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Document: *Recollections of Mary Welsh (original notes)*

Transcription:

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Notes taken by Emilie Benson Welsh (Mrs B.C.) as told by Mary Young Welsh, her sister-in-law as they sat on piazza 552 Chestnut St Columbia, Pa. the last time in June 1925 2 years before Mary died — (April 1927

Notes of Mary Y. Welsh

The Welsh family must have been connected with those of that name in Phila as his ancestors of Scotch Irish stock came to Pa via Phila—Chester at[?] Christiana

His father d & was buried in

Mother d & b in Col Cemetery, Locust Street headstone, red slate, in back righthand Corner — description so worn as not to be legible —

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After Gen Welsh returned from the Mexican War he had a horse named "Jerry" who was the pride of every Townsman Jerry was a large horse, high spirited and proud — and resented any attempt to torment or play with him — Often [After?] when some man at whose hands jerry had suffered some trickery, attempted to ride him Jerry would cavort about and at the desired time kick his heels up & throw the rider high in the air— He would deliberately show a spirit of [illegible] of[?][illegible] before all else but his master, but when General Welsh would hobble up with 2 canes, suffering from his Mexican wounds, Jerry would slowly kneel down so Gen Welsh could Easily mount & then walk slowly & gently[?] off as though to safely & carefully carry his wounded master — or to his lace at the head of a

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parade—

Gen Welsh was always Chief Marshall of the Columbia local parades.

Jerry" carried Gen Welsh all through the Civil War—though he was never ridden in Battle —the men made a pet of the horse & frequently Jerry as though a self constituted General would scamper off at the head of a group of horses & be gone for a whole day returning at their head as though a Conquering hero —

Jerry outlived Gen Welsh & was cared for by men of the 45th Pa. V. until his death at Columbia —



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[page 4, written over a printed wedding invitation (see Note 2)]

"Jerry" was a Bay Colored horse Gen Welsh rode in Civil War.

General Thomas Welsh Never went school after 12 years old

After father died he went to Uncle in Ky.

Came to Columbia after Mexican War wounded[?] at ____ had been appointed a Lt. in 11th US Infantry — but resigned after meeting Nancy Young & became a merchant with Extensive business & store at Canal Locks above bridge in Columbia

Command at Knoxville many festivities in command of post - given in his honor given in honor —

Blind in one eye fell on piece of Glass [illegible] said he could see [missing]

[transcribed by Rick Wiggin, 2016.]

Analysis: Wiggin

Notes:

1. The top part of page 1 appears to be in the hand of Blanton C. Welsh. Then, below what appears to be a fold, and beginning with "The Welsh family must have been...", the writing appears to be in a different hand, presumably that of Emilie Benson Welsh.

2. The wedding invitation on page 4 reads:

*Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Heckel
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Mary Louise
to
Mr. Henry M. Bruner
on Thursday evening, June the twenty-fifth
at half after seven o'clock
First Methodist Episcopal Church
Columbia, Pennsylvania*

Scope and Content:

Various notes of and about the Welsh family recorded by Emilie Benson Welsh, wife of Blanton Welsh, as told to her by Mary Young Welsh, sister of Blanton Welsh as they sat on the piazza at 552 Chestnut St., Columbia, Pa. Discusses ancestry of the family, military record of Thomas Welsh, and his horse, "Jerry." Note: The top part of page 1 appears to be in the hand of Blanton C. Welsh; remainder of writing appears to be in a different hand, presumably that of Emilie Benson Welsh.



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