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Portrait of HON. PHILADELPH VAN TRUMP taken while serving in Congress
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VAN TRUMP'S TRIUMPH

PROSAIC PRELUDE TO PROMINENT POLITICIAN

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HOCKING TOWNSHIP – With quite a unique name and rising from humble beginnings, Philadelph Van Trump began his life born within the walls of a

small log cabin on the Public Square on November 15, 1810, inside the Hocking Township border in Lancaster, Ohio. Although no mention or record remains revealing the identity of his mother,

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LEADING LAW

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LANCASTER – Born to Abraham Beecher I and Desire B. Tolles, Philemon Beecher started life in Oxford, Connecticut on March 19, 1776. After he sought out a classic education for himself in the old colony, he studied law and soon gained admittance to the Connecticut Bar.

Shortly after Ebenezer Zane cleared the path known as Zane's Trace, Philemon made his way from Litchfield, Connecticut to Lancaster, Ohio in 1801, and opened a law practice after being admitted to the Northwest Territory bar

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Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

I Thessalonians 5:11

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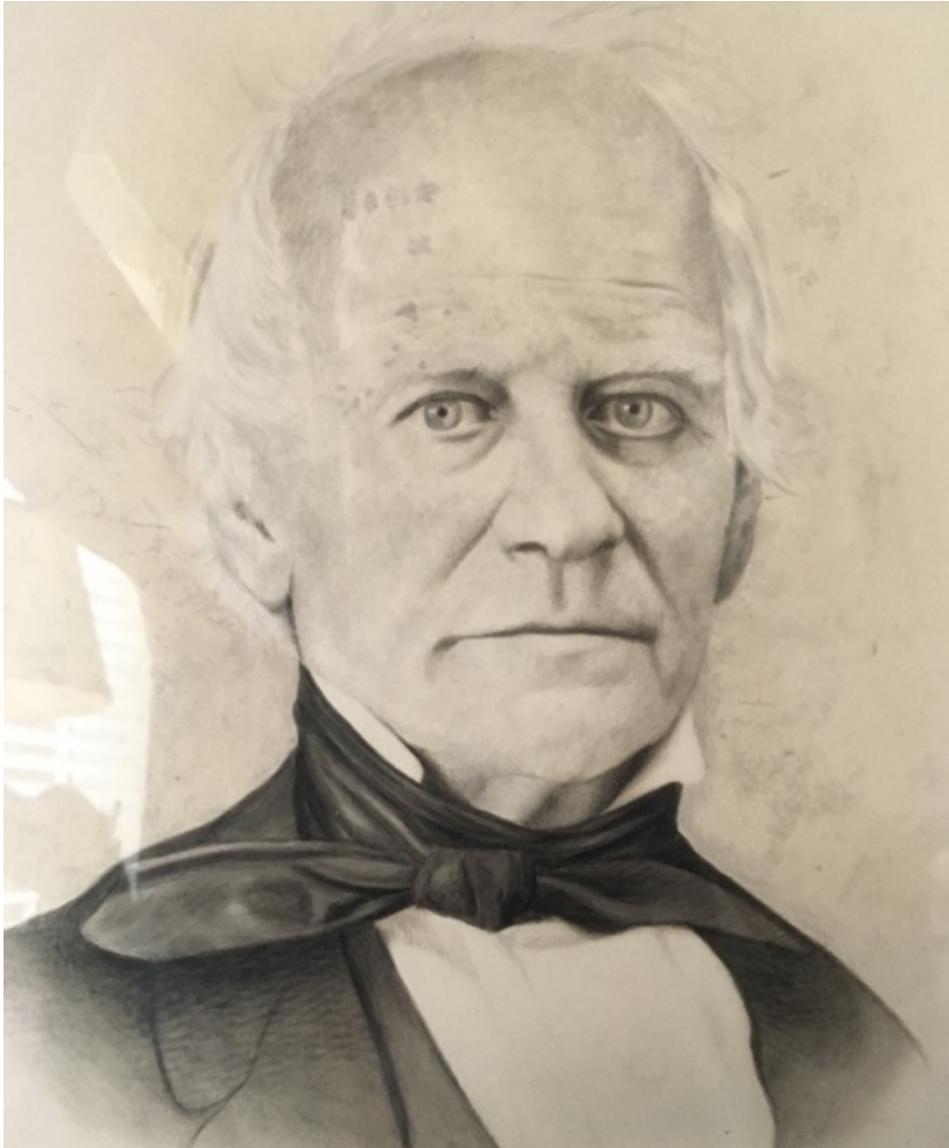
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Portrait of GEORGE MOYER KAUFFMAN
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George Moyer Kauffman
14 MAY 1797 - 06 NOV 1866
ELMWOOD CEMETERY

LANCASTER – Born to Christian Sitler and Mary Elizabeth Margaretta (Moyer) Kauffman in Baltimore, Maryland, George Moyer Kauffman came into the world on Sunday, May 14, 1797.

He married Henrietta Parnell Beecher and they relocated to Lancaster, Ohio sometime before their children were born, starting in 1836.

He owned and ran operations at the Old Drug Store in town and advertised continuously in the Lancaster Eagle-Gazette updates and sales.

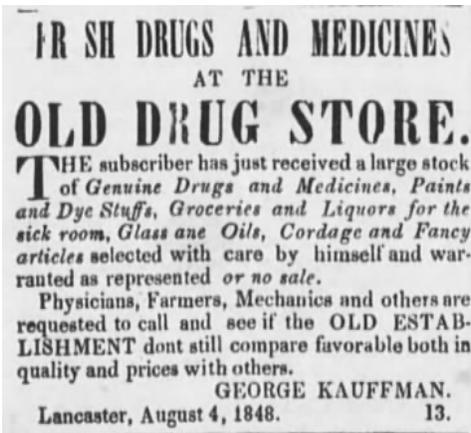
Prior to his death, the 1860 census kept the record of his real and personal estate values. His real estate valued at \$5,600, which today equates to \$187,531.18 and his personal property came in at approximately \$7,000, which today equals \$234,413.98.

Mr. Kauffman passed away on Tuesday, November 6, 1866 and laid to rest in the Elmwood Cemetery.

After his passing, the Old Drug Store sold to Dr. Davidson and George B. Brasee as Dr. Carpenter put it up for sale, being the executor of George's estate. The store sold for \$9,130.68. In today's dollars it sold for \$159,613.47. The new proprietors gained possession and continued in the drug business.



Portrait of G. KAUFFMAN at 29 years old
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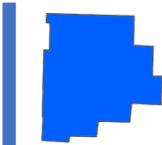


One of the Drug Store's Advertisements
Courtesy of the Lancaster Eagle-Gazette



KAUFFMAN Family Memorial along with Kauffman's Tombstone
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DID YOU KNOW?



General Philemon Beecher I is technically General Philemon Beecher II, as his parents' second child was named the same. Their second child died shortly after his fifth birthday.

While the family continued to grow, Abraham and Desire welcomed two more boys to the family before Philemon passed away, Abraham and Amos. With the next addition to their family following suit and being a boy, they named him Philemon.

With young children and infant deaths common during these generations

this naming practice became normal.

When in Lancaster, Ohio he came to be known as General Philemon Beecher I and passed his name on to his son, to be known as "Jr."

However, with the passing of his older brother, the late young Philemon would technically be the first, the General would be II, and his son now III.

POLITICIAN |

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Philadelph's father was John Van Trump. Philadelphus, being his full name given, he later went by Phil.

Going to school in Lancaster, Philadelph, acquired his academic achievements only through his devotion to hard private studies and rigorous reading, which led him to become one of the most scholarly men in Ohio. During his youth he gained interest in "Art preservative of Arts" and later alternated to an apprenticeship in the printing trade. After several years he became the editor of the *Lancaster Gazette and Enquirer*. In addition to fulfilling his compositor and foreman duties for the newspaper, he immersed himself in the literature of law. In 1838, he accomplished his admittance to the Ohio state bar and formed a local partnership practice with Hon. H. F. Stanberry on May 14, 1838. Within a few years, he became a rising prominent political figure in the Ohio Democratic party and showed as one of the most effective workers in Ohio.

A mason member of the order, he participated also alongside those of Gen. George Sanderson, Gottlieb Steinman, Col. John Noble, Darius Tallmadge, Dr. Paul Carpenter, Joseph Grubb, James Gates, Dr. Robert McNeill, and others.

Chosen as a delegate for the conven-

tion in Baltimore as part of the Whig National Party in 1852, Philadelph gained momentum in his political career. Four years later, Philadelph Van Trump ran for office as the Governor of Ohio, switching from the Democratic party he ardently supported to the American Party candidate. Although he received over 10,000 votes in the 1856 election, his contender, Salmon P. Chase, won the election shifting the direction to a Republican administration.

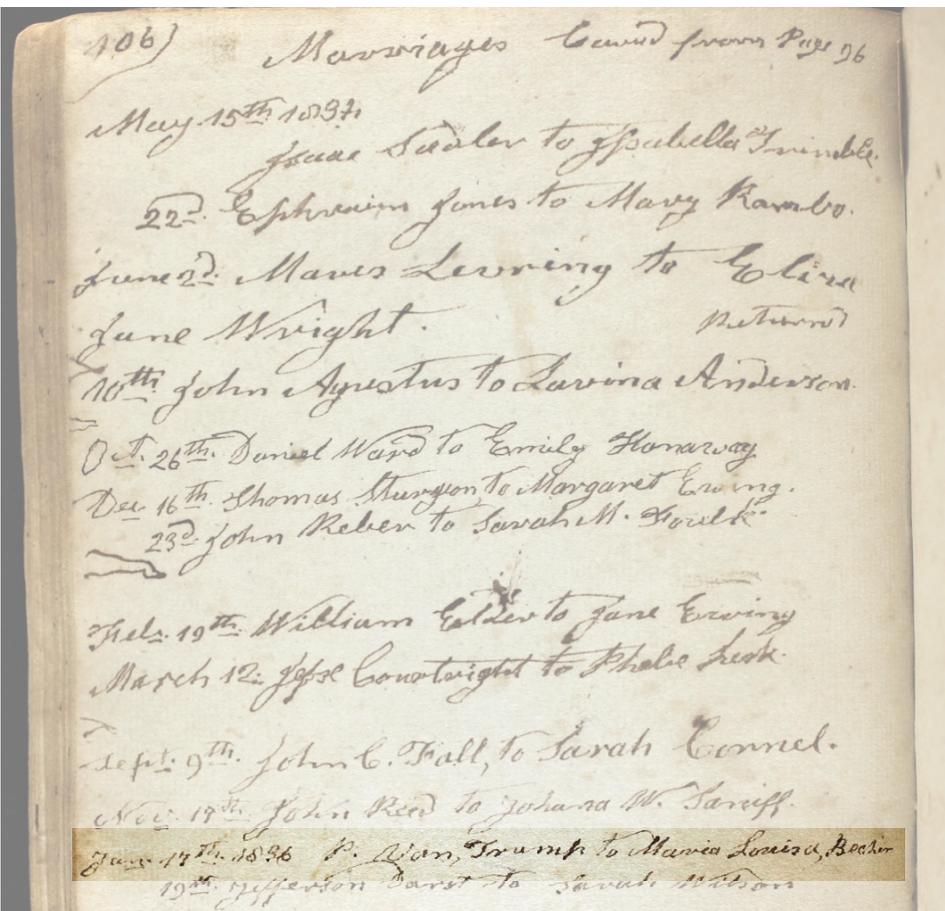
After reviving his political career through the following years, Philadelph served as a delegate, being President, to the Bell and Everett State Convention in 1860, and later elected Common Pleas Judge for Ohio's Seventh Judicial District in 1862 filling the vacancy Hon. H. C. Whitman left by his resignation. The people re-elected him each year through 1865. The *Lancaster Gazette* displayed Philadelph Van Trump's triumph as Judge of the Supreme Court.

Heavily intelligent in the law he possessed firmness and finesse as he served with distinction, which enabled him a part in serving on important Committees such as the Pacific Railroad, Post Offices, Post Roads, and manufacturers. Cases presented to him included those of the kidnapping of Dr. Olds and one involving Gov. David Tod. He fearlessly enforced the law despite facing opposition with threats of military arrest and imprisonment.

Afterwards he served three terms as

a Democrat elected to the U.S. House of Representatives representing the Ohio population. His career advanced him later in 1869 as he served as the chairman of the Ohio Democratic State Convention held in Columbus. As the fourth term election appeared over the horizon, Philadelph gained concern for his health, declined the candidate nominee handing it to Hon. H. J. Jewett to succeed him, and returned to his humble home in Lancaster to practice law until his final days. He managed a rose garden where the present Olivedale Senior Citizen Center stands known as Rose Bank.

Heart disease infected his time on earth and claimed his body Friday morning at his residence, just four months after Darius Tallmadge, on July 31, 1874, reaching only 63 years of age. His body rests now next to his wife, who passed in 1861, interred in the Elmwood Cemetery in Lancaster, Ohio. He left a legacy universally loved by all who crossed paths with him. His obituary ended praising him "a man of excellent qualities, a man of ability, and strict integrity" accompanied with an added note he died poor due to being 'too generous to accumulate wealth,' giving it to whomever needed it more than he. When he passed away, he passed embodying the words of George Bailey's father in the movie *It's a Wonderful Life*, "All you can take with you is that which you've given away."



P. VAN TRUMP to MARIA LOUISA BEECHER
 Marriage Record from **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** in Lancaster, Ohio
 Courtesy of Ancestry.com

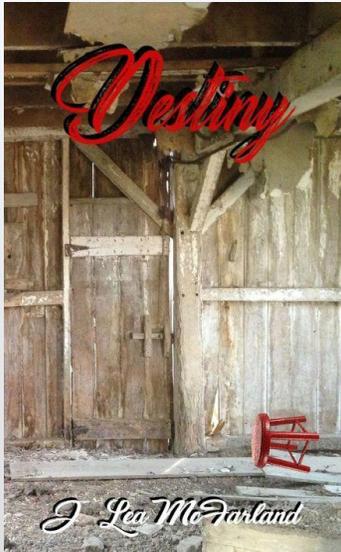


VAN TRUMP'S TOMBSTONE standing proudly in **ELMWOOD CEMETERY**
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By J. Lea McFarland

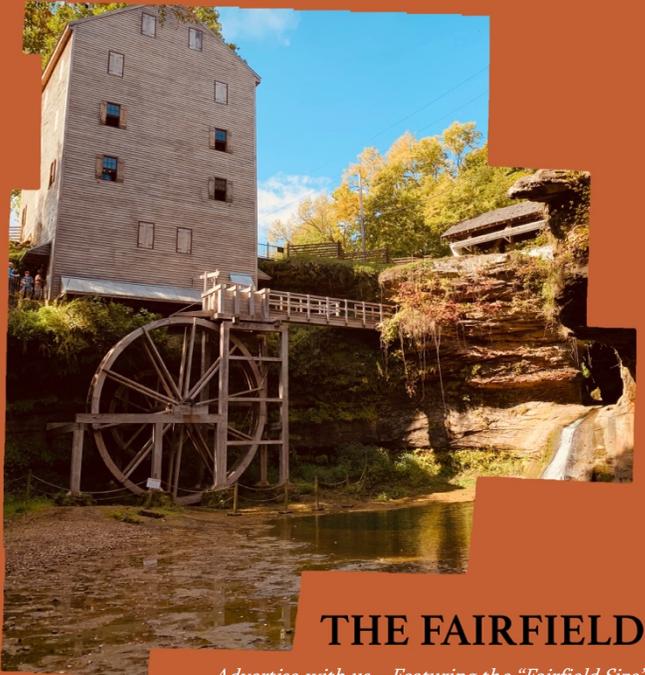
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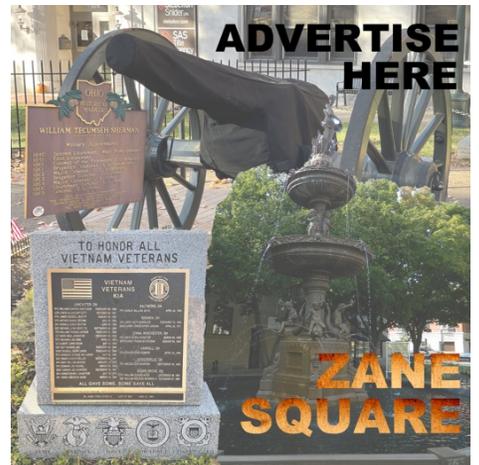
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for Ohio. He maintained the status of the leading attorney in the city for twenty-five years and shared in one of Ohio's strongest claims throughout history, the 1830s and 1840s state bar, which held high esteem for the group of prominent lawyers who practiced in this part of the territory. Those leading the practice of law during this time included William Irvin, Charles Sherman, and Philemon Beecher.

In 1803, Philemon Beecher found himself elected as member of the Ohio House of Representatives and again, serving in 1805 and 1807 where he also served as Speaker. An unsuccessful blow came that same year in 1807 as Beecher lost the United States Senator position against Edward Tiffin.

Shortly after Philemon's arrival to Lancaster, his attention shifted as it caught the sight of Susan Gillespie, a daughter of Neil Gillespie of Brownsville, Pennsylvania. She traveled to Lancaster often to visit her sister. During this time, he managed to court and marry her in either 1803 or 1804 in Pennsylvania.

General Beecher later coordinated the first financial institution in Lancaster known as the Lancaster Bank and served as its president for the first year. It opened its doors on August 30, 1816. After the first year, John Creed succeeded him and remained president

until its closure in 1842. The organizers of the bank included Beecher, Elnathan Scofield, Jacob Claypool, Peter Reber, Charles Sherman, John Williamson, Jacob Green, Daniel Van Metre, William King, Richard Hooker, Benjamin Smith, and S.F. McCracken. An important assignment set in motion for the bank during its younger years as it stood as the financial agent for Ohio and handled all the funds provided for the Ohio canals construction ensuring all the contractors received their compensation.

Between 1816 and 1828 Beecher served five terms in Congress. His physique earned him the alias, the "Black Prince" or "Black Knight." He and William Irvin served on opposing councils in the first reported decision of the Ohio Supreme Court.

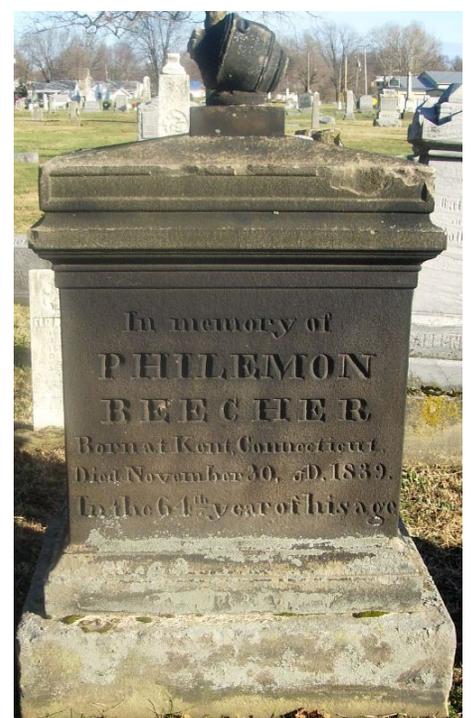
During the political race in 1824, Beecher cast his electoral votes in John Quincy Adam's favor against Andrew Jackson.

When Thomas Ewing came to Lancaster to practice law, he studied under Beecher's practice while he established his own education for the law enabling him to establish his reputation throughout the town.

1816 also brought the birth of General Beecher and Susan Gillespie's daughter Mariah "Marie" Louise Beecher who later married Colonel Philadelphus Van Trump in 1836.

General Philemon Beecher I's other accomplishments included rank of Major General in the Ohio State Militia, elected

in 1817, he also served as a Federalist to the fifteenth and sixteenth Congresses until 1821, and elected in 1823 through 1829 he served as an Adams-Clay Republican to the eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth Congresses. Once his political years passed him by, he returned to Lancaster where he humbly practiced law until his death on November 30, 1839. His body laid interred alongside his wife in the Elmwood Cemetery.



GEN. PHILEMON BEECHER I's Tombstone in Elmwood Cemetery
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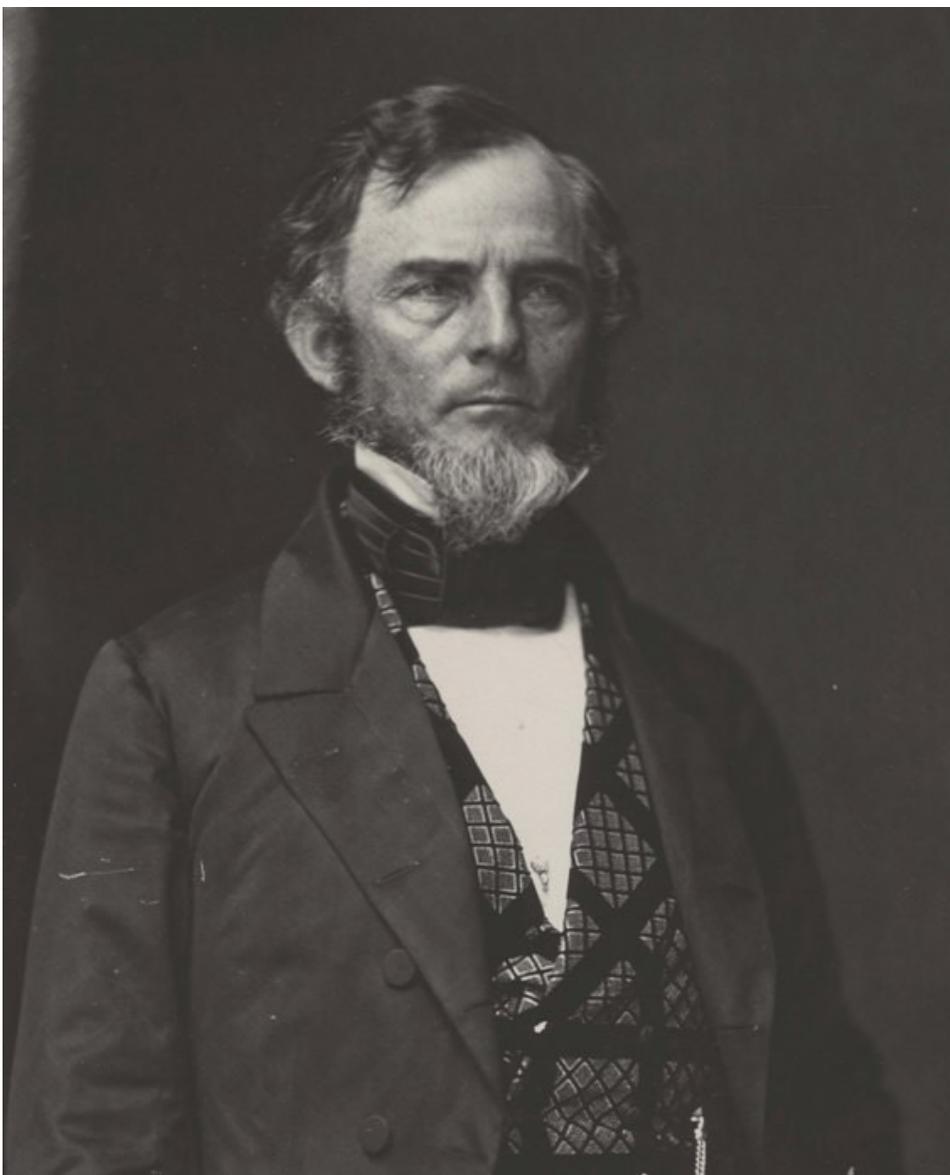
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Portrait of BRIGADIER GENERAL GIDEON JOHNSON PILLOW II who served on the Confederate side of the Civil War

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TENNESSEE – Born in Williamson County, Tennessee, Gideon Pillow joined his father, Gideon Johnson Pillow I and his mother, Anne Elizabeth Payne, on June 8, 1806. His family owned property and very well connected with other prominent families in the area. Among those connections his family maintained a reputation for Indian fighting and had a devout loyalty to Andrew Jackson.

Gideon attended the University of Nashville in Tennessee and graduated in 1827. He transitioned to Columbia to practice law and married Mary Elizabeth Martin on March 24, 1831.

Gideon inherited a large piece of prime land from his father, one of the pioneer settlers in the area. He then established one of the largest plantations in Maury County. He built a home on the property and named it Clifton Place after the Clifton Turnpike, built by the Pillows and their neighbors the Polks. The turnpike allowed both families to ship their cotton to the Tennessee River.

He served as a delegate to the National Democratic convention in 1844 and played a major part in securing the nomination for his neighbor James K. Polk for election to serve as the President of the United States.

VALUED VETERANS AND HEROES

BG. GIDEON JOHNSON PILLOW II

08 JUN 1806 - 08 OCT 1878

ELMWOOD CEMETERY [Tennessee]

He assumed the appointed position as Brigadier-General by President James K. Polk and sent to command the Tennessee volunteers as he led them to fight in the Mexican War.

With the Civil War ramping up, Pillow's new assignment led him to lead his Tennessee comrades in the Confederate Army, again as a Brigadier-General. His first battle fought at Belmont, Missouri left praise and appreciation from the Confederate Congress in December 1861, so they assigned him later in February 1862 to command at the Battle of Fort Donelson. There he gained successful ground against opponent Ulysses S. Grant, however in a decision to pull his men back to their trenches they lost all the ground they gained earlier that day. Upon his defeat the general, John B. Floyd relinquished his command to Pillow, who in turn turned the command over to Simon Bolivar Buckner. Buckner then surrendered over to Grant.

These actions caused Confederate President Jefferson Davis to suspend him from further command leaving him to command a brigade at the Battle of Stones River in December 1862. No more combat assignments were assigned to Pillow for the remainder of the war, however he managed to command the Conscription Bureau of the Army of Tennessee and was the Commissary General of Prisoners in 1865.

Upon the end of the war, the federal government confiscated Pillow's

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DID YOU KNOW?



General William T. Sherman's father, Charles Sherman, served as a trustee of Ohio University in 1815. During this time, he handed out the first college diploma in Ohio to Thomas Ewing, future Senator.

Genealogy Tip

MARRIED WOMEN & MIDDLE INITIALS

When women married prior to the 20th century they often removed their middle name, if given one, and replaced it with their maiden name as they took on their husband's surname.

If she lost her spouse and married a

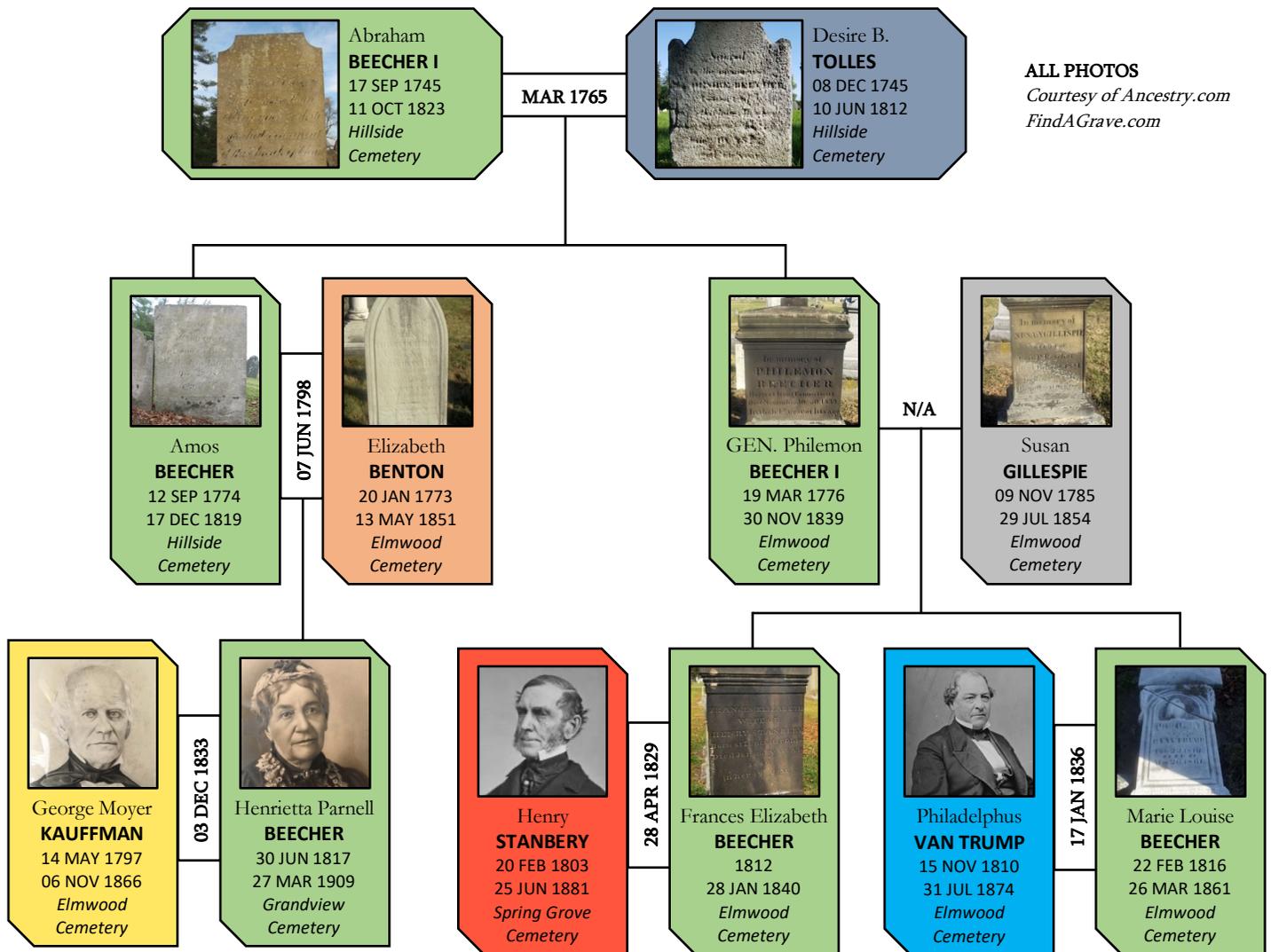
second time she typically made her first married name the middle and then took on her new husband's name.

Take this into consideration when researching the women of the 18th and 19th centuries.

CLOSE CONNECTION

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VAN TRUMP, STANBERY, & KAUFFMAN ALL CONNECT THROUGH THE BEECHER FAMILY



LANCASTER – The Beecher family developed ties with the prominent people of Lancaster. A continuation of the tree above further shows the following: General Philemon Beecher I married Susan Gillespie. One of her sisters, Eleanor Gillespie, married Hugh Boyle. Together they had Maria Willis Boyle who married Senator Thomas Ewing I. The two of them had a daughter Eleanor “Ellen” Boyle Ewing who married General William T. Sherman.

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Property at Clifton Place forcing him into bankruptcy. Although he later received his property back, despite his impoverished state, he decided to leave Maury County and head to Memphis to establish his successful law practice with former Governor Isham G. Harris.

Gideon Johnson Pillow II passed away after contracting yellow fever on October 8, 1878 in Helena, Arkansas. His body first lie buried in Helena until years later he was reinterred in Elmwood Cemetery in Memphis, Tennessee.

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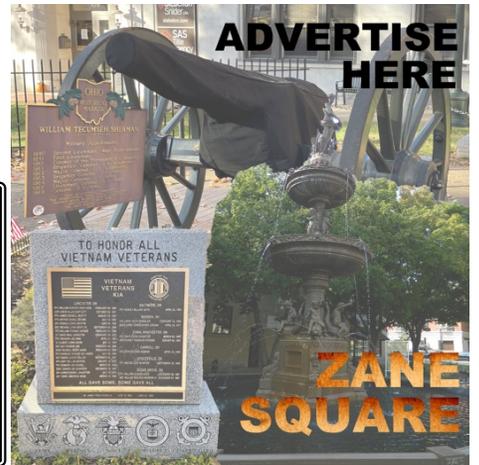
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A Myriad Mystery *From Last Week's Issue*

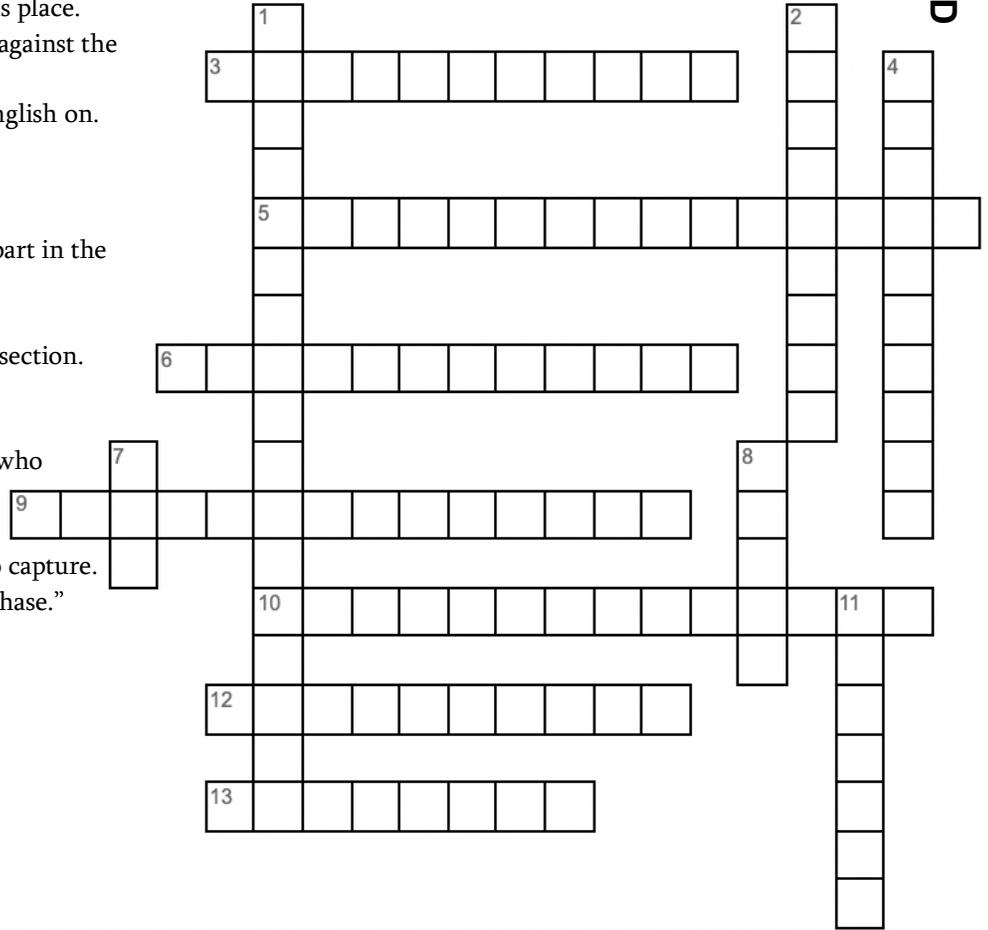
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- 5 The headline house no longer standing.
- 6 The cemetery salute went to this place.
- 9 Scottish hero who led the fight against the tyranny of England.
- 10 Bridge the Scots attacked the English on.

Down

- 1 The Valued Veteran who took part in the "Great Locomotive Chase."
- 2 Last week's Spotlight feature.
- 4 The title of The Spectacle story section.
- 7 Lot Jay _____ was in the Align-A-Line section.
- 8 The surname to the two sisters who married union soldiers.
- 11 The name of the Locomotive the Union Soldiers attempted to capture.
- 12 The "Great _____ Chase."
- 13 The attack in the court room, "A _____."



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