

# SONS OF LANCASTER COUNTY WHO WON CONGRESSIONAL HONORS AT HOME AND ELSEWHERE

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At a meeting of The Lancaster County Historical Society on Friday evening, March 7th, 1930, the late Hon. Augustus G. Seyfert presented a paper on the men who have represented Lancaster county in the Congress of the United States. While making certain researches, I came across the names of several men, born in Lancaster county, who had represented other congressional districts in the United States; and knowing the interest our Society takes in the success of Lancaster's sons, whether here at home, in other parts of the United States, or in other lands, I have made an exhaustive examination of the subject and believe that in this paper I have presented the names of all Lancaster county born men who have been honored by election to Congress in districts other than our own.

## WILLIAM ADDAMS.

William Addams was born in Lancaster county, April 11th, 1777, and moved to Berks county, where, after serving as a member of the State Assembly, he was elected to Congress and served from March 4th, 1825, to March 4th, 1829. He died at Sinking Springs, Pa., May 30th, 1858.

## SYDENHAM ELNATHAN ANCONA.

Sydenham Elnathan Ancona was born near Lititz, Lancaster county, November 20th, 1824. He moved with his parents to Berks county in 1826; and in 1856 he removed to Reading, Pa. After teaching school for a few years, he was elected to Congress where he served from March 4th, 1861, to March 3rd, 1867. He had the honor of being a member of Congress when it was called in extra session by President Lincoln July 4th, 1861, to devise measures to suppress the Rebellion. In 1911, Mr. Ancona, then eighty-seven years of age, made a trip to Washington and was accorded a reception by Congress, which adjourned for ten minutes in his honor. The writer recalls that an account of this occasion appeared in the public press in 1911. Recently I wrote to William Tyler Page, clerk of the House, Washington, D. C., from whom I received a copy of the Congressional Record, of December 14th, 1911, and from which the following is quoted:

By the Speaker — "Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, there is no provision in the rules for what the Speaker is about to say or do, but I am certain that every member of the House will endorse it. There is present

on the floor of the House the Hon. S. E. Ancona, who served in the 37th, 38th and 39th congresses, and was present at the celebrated extraordinary session that was called on the 4th of July, 1861; and, as I understand, he is the only man now living who was in that House. He came from the celebrated Berks' district in Pennsylvania, one of the most famous districts in America, now represented by the Hon. John H. Rothermel; and I am certain that the members of the House will be glad to welcome him." (Applause).

By Mr. Rothermel—"Mr. Speaker, I move the House do now take a recess of five minutes, in order to meet my distinguished and honored predecessor."

By the Speaker—"Make it ten minutes."

By Mr. Rothermel—"Yes, make it ten minutes."

By the Speaker—"The gentleman from Pennsylvania moves that the House do now take a recess for ten minutes to meet the distinguished gentleman referred to."

The motion was agreed to, and thereupon the House stood in recess from 4:26 to 4:36 P. M.

Some weeks ago, in speaking to Mr. George W. Hensel, Jr., of Quarryville, I referred to this incident, and he stated that he remembered Mr. Ancona quite well. Mr. Ancona addressed a political meeting at Ephrata, about thirty years ago, which Mr. Hensel attended. Being a fluent and forceful speaker, his address was well received. He died June 20th, 1913, in his eighty-ninth year.

### SAMUEL ANDERSON.

Samuel Anderson was born in Middletown, which was then in Lancaster county, but is now in Dauphin county, Pa., in 1773. After studying medicine he began practicing in 1796; later, he entered the United States navy and in 1800 was promoted to the rank of surgeon. Shortly thereafter, he resigned and moved to Chester, Pa., where he resumed the practice of medicine. After having served in the State Assembly, he was elected to Congress, serving in the House from March 4th, 1827, to March 3rd, 1829. He died in Chester, Pa., January 17th, 1850.

### JAMES ARMSTRONG.

James Armstrong was born in Carlisle, which was then in Lancaster county, but is now in Cumberland county, Pa., August 29th, 1748,—one year prior to the erection of York county, and two years prior to the erection of Cumberland county. He was a medical officer in the Revolutionary War, and, after pursuing further medical studies in London, practiced at Carlisle where he was elected to Congress as a Federalist, serving from March 4th, 1793, to March 3rd, 1795. He died at Carlisle May 6th, 1828.

### DAVID BARD.

David Bard was born in that section of Lancaster county now known as "Carrols' Delight," in Adams county, in 1744. He graduated at Princeton in

1773, and studied theology. He was licensed to preach at Donegal Presbyterian church, in 1777. Later, he was a missionary in Virginia and the section west of the Alleghenies. Afterwards, he settled in Frankstown, now Hollidaysburg, Pa. He served in the 4th and 5th congresses, and was re-elected to the 8th and to the six successive congresses following. He died March 12th, 1815.

### SIMON CAMERON.

Simon Cameron was born in Maytown, Lancaster county, March 8th, 1799. He was elected United States senator in 1845 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. James Buchanan. He served in that position for a number of years. He was secretary of war in President Lincoln's cabinet from March 11th, 1861, to January 11th, 1862, when he resigned. His public services are too well known to require mention here. He died at his country estate, near Maytown, Pa., June 26th, 1889, and was buried at Harrisburg. He was a dominant figure in Pennsylvania politics, and, with his son, probably held political control of the State for a period of time greater than any other father and son in the country.

### WILLIAM CLARK.

William Clark was born February 18th, 1774, in that part of Lancaster county now comprised in Dauphin county. He served as captain of militia in Dauphin county soon after that county was erected. Later, he moved to Crawford county, Pa., where he became an associate judge. He took part in the War of 1812, and was on the flagship "Lawrence" in its first engagement with the British fleet on Lake Erie. He served as state treasurer of Pennsylvania from 1821 to 1827, and treasurer of the United States from June 4th, 1828, to November, 1829. Subsequently, he was elected to Congress, where he served from March 4th, 1833, to March 3rd, 1837. He died near Dauphin, Dauphin county, March 28th, 1851.

### EDWARD CROUCH.

Edward Crouch was born near Highspire, Lancaster county, now a part of Dauphin county, November 9th, 1764. He enlisted in the Revolutionary War, at the age of seventeen, and commanded a company in the Whiskey Insurrection in 1794. After serving as associate judge of Dauphin county, he was elected to Congress to fill a vacancy, and served from October 12th, 1813, to March 3rd, 1815. He died February 2nd, 1827.

### JOHN WESLEY DAVIS.

John Wesley Davis was born in New Holland, Lancaster county, April 16th, 1799, and, with his parents, moved to Cumberland county. He studied medicine, and was graduated from the Baltimore Medical College in 1821. He moved to Carlisle, Indiana, in 1823, and there practiced medicine. He was elected to the 24th Congress, where he served from March 4th, 1835, to March 3rd, 1837. He was re-elected to the 26th, the 28th and the 29th congresses, — the latter being the session of March 4th, 1845, to March 3rd, 1847. He

served as speaker of the House, Washington, D. C., in the 29th Congress. He was appointed as United States commissioner to China by President Polk and served from 1848 to 1851. He was governor of Oregon Territory, by appointment of President Pierce, in 1853 and 1854. He died at Carlisle, Ind., in 1859.

### AMOS ELLMAKER.

Amos Ellmaker was born at Walnut Bottom farm, Leacock township, Lancaster county, February 2nd, 1787. He was graduated from Princeton, studied law at Lancaster, moved to Harrisburg and was elected to the 14th Congress, but did not qualify, in view of a judicial appointment. He served as attorney general of Pennsylvania from 1816, to 1819. He declined an appointment as secretary of war, in the Monroe cabinet. He removed to Lancaster in 1821, where he resumed the practice of law. He again served as attorney general of the state in 1828-29. He was unsuccessful as a candidate for vice-president of the United States on the Anti-Masonic ticket in 1832. He died in Lancaster, November 28th, 1851, and was buried in St. James's Episcopal churchyard.

### JOHN GLONINGER.

John Gloninger was born in Lebanon township, Lancaster county, now a part of Lebanon county, September 19th, 1758. He served as a subaltern officer with Associators during the Revolutionary War, and, later, commanded a battalion of militia. Upon the organization of Lebanon county, he was appointed associate judge in 1813. He was elected to the 13th Congress, serving from March 4th, 1813, to August 2nd, 1813, when he resigned, being again appointed associate judge. He died at Lebanon, January 22nd, 1836.

### JOHN HARRIS.

John Harris, was born at Harris's Ferry, Lancaster county, now Harrisburg, Dauphin county, September 26th, 1760. He moved to Aurelias, New York, in 1789. He was elected to the 10th Congress. He died at Seneca Falls, New York, in November, 1824.

### ROBERT HARRIS.

Robert Harris, was born at Harris's Ferry, September 5th, 1768. After serving in many public capacities — such as surveyor for the road from Chambersburg to Pittsburgh; on improvements of the Susquehanna for navigation; a commissioner for choosing the location of the State capital on the Susquehanna; paymaster in the army during 1812; and a member of the party with John Fitch on his steamboat trial trip across the Delaware—he was elected to the 18th and 19th congresses, serving from March 4th, 1823, to March 3rd, 1827. He died at Harrisburg, September 3rd, 1851.

### THOMAS KITTERA.

Thomas Kittera was born in Lancaster, Pa., March 21st, 1789, son of John Wilkes Kittera, who was Lancaster's first congressman under the Fed-

eral government. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1805, and was admitted to the bar in 1808. He began the practice of law at Philadelphia. He was elected as a Federalist to the 19th Congress, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Joseph Hemphill, and served for the balance of the unexpired term—1826-27. He died in Philadelphia, June 16th, 1839.

#### GEORGE KREMER.

George Kremer was born at Middletown, Lancaster county, now Dauphin county, November 21st, 1775, and was admitted to the bar. He removed to Lewisburg, Pa., where he began the practice of law. He was elected to the 18th, 19th and 20th congresses and served from March 4th, 1823, to March 3rd, 1829. He died at Middleburg, Pa., September 11th, 1854.

#### CHRISTIAN LOWER.

Christian Lower was born in Tulpehocken township, Lancaster county, now a part of Berks county, January 7th, 1740. He worked as a blacksmith, and, later, became proprietor of an iron foundry. He was colonel of a battalion in 1775, and was elected to the 9th Congress. He died December 19th, 1806.

#### JOSEPH MONTGOMERY.

Joseph Montgomery was born at Paxtang, Lancaster county, now a part of Dauphin county, September 23rd, 1733. He was graduated from Princeton in 1755, and was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Philadelphia. After holding several pastorates, he became a member of the Continental Congress in 1783 and 1784. He died at Harrisburg, October 14th, 1794.

#### JOHN ALEXANDER MORRISON.

John Alexander Morrison was born in Colerain township, Lancaster county, January 31st, 1814, and was graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1837. He began the practice of medicine in Cochranville. He was elected to the 32nd Congress. He died July 25th, 1904, and was buried in Faggs Manor Presbyterian cemetery, Chester county, Pa.

#### HENRY AUGUSTUS PHILIP MUHLENBERG.

Henry Augustus Philip Muhlenberg was born in Lancaster, Pa., May 13th, 1782. He was the father of Henry Augustus Muhlenberg, and the nephew of John P. G. Muhlenberg. He was elected to the 21st and the four following congresses,—serving from March 4th, 1829, to the date of his resignation, February 9th, 1838. He was offered the position of secretary of the navy, in Van Buren's cabinet, and also that of minister to Russia, both of which he declined. He was, however, minister to Austria from February, 1838, to September, 1840; and was the Democratic candidate for governor of Pennsylvania in 1844. He died in Reading, August 11th, 1844, shortly prior to the gubernatorial election.

### AMOS MYERS.

Amos Myers was born at Petersburg, now East Petersburg, Lancaster county, on April 23rd, 1824. He graduated from Meadville College in 1843, was admitted to the bar in 1846, and began the practice of law at Clarion, Pa. He was elected to the 38th Congress, serving from March 4th, 1863, to March 3rd, 1865. Later, he moved to Kentucky and was ordained to the Baptist ministry. He preached there and also in Pennsylvania and New York. He died in Kent, New York, in 1893, and was buried in Indianapolis, Ind.

### JOHN PATTERSON.

John Patterson was born in Little Britain township, Lancaster county, February 10th, 1771. He moved with his parents to Patterson's mills, Washington county, Pa., in 1778. Later, he moved to St. Clairsville, Ohio, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits. He served as the first mayor of St. Clairsville in 1807-08, and was an associate judge of Belmont county, Ohio, from 1810 to 1815. He was elected to Congress where he served from March 4th, 1823, to March 3rd, 1825. He died at St. Clairsville, Ohio, February 7th, 1848.

### THOMAS PATTERSON.

Thomas Patterson, a half-brother of the above named John Patterson, was born in Little Britain township, Lancaster county, October 1st, 1764. He, too, went with his parents when they moved to Washington county, Pa., in 1778. He served as major general of the militia in the War of 1812, and was elected to the 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th congresses. He declined further renomination, and returned to his business of milling near Patterson's mills, where he died November 16th, 1841.

### DAVID RAMSAY.

David Ramsay was born in Drumore township, Lancaster county, April 2nd, 1749. He was graduated from the College of New Jersey, now Princeton University, in 1765, and from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1773. Shortly thereafter he moved to Charlestown, S. C., where he was a member of the House of Representatives from 1776 to 1783. He served as a surgeon during the Revolutionary War and became a member of the Continental Congress from 1782 to 1786, and served as its president *pro tem.* during his last term. He died at the hands of a maniac May 8th, 1815.

### NATHANIEL RAMSAY.

Nathaniel Ramsay, brother of David, was born in Lancaster county, May 1st, 1741. In 1767, he, like his brother, graduated from the College of New Jersey. He joined the Continental army in July, 1776, and was promoted to be a lieutenant colonel of the Third regiment of Maryland troops. He was at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777-78. In 1781, he retired from the army and practiced law in Cecil county, Maryland; and, later, in Baltimore. He was a member of the Continental Congress in 1785-1787. He died in Baltimore, October 23rd, 1817.

### LUTHER REILY.

Luther Reily was born in Myerstown, Lancaster county, now a part of Lebanon county, October 17th, 1794. After studying medicine he began its practice at Harrisburg. He served as a private in the War of 1812, and became a surgeon's mate during the latter part of the war. Later, he was elected to the 25th Congress, serving from March 4th, 1837, to March 3rd, 1839. He died at Harrisburg, February 20th, 1854.

### JOHN M. REYNOLDS.

John M. Reynolds was born near Quarryville, Lancaster county, March 5th, 1848. He was graduated from Pennsylvania State Normal School, Millersville, and later from Columbian University, Washington, D. C. He studied law and was admitted to the bar, practicing at Bedford, Pa. He was assistant secretary of the interior from 1893, to 1897, and was elected to the 59th, 60th, and 61st congresses, resigning January 17th, 1911, to accept the office of lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania.

### WILLIAM SMITH.

William Smith was born in Donegal township, Lancaster county, April 12th, 1728, and moved to Baltimore, May 1st, 1761. He was appointed a member of the Committee of Correspondence, in 1774, and of Observation, in 1775. He was a member of the Continental Congress in 1777-78, and also a member of a committee to address and receive General George Washington in 1781. Later, he served in the first Congress from 1789 to 1791, and was the first auditor of the United States treasury, where he served from July 16th, to November 27th, 1791. He died in Baltimore, March 27th, 1814.

### JAMES M. WALLACE.

James M. Wallace was born in Hanover township, Lancaster County, now a part of Dauphin county, in 1750. He was a member of Captain Brown's company in the Revolution, and later commanded a company in defence of the frontier. He was elected to the 14th Congress, to fill the vacancy caused by the declination of Amos Ellmaker to serve, and was re-elected to the 15th and 16th congresses. He died in West Hanover township, Dauphin county, December 17th, 1823.

### ROBERT WHITEHILL

Robert Whitehill was born in Pequea, Lancaster county, July 21st, 1738. His brother, John, represented Lancaster county in Congress from 1803, to 1807; and his nephew, James, represented the same district in 1813. Robert Whitehill purchased a large tract of land in Cumberland county, and settled on it. He was a member of the State Constitutional Convention that approved the Declaration of Independence in July, 1776. He served in the State Senate from 1801, to 1804; and, later, was elected to the 9th Congress and was re-elected to the 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th congresses. He died in Cumberland county, April 8th, 1813.

### JENKIN WHITESIDE

Jenkin Whiteside was born in Lancaster, Pa., in 1772. He studied law, and was admitted to the bar. He moved to Knoxville, Tennessee, where he began the practice of his profession. He was elected to the United States Senate in 1809, to fill a vacancy, was re-elected, and served until October 8th, 1811; when he resigned, and resumed the practice of law. He died in Nashville, Tenn., September 25th, 1822.

### HENRY WILSON

Henry Wilson was born in Lancaster county in 1778, in that part which is now a part of Dauphin county. He studied law, was admitted to the bar in 1812, and commenced to practice at Allentown, where he was elected to the 18th and 19th congresses. He died at Allentown, August 14th, 1826.

### STEPHEN FOWLER WILSON

Stephen Fowler Wilson was born in Columbia, Pa., September 4th, 1821. He studied law and was admitted to the bar. He was a member of the State Senate in 1863-1865, and a delegate to the Republican Convention at Baltimore, in 1864, when Lincoln was renominated. He served in the 39th and 40th congresses. He was appointed associate justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory of New Mexico, by President Arthur, in October, 1884. Later, he resumed the practice of law, at Wellsboro, Pa., where he died March 30th, 1897.

This concludes the list. Much might be said of the services of these sons of Lancaster county relative to the part they took in the shaping of legislation in the United States Senate and the House of Representatives, — particularly on the part of John Wesley Davis, the New Holland boy, who was elected speaker of the House December 1st, 1845, when the 29th Congress organized, and served as such during the first half of the Polk administration, when this country was at war with Mexico.

Lancaster county may well be proud of its sons who attained congressional and other honors.

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## A LOCALLY FAMOUS PAINTING

“THE STOCK REPORT — CORN IS UP.”

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER.

ON the north wall of W. B. Fenninger's restaurant, in the south-west angle of Penn square, Lancaster, is a large painting, seven by ten feet, depicting the interior of a country store.