A BRIEF HISTORY
OF THE DEAVOR FAMILY IN AMERICA
by William T.S. Deavor, 1896

A history of the Deavor race has long been desired. Several have begun the task only to lay it aside. This little book represents five years of patient investigation without a cent of remuneration. To lessen the expense and bring the book within the reach of all, only essential facts have been published. I regret that some have withheld dates that would have made this book a perfect record. I hope some day to revise it, and to include our history in Europe. I have done my best; still there will be mistakes. Some will think I have said too much, others, not enough.

INTRODUCTION

The Object of this Book – I am not advertising. The persons whose names I here record need no crutches. Some are dead, and have entered upon their reward; and those living will share in the victory that attends a just conflict in life.

Our family commands respect, and the service they have rendered will justify even more than I shall pay. To keep no record of our loved ones, would be an act of which a heathen would be ashamed. The carved monument will retain the deeds of their heroes till the day of judgment.

Shall my ancestors fall unhonored and unknown? God forbid. Impelled by a sense of duty, I propose to consolidate all available records, and to add such other matter as may seem pertinent and useful. I shall try to be accurate and brief.

Difficulties in the Way – Some families have no records, others, through ignorance or indifference, have not given me what they had, and most records are brief or imperfect. Those who could relate the early history are gone, except a few with impaired memory, who still linger like the last leaf upon the tree. In addition, the limited sale and large expense of such a book enforce brevity. If the book is not perfect, please do not blame the author, but thank him for what he has done under these unfavorable conditions.

The Importance of Family History – Whatever value is attached to history in general applies also to the history of a race or family. "Posthumous influences like shadows project themselves into the present" to cheer our fainting hearts.

1 This book from which this article was excerpted was originally printed by the Methodist Episcopal Book Room in Harrisburg PA in limited quantities and is considered a rare volume. Sections of the book less relevant to the theme of this volume of The Chronicle have been omitted, with the most detail being preserved in the line of Jacob Deavor – which includes the author and five other pastors of the Central Pennsylvania Conference. The footnotes have been added for this volume of The Chronicle.
Friends long departed seem to meet us again on the field of conflict. What monument more worthy than history shall perpetuate their memory?

We need history to supplement our treacherous human memories – it is our only guide when memory fails. Family history is of financial importance. Fortunes have been lost or misappropriated for the want of sufficient records. I trust this book will bring to light a long-hidden legacy. Finally, definite knowledge of our ancestry is a mark of intelligence for which there is no apology. We need to remember that "blood is thicker than water," and often more precious.

**Nationality** – Tradition on this point is very strong. Some claim that the original stock were Huguenots banished from France to England and Ireland from whence they emigrated to America at an early an unknown date. The Devores came from New Jersey, and as this state was settled by Swedes and Finns such extraction might be urged. If this should be true, Devere, the famous Swedish mathematician, may be a relative.

All this conjecture must antedate the life of Joseph Daver, the author's great-grandfather. He was born in Scotland. Mary, daughter of Joseph’s son Jesse Daver, heard him often relate the story of his voyage, and talked with friends who came from Scotland to visit him shortly before his death. This witness is yet alive, and her memory is unimpaired. Whom Joseph Daver first married is unknown, but that she was Irish is not doubted, yet she may have been German or French. All may be clear when I write our history in Europe.

**Our Name in History** – Trying to write the name like it was spoken has resulted in many forms of spelling. The name alone is no guide to our nationality. The changes were made in an age when our language was changing, and when nobody knew how to spell. The earliest name I can find is Joseph Daver. Jesse Daver's children used Devor, but his tombstone of 1824 contains Jesse Deavor. His brother James used Devor and DeVor, while Jacob's children adopted Dayvor and Deavor. My father still uses Dayvor. I also find these forms: Dever, Devere, Deaver, Deever, Deavour and Devore. Those who use Devore, Dever and Deaver will form a separate chapter, in which I will condense such definite information as has been secured.²

**Paternal Genealogy** – The history of the Deavor family began with the writer's great-grandfather Joseph Daver and wife who lived and died at Spring Run, Franklin County PA. He was born in Scotland; married there and emigrated to America. Friends of his native home visited him within the memory of living witnesses. They attained a great age before they fell asleep. They are buried at Spring Run.

It was my privilege, July 17, 1894, to visit this place, and view in ruins the work of my forefathers. Every step thronged with contending interests. I drank from a spring shaped in Colonial days, and rested 'neath the shade of trees planted

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² This is one of the chapters that have been omitted from this volume of *The Chronicle*. 
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by hands long folded in death. The house has yielded to decay, but the old stone chimney, like "the image upon the plain," still stands like a sentinel, a silent witness to the ravages of time. The pansy in the garden, planted by immortal hands, refuses to die. In the old stony orchard stand apple trees planted 50 years before the American Revolution. With a grape vine I measured an English Redstreak which was 8 feet in circumference. To me it was a blessed day. Every leaf had a tongue, every tree whispered love, and the birds seemed to sing: "Home Sweet Home."

Though everything has changed, many families still live in the vicinity of the patrimonial estate, while others have gone fourth into almost every state in the Union. I am glad I am able to present an abstract of Joseph Daver's deed and will.

Abstract of Great-Grandfather Joseph Daver's Deed – William Bingham and Mordacai Lewis laid a warrant on 129 acres of woodland in Path Valley, Fannett Township, Franklin County PA. This they deeded to Joseph Daver for 1690 pounds sterling, October 21, 1795. This deed was recorded by John Findlay. Jacob J. Devor, who patented the land in 1884, now holds the deed.

Abstract of Joseph Daver's Will – In the name of God, Amen. Apprised of my mortality, and being of sound mind, I make this my last will and testament.
- To my wife Sarah Ellen Roles Ragan Daver, I give her choice of cows, sheep, hogs, bed and bedding; also the dough trough, flour barrel and contents, pots, dishes, plates, kettles, the things now growing in the garden, and as much fruit as she can use; this to be brought to her by Joseph [Hallinsworth] who is also to keep for her one hog, one cow, and 2 sheep.
- To James and Jacob, $1 each if they come after it.
- To Eleanor Hallinsworth, I relinquish all claims against her husband, Joseph.
- To Esther and Albina, $1 each, if they come after it.
- To Jesse, I give the farm and all that pertaineth thereto.

This will was written by Rev. Amos McGinley, and witnessed by James McCartney, April 26, 1824. It is now in the possession of Jacob J. Devor at Spring Run. Joseph Daver was aged and in his last days childish. This will account for the large gift to Jesse who so patiently took care of him to the end.

Joseph Daver had to his first wife 8 children either foreign or native born: James, Jesse, Jacob, Ellen, Esther, Mary, Elizabeth and Nancy; and to his second wife, Sarah Ellen Roles Ragan Daver, he had one daughter: Albina, who married a Mr. Robinson.

Nothing is known of Mary, Elizabeth and Nancy.
Ellen married a Hallinsworth from whom the Petersons are descended. Her son, Jesse Hallinsworth, lived in Shireleysburg, where in 1885 was found a

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Amos McGinley (1778-1856) was the beloved pastor of the Presbyterian churches in Path Valley from 1802 to 1851. His name appears frequently in this article and his is also the namesake of several persons in the extended Deavor family.
Bible of the age of King James. Unfortunately the last two figures of every date were destroyed. This record was written beyond the sea.

Esther Daver married David Neal and raised 9 children.

Fruit from the Family Tree – Much has information has been gathered about Joseph Daver’s boys James, Jesse and Jacob.

James Devor (1765-1842), oldest son of Joseph, was a member of the United Brethren Church. He lived and died at Spring Run, aged 87 years at his passing. He was of German descent, a Tory in the American Revolution, and hauled provisions for the English army. He was married to Mary Ann Elizabeth Taylor and later to Lydia Roles, a sister to Sarah Ellen Roles, to whom he had 11 children.

Jesse Devor (1771-1833), second son of Joseph Davor, married Amy Peterson, lived and died in Path Valley, aged 62 years, and is buried with his wife at Spring Run. The family was Presbyterian. He fell heir to the family property and in turn passed it to his offspring. The abstract of Jesse Deavor’s will is as follows: In the name of God. Amen. I, Jesse Daver, being of sound mind, do make this my last will and testament. To my wife I give and bequeath one-third of all I am worth; the remainder to be divided equally between the children when they shall become of age. The will was written by Rev. Amos McGinley, June 12, 1833, witnessed by John Ball and Robert Peterson, and recorded by David Oakes. He had 8 children.

Jacob Devor (1779-1840), youngest son of Joseph, was my grandfather. He was raised a Quaker Presbyterian, but died a Methodist. His piety was never questioned. As a school teacher he stood in the front rank, nor have his descendants retreated from this position. He married to Hannah Piles, with whom he had 9 children.

Following is the information gathered on Jacob and his descendants.

JACOB DEAVOR

Jacob, son of Joseph, was my grandfather. He was born in 1779, and died April 3, 1840, at the home of Vincent Stevens, and is buried in Winegardner’s cemetery, Taylor township, Fulton County PA. Rev. Solomon L. Conser

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4 The second wife of James Devor was a sister to his father’s second wife (i.e., a sister to his stepmother).
5 The original book includes as much detail on the lines of James and Jesse as is given here for the line of Jacob. That information is available in the Deavor material at the conference archives.
6 The Winegardner schoolhouse (used 1858-1955) and cemetery were a few hundred yards apart on the Winegardner property about half-way between Dublin Mills and the Center ME Church. The fenced cemetery is in good repair, just north of the road that goes from the Center-Dublin Mills Road toward Clear Ridge.
7 Solomon L. Conser (1812-1896) was one of the two preachers assigned to the Licking Creek circuit [now the Harrisonville charge].
preached the funeral. His wife, Hannah Piles, was a model wife and mother. Home was never graced by a truer woman. Of her death we have this statement:

Hannah Piles Deavor died Saturday, Oct. 8, 1836, and was buried Oct. 10, Rev. T. McEnally preaching the funeral in Mt. Pleasant church at 11 o'clock. Wednesday, Oct. 12, I went to Broad Top and returned to Winegardners' for meeting in the evening, conducted by Revs. Thomas McEnally and B.F. Dixon. Friday, Oct. 17, 1836, I returned home.

(Signed) Adam B. Deavor.

This is an abstract of Jacob Deavor's will:

1. To Martha Stevens, $9.00 schooling against Vincent Stevens; our umbrella; 1 quilting-wheel at $1.50.
2. To Joseph, 1 hog in Adam's possession.
3. To Mary, 1 loom; 1 flat-iron; 1 cow; 1 bed and bedding after my decease.
4. To James, 1 gun; 1 shovel; 1 axe; 1 sheep in Adam's possession, and James to be my executor.
5. To Annie Lamberson, 1 cow in her possession.
6. To Adam, $3.50; shoe tools at $1.00; cooper tools at $5.00; 1 yoke of oxen at $40; 1 watch; 1 cow, and Adam to pay five or seven dollar debts in Trough Creek Valley.
7. To Hannah, 1 heifer; 1 flat iron.

[Two children died before this will was made]. The will was written by James Salkield and attested by William McClain, February 25, 1840, Dublin township, Bedford County PA, the home of Joseph Deavor. They had 9 children: Martha, Philip, Joseph, Mary, James, Annie, Jesse, Adam and Hannah.

1. Martha Deavor was born at John Henry's place, Taylor township, on December 1, 1800. She was a faithful member of the M.E. church from early life and was married to Vincent Stevens January 8, 1824, by Rev. Tommy Larkin. She died August 28, 1865, and her husband October 25, 1886. Both are buried at Clear Ridge.

Mr. Stevens was born May 5, 1797. In his 19th year, in a school house at Hustontown, he was converted and joined the M.E. Church. He was a licensed exhorter and, for most of his life, a class leader. The home was noted for its piety. A daughter writes: “The class meeting, though miles away, was never missed

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8 Mt. Pleasant is on PA 994 in Todd township, Huntingdon County, about halfway between Cooks and Eagle Foundry. There was a Methodist class here at a very early date. A log church was erected in the early 1800's and used until 1852, when a brick church was erected at Eagle Foundry. That building was taken down in 1882 and replaced by the existing structure - which stopped being used for services in 1970 and was sold by the Conference to the adjacent land owners in 1988

9 Thomas Larkin (1786-1852) was a preacher in the Baltimore Conference who located (i.e., stopped accepting assignments as an itinerant – typically, to support and care for his family) in 1819 and settled in the area. His brother Jacob Larkin (1792-1858) was also a preacher in the Baltimore Conference.
except in time of sickness.” A son says: “I never knew the home without the family altar.” He was married a second time on January 23, 1866, to Mrs. Elizabeth J. Linn, a devoted Methodist to whom he had 2 children: Olive Geary (11/3/1866 – 12/19/1892), married to Harry Dawney February 4, 1884, by Rev. Lewis Chambers\(^{10}\) and buried at Clear Ridge, Rev. O. Hicks\(^{11}\) conducting the funeral; Sadie Hunter (6/12/1871 – 8/7/1871). Mr. Stevens and his first wife had 9 children whose lives I am proud to sketch.

(1) James Lane Stevens was born December 12, 1824, in Bedford County, became a druggist in Illinois, and died there in 1887. He married Rebecca, daughter of Major Sipes, and had 7 children, all of whom were born in Warfordsburg.
- John Scott was born in 1844 and became a lawyer in Chicago.
- William was born in 1846.
- George was born in 1848 and became a druggist.
- Olive was born in 1850 and married Dr. Brown of Montana.
- Missouri was born in 1852 and married a minister.
- Izora Kansas was born in 1854.
- A child was born in 1856 who died in infancy.

(2) Philip Deavor Stevens, was born May 1, 1826, in Bedford County. His grandfather was born in Virginia, came to Bedford County early in the history of Pennsylvania, and died at the age of 108 years, 4 months and 7 days. Philip married Susana Green of Cassville, who was born February 29, 1828. They had 10 children.
- James Vincent was born in 1848, married Elizabeth Holland of Clear Ridge January 4, 1869, and lived at Selea in Huntingdon County.
- Mary Jane was born in 1850, married John W. Berkstresser, son of Lewis Berkstresser, and lives in Waterfall. He is a first-class wheelwright, and for years has been associated with my brother J.E.E. Deavor. They have 3 children: Jessie Blanche, one dead, and Mary Ethel.
- Juniatta Amanda was born March 13, 1853, and died in 1854.
- Florence Lavina was born in 1855, married William Robinson of Altoona, and had 8 children: Merrill, Homer, Maud, Lillian, Charles, Ivey, John, one dead.
- Lemuel Green was born in 1858, is single, and lives with James.
- Elizabeth Alice was born in 1862 and married Daniel Benler of Altoona.
- Theodore Taylor was born in 1863, is single, and lives in Bransville WV.
- Martha Belle was born in 1866 and married Harry Smith of Baltimore.
- Edmond Luther was born January 20, 1869, and died in 1869.
- Emory Clark was born in 1870, is single, and lives with James.

\(^{10}\) Lewis Chambers (1820-1907) was a local pastor who lived in Big Cove Tannery and served various circuits in Fulton and Huntingdon Counties.
\(^{11}\) Owen Hicks (1842-1941) served the Hustontown charge, which included Clear Ridge.
(3) Joseph Deavor Stevens was born September 26, 1827, joined the M.E. Church at Clear Ridge when 13 years old, and was married by Rev. C. Graham December 26, 1848, to Hannah Holland, who united with the same church. In this happy union were born 9 children – and all the boys but 2, Thomas and James, were school teachers.

- Thomas B. Stevens was born in 1849 and married in 1871 by Rev. Hugh Linn to Ellen Henry. As a carpenter and painter, he has more than a local reputation. They have 4 children: Nathan H., Benjamin Edmonson, Hannah Elizabeth, Hester Olive. All the family are Methodists.

- James Dyke Stevens was born in 1851 and married in 1879 by Rev. John R. Croft to Phoebe Kerlin. He is an aggressive farmer, and blessed with 2 children: Sarah Alberda, Mertie Emma.

- Vincent C. Stevens was born in 1852 and succeeded well as a teacher. He was married to Ada Covert by Rev. Shoemaker. Both are members of the M.E. Church in Three Springs.

- Isaac Watson Stevens was born March 18, 1854, and died May 13, 1854.

- John F. Stevens M.D. was born in 1855 and was for years a successful teacher. He graduated from Louisville Medical College in March 1894 and is practicing in Kansas. He was married in June 1894 by Rev. Scott F. Stevens of the South Kansas Conference to Gertrude C. Wright – who with Lyman, Mary and Carrie, were students of mine.

- Rev. George Washington Stevens was born in 1857 and married in 1883 by Rev. S.C. Swallow to Clara Ramsey. They have 5 children: Nellie Belle, Mary Ray, Bessie May and Carlton. The last and one younger are dead. Much could and ought to be said of this brother, but a brief summary of his ministerial career must suffice. Like all Fulton County preachers, his education was heroic, and he excelled in the art of teaching. He was graduated from Dickinson Seminary in 1881 and admitted on trial in the Central Pennsylvania Conference the same year. He was ordained deacon in 1882 and elder in 1885. His appointments have been Kedron

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12 Cambridge Graham (1816-1885) served the Trough Creek charge.
13 Hugh Linn (1832-1894) served the McConnellsburg charge.
14 John Ross Croft (1827-1898) was the United Brethren pastor of that denomination’s Fulton circuit. He is the father of Edward J. Croft (1873-1956) of the Methodist Church.
15 Elisha Shoemaker (1836-1904) served the Three Springs charge.
16 Scott Fletcher Stevens (1855-1941) was a second cousin to the groom. Scott’s father Benjamin Fletcher Stevens is not the Rev. Benjamin Fletcher Stevens who was the groom’s uncle, but a different Benjamin Fletcher Stevens who was a first cousin to the groom’s father.
17 Silas Comfort Swallow (1839-1930) was serving York First [now Asbury], then located at Philadelphia and Beaver Streets, and performed the ceremony while the groom was serving York Princess Street. In 1898 the Princess Street congregation relocated to the corner of Hartley and Salem as the Epworth ME Church. In 1921 they merged with the West Street ME Church to create the present Calvary UMC by the Fairgrounds. Swallow was the 1904 Prohibition Party candidate for President of the United States.
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(1881-82), York Princess Street (1882-84), Buckhorn (1884-85), Selinsgrove (1885-87), Danville Trinity (1887-90), Harrisburg Fifth Street (1890-95), and Williamsport Mulberry Street (1895-99). Few men have reached the best appoints in the Conference in so short a time. His labors are abundant: 5 churches built or repaired at a cost of $35,000; 1 parsonage built at a cost of $2,000; upwards of $4,000 raised for benevolent purposes; and over 1,000 souls have been converted. As a financier, preacher and pastor he has few superiors.

- Emma Francis Stevens was born in 1859 and was married by Eli Shore to John Shafer. He is an industrious smith and farmer in Clay township, Huntingdon County. She has been a member of the M.E. Church from childhood.

- Albert S. Stevens M.D. was born in 1861 and taught school for years with marked success. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1891 and is practicing medicine in Shelby IA. In 1892 he was married to Lula Linn.

- Franklin K. Stevens D.D.S. was born in 1863 and won no little renown as a teacher. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1893 and is now a leading dentist in McConnellsburg. In 1892 he was married by Rev. O. Hicks to Myra Henry. They have 1 child: Russell Lowell.

Hannah Holland Stevens, the model mother, faithful Christian and esteemed friend, trained this large family for high and holy work and then fell asleep in Jesus, March 26, 1878, and is buried at Clear Ridge. “When the dust shall wake to life she will shine with the redeemed.” The home still needing a mothers' hand, Joseph D. Stevens was married a second time December 2, 1879, by Rev. John R. Croft to Ellen Frances Elias. This union is blessed with 2 children:

- Edward Gray was born in 1881.
- Charles Escoe was born in 1883.

On August 10, 1891, this family held its first reunion. All the children were present and greatly surprised their father and his new wife. Dr. Hill and wife, Thomas Huston and wife, and Mrs. S.G. Wright were present and helped to make the day pleasant and memorable.

(4) Jacob Taylor Stevens was born April 24, 1829 and was married May 2, 1850, by Rev. Elisha Butler to Sarah A. Rutherford. She was born September 26, 1827, died June 29, 1886, and was buried at Bellefonte PA. Of their 10 children, 2 died in infancy. The remaining 8 are as follows:

- Rebecca V. was born in 1851 and died in 1860. She is buried in Jefferson County IL.
- Mary E. was born in 1853 and married William Krist, a machinist in Williamsport PA.
- Margaret J. was born in 1855 and died in 1884, leaving one child: Ira

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18 Eli Shore (1842-1904) was a Justice of the Peace in Huntingdon County for about 30 years.
19 Elisha Smith Butler (1798-1883) served the McConnellsburg charge,
Fletcher. She is buried in Bellefonte.
- William T. was born in 1857 and married Mary Snare. She and one child are buried in Bellefonte. He married the second time to Annie Hartzel. He is a smith by trade and has 3 children.
- Elizabeth S. was born in 1860 and married James Potter, who, being unworthy of her, left her with 2 children. She married the second time to Albert Krepts and has 3 children, the eldest named Charlie.
- Charlie E. was born in 1862 and married Annie Armstrong. He is a brakeman on the Pennsylvania RR at Altoona. They have 4 children, one dead.
- Ida M. was born in 1864 and married George Carolous, a machinist. They have 2 children: Curtis and Millard.
- Samuel M. was born in 1867 and died in 1868. He is buried at Billy Chestnuts' place near Hustontown.

Jacob Taylor Stevens was married second time on February 6, 1889, by Rev. J.B. Stein to Mrs. [nee Enyart] Houseman. They have one child.
- Lillie Belle was born in 1890. He is a finished shoemaker, though a cripple for many years, and runs a small notion store in Altoona.

(5) Rev. Benjamin Fletcher Stevens was born March 26, 1831. He was converted in his 18th year at Taylor Camp Ground, Trough Creek PO, and united with the M.E. Church. He attended a select school in Wells Valley and Cassville Seminary. His call to preach came early in life. He entered the Baltimore Conference in 1855, was ordained deacon in 1857 and elder in 1859. His appointments have been Frostburg MD (1855-57), Westernport MD (1857-58), Rainsburg (1858-60), Greencastle (1860-62), Shamokin (1862-63), White Haven (1863-65), Ashland (1865-67), Jersey Shore (1867-70), Northumberland (1870-73), Williamsport Third Street (1873-75), Clearfield (1875-77), Danville (1877-78), Mifflinburg (1878-81), Stewartstown (1881-83), Duncannon (1883-86), Mechanicsburg (1886-89), Harrisburg Thirteenth Street (1889-91), retired (1891). This table shows 35 years of heroic toil in some of the best appointments in his Conference: over 1,000 souls converted, and a revival in every charge. Few preachers display greater fidelity. His work is well done and will abide until the Master's coming. Upwards of $4,000 were raised for benevolences and an equal amount for church improvements. He was married April 17, 1861, to Harriet G., daughter of the late Rev. John Rhodes. They had five children:
- Clubine R. was born in Greencastle.
- John C. was born in White Haven.
- Annie M. was born in Jersey Shore

20 James Bergey Stein (1858-1938) served Altoona Fifth Avenue.
21 John Rhodes (1783-1843) served in the Baltimore Conference and died before the Pennsylvania churches were formed into a separate conference.
- William F. was born in Jersey Shore
- Nellie B. was born in Northumberland.
The 1st and 4th died in infancy. The others live with their parents in Harrisburg, the son being a physician of great promise.

(6) Rev. Isaac C. Stevens was born February 15, 1833, and died in Jersey Shore, after 3 years of illness, November 29, 1869. He also attended Cassville Seminary, and he taught several years in Washington DC. He responded to God's call in early life and entered the Baltimore Conference in 1857. At the early age of 36 he bade farewell to earth and went to live with his God. His body is buried at Jersey Shore.

(7) Mary J. Stevens was born February 2, 1835. She was converted in her 16th year and joined the M.E. Church, a vow which she has ever kept. She married Wilson Cutchall, a leading farmer, and had 8 children:
- Laura Emma Cutchall was born in 1859 and was married to Nathan McClaine, brother to my brother-in-law, by Rev. P.F. Eyer.\(^{22}\) He is a member of M.E. Church and conductor on Pennsylvania RR at Conamaugh, at which place he barely saved his life in the great Johnstown flood. They have 3 children: Albert Ellsworth (died, buried at Clear Ridge), Curtis Lee, and Harry Lee.
- Collins Ellsworth Cutchall was born in 1862 and was married to Mary Dunn, a cousin to Mrs. Rev. G.W. Stevens, by Rev. Howe.\(^{23}\) She is accomplished in art and music. They have one child, Ray, and live in Anthon IA.
- John Dyke Cutchall was born in 1864 and was married to Emma, daughter of Jacob Bollinger, by Rev. R.H. Gilbert. He is a farmer and has 2 children: Charles Wilson, deceased, and Jessie Blanche.
- Mary Elizabeth Cutchall was born in 1866 and died in 1888. She was a member of the M.E. Church and is buried at Clear Ridge.
- Harry Wilson Cutchall was born in 1869 and is still single.
- Franklin Cutchall, was born in 1872, died in 1892, and buried at Clear Ridge.
- Sadie Margaret Cutchall was born in 1875 and was married in 1891 to George, son of Abe Brown, by Rev. A.S. Baldwin.
The last 4 of these children were students of mine in 1884.

(8) Martha Matilda Stevens was born in 1837. She was converted and joined the M.E. Church when only a small girl. She was married to Daniel Heaton, who won no little success as a teacher and shoemaker. Daniel died in April 1888 and Martha died in August of the same year. They are buried at Clear Ridge. They had 10 children.
- Georgia Ann in Cassville in 1857 and was married in 1893 by Rev. O. Hicks to John C. Norman, a brakeman on the Pennsylvania R.R. in Altoona. They have 2 children: Dallas and Howard Glenn.

\(^{22}\) P. Franklin Eyer (1835-1910) served the McConnellsburg circuit.
- Collins was born in Cassville.
- Emma was born in Cassville, married Thomas Crummel, and lives in Virginia.
- Will was born in Coal Mountain, died in 1887, and is buried at Clear Ridge.
- Mollie was born in Cassville, died 1879, and is buried at Hustontown.
- Carrie was born in Dublin Mills, died in 1870, and is buried at Hustontown.
- Guss
- Hattie was born in Dublin Mills.
- James was born in Meadow Gap and lives in Illinois.
- Charlie was born in Clear Ridge and lives in Illinois.

The last 7 went to school to me. Consumption was the fell destroyer in this family. I am glad to record that all were prepared to meet their God. We hope to see them again.

(9) John Wesley Stevens was born at the old peach-orchard place near Wooden Bridge, Fulton County, on Ground Hog Day, February 2, 1830. He was raised a farmer boy and was largely self-educated, walking 3 miles to go to school when the term was only 3 months. When 18 he attended a select school at Rainsburg conducted by Elijah Osborn and wife, W.A. Points, James Miller, W.A. Stevens and W.P. Totten. Afterward he taught at Bloody Run and Bunker Hill with great acceptability. October 19, 1862, he reported for duty in the Civil War, joining Co. H, 158th Pennsylvania Regiment Infantry. In 1864 he re-enlisted and was discharged June 12, 1865. He farmed 2 years for his father, then at Saxton and Dublin Mills, and learned the shoe trade with Jacob Stevens and Daniel Heaton. He farmed for 2 more years and then for 3 years followed his trade in Holland house, Clear Ridge. After that he moved to Ft. Littleton for 2 years and then to North Madison IN, the home of his wife and present residence.

His wife, Margaret Jane, is a daughter of James and Jane McKean. They were married September 29, 1874, by Rev. W.H. Burton, and have 3 children.
- Andrew McKean was born at the old homestead in 1875.
- Vincent Curtis was born in 1877 and was a twin.
- Marion Landers, the other twin, was born October 10, 1877, died October 17, 1877, and is buried at Clear Ridge.

2. Philip Piles Deavor was born at John Henry's place in Taylor township, Fulton County, died 2 miles north of Cassville at the age of 22 years, and is buried in Martin's cemetery near Mt. Pleasant. There are over 60 graves in the yard, but it having been farmed for over ten years, no trace of the graves can now be found. It is a pity that land is so scarce that graveyards must be farmed.

3. Joseph Deavor was a shoemaker and spent most of his life in Huntingdon County. He married Mary Houck, who survived him 10 years. Both were converted under the preaching of Rev. Tommy Larkin in 1826 and joined

24 Martin's Cemetery was near the Cooks Crossroads, ½ mile east on PA 944 from the still existing Mt. Pleasant cemetery.
the M.E. Church. He died in January 1877, aged 77 years. Rev. W.H. Stevens conducted the funeral. She died in 1887, aged 75 years. Both are buried at Clear Ridge. They had no children.

4. Mary Deavor was born in Springfield PA October 22, 1806, and, having never wedded, made her home with her sister Hannah. Converted in 1824, her subsequent life was a powerful example of perfect submission to God. Her beneficent influence on Adams' boys is not easily estimated. After years of affliction patiently endured she departed this life September 14, 1877, aged 70 years. Her body was laid to rest in Clear Ridge cemetery, Rev. T.H. Fobbs preaching the funeral.

5. James Deavor was born in 1811, and made his home on old State Road, near Fairview Church, Fulton County. He farmed some, but followed the trade of cooper and tinner, at which he displayed no little skill. "I don't say much, but I think a great deal," was sufficient ground for his opinion. Having a vivid moral sense, his integrity was never impeached. Converted in 1826, he was loyal to the M.E. Church until his death in 1888. He married Hannah Stevens, who was born in 1814. She was a Methodist wife and mother, and a friend whom all loved that knew her. She died in 1890 and lies by his side in Fairview cemetery. Rev. Louis Chambers preached his funeral, and Rev. A.S. Baldwin hers. They had 7 children.

- Elizabeth Deavor died in 1864 of typhoid fever, in Mt. Carroll IL, while visiting relatives of her grandmother.
- Jesse Allen Deavor, M.D., served his term in the Union Army. His success as a physician in Warrior's Mark PA secured for him undying fame. In 1866 he was married to Elizabeth Miller by her brother, Rev. A.R. Miller of the Central Pennsylvania Conference. They had 2 children, both born in Franklinville, Huntingdon County.
  - Olive was born about 1868 and died of consumption at her Uncle John Miller's in Kansas, and is buried there.
  - Ida Carey was born about 1870, graduated from Dickinson Seminary in 1887, and is now preparing for mission work in in India.
- Alice Phoebe was born near Dublin Mills in 1858. She was married in 1886 by Rev. J.F. Glass, at the home of Samuel Glass, to Hiram Clevenger, one of the most aggressive farmers of his native county. Both are loyal members of the M.E. Church, and they have 3 children: Sadie Ellen, born in 1888; Harvey Hiram, born in 1890; Margie Beryl, born in 1892.
Albert Ross was born near Dublin Mills in 1860. He was married in 1881 to Jennie Griffith of Trough Creek. Both are members of the M.E. Church, and they have 5 children: John Preston, Goldie Argella, Mary Elis, Vernon Buhama, and Roy. They live in Gallitzin.

Sarah L. was born near Dublin Mills in 1861. She was married at her home in 1885 by Rev. J.F. Glass to Calvin W. Benson. Both are Methodists. They live in Newberg PA and have 3 children: Elva, born in 1892; 2 girls who died in infancy.

John Grant was born in 1863 and died in 1868. He is buried in Centre cemetery.

Hannah Elizabeth was born in Fulton County in 1866. She was married in the Fairview M.E. Church in 1890 by Rev. J.F. Glass to Martin L. Laidig. Both are Methodists, and they have 2 boys: Ralph McKendree, born in 1892; Clinton, born in 1894.

Franklin McKendree was born in 1869. He served 5 years in the U.S. Army, as a private in 108th Regiment, Company C, and was stationed at Ft. Donelson NB. He was in the Pine Ridge Agency and took part in the Indian contest in which Sitting Bull was killed. He is still single.

Sarah Ellen Deavor-Salkield was married the second time on April 20, 1875, to Elijah French. He is a teacher of wide experience. They have 2 children.

James Emerson was born in 1876.

Cavinia Belle was born in 1878. They live in Trough Creek.

(4) Martha Rebecca Deavor was born at West Dublin in 1840 and married at her home in 1862 by Rev. W.C. Stewart of the M.E. Church to Samuel Wesley Salkield. He was born in Ft. Littleton in 1839, enlisted in 1861 for 3 months as a private in the Civil War, and re-enlisted in 1862 in the 126th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, Company B. He was wounded at Chancellorsville on May 3, 1863, and discharged May 20 of the same year. On June 2, 1863, he was drafted and assigned to the 49th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, Company E. He witnessed the capture of Petersburg and the surrender of Lee. He adds another name to the long list of eminent teachers who taught before and since the war. In 1880 he moved to Six Mile Run, where, on account of ill-health caused by his wound, he followed the occupation of contractor and builder. Since 1857, both have been members of M.E. Church and champions of the temperance cause. They have 6 devoted children.

Addison Burke was born in Fulton County in 1863. He was well educated in

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26 Samuel Wesley Salkield is a brother to Jacob Fraker Salkield, the first husband of Martha's sister Mary Rebecca. The name Samuel Wesley Salkield indicates a strong Methodist connection, as does the name of another brother – Thomas Larkin Salkield, named for the Methodist circuit rider Thomas Larkin who presided at the marriage of her aunt Martha Deavor and was instrumental in the conversion of her uncle Joseph Deavor.
the public schools and skilled as carpenter, but is now a builder and contractor in Prairie City IL.

- Emma Francis was born at West Dublin in 1864, received good education in the public schools and is a most active member of the M.E. Church in Six Mile Run.

- Louise Carey Ellis was born in Fulton County in 1866 and married at her home in 1886 by Rev. C.L. Benscoter to Richard William Buckley. They live at Six Mile Run and have 4 children: Martha Blanche, born 1887; Alice Vernon, born 1889; Sarah Jane, born 1891; Samuel Garfield, born 1893.

- Ada Stevens was born in Fulton County in 1868 and married at her home in 1888 by Rev. I.N. Moorhead to William A. Parks. Both are members of Fifth Avenue M.E. Church in Altoona. They have 3 children: Ethel Rebecca, born 1889, Ada Vere, born 1891; one son, born 1894.

- Martha Vernon Deavor was born in Fulton County in 1873. She began teaching when 15 years of age and has prepared herself for the work in the public schools, at the county Normals, and at the California State Normal. She is no less active in the Methodist church, of which she is a member.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson was born in Fulton County in 1875. He received a good education in the public schools, learned the carpenter trade, and is now engaged as an engineer. He is also a loyal member of the M.E. Church and an earnest temperance advocate.

(5) John Minnich Deavor was born in 1845 and married in 1870 to Elizabeth Lamberson, daughter of Daniel Lamberson, Sr. He died in 1872 and is buried at Fairview. Rev. R.H. Wharton preached the funeral. They had one child.

- Bertha was born in 1871. She is a graduate of Shippensburg State Normal school, and a teacher of rare ability. The whole family are members of the M.E. Church.

(6) Sarah Ann Deavor was born in 1842, died of consumption, and is buried at Fairview. The funeral was preached by Rev. R.H. Gilbert. She was a loyal Methodist and a teacher of remarkable talent.

(7) Josiah Vincent Deavor was born in 1848 and married in 1876, to Mary E. Laidig. He farms the old homestead. They are members of the M.E. Church, and for years he has been Justice of the Peace and takes great interest in public education. They have 8 children, some of whom will certainly be preachers.

- John Newel was born in 1877 and is now a student in Millersville State Normal.

- Charles was born in 1879.

- Frances Rebecca was born in 1880 and is now a student in Millersville State Normal.

- Samuel Elmer was born in 1883.

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27 Elizabeth Lamberson is a first cousin to Rev. Alexander Lamberson (1853-1919) of the Central Pennsylvania Conference.
- Sarah Elizabeth was born in 1888.
- Ernest Grant was born in 1890.
- Josiah Alen was born in 1892.
- Russell Ellsworth was born in 1894.

6. Annie Deavor was born March 17, 1814, in Trough Creek PA. She was converted in childhood and lived faithful to the M.E. Church till her death. She was married in May 1837 by Rev. E.E. Allen to Jacob Lamberson, a descendant of the Bosler family in Maryland. He was a smith by trade and made large money, but never acquired wealth. We called him the story teller, not because he falsified, but because he could relate more jokes, than anybody else we ever knew. Even now, in hearing a remarkable tale, we say "It is one of Uncle Jake's." He was a member of the M.E. Church and survived her many years. She died in June 1868, and he on April 10, 1879, and she June, 1868. Both are buried at Hartman Chapel. Rev. J.E. King preached her funeral. They had 3 children.

(1) Samuel Lamberson served in Civil War, and died in the woods of hemorrhage. He is buried beside his parents.

(2) Daniel Lamberson was born in 1838 and is a superior smith by trade, in Everett. He entered the Civil War for 3 months, then for 9 months, then for 1 year. He was married in 1865 to Clara Wells has 6 children.

- Agness was born in 1860, married David Dodson, and has 4 children: Henry, Charles, Frank and one infant, Clara, buried in Everett.
- James was born in 1868, died, and is buried in Steelton.
- Samuel, a twin, was born in 1869.
- Jane, the other twin, was born in 1869.
- Steward was born in 1873.
- Jacob died at the age of 3 and is buried in Steelton.

(3) Ellen Lamberson was born May 17, 1846, and married at her home by James Fields, Esq., in 1869 to Jesse Woodcock. He was born in Baltimore MD in 1840, enlisted in the Civil War in 1861, and re-enlisted in 1864 at Blain's Cross Roads in Tennessee. He served as a private in the 2nd Regiment of Maryland Volunteers, Company F, and was mustered out at the close of the war. They have 10 children.

- Anna Bennett was born in 1869 and married in 1887 by Rev. John Vrooman to David Bradnick. They have one child: Zelda Lenora.
- William was born in 1873 and is deceased.
- Eliza Rebecca was born in 1875.
- Arthur Vincent was born in 1878.
- Augusta Lillie is deceased.
- Elizabeth Juniatta was born in 1881
- John Henry Bland was born in 1883.
- Andrew was born in 1886.
- David Thomas was born in 1888.

28 Jacob Lamberson is an uncle to The Elizabeth Lamberson who married his wife's nephew.
An infant is deceased. Those dead are buried at Hartman Chapel.

7. **Jesse Deavor**, the first to die, was drowned in Trough Creek, near Cook's Station, at the age of 3 years, and is buried at Mt. Pleasant.

8. **Adam Beamer Deavor**, the writer's parent, was born June 3, 1816, in Trough Creek Valley PA, near Cook's Station, in a log cabin erected during the Revolutionary War. At maturity, he was tall and had dark hair and eyes. He grew up in that age when circumstances limited education, there being no free schools. He attended Mt. Pleasant School, the only one in that country, when the term was but one to three months. His teachers were Giles Stevens, Billy Houck, Lazarus Houck and George Berkstresser29. His entire attendance did not exceed six months; yet, self-educated as he is, he puts many to an open shame whose advantages have been far superior.

He is still a student at eighty, and he has shown marked ability along other lines. His quiet way of doing things unassisted displays a native genius, which under more favorable circumstances would have given him first rank among the brightest of his age. As a carpenter, shoemaker, cooper and mason, he is a master. In recent years most of his time has been spent in his little log shop, to which he seems much attached. It was our kindergarten, where we had access to all kinds of tools, plenty of good material, and license to use them as we pleased. Here we learned valuable trades, and made sleds, wagons, boxes, bowguns, and all other things which only a boy can make. The shop was always comfortable, and neighbors resorted thither on stormy days.

Father taught honesty by precept and example. Often has he said: "I would rather work for nothing than bear the reproach of overcharging for my labor." Obedient to his conviction, times without number has he worked for nothing and boarded himself. No man ever did his work better and charged so little — neither has he collected debts by process of law. On his books stand hundreds of dollars which will never be collected. It is a good thing that labors' true reward is reserved for the life to come

In 1832, Rev. T. McEnally held a revival at Mt. Pleasant School House. Here father was convicted and at the age of 16, in the solitude of his home, experienced pardon. He joined the M.E. Church, and ever since he has had a clear title to a mansion in the skies. I never knew my home without a family altar. In 1836 he signed the pledge to abstain from intoxicating liquors. The pledge has been sacredly kept, and never has he knowingly cast a ballot for an intemperate candidate. Let us pray for these principles to live forever in his children.

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29 This is believed to be the George Berkstresser (1807-1896) who became a minister in the Baltimore Conference in 1836 and had a long and distinguished ministerial career – including being the pastor at Gettysburg in 1863 whose home was struck by a stray shell and who captured three Confederate soldiers in the attic of a neighboring house.
Adam B. Deavor and Angeline Yingling were married December 16, 1840, at the bride's home in Coles' Valley, where Isaac Chilcoat now lives. The ceremony was to occur on Sunday, December 14, but was delayed by a snow 18 inches deep. On the 14th, father walked from Daniel Laidig's place on old State Road, over Sidling Hill mountain, past Anderson's saw mill, to the bride's home and back again — a distance of 40 miles. As the trip had to be repeated on Tuesday, December 16, James Stevens took him up in a sled drawn by 2 oxen. When they arrived, Jack Black and Ephraim Yingling came dragging a deer home on the snow. They all pronounced it the prettiest thing they ever saw. This furnished the meat for the nuptial feast. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Jared Young, who had been raised a Catholic, but was then pastor of the M.E. church. They were married at 10 a.m. After congratulations and a feast of venison, the bride and groom returned in the ox sled to Laidig's place and began housekeeping.

After three years at Laidig's place they went to Tommy Hose's place and stayed four years. In 1847, the year of the great flood, they moved to Waterfall and attend church at Tub Mill Gap, now called New Grenada. After one year, they moved up stream one-half mile, and stayed two years. The next move was to Bunker Hill, near Waterfall, where they remained a year or more. Six years were then spent on Jimmy Edward's place, where Charley Corbin afterward lived. From there they went to Billy Edward's place and stayed a year or more. Next they stopped two years at David Hefner's place. Realizing that "three moves are as bad as a fire," in 1859 he purchased 3 acres of land of David Hefner, at $18 per acre, and built the present home — the last he will need on earth. It was the last encampment in the earthly march of life, and from it mother, in 1880, ascended to her Father's house above. Their children are ten in number.

(1) Benjamin Alexander Lyon Deavor was born at Hose's place, Fulton County, May 7, 1843. Converted, he united with the M.E. Church at Clear Ridge in 1867. On September 29, 1864, he answered the call to defend his country, enlisted in the 58th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, Company A, and was honorably discharged June 12, 1865. On July 1, 1893, he joined the Gen Charles Albright Post 483 of the G.A.R. at Three Springs. He is a born mechanic, as his work everywhere will show, and has won wide reputation as shoemaker, carpenter, and millwright. With education, his genius and energy would have given him national reputation. His mill on Wooden Bridge Creek is not surpassed in the State. He is a Prohibitionist both in principle and practice, a fervent advocate of our public schools, and has honorably filled every office to which he has been elected. His wife, Nancy Elizabeth King, was born near West Dublin on June 11, 1847. They were married at the bride's home on November 13, 1866, by Rev. Andrew Spanogle. They lived one year at Lyon's place, then moved to Vincent Stevens' place, and soon after purchased land and built a home at Clear Ridge. They have three children.

- Ida Frances was born at Lyon's place in 1867 and married at Hollidaysburg in 1887 by Rev. C. Leesy to A.C.S. Heaton. They have 4 children: one dead; Harvey Lloyd, born in 1889; George Conrad, born in 1891; Eugene
Norman, born in 1893.
- William Edward was born at Clear Ridge in 1874.
- John Franklin was born at Clear Ridge in 1886.

(2) Rev. Ephraim Edward (Evans) Allen Deavor was born at Hoses' place, Fulton County, December 31, 1845. He was converted in Zion's church, near Waterfall, in October 1856 when only 11 years of age. His childhood ideas of being a school teacher and a preacher were soon realized. After leaving public schools, he taught with unusual success for several years. He was licensed to preach by Shireleysburg Quarterly Conference in 1865, entered Dickinson Seminary in 1866 and graduated in the Classical Course with the degree of A.B. in 1871. He entered the Central Pennsylvania Conference in 1872, and was ordained deacon in 1874 and elder in 1876. His appointments have been: Shrewsbury (1871-73), Fairview and Marysville (1873-76), Wrightsville (1876-79), Mercersburg (1879-80), Newton Hamilton (1880-83), Birmingham (1883-84), Shrewsbury (1884-85), Newport (1885-88), Wrightsville (1888-90), Newberry (1890-93), Emporium (1893-).

As a preacher he is preeminently original, possessing a genius of thought and delivery altogether his own. A Presiding Elder of more than average intelligence and honesty said that for intellectual equipment and general preaching ability, Dr. Ed Deavor had no superior in the Central Pennsylvania Conference. No interest of the church declines under his ministry, and revivals attend his labors in every field. His promotion is gradual, being based upon merit that compels recognition, and not upon any friend in the Council. In no other, member of the family is the spirit of self-reliance so prominent. What many have gotten by the assistance of others, he has won by bold strokes of his own. He is justly called the pioneer of self-education in his native county. He began a non-resident course of study in Illinois Wesleyan University in 1884, graduated in the College of Letters in 1885, and received the degree of Ph.D. in 1889. It is proper here to say, that he was the first member of his Conference to take a university post graduate course in connection with pastoral work, and the first but one in the State of Pennsylvania to obtain that honor and degree from that institution. His unremitting toil has born abundant fruit: about 1,200 souls have been converted; three churches and two parsonages have been built or repaired at a cost of $12,000, and nearly $4,000 has been raised for missions and benevolences.

He was married near Chewsville MD on November 11, 1874, by Rev. Jacob L. Grimm to Miss Sue Stotler. His esteemed wife was born near Williamsport MD on July 21, 1849. Though for years afflicted, she graces her station in life with all

30 Jacob Luther Grimm (1842-1905) was the United Brethren pastor 1873-75 at Chewsville, where the Stotler family held prominent position. The Deavor-Stotler union further illustrates the Methodist-United Brethren connections that have already been noted. The Grimm family was also ecumenical in spirit – as illustrated Jacob Grimm’s middle name and the name of his two brothers, who were also United Brethren pastors: William Otterbein Grimm (1837-1896) and John Wesley Grimm (1839-1921).
the perfections of a refined Christian wife and mother. They have been blessed with three children,

- Orlando Guy Livingstone was born in Wrightsville October 6, 1876, and died March 14, 1877. He is buried at Fairview Cemetery in Wrightsville.
- Elsie Ray was born in Wrightsville in 1879.
- Josie Pearl was born in Newton Hamilton in 1882.

(3) Mary Ann Elizabeth Taylor Deavor was born at New Grenada, July 31, 1848. She was married at Ephraim Yingling's on May 19, 1872, by Rev. John Mason to Andrew S. Chilcoat. Her husband is a farmer and was born June 12, 1850. He served 21 months in the Civil War, taking active part in the battle of the Wilderness and many other engagements. She was converted at twelve and he at twenty-one years of age. Both joined the M.E. Church, and later the U.B. Church. Their lives are a powerful demonstration of godliness. Many believe that he was called to preach. They live in Coles' Valley and have four children.

- Jessie Allen was born in 1875.
- Howard was born in 1877 and lost an arm in 1880.
- Dellie Elizabeth was born in 1880.
- Joseph A. was born in 1882.

(4) Sarah Ellen Roles Deavor was born at Bunker Hill, Franklin County, on April 5, 1851. She was married at her home on May 8, 1872, by Rev. Benjamin Speck (who came at her call amid torrents of rain) to Michael Laidig. Her husband comes from a family noted for thrift and industry, and was born July 16, 1852. Both were converted when young and are members of the M.E. Church. In piety and evenness of disposition she resembles her mother. He farmed until the spring of 1893, when he began mercantile business at Laidig, Fulton County, in which his success is very promising. They have three children.

- Andrew died in infancy and is buried in cemetery on Daniel Rinehart's farm.
- Edward Arlington was born in 1878.
- Elsie Del Ray was born in 1884.

(5) Rev. Joseph Walter Dyke Deavor was born at Jimmy Edwards' place on May 31, 1853. Like many others he pressed his way against strong difficulties and won more than local success as a teacher. He was graduated from Shippensburg State Normal School in 1875 and from the classical course in Dickinson Seminary in 1880. He graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University with the A.B. degree in 1889 and the Ph.D. degree in 1893. Converted in early life, he was licensed to preach by the McConnellsburg Quarterly Conference in 1877, received on trial in the Central Pennsylvania Conference in 1880, and ordained a deacon in 1881 and an elder in 1884. His appointments have been: Port Royal (1880-81), Robinsonville (1881-83), Orbisonia (1883-85), Mifflinville (1885-88), Northumberland (1888-91), Weatherly (1891-93), Mt. Holly Springs (1893-95), Shamokin Second Church (1895-).

He is a superior preacher, an able pastor, and his own evangelist. Every charge is left better than he found it. Under his ministry over 800 have professed conversion and over 700 have united with the M.E. Church. As a financier he is
second to none in his conference. At Robinsonville he repaired two churches; built one church at Orbisonia; built one and repaired two churches at Mifflinville; built a parsonage at Northumberland and one at Weatherly; and repaired a parsonage and two churches at Mt. Holly Springs. All this at a total cost of $10,200 – besides paying off old debts. He is now erecting a church in Shamokin which, when finished, will cost $20,000. In addition to all this he has raised over $3,000 for missions and benevolences.

He was married at Birmingham on March 9, 1884, by Rev. Dr. E.E.A. Deavor, to Miss Laura Belle McDowell of Newton Hamilton. She is a daughter of Walter and Julia McDowell and was born October 9, 1860, and joined the M.E. Church in 1879. She is an accomplished musician and vocalist, a devoted wife and mother, and she makes friends everywhere. They have two children.

- Verna Alice was born in 1885.
- Ruth Lee was born in 1889.

(6) Moleno Dell Ray Deavor, named after a Mexican battlefield, was born at Billy Edwards’ place on October 2, 1850. She has a common school education and has taught with merited success. In return Dellie not only attended mother in her last affliction, but has maintained the home for father ever since. W.C. McClain was born May 5, 1853, and both were converted and united with the M.E. Church in 1873. He is over 6 feet tall, weighs over 200 pounds, is a remarkable singer, and like Abraham is rich in the treasures of faith. Though raised a farmer, he is able to succeed anywhere. To father, he is all that any son could be. They have one child.

- Hazel Bird Alice was born August 25, 1892, and baptized by Rev. Allen Deavor, assisted by his brothers Joseph and Sherman, on August 10, 1893.

(7) James Asbury Collins Deavor was born at Hefner's place on April 29, 1859. In 1872 he was converted and united with the M.E. Church. Outgrowing affliction, he is now hale and weighs 180 pounds. Few men have endured equal hardship and exposure. He is conscientious to the minutest detail, and is never satisfied until he has done more than is expected of him. Had he supplemented his rare mechanical genius with college training, the best positions would have sought for him. The first twelve years of his life were spent at home. Beginning in 1872 he farmed five years for Peter Dyke; from '77 to '78, he farmed for James G. Lyon and pealed bark for William Moseby; in '78, he went to school from home; in '79, farmed nine months for J.B. Garver, of Harrisonville, and attended free school for the last of the year; in January of '81, he ran a flouring mill for O.E. Cook of Trough Creek; in August of '81, with me, he farmed for R.M. Cole of Broad Top; following this engagement, he lumbered a while; in '84, he was a carpenter; in '85, he ran a saw mill for B.A. Deavor; in '87, he drove team for Adam Black. His mechanical genius again asserted itself, and in '88 he assumed the duties of fireman for the Rock Hill Iron and Coal Company. As a reward of
his fidelity, in '91 he was promoted to the position of head engineer at Woodvale. We shall never forget our farming at Coles'—our frugal fare of flitch and beans, our rustic health, the hard work and the gay rides behind fast horses, are engraved in the memory. This was life, Jim, when we were boys, but "we shall henceforth return no more that way."

He was married at the home of Peter Dyke on April 11, 1887, by Rev. Dr. J.D.W. Deavor to Sadie E. Grove. She was born at Ft. Littleton on May 12, 1865. Having united with the M.E. Church in childhood, her piety has never been doubted. Her staying qualities make a devoted wife, a loving mother, and an enduring friend. They have three children.

- James Oscar Clarence was born in 1888.
- Joseph William Warren was born in 1891.
- Amon Elton Lloyd was born in 1893.

(8) Jacob Elmer Emmerson Ellsworth Deavor was born at the old homestead, March 8, 1862. He was married at the bride's home in Waterfall on October 23, 1883, by Rev. L.S. Crone to Maggie H. Berkstresser. Not inclined to education, he early learned the blacksmith trade with George Reihart. With education, he could have been a machinist of national reputation. Nothing leaves his hand without his mark of neatness and mechanical finish. His shop at Waterfall, like his work, is neat and perfect. I trust that time may yet place him in the position for which nature has fitted him. His wife, long and severely afflicted, is a helpmate indeed. Her many virtues win and hold many friends. A look into her house reveals the presence and attention of a queenly housewife. They have no children.

(9) Rev. William Tecumseh Sherman Deavor, the author of this book, was born at the old homestead on December 8, 1864. My brother B.A. Deavor sent my name home in a letter while in the War, in honor of General Sherman. After leaving public schools in 1882, I attended a select school at New Grenada, conducted by John Nicholson, and boarded at Waterfall with George Reihart (with whom brother Jacob learned his trade). In the fall of the same year I attended the County Normal at Ft. Littleton, taught by Supt. J.F. Barton. This term is memorable because John Miller, Judson Madden, and I boarded ourselves in a lime-stone shanty, carrying our provisions from three to eight miles. The same year we received our mandamus to teach. In 1883, under the same teacher, I attended a county Normal at Wells' Tannery. Here brother James and I boarded ourselves in Mr. Wishart's house, carrying our provisions from home, over Sidling Hill mountain, a distance of 6 to 9 miles. This was James's last term. In 1884 I attended school at Orbisonia, conducted by Prof. Scheetz, and boarded with my brother, J.D.W. Deavor, then pastor there. In 1885 I again attended the county Normal in McConnellsburg, conducted by Profs. B.W. Peck and J.F. Barton. The next move was to Bloomsburg State Normal, where I graduated June 24, 1880. In view of the ministry, I entered Williamsport Dickinson Seminary and graduated in the Latin-Scientific course with the degree of B.S. in 1888. Feeling the need of a more extended courses, in '89, after satisfying the under-
graduate requirements in Allegheny College, I began a three years' Post Graduate course in "Theism and Christianity," and was graduated with the degree of Ph.D. on June 30, 1892. The labors in this profession bear the following record: Clear Ridge, Dublin Township (1883); Clear Ridge, Taylor Township (1884); Principal of Mifflinville Schools, Columbia County (1885); Yost's School, Conyngham Township, Luzerne County (1886); Assistant Professor of Mathematics, St John's College, Annapolis, MD (1887). During this time I read the four years' course required by the C.L.S.C, and earned two seals.

I was convicted at Hartman Chapel under the preaching of my brother, Rev. J.D.W. Deavor, in October of 1881. His theme was the parable of the pounds — "Occupy till I come" — I shall never forget it. The following day while digging potatoes I experienced the consciousness of my sins forgiven. I was licensed to preach by the Mifflinville Quarterly Conference in 1886 and admitted on trial in the Central Pennsylvania Conference in 1888, and appointed to Schloyersville Charge. Rev. George B. Cooper, a fellow student, supplied my work until I graduated in June at the Seminary. In 1889, I was appointed to Nescopeck, Rev. Cooper also being my predecessor there. Amid powerful opposition we built a fine brick church costing $7,000. In 1890, I was ordained a deacon by and re-appointed to Nescopek – where a great revival strengthened and unified the church. In 1891, I was appointed to Silver Brook. In 1892, I was ordained an elder and re-appointed to Silver Brook. During these years over 100 souls were converted, $5,000 was raised for church building and parsonage repairs, and $350 was raised for missions and benevolences. After 18 weeks of revival services on my first charge, I was prostrated with pneumonia and sciatic rheumatism, the effects of which, in 1892, compelled me to temporarily relinquish the pastorate and accept a professorship in St. John's College, Annapolis MD, which position I hold at the present time. The conference year at Silver Brook was completed by Rev. H.W. Newman.

31 Schloyersville is in Luzerne County, between Nescopeck and Wapwallopen. The charge was later called the Wapwallopen charge. In 1888 the charge had 4 church buildings: Schloyersville (erected in 1883, sold to cemetery association in 1955), Powder Glen (erected in 1887, dismantled in 1926 and moved to Rippletown, where the congregation had been meeting in a school house), Stairville and Slocum. When the charge was discontinued in 1929, Schloyersville was no longer active and the other churches were placed in the Wyoming Conference: Slocum was placed with West Nanticoke; Stairville was place with Wanamie and Alden; Rippletown was renamed Albert and placed with Mountaintop.

32 The story of George B. Cooper is told in article that follows, A Life Ruined Among Saving Influences, also by W.T.S. Deavor.

33 Silver Brook is in the northeast corner of Schuylkill County, three miles due south of McAdoo. It was an appointment without a church building or a parsonage, listed for the first time in 1889 and supplied by various means until Deavor became the first ordained pastor to serve there under appointment in 1891. A report in the 1894 journal, page 59, discusses the need for a building there. An appointment was made each year until 1902, when Silver Brook reported a membership of 13 and disappears from all future reports. The village is now in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.
I was married January 22, 1891, at the Northumberland M.E. parsonage by Rev. J.D.W. Deavor, assisted by Rev. E.E.A. Deavor, to Katie Totten. My wife is a daughter of Martha and Lewis Totten, and was born in Wapwallopen, January 22, 1871. She was baptized by Rev. R.E. Armstrong, converted in my first revival at Powder Glen in October 1888, and united with the M.E. Church. We have one child.

- Randolph Foster Deavor was born June 6, 1892, in Silver Brook, and baptized in Weatherly September 21, 1892, by Rev. J.D.W. Deavor. When only two years old, he drew people, birds, animals and other objects with marvelous rapidity and accuracy – and he survived scarlet fever before he was three years old. We predict a bright future, and keenly feel our responsibility. May God help us to train his boy.

(10) Tennyson Loraine Deavor was born at the old homestead, January 10, 1869. He and I grew up together, and being the last to leave home our love for each other may well be imagined. We graduated at Pleasant Grove, learning our lessons by the light of pineknots gathered on our way home from school. The last year thus spent under the tuition of S.W. Kirk laid deep and wide the foundation for our education. When he was thirteen years I left home, and the associations were not renewed till four years later, when we met as students in Dickinson Seminary. In 1886 he attended the County Normal School in McConnellsburg conducted by Prof. B.A.V. Peck; in 1888, he spent one term at Dickinson Seminary; in 1890 he entered Bloomsburg State Normal School, and graduated with honors in in 1892. In 1894 he entered the medical department of Syracuse University.

As would be expected, his teaching met with entire success. In 1887 he taught the Schweppenheiser School near Mifflinville, Columbia County; in 1888, at Powder Glen; in 1892, at Bloomsburg State Normal School, his Alma Mater. In 1893, he was appointed by the Civil Service Commission as an instructor in the Carlisle Indian School, beginning his work after a year of very nigh fatal illness caused by overwork in the State Normal School. He wrought with equal success along other lines. In 1881 he was an agent for the Grand Union Tea Company, and later was bookkeeper for the Silver Brook Supply Company in Silver Brook PA.

He was converted at Centre, on the Fort Littleton charge, in 1886, and received into full membership by me at Powder Glen on November 6, 1888. Like Enoch, he has a rich testimony. As a teacher his success was already guaranteed. His talents predict high literary rank, and his writings exhibit remarkable poetical genius – as his poem read at the Reunion in 1893 will indicate. If his health is equal to his ambition, the world will hear of him, and invite him to sit with her honored men.

9. Hannah Deavor was born in Trough Creek February 27, 1819. She was converted and joined Mt. Pleasant M.E. Church at the age of 7 years. She was married December 4, 1845, by Rev. J.M. Greene to Peter Dyke, a son of
Philip and Elizabeth Dyke. Peter was born in Bellefonte PA November 18, 1818. He was converted and united with the M.E. Church in 1840 and has taken the Christian Advocate and maintained the family altar ever since. For most of this time he has been a class leader. The home is positively Christian and has ever been a "Wayside Inn" for preachers. His success as a farmer is far above the average, though he did most of this work with one horse. Both are domestic in habit and conservative in principle. They always retire at 9 p.m., and until 1890 did all their cooking in the old fire place. After a few years on the "Owl Hollow" place, he bought land of Evan Huston, cleared it, and built his present home. For fruit, it is not surpassed in the county. Here they live and here they will die. The large place they fill in our hearts cannot be determined until they are gone, when there is nothing to cheer the loneliness which will then be well nigh intolerable.

The Three Ministerial Deavor Brothers

Edward E.A. Deavor  
(1845-1923)

Joseph D.W. Deavor  
(1853-1935)

William T.S. Deavor  
(1864-1898)