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JOHN HANNUM (1777-1867) AND FAMILY

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[The following is excerpted and adapted from Genealogy of the Hannum Family, Descended from John and Margery Hannum, Settlers in Chester County, Pennsylvania, compiled by Curtis H. Hannum, published by Horace F. Temple, West Chester, Pa. in 1911.]

JOHN HANNUM was born on September, 18, 1777 in Concord Township, now Delaware County, Pennsylvania. He was descended from early colonial settlers in Concord Township. He died in 1867 in Coopertown, Haverford Township, Delaware County, and was buried at Lower Merion Baptist Church, Bryn Mawr, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. He married Susannah Keighler, born November 7, 1778, the daughter of John Keighler and _____ Widdows.

John and Susannah for a time resided in Haverford Township; their son James was bound to service with Abraham Levis, a farmer in Upper Darby Township, Delaware County when about nine years of age; and when about fifteen years of age his father visited him and remained with him overnight; in the morning when he bade him good-bye, he said to him, "You will never see me again," and he did not. James lived on one of the Levis farms all his life, and died highly respected. Children:

1. James Hannum, born December 24, 1799; died March 25, 1865; married Mary McLain.
2. William P. Hannum, born January 6, 1802; died March 11, 1834; married Sarah Sherrar.
3. George Washington Hannum, born April 30, 1804; died, it is said, about 1848; married Mary Emma Weir.
4. John K. Hannum (see below).

JOHN K. HANNUM was born on June 10, 1807, and died on August 15, 1884 in Coopertown, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. He was buried at the Marple Presbyterian Grave Yard, Marple Township, Delaware County.

He married, on August 21, 1831, in Philadelphia, Pa., Elizabeth Keller, born October 2, 1810, in Philadelphia. She was the daughter of John K. Keller and Maria Fultz, of Philadelphia. Maria was born in Germany.

John K. Hannum was a blacksmith at Coopertown. Following his death, Mrs. Hannum resided with her son, Penrose D., at Bryn Mawr, Montgomery County. Children, all born at Coopertown, sometimes spoken of as Coreze, from the name of the Post Office located there:

1. Alary Jane Hannum, born on December 15, 1832; died on December 4, 1884 in Philadelphia. She married, on June 9, 1855, in Philadelphia, Newberry Bright, who was born on June 22, 1825 in Philadelphia and died on August 13, 1872 in Philadelphia.
2. Catharine (Kate) E. Hannum, born on April 13, 1834; married March 22, 1866, in Bryn Mawr, Jacob W.

Danley (his second marriage), born on October 15, 1822, in Haverford Township, the son of John Danley and Catharine Wilfong, of Haverford Township.

3. William K. Hannum (see below).

4. Isaac Smith Hannum, born on January 25, 1839; died on April 14, 1866, in Coopertown; unmarried. He was a butcher He was buried at Marple Presbyterian Grave Yard.

5. John K. Hannum, born on February 24, 1841; he was married and moved to Franklin, Venango County, Pennsylvania.

6. Charles H. Hannum, born on July 3, 1843; died on December 29, 1843, in Coopertown. He was buried at Lower Merion Baptist Church, Bryn Mawr.

WILLIAM K. HANNUM was born on September 21, 1836, died in 1913. On August 27, 1875 in Chester, Delaware County, he married Catharine Courtney. She was born on September 23, 1852, in Marple Township, died in 1915. William and Catherine were both buried at Marple Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Broomall. She was the daughter of John Courtney and Sarah Kittinger of Bryn Mawr. William was a butcher residing at Coopertown (postal address Coreze), Pa. He was a member of Company D, Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, being mustered into service July 30th, 1861, for three years, and discharged on surgeon's certificate. Children, born at Coopertown:

1. Clara R. Hannum, born on October 24, 1878.

2. Elizabeth "Bessie" Hannum, born on February 19, 1882, died in 1964. She did not marry and was buried at Marple Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

3. Edith P. Hannum (see below).

4. William George Hannum, born on September 4, 1888.

EDITH P. HANNUM, born on November 26, 1885; died on April 1, 1979; buried at Marple Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Broomall. Edith did not marry. She was the first woman to be elected as a township commissioner in Pennsylvania, and served as such for 47 years. She was also a founder of the Haverford Township Free Library, and served as its first director from 1938 to 1968 (see separate article.)

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