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LEVI LUKENS (ca.1765-ca.1820) AND FAMILY

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The Lukens family is one of the old and substantial ones of Pennsylvania, and numbers among its representatives some of the leading lights of the state.

LEVI LUKENS came to Delaware county from Plymouth, Montgomery county. He embarked in the business of tanning and currying on the Seller's property on West Chester road, which he carried on for many years. He then bought the Ashurst property on the [Township] Line road, and operated it as a farm. Levi Lukens married Mary Jones [on April 17, 1787 at Haverford Meeting House], and they had a family of thirteen children, as follows:

1. Elizabeth Lukens, born 8 mo., 3, 1788, married Townsend Cooper and their children are Joseph Cooper, Sarah Cooper, Levi Cooper, Mary Cooper and Joanna H. Cooper;
2. Sarah Lukens, born 3 mo., 4, 1790, married Benjamin Pauling and their children are Jesse Pauling, Elizabeth Pauling, Maggie Pauling and Mary Pauling, who lived to quite an old age;
3. Nathan Lukens, born 11 mo., 27, 1791 [in Haverford township, died July 31, 1868], married Sarah Naylor Lincoln and two children were born to them – Levi Lukens and Elizabeth Lukens;
4. Ann Lukens, born 1 mo., 26, 1794;
5. Hannah Lukens, born 12 mo., 25, 1795, married William Bryan and they are the parents of three children –Elizabeth Bryan, Mary Ann Bryan and Lewis Bryan;
6. Norris Lukens, born 6 mo., 26, 1798, was unmarried and died in an accident;
7. Margaret Lukens, born 4 mo., 5, 1800, became the wife of Jehu Jones, no issue;
8. Clement Lukens, born 3 mo., 31, 1802, married Pauline ----, no issue;
9. Lewis Lukens, born 3 mo., 15, 1804, married Ann Smith and they were the parents of three children -- Norris Jones Lukens, Elizabeth Moore Lukens and Mary Jane Likens;
10. Gibson I. Lukens, born 3 mo., 2, 1807;
11. Mary R. Lukens, born 5 mo., 15, 1809, became the wife of Townsend Cooper, who was formerly the husband of her deceased sister, Elizabeth; they were the parents of six children, four of whom died when but a few weeks old, and the surviving members of the family were – Elizabeth Cooper and Margaret Cooper;
12. Sarah Lukens, born 1 mo., 20, 1811; it is hardly probable that this daughter was named Sarah, as the first Sarah was yet living;
13. Abraham Lukens, born 4 mo., 11, 1814.

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