



Haverford Township Historical Society



JAMES WILLIAMSON (1810-1893) **GEORGE C. WILLIAMSON (1848-1919)**

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The first members of the Williamson family of whom we have direct information were James and Patience (Gray) Williamson. They were descendants of the Quakers who settled in Delaware county and to whom the prosperity of the county is chiefly due. Patience died on September 28, 1814, aged 75 years. James and Patience Williamson had two children:

1. Mary Williamson, who married Davis Heacock, a native of Indiana
2. James Williamson (see below)

JAMES WILLIAMSON was born 4 mo., 11, 1810, learned the trades of wheelwright and millwright, and followed these callings for a number of years. After he had acquired a competence, he bought property in Haverford, where he built a residence in 1876, and engaged in the cultivation of the land he had purchased, residing there for the remainder of his life. The superior judgment he displayed in the management of his own affairs attracted the attention of his fellow citizens, and he was elected supervisor of Haverford, holding the office for many years. He was a worthy member of the Society of Friends, and always kept the faith of his ancestors. He married Elizabeth P. Cornog, born August 21, 1810, daughter of Isaac and Margaret Cornog, of Haverford. He died on October 9, 1893, and she died on December 26, 1876. They were both buried at the Old Haverford Friends Burial Ground.

Their only child was **GEORGE C. WILLIAMSON**, of Haverford, Delaware county, Pennsylvania. He was born March 2, 1848. George was brought up on the farm in Haverford where he was born, and succeeded to the estate of his father after the death of the latter, November 19, 1893. Mr. Williamson is a prosperous farmer, but also has some practical knowledge of the different trades, and is a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics Association. He realizes that education is an important agency in making good citizens, and that good schools are therefore good investments. To this end he has been actively concerned in the advancement of the Haverford public schools. He is interested in local politics, and votes the Republican ticket. He follows the trend of his ancestors' belief, and is a member of the Society of Friends.

He was married April 22, 1880, to Miss Emily W. Jones, who was born February 17, 1856, a resident of Montgomery county, and a daughter of Davis and Hannah (Price) Jones, who were of Welsh descent. George died in 1919, Emily died in 1934, and both were buried at the Old Haverford Friends Burial Ground. They had two sons and three daughters:

1. Mary Emily Williamson, born March 30, 1881;
2. William Jones Williamson, born October 25, 1882 and died May 31, 1899; buried Old Haverford Burial Ground;
3. George Cornog Williamson, born November 26, 1884;
4. Ida Boulton Williamson, born March 1, 1889;
5. Jone Clara, born January 27, 1896.

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