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STEVEN MENDENHALL TRIMBLE (1810-1898)

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STEPHEN MENDENHALL TRIMBLE, second son of Samuel Trimble and Rebecca (Mendenhall) Trimble, was born at Concord Hill, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, in 1810, died in 1898. He was educated in the Friends schools at Concord and at Westtown, and remained at the home farm until 1834, when he moved to Haverford, where he spent six years on the Haverford College farm. In 1840 he purchased a farm in Chester township, Delaware, which he cultivated until his death. He was an Orthodox Friend as was his wife, and in political faith he was a Republican. He was an excellent farmer, thorough in his methods and caused the earth to produce bountifully. He was a man of high character and one held in high esteem both within and without the Meeting.

He married 11 mo. 9, 1836, Lydia Sharpless, born 1 mo. 2, 1812, daughter of John Sharpless. Children:

1. John Trimble, born in Haverford 5 mo. 6, 1838, died 7 mo. 31, 1886, unmarried. He was a farmer and "an esteemed member and overseer of Concord Monthly Meeting."
2. Rebecca Trimble, born in Chester township, 5 mo. 22, 1840, married 3 mo. 3, 1869, Samuel Bennington and moved to Wayne county, Iowa.
3. Dr. Samuel Trimble, born 2 mo. 26, 1843, graduate M. D. University of Pennsylvania, a practicing physician of Lima, Delaware county. He married, in 1870, Mary L. Evans: children: Joseph Evans Trimble; John Trimble; Grace Trimble, died in infancy; and George Martin Trimble.
4. George Trimble, born 7 mo. 12, 1845, died in 1889, unmarried.
5. William Trimble, born 8 mo. 19, 1847, succeeded his brother, John, at the homestead of their grandfather Trimble, near Concord. He married in Concord Meeting, 5 mo. 4, 1887, Jane Mendenhall, born 2 mo. 19, 1847, daughter of Jacob H. Mendenhall and Hannah W. (Newlin) Mendenhall.
6. Ann Trimble, born 1 mo. 25, 1851, now residing at Moylan, Delaware county, unmarried.
7. Henry Trimble, born 5 mo., 22, 1853, died in 1898. He was a graduate of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, class of 1876, elected professor of analytical chemistry at the college in 1883, having previously, 1876 to 1878, spent two years in special study of chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania. He married at Moorestown, New Jersey, Mary T. Warrington, daughter of Seth Warrington and Martha Newlin (Jenkins) Warrington: daughters: Martha Warrington Trimble, Ruth A. Trimble and Alice Trimble.
8. Ruth Anna Trimble, born 9 mo. 8, 1855, died 2 mo. 27, 1876, unmarried.
9. Joseph Trimble, born 7 mo. 12, 1857, now residing on the paternal homestead in Chester township.

Lydia (Sharpless) Trimble, mother of the foregoing, was a daughter of John Sharpless, born 9 mo. 31, 1778, died 3 mo. 12, 1854.

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