



# Haverford Township Historical Society



## ELISHA WORRALL (1739-1829) AND FAMILY

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**ELISHA WORRALL** (or Worrell) was born on November 7, 1739 and died on December 27, 1829, both in Chester County. (Present-day Delaware County was part of Chester County until 1789.) He was one of several partners in the New Haverford Mill, a grist and saw mill on the east side of Darby Creek in Haverford Township. Extant records (tax roll and others) show his involvement in this mill in 1779, 1826, and by 1830. On June 6, 1765 he married Mary Maris (born December 7, 1748, died May 6, 1830), the daughter of Joseph Maris and Ann (Shipley) Maris, in Chester County. Elisha and Mary had the following children:

1. Jemima Worrall (October 7, 1766-May 26, 1791)
2. Maris Worrall (see below)
3. Joseph Worrall (see below)
4. Mordecai Worrall (February 25, 1773-February 17, 1849)
5. Owen Worrall (born about 1775)
6. Anne Worrall (February 25, 1777-1850)
7. Margaret Worrall (August 11, 1779-June 11, 1817)
8. Rebecca Worrall (August 14, 1781-1851)
9. David Worrall (September 22, 1783-January 24, 1847)
10. Elizabeth Worrall (born September 13, 1785)
11. Mary Maris Worrall (June 17, 1787-August 26, 1865); she married Joseph Bond Leedom in 1821 (see separate biography of John Leedom and three Joseph B. Leedom descendants).
12. Betsy Worrall (July 2, 1789-September 23, 1823)

**MARIS WORRALL** (or Worrell) was born on August 17, 1768 and died on July 26, 1821. He was a miller in Haverford, Pennsylvania, at the New Haverford Mill on Darby Creek. Extant tax records indicate his involvement with this mill in 1802, 1811 (with Thomas Steel), 1817 and 1820. He followed that occupation throughout his entire business career, and the mill property was owned by the family for many years.

Maris appears to have had five wives: Rebecca Garrett; Mary Rowan, with one known daughter; Catherine E. Lewis, with one known son, Lewis L. Worrall (see below); Alice Palmer; and Sarah Nyce.

**LEWIS L. WORRALL** (or Worrell) was born in Haverford, Pennsylvania, on April 10, 1809 and died in 1884. He was a son of Maris Worrall. He was early in life engaged in the milling business with his father,

but later for some time gave his attention to agricultural pursuits, after which he again resumed the milling business.

On March 15, 1832 he was united in marriage to Matilda Eachus, daughter of Evan Eachus (and Hannah (Russell) Eachus), who was born on the present site of Westchester, being a son of Enoch Eachus, who removed from the present site of Media to Chester county, Pennsylvania, prior to the war of the Revolution. He lived to the age of ninety years. Matilda died on November 2, 1835. Unto Lewis Worrall and Matilda (Eachus) Worrall were born three children in Willistown Township, Chester County.

On April 5, 1838 Lewis married Rebecca E. Pyle (born August 1, 1817), daughter of John Pyle and Naomi (Parsons) Pyle. They had 4 children in Willistown and Tredyffrin townships, Chester County.

Lewis L. Worrall was a member of the Society of Friends, and in that religious faith he passed to his final reward when he had reached the age of seventy-five years.

**JOSEPH WORRALL** (or Worrell), son of Elisha and Mary Sharples (Minshall) Worrall, was born in Providence township, Delaware county, on August 6, 1840 and died in 1925. He was the grandson of Joseph Worrall (son of Elisha Worrall and Mary (Maris) Worrall) and Mary Dutton. He was educated in the schools of the township and county. In his early youth he became an apprentice in a flour mill in Haverford township, eventually entering into partnership with Joseph Leedom who then conducted the business, and this association continued for a period of twenty-five years. His apprenticeship and work in the flour mill at Haverford was but a preparation for his future business elsewhere. Since 1885 he has been a resident of Parkesburg, Pennsylvania, and is one of the most esteemed and leading business men of the town, having been for nearly twenty years the active owner and manager of a large lumber and coal business which he opened when he first removed to Parkesburg; the business was established by William Hoslett.

He has served for some time as a member of the borough council. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. His political affiliations are with the Republican party. He served for a time in the Civil war. He first enlisted in Company E, Sixth Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, and during the invasion of the state by the Confederate army under General Lee, he served with the Forty-third Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, and was present at the battle of Antietam. Mr. Worrall has been twice married; his first wife, whom he married on April 24, 1884, was Mrs. Mary Ann Ross, who died in 1888. His second wife, who is still living [in 1904], was Anna Mary Worrall, daughter of George Worrall and Hannah Fowler (Bonsall) Worrall. She was born in Coopertown, Haverford township, Delaware county, Pennsylvania.

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