

DANIEL JAMES, an Episcopalian, married Jane Thomas, a Baptist, in Wales, where some of their children were born. They came to Chester County, and resided perhaps near St. Peter's church, in the Valley, at one time, and afterwards in the neighborhood of Concord, but it is not known that Daniel owned any land. Joseph James, son of Daniel, was born in this country, June 21, 1761, and married Mary, daughter of Francis and Ann (Marshall) Hickman. He died Oct. 29, 1842, and his widow Feb. 21, 1846, aged about eighty years. Their children were as follows: Levis, Benjamin, Thomas, Sarah, Amelia, Ann and Francis, twins, Jane, Mary H., Hickman, and William H.

FRANCIS JAMES, born April 4, 1799, began the study of law with John Duer, Esq., April 1, 1823, and was admitted to the bar in May, 1825, since which he has made West Chester his home. In 1834 he was elected to the State Senate, and served four years. He was elected representative in Congress for the district composed of Chester, Delaware, and Lancaster Counties in 1838 and 1840. Here he took a strong anti-slavery position, and by speech and vote resisted the encroachments of the slave-power. He married, Sept. 7, 1826, Sarah H., daughter of Aaron and Mary James, of Westtown, and has one child, Anna M. James. Owing to failing health he gradually relinquished the practice of the law several years since, and now at the age of eighty-two years his tottering steps require the assistance of two canes. He is a venerable gentleman, dignified, courteous, and modest, and only at the solicitation of others would he allow his portrait to appear in this work.

JEFFERIS, ROBERT, is first mentioned as a witness at a court held at Chester, September, 1685. In 1691 he purchased 60 acres of land near the middle of Upper Chichester township, whereon he probably resided for some years. In 1701 he purchased 169 acres in East Bradford township, and having sold that in Chichester, removed to the last purchase. In 1703 he was appointed constable for Westtown, Bradford not being then organized. In 1721 he added to his possessions by purchasing 189 acres from William Buffington. He conveyed the homestead in 1733 to his son Benjamin, reserving a life estate, and having divided his other land between his sons, he does not appear to have owned any at the time of his death, in 1738.

His first wife was Jane, daughter of George and Jane Chandler, to whom he was married about 1692. After her death he married Ann —, by whom he had one child. His widow married Richard Archer prior to 1745, and surviving him, died at the residence of her son, Richard Jefferis, in Tell township, Huntingdon Co.

The children of Robert and Jane Jefferis were Patience, m. to Henry Betterton and — Mackey; Charity, m. to John Evans, and again, in 1721, to John Cope; William, m. 1724, to Elizabeth (Ring) Neild; James, m. March 3, 1728, to Elizabeth (Tull) Carter; Robert, m. Eleanor — and Elizabeth Harper, a widow; George, m. Lydia —; Jane, m. to Joseph Skeen; Anne, m. to Alexander Duncan; Mary, m. to Thomas Temple, of Caln; Benjamin, m. to Elizabeth Carter; Thomas, m. to Catharine (?); John.

William Jefferis resided in Chester township for some time after his marriage, but after his father's death he purchased the homestead in East Bradford and removed thither. He died 11, 23, 1777, and was buried on the 25th, at Birmingham Meeting. His children were Mary, b. 5, 29, 1727, m. William Marsh, of Sadsbury; William, b. 3, 12, 1729, d. 1778, m. Hannah Darlington; Martha, b. 1, 8, 1731, m. William Bennett; Nathaniel, b. 11, 8, 1733, d. 9, 30, 1823; Hannah, m. John Hunt; Samuel, b. 10, 6, 1736, d. 2, 28, 1823; Nathan, b. 5, 6, 1741, d. 1777. The descendants of William and Hannah (Darlington) Jefferis are very numerous, but mostly in the West. Nathaniel Jefferis married his first cousin, Prudence —, and had seven children. He afterwards married Mary, daughter of Isaac Chalfant, by whom he had eight, of whom the late Isaac Jefferis, of Newlin, was one.

Samuel Jefferis was married 11, 24, 1759, to Margaret, daughter of John and Joanna Townsend, of East Bradford, born 7, 27, 1742, died 7, 9, 1832. They resided for many years in West Whiteland, but died in West Chester. They had two sons,—William and John, of whom the first died with yellow fever in Philadelphia, leaving children, who went to Baltimore.

John Jefferis married, 3, 29, 1787, Hannah, daughter of John and Hannah Carpenter, of West Bradford, born 1, 4, 1768, died 7, 30, 1799. He married a second wife, Jane P. Bishop, who died 2, 14, 1845. Her children were Minerva, b. 12, 17, 1787, d. 8, 23, 1795; Horatio Townsend, b. 6, 22, 1789, d. 5, 14, 1836; Samuel Carpenter, b. 12, 1, 1790, d. 3, 20, 1843; Malinda England, b. 9, 9, 1792, d. 2, 27, 1863, m. Job Wickersham; Phebe Baily, b. 8, 19, 1794, d. 3, 29, 1829; William Walter, b. 12, 5, 1796, died young; Granville Sharp, b. 10, 5, 1802; Joseph Addison, b. 11, 3, 1803.

Horatio Townsend Jefferis married, March 27, 1816, Hannah Paul, born April 19, 1790, died March 23, 1851. They resided in West Chester, and had children,—Minerva; William Walter, now cashier of the Bank of Chester County; Emily Jane; Martha Ann, m. Charles Fairlamb; John Paul, now of Washington, D. C.; Horatio Carpenter, and Mortimer Townsend, lately Episcopal minister of an English Church at Dresden.

James Jefferis, son of Robert and Jane, married Elizabeth, widow of George Carter, of East Bradford, and settled on the Carter homestead, on the west side of Brandywine, at Jefferis' Ford. His father conveyed some land to him on the east side of the creek, and he purchased from the Worth family 150 acres on the west side. He became a member of Birmingham Meeting in 1738, and was appointed an overseer in 1743. He died in 1745, but his wife survived him many years. They had three children,—James, Abigail, who married Thomas Williamson, and Emmor.

James was born Nov. 20, 1728, and married, Dec. 23, 1749, Ann, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Cheyney, of Thornbury, born Feb. 21, 1727–8, died at the age of seventy-six years, six months, twenty-seven days. He inherited his father's lands on the east side of the creek, where he died in 1807. His children were Mary, b. 9, 9, 1750, m. to Thomas Hickman; Emmor, b. 1, 18, 1752,