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MARIS W. LEEDOM (1825-1873) AND FAMILY

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[The Leedom family name pervades the history of Haverford Township, as well as surrounding areas and more distant areas. These biographies concentrate on those Leedom who resided in, or otherwise contributed to, the township's history.]

MARIS W. LEEDOM was born to Joseph B. Leedom and Mary Maris (Worrall) Leedom on June 10, 1825 in Springfield Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania and died April 8, 1873 (at age 47) in Haverford. He was a miller at the New Haverford Mill on Darby Creek. On June 19, 1855 he married in New York Elvira Matilda Clark (born April 4, 1827 in Chester County, died July 11 1889), daughter of Hayes Clark and Sarah Coates Clark. Maris and Elvira were both buried at the Old Haverford Friends Burial Ground. Their children were as follows:

1. Henry Ridgeway Leedom, born about April 1856, died as an infant July 20, 1856 in Haverford.
2. Sarah Clarke Leedom, born January 24, 1858, died July 20, 1900 at age 42. She married Henry William Lobb (1849-1917) on August 11, 1888 in Marple Township. Sarah and Henry had six children, generally in Springfield Township. , and both were buried at the Old Haverford Friends Burial Ground.
3. Ridgeway Leedom, born September 9, 1859. He married Mary Sauter on August 9, 1880; 7 children.
4. Mary A. Leedom, born March 21, 1863, died December 9, 1939. She married Benjamin Hayes Smith Anderson. (See separate biography of Dr. Benjamin Smith Anderson and Family.)
5. Ella [or Elvira] M. Leedom, born February 2, 1873 in Leedom's Mills, Delaware County. On April 18, 1895 she married Samuel L. Pancoast (born 1869 in Springfield Township, died 1935, buried at Old Haverford Friends Burial Ground). They had five children.

[For more genealogical information on the descendants of Samuel Leedom and Hannah Staats, see "Scott and Kathryn (Leedom) Ives Genealogy" (Samuel Leedom and Hannah Staats page) on Rootsweb at http://homepages.ancestry.com/~ski/katie/family_pages/john_leedom_3samuel.html#c11424.]

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