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## **HENRY LAWRENCE (1763-1810)** **THOMAS D. LAWRENCE (1800-1885)**

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**HENRY LAWRENCE** was born 8 mo., 26, 1763. He was a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where for many years he engaged in mercantile business which proved very successful. Later he purchased considerable land in Haverford and Marple townships, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, selecting the former named township for his residence. In 1795, Mr. Lawrence married Mary Pennell, a daughter of William and Mary Pennell, and three children were born to them:

1. William Lawrence, a resident of Philadelphia, where he is engaged as a banker;
2. Thomas D. Lawrence (see below);
3. Mordecai Lawrence.

Upon the death of Henry Lawrence, which occurred at his home in Haverford township, 10 mo., 11, 1810, his property was equally divided between his three sons. His widow, Mary (Pennell) Lawrence, subsequently became the wife of Reese Heacock; her death occurred 8 mo., 6, 1860.

**THOMAS D. LAWRENCE**, deceased second son of Henry and Mary Lawrence, for many years was a progressive and prosperous agriculturist of Haverford township, Delaware county, Pennsylvania. His birth occurred in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 6 mo., 24, 1800. He was a man of honorable business principles, his name having been synonymous with truth and integrity. After completing his education, he made good use of the land he inherited from his father. He became thoroughly proficient in that line of industry and his highly cultivated fields and substantial out buildings gave ample proof of his thrift and careful management. He was of Quaker descent and a prominent member of the Society of Friends. He was a man of strong political opinions, and an active member of the Republican party.

Mr. Lawrence was united in marriage to Mary A. Lewis, daughter of Jesse and Amelia (Speakman) Lewis, and the following named children were born to them:

1. Amelia Lawrence, born 7 mo., 24, 1826, died 3 mo., 29, 1898;
2. Henry Lawrence, born 3 mo., 28, 1827;
3. William Lawrence, born 11mo., 16, 1828, married Jane Koause [sic], and they are the parents of one daughter, Anna Mary Lawrence;
4. Clement Lawrence, born 9 mo., 8, 1830, married Eliza Stanley, and their children are: Martha Emily Lawrence, Irene Lawrence, and William Stanley Lawrence;
5. Abraham Lawrence, born 8 mo., 15, 1832, died in 1853;
6. Thomas Lawrence, born 5 mo., 4, 1834, died 11 mo., 6. 1859;
7. Mary Lavinia Lawrence, born 11l mo., 27, 1838, died 8 mo., 2, 1892;

8. Jesse Lewis Lawrence, born 12 mo., 22, 1840;
9. Mordecai Lawrence, born 5 mo., 7, 1842;
10. Elizabeth Lawrence, born 2 mo., 2, 1845.

Thomas D. Lawrence, the father of these children, died 5 mo., 13, 1885, and his wife, Mary Ann (Lewis) Lawrence, passed away 12 mo., 12, 1861.

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