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Told to her sister-in-law Mrs Blanton C. Welsh

Notes of Mary Y. Welsh, daughter, regarding General Welsh her Father

His Father and Mother, Charles Welsh and Nancy Ann Dougherty buried in old Cemetery (Mount Bethel) in Columbia Locust and . Headstone of red slate in back right corner.

The inscription is so worn as not to be legible.

Thomas never went to school after 12 years old.

Went to Uncle in Kentucky.

He came back to Columbia after the Mexican War very badly wounded

Appointed a Lieutenant in the 11th U.S. Infantry but resigned after meeting Nancy Young and became a merchant with business and stores at Canal Locks above bridge in Columbia.

In command of Post at Knoxville there wery [were] many festivities given in his honor.

Blind in one eye (he fell on piece of Glass when young and cut eye. His men said he could see more with one eye than anyone with two eyes.

After he returned from the Mexican war he had a horse named Jerry a bay colored horse he later rode in the Civil War. Jerry was the pride of every Townsman. He was a large horse, high spirited and proud and resented any attempt to torment or play with him. After [Often?] 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 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

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so General Welsh could easily mount & then walk slowly and quietly off as though to safely & carefully carry his wounded master — or to his place at the head of a parade.

General 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 out lived Gen. Welsh and was cared for by men of the 45th Pa volunteers until his death at Columbia.



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The family must have been connected with those of that name in Phila. as his ancestry of Scotch Irish Stock came to Pa. via Phila chester or christiana

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This appears to be a transcription of original notes (see TW-E-25-02), probably by Blanton C. Welsh, sometime after April 1927

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: This appears to be a transcription of the original notes (see MG0828 SeriesE F01), probably by Blanton C. Welsh.

