



# Haverford Township Historical Society



## WILLIAM FRAZER HORTON (1869-19xx) AND FAMILY

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**WILLIAM FRAZER HORTON**, an intelligent, successful and highly respected citizen of Llanerch, where he has resided for many years, winning for himself the confidence and respect of his fellow townsmen by his integrity of character and the honorable manner in which he conducts his business affairs, is a native of Radnor township, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, born February 28, 1869, a descendant on the paternal side of an English ancestry and on the maternal of a Welsh ancestry.

**JOHN HORTON**, grandfather of William F. Horton, was born in England, from whence he came to this country in young manhood accompanied by his two brothers, one of whom located in New York, the other in the west, and he in Delaware county, Pennsylvania, settling on a farm consisting of one hundred and ten acres located in Newtown township, where he spent the remainder of his days. He served in local offices, being elected on the Republican ticket, was a member of St. David's Episcopal Church, as was also his wife, and their remains were interred in the graveyard connected therewith. He was a soldier of the war of 1812. He married Jane C. Lindsay, who bore him four sons and three daughters, as follows:

1. Andrew Horton,
2. Harry Horton,
3. Bernard V. Horton,
4. Samuel Horton,
5. Elizabeth Horton,
6. Mary Horton,
7. Christianna Horton.

All are deceased but Samuel, who resides in Norristown, Pennsylvania, retired from active pursuits.

**BERNARD V. HORTON**, father of William F. Horton, was born in Newtown township, Delaware county, Pennsylvania. He was brought up in that township, attended the common schools of the neighborhood, and upon attaining manhood inherited a portion of the homestead on which he conducted his farming operations, which proved highly successful. Later he moved to Radnor township, where he continued his farming operations, and subsequently moved to Haverford township, purchasing a farm on Westchester Road, which he cultivated and worked, and there his death occurred in the year 1894. He took an active interest in the Republican party, and both he and his wife were consistent members of St. David's Episcopal Church. During the civil war he enlisted for a period of three years, but only served for about three months, owing to the cessation of hostilities. He married Hannah Green, born in Newtown township, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, daughter of William Frazer Green and Lydia Green, who were the parents of seven children: Rebecca Green, Rachel Green, Hannah Green, Jennie Green, Mary Green,

Elizabeth Green, and Lewis Green; Jennie and Mary being the only surviving members of the family at the present time (1913). William F. Green was born in Pennsylvania, and after his marriage to Lydia, who was born in Wales, having been brought to the United States in early life by her parents, settled in Newtown township, where he was the owner of a small farm, which he cultivated, and also followed his trade of butcher, from which he derived a good livelihood. He remained there until his death, leading a quiet and peaceful life. Mr. and Mrs. Horton had two children:

1. William Frazer Horton, of whom further,
2. Jennie Horton, married Franklin Gettz, son of Charles W. Gettz, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work, and they reside in Marple township.

**WILLIAM F. HORTON** obtained an excellent education by attendance at the Radnor township schools, the Marple township pay schools and Pierce's Business College. He assisted his father in his labors until he was about twenty-six years of age, and then engaged in business on his own account, establishing a milk route, and about the year 1900 he took up his residence in Llanerch and has conducted a city milk route ever since, his patronage increasing year by year, owing to the excellent quality of his product and the prompt service they receive. Upon his removal to Llanerch he erected a substantial house on the Coopertown [now called Darby] Road, which he still occupies, and which is equipped with everything needful for the comfort and well being of his family. He casts his vote for the candidates of the Republican party, the principles of which he fully approves, and has attained high rank in the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Cassia Lodge, No. 273; Montgomery Chapter, No. 262; St. John's Commandery, and Lulu Temple.

Mr. Horton married, November 14, 1900, Margaret Gettz, daughter of David Gettz.

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