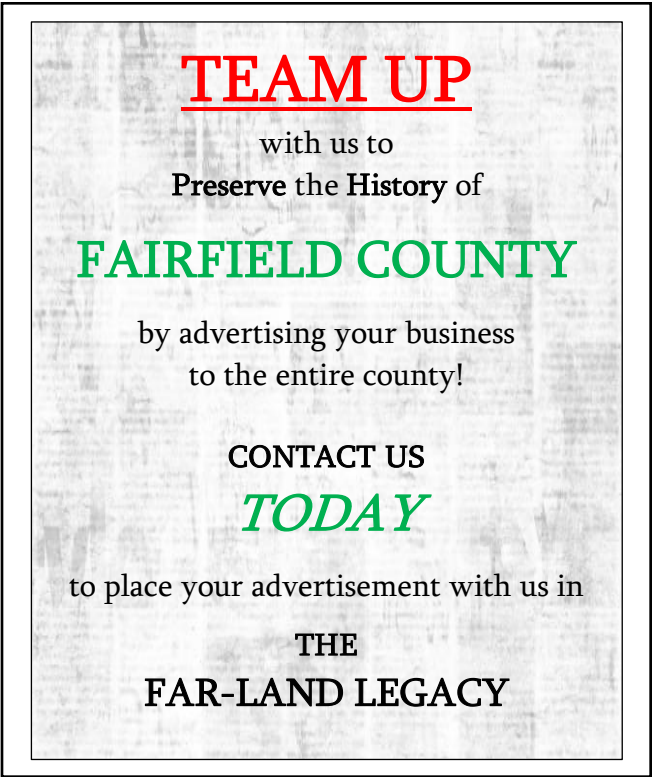
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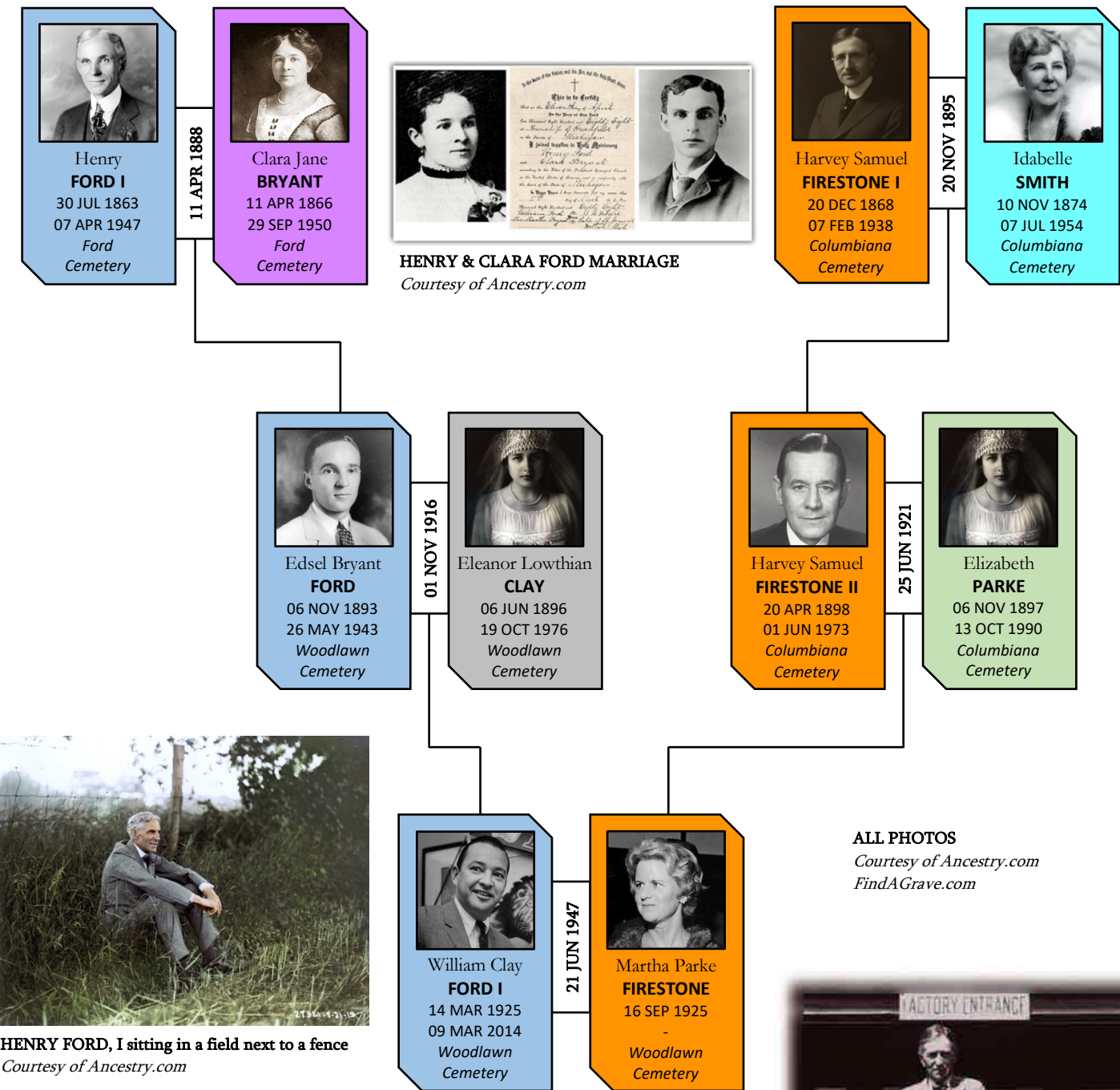
RESEARCHING WOMEN'S MAIDEN NAMES

When researching one's family tree back multiple generations don't forget to research the great-great-grand-mother's and so forth when navigating down past lines. Each mother's maiden name reveals who her father was and reveals who lies connected within the surname. Each generation navigated adds additional families one is connected to. One just never knows what one may find when researching the woman's line with her original surname.

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FORD FUSION WITH FIRESTONE



HENRY FORD, I sitting in a field next to a fence
Courtesy of Ancestry.com

OHIO – Born in Akron, Ohio, Martha Parke Firestone joined the family of Harvey Samuel Firestone, II and his wife Elizabeth (Parke) on Wednesday, September 16, 1925. Her paternal grandfather, Harvey Samuel Firestone, I founded the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.

She met William Clay Ford while attending a lunch hosted by both their mothers, Eleanor and Elizabeth, and she acquired the nickname “Stoney” when she attended college as a Vassar student.

At the time, William served as a naval cadet at the Saint Mary’s U.S. Navy Pre-Flight School.

The news media reported numerous articles about the two empires joining their union on June 21, 1947, at the Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church in Akron.

The *Akron Beacon Journal* labeled them, “the biggest society wedding in

Akron’s history.”
Of those bearing gifts to the young newlyweds included F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover, media publisher John S. Knight, and Mina Miller Edison, Thomas Alva Edison’s second wife.

Four children were born to them: Martha Parke Morse, Sheila Firestone Hamp, William Clay Ford, II, and Elizabeth Ford Kontulis.

William served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Ford Motor Company in 2015 after previously holding the CEO and COO position. He also held the Vice Chairman role for the Detroit Lions.

Martha remains among a small group of female NFL team owners.

Her husband, Bill passed away from pneumonia at his home in Grosse Pointe Shores in Michigan.



HARVEY SAMUEL FIRESTONE, I standing next to his name brand tires
Courtesy of Ancestry.com

William Clay Ford, I was the last surviving grandchild of Henry Ford and the largest shareholder in the Ford Motor Company at the time of his death. Forbes listed his wealth at \$1.35 Billion, the 409th richest person in the United States.

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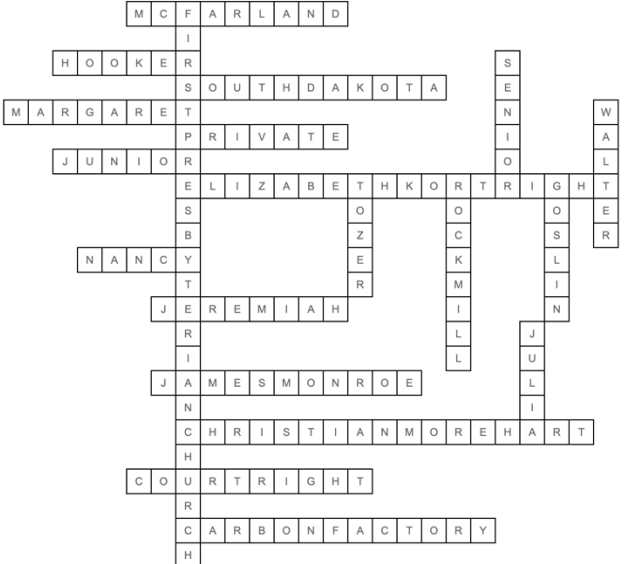
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS



Freedom Fighters

From Last Week's Issue

CROSSWORD

Across

2

Gen. Robert E. _____ surrendered his Confederate stance.

3

Judge Reeves' middle name.

4

Assisted President Johnson during impeachment proceedings.

6

Paul David Graf played this character in Police Academy.

8

Actor from Lancaster, Ohio.

9

Took William Sherman in as his foster son.

10

Connected to Henry Stanbery's second wife.

11

Original name of the Lancaster Eagle-Gazette.

7

9

Down

1

General Sherman's middle name given by Henry Stanbery.

3

William Sherman's military career elevated him to this rank.

5

Both the Sherman and Ewing homes are located on this street.

7

The General, William Sherman grew a close bond with during the Civil War.

12

Cemetery many prominent pioneers are buried in.

10

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12

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