



Book 3

Descendants of Abraham HORN Sr.-5

First Generation

1. **Abraham HORN Sr.-5** was born on 31 Dec 1757 in Williams Township, Northampton County PA.. He died on 21 May 1826 in Easton, Northampton County, PA. and was buried in St. Johns Burying Ground, Easton, Northampton County, .PA.

OCCU: Hotel Proprietor

Art Horn Jr notes that Abraham's birth and death dates depend on the source. We know that he was buried on 23 May 1826, so it is likely that he died on the 21st or 22nd. He was born on the 31st of December. The year is also in question. Most sources give it as 1757, but subtracting his age from the year of his death gives it as 1756. The year is important in the respect that there are claims that Abe had a brother Frederick, who was born in late March, 1756. If Abe was born in 1756 also, this would eliminate Frederick as his brother. Art would put the birth year as 1757, which agrees with other sources, and the date of death as May 21st, and assume for the time being that his age was miscalculated.

Abraham married **Susanna (Hay) HORN-24**, daughter of Melchior HAY-212 and Susanna (Brotzman) HAY-213 in 1777 in Easton, Northampton County, PA.. Susanna was born on 18 May 1760 in Williams Township, Northampton County, PA.. She died on 28 Jun 1827 in Easton, Northampton County, PA. and was buried on 30 Jun 1827 in St. Johns Burying Ground, Easton, Northampton County, PA..

Susanna's gravestone says born 1750 and died 1817 per Art Horn, Jr.

They had the following children:

- + 2 M i. **Abraham HORN Jr.-25** was born on 1 Feb 1778 and died on 3 May 1839.
- 3 F ii. **Catherine (Horn) ROHN-26** was born on 21 Dec 1779 in Easton, Northampton County, PA. and was christened on 20 Feb 1780 in theFirst Reformed Church of Easton, Northampton County, PA. She died on 26 May 1824.

Baptism sponsor were Melchior Hay and Margaretha.

Catherine married **M. A. ROHN-202**.
- + 4 M iii. **John HORN-28** was born on 15 Mar 1782 and died on 19 May 1851.
- 5 M iv. **Charles HORN-27** was born on 16 Nov 1784 in Easton, Northampton County, PA.. He died on 1 Mar 1852 in Easton, Northampton County, PA. and was buried in St. Johns Burying Ground, Easton, Northampton Co, .PA.

Charles married **Elizabeth (Deschler) HORN-203**, daughter of John Adam DESCHLER-434 and Deborah () DESCHLER-435 on 24 May 1807. Elizabeth was born on 1 Nov 1786 in Northampton County, PA. and was christened in Zion Reformed Church, Allentown, Lehigh County, PA.. She died on 6 Nov 1845 and was buried in St. Johns Burying Ground, Easton, Northampton County, .PA.

Baptism sponsors were the parents. (Deschler could also be spelled Deshler.)

- + 6 M v. **Melchior Hay HORN Sr.-29** was born on 29 Dec 1786 and died on 31 May 1863.
- 7 M vi. **Samuel HORN-30** was born on 17 Mar 1790 in Easton, Northampton County, PA.. He died on 10 Oct 1848 in Easton, Northampton County, PA. and was buried on 12 Oct 1848 in St. Johns Burying Ground, Easton, Northampton County, PA..
- Marriage performed by Joseph Weygandt, Esquire.
- Samuel married **Catherine (Ihrrie) HORN-205** on 17 Jan 1819 in Easton, Northampton County, PA..
- 8 M vii. **Joseph HORN-31** was born on 8 Oct 1791 in Easton, Northampton County, PA.. He died on 21 May 1871 and was buried in St. Johns Burying Ground, Easton, Northampton Co, .PA.
- OCCU Teller, Bank of PA. Easton
- Joseph married **Catherine (Barthold) HORN-206** on 5 Apr 1818 in Easton, Northampton County, PA.. Catherine was born on 22 Sep 1799. She died on 28 Jan 1865 and was buried in St. Johns Burying Ground, Easton, Northampton County, .PA.
- 9 F viii. **Susan Gertrude (Horn) BOSSLER-32** was born in Mar 1794 in Easton, Northampton Co.nty, PA. and was christened on 4 Aug 1794 in German Evangelical Lutheran Church Easton, Northampton County, PA.
- Baptism Sponsors were Jacob and Elizabeth Keller.
- Records of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church in Easton give her name as Susana Mar Horn, but all biographies that Art Horn Jr. has come across give her middle name as Gertrude.
- Susan married **Jacob BOSSLER-453**.
- First, per Wm J. Heller's "History of Northampton County and the Grand Valley of the Lehigh", page 420, Susan married Jacob Bossler, who served under her father in the War of 1812. A John Bossler is listed in Capt. Abraham Horn's Co., as is a John Jackson. Second, a German Language newspaper "Unabhaengige Republikan" (Independent Republican) states: "6-19-1812, last Sunday, a week ago, Mr. John Jackson to Miss Susan Horn". Third, there was a Sara h Horn, according to the records of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church in Easton, who was born 11/18/1796, and who died 11/5/1817 of consumption leaving three children, married to a John Jackson; her parent's names are given as Abraham and Susanna Horn. Fourth, the census records for 1850 show a Jacob Bossler, age 58, living in Penn, Union, County PA, with a wife Sarah, age 51, four sons and two daughters.
- There is plenty of confusion here, but Jacob Bossler is Susan's husband. Who Sarah Horn is remains to be identified; she is probably not the daughter of Abraham and Susanna Horn, according to all other records.
- 10 M ix. **William Justus HORN-33** was born on 27 Jan 1799 in Easton, Northampton County, PA. and was christened on 4 Aug 1799 in the German Evangelical Lutheran Church, Easton, Northampton County, PA. He died on 2 Feb 1818 and was buried on 3 Feb 1818 in St. Johns Burying Ground, Easton, Northampton County, PA..
- Baptism sponsors were Jacob and Elizabeth Keller.

Second Generation

2. **Abraham HORN Jr.-25** (Abraham) was born on 1 Feb 1778 in Easton, Northampton County, PA. and was christened on 8 Mar 1778 in the First Reformed Church of Easton, Northampton County, PA. He died on 3 May 1839.

OCCU: Postmaster; Member of Legislature

. Sponsors John Simon and Gertrude

. Marriage performed by Rev. Christian Endress.

Abraham married **Eliza (Opp) HORN-373** on 1 Jan 1804 in the German Evangelical Lutheran Church, Easton, Northampton County, PA..

They had the following children:

- 11 F i. **Anna A. HORN-374** was born in 1809. She died in 1884 in West Philadelphia, PA

Her obituary states that she was one of ten children.

- 12 M ii. **Solon HORN-375**.

- 13 F iii. **Ellen (Horn) MUNNING-376**.

4. **John HORN-28** (Abraham) was born on 15 Mar 1782 in Easton, Northampton County, PA. and was christened on 1 Sep 1782 in the German Evangelical Lutheran Church, Easton, Northampton County, Pa.. He died on 19 May 1851 and was buried in Tyrone, Schuyler County, NY.

John married **Elizabeth (Leidig) HORN-201** on 20 Mar 1806 in Easton, Northampton County, PA. by Rev. Pomp. Elizabeth was buried in Addison, Steuben County, NY.

They had the following children:

- 14 F i. **Elizabeth HORN-430** was born on 23 Jul 1807 in Easton, Northampton County, PA. and was christened on 30 Aug 1807 in the First Reformed Church of Easton, Northampton County, PA.

Baptism sponsors were her parents.

- 15 M ii. **Edmund HORN-431** was born on 16 Dec 1811 in Easton, Northampton County, PA. and was christened on 1 Aug 1813 in the First Reformed Church of Easton, Northampton County, PA.

Baptism sponsors were his parents

- 16 F iii. **Susanna HORN-432** was born on 16 May 1813 in Easton, Northampton County, PA. and was christened on 1 Aug 1813 in the First Reformed Church of Easton, Northampton County, PA.

Baptism sponsors were her parents.

- 17 M iv. **Adam Lewis HORN-433** was born on 21 Dec 1815 in Easton, Northampton County, PA. and was christened on 10 Mar 1816 in the First Reformed Church of Easton, Northampton County, PA.

Baptism sponsors were his parents.

6. **Melchior Hay HORN Sr.-29** (Abraham) was born on 29 Dec 1786 in Easton, Northampton County, PA. and was christened in 1787 in Philadelphia, PA.. He died on 31 May 1863 in Easton, Northampton County, PA. and was buried in Easton Cemetery, Easton, Northampton County, PA..

OCCU: County Commissioner; Burgess, Easton

Melchior married **Isabella (Traill) HORN-204**, daughter of Robert TRAILL-377 and Elizabeth (Grotz) TRAILL-378 on 27 Mar 1808 in Easton, Northampton County, PA.. Isabella was born on 10 Oct 1786 in Easton, Northampton County, PA.. She died on 24 Apr 1841 in Easton, Northampton County, PA..

They had the following children:

- 18 F i. **Sabilla (Horn) SHIPMAN-379**.
19 F ii. **Robina (Horn) VAN HORN-380**.
20 M iii. **Robert Traill HORN-381** was born on 21 Jun 1814 in Easton, Northampton County, PA. and was christened on 17 Jul 1814. He died on 4 Apr 1899.

Baptism sponsors were his parents.

- 21 M iv. **John Jacob HORN-382**.
22 F v. **Isabella Rosanna (Horn) KURTZ-383**.

Isabella married **Reuben KURTZ-452** on 15 Dec 1844 in the German Evangelical Lutheran Church, Easton, Northampton County, PA.

Ruben was a tailor.

Married by Rev. John P. Hecht

- 23 M vi. **Melchior Hay HORN Jr.-384** was born on 9 Apr 1822 in Easton, Northampton County, PA.. He died on 28 Feb 1890 in Catasauqua, Lehigh County, PA. and was buried in Catasauqua, Lehigh County, PA..

OCCU: Bank President

Melchior married **Matilda Louisa (Heller) HORN-436** on 12 Oct 1845. Matilda was born on 1 Mar 1823. She died on 22 Aug 1903.

- 24 M vii. **Enoch S. Clark HORN-385**.
25 F viii. **Sally Ann HORN-386**.
26 M ix. **Philip Henry Mattes HORN-387**.
27 F x. **Maria Louisa HORN-388**.

Melchior also married **Fredericka Magdalena (Cassler) HORN-399** on 15 Dec 1842.

They had the following child:

28 M xi. **William Penn HORN-400** was born on 20 Oct 1843. He died on 12 Dec 1904.

William married **Mary Powers (Trauger) HORN-451** on 25 Dec 1864.

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ABRAHAM HORN SR. #5

Abraham was born on December 31st, 1757, in Williams Township, Northampton Co. Pa., the third son of John Peter and Gertrude Horn. He was the brother of Nicholas, John Conrad and Barbara Horn. He was confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church, Easton, Northampton Co., Pa., in 1772.

He saw extensive service in both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. He was enrolled as # S39718 in December 1775 of the Pennsylvania Service of the Revolutionary War. On January 1st, 1776, he was appointed sergeant in Captain Thomas Craig's Co., Col. Arthur St. Clair's 2nd Pa. Battalion, until November 25th, 1776. He took part in the 2nd Battalion's expedition against Quebec, and in the battles of DeChambant, Sorel, Three Rivers, Crown Point, and Ticonderoga. He was sergeant in Captain Brunner's Co., 3rd Pa. Regiment under Col. John Woods. He was also a drummer in Captain Robert Connelly's Co., 4th Pa. Regiment, commanded by Col. Cadwallader from March 14th, 1777 to January, 1781.

In 1807, Gov. Thomas McKean Commissioned Abraham as Brigadier General of the 2nd Brigade (Wayne and Northampton Counties) 8th Division of Militia.

In the War of 1812, he served as Lieutenant Colonel of the First Riflemen (Humphrey's), Pa. Regiment, being discharged December 19th, 1814. He had the unique honor of having five sons and two sons-in-law serve under him in the same regiment.

In 1798, Abraham completed the first bridge over the Lehigh River at the foot of Pomfret (now South Third) Street, Easton, Pa. It was a structure 22 by 280 feet, and through faulty design collapsed before it had been officially accepted, at a complete loss to the builder. (See excerpts following for accounts of this bridge.)

From c1790 to c1802, he lived in the Martin Ferry House in Easton, Pa.

The "History of Easton" quotes him in 1807 as the proprietor of the "Golden Swan" Hotel, later known as the Swan, subsequently as the Stirling, and finally as the Whitlock Inn. He was also the first president of the Humane Fire Co. when it was organized in 1797.

Abraham married Susanna Hay, daughter of Melchior Hay, and they had nine children. Abraham dealt extensively in real estate; there are over 160 legal documents where he was a participant. His most ambitious undertaking may have been an agreement to purchase the town of Hope, NJ on September 22nd, 1807 for \$48000, in partnership with Nicholas Kremer. See the section entitled "Documents" for more on this venture.

Abraham died May 21, 1826, and was buried in St. John's Burying Ground, Easton, Pa. on May 23, 1826.

“After Washington took command of the Continental forces June 19, 1775, and the Continental Congress approved a second Pennsylvania battalion, 4,300 men formed the unit.

Among them was a company comprising Northampton-Lehigh men whose commanding officer was Capt. Thomas Craig (who was promoted later to lieutenant colonel). It also included these officers:

Capt. Rudolph Brunner, 1st Lts. Andrew Kachlein and Isaac Budd Dunn. 2nd Lts. John Craig and James Armstrong and Ens. Thomas Park and Abraham Dull.

The noncommissioned Officers were Sgts. Robert Marshall, Peter Smith,. Abraham Horn, Christian Shouse, John Carey, John McMichael, John Minor, George Gangwer and Stephen Fuller; and Cpls. Peter Byel, Henry Powelson, Robert Shearer, James Sweeney and Samuel Mon.”

This biography was prepared from various sources, principally "History of Northampton County and the Grand Valley of the Lehigh" by Wm. J. Heller

The remains of the Alfred Thomas were recovered and taken to Philadelphia, repaired and refitted. Rumor has it that "she performed some slight service for the government during the War of the Rebellion." Be that as it may, the Alfred Thomas disaster ended for once and all any attempts to establish steamship service on the Delaware River above tidewater.

FERRIES AND THE UPS AND DOWNS OF AN EASTON BRIDGE

It was natural that a ferry was established across the Lehigh River at The Forks. The earliest record of this ferry is dated 1755, when the Philadelphia road was extended from Durham, where it had formerly stopped, to the new county seat at Easton. The road was built over "Mammy Morgan's Hill" and led down the slope over which South Easton now sprawls, to the ferry landing. This was located very near the site of the present Lehigh Valley Railroad station. The Easton landing was located at the foot of Fourth Street.

Records of the first ferry across the Delaware at Easton are conflicting as letters patent for a ferry were granted by the governing authorities of both Pennsylvania and New Jersey to David Martin of Trenton—Pennsylvania granting the patent at one site, and New Jersey at another! It is reasonably certain that a ferry did exist at the foot of Ferry Street in 1755, for in that year a ferry was leased to Nathaniel Vernon who kept a tavern at the Pennsylvania landing.

Later the ferries over both the rivers at Easton were merged under the control of Lewis Gordon, who for a time sublet them to Daniel Brodhead, but later resumed possession.

Gordon was an attorney with an eye to business. He was doing quite well with his ferries until the American Revolution upset the colonial economy. As Gordon was a Tory, he became involved with the authorities and was jailed for safe keeping. Jacob Abel operated the ferries for the duration, under military guard. All strangers were required to show their credentials before crossing either river.

With the end of hostilities, the Easton ferries were taken over by Abraham Horn, a carpenter and boat builder. Horn was also a bridge builder. In 1796 the Assembly authorized a bridge over

the Lehigh at Easton, and Horn was given the job of building the structure. He may have been a good carpenter and builder of boats, but he was a poor engineer. Maybe at heart he was a ferryman. In any case, his bridge, a single span wooden structure, won a distinctive place in the annals of American bridges, by collapsing under its own weight, the day after it was opened to traffic. Fortunately, nobody was on the bridge when it gave up the ghost.

Undaunted, old Abraham got busy and replaced the wreck with another bridge. It is remarkable that anyone trusted him to do the job. This time he used three spans, and this time the bridge held, rendering good service until it was swept away by floods in 1811.

Next a suspension chain bridge was built which served until another wooden bridge replaced it in 1837. This lasted four years, and went out in another flood. A covered bridge went up in 1843 but it vanished down the Delaware River in 1862. Then one with double driveways was built, which served until 1888. This structure was not given a chance to fall down. It was replaced with an iron bridge, which in time was condemned and the present concrete bridge came into being. Thus the old Lehigh River Ferry at Easton has been succeeded by eight bridges on the very site over which it operated.

Two very unique foot bridges were built over the Lehigh River between Easton and South Easton. As Easton grew westward towards what is today Wilson Borough, it became increasingly inconvenient for people living beyond 10th Street to reach places of employment in South Easton. In 1886 a 920-foot suspension bridge was hung 122 feet above the Lehigh, giving access between residential Easton and industrial South Easton. This was a walk-over toll bridge, and business was excellent, as it filled a need. A second bridge followed, and until Hurricane Hazel wrote finis to these structures in 1955, they survived to serve Easton well.

EARLY BETHLEHEM BRIDGES

Towards the close of the eighteenth century as travel between Bethlehem and Philadelphia was reaching proportions too great for the little ferry that plied across the river from the old Crown Inn, it was natural that talk of a bridge was heard around the town.

part of South Easton. David Martin was a resident of Trenton, N. J., and it is not likely that he operated this ferry in person for any length of time and probably not at all. In 1755 he leased it to Nathaniel Vernon, who kept a tavern at his ferry house at the foot of Ferry Street, Easton.

It is likely that there was a ferry equally early over the Lehigh, of which, however, there is no record. There was, however, a ferry there in 1755, when the Philadelphia Road was extended from Durham, over "Mammy Morgan's Hill" to South Easton, the Easton landing of which was at the foot of Fourth Street. Later the ferries over both rivers were consolidated under control of Lewis Gordon, Esq., who sublet them to Daniel Broadhead, under whose management they remained but a short time. Gordon then resumed possession, employing ferrymen, as he was himself engaged in the practice of the law. He was in possession of the ferries during the outbreak of the Revolutionary War. For a time he was loyal to the American cause, but later became a Tory, and on August 6, 1777, both he and his son, John Gordon, were arrested and ordered to be imprisoned; they were, however, put under parole from which they were discharged April 23, 1778.²⁵ On March 7, 1778, the ferries were taken over by Jacob Able, who was also later suspected of disloyalty, and a military guard was therefore placed at both ferries, and all strangers required to show their credentials before crossing. In 1780 Jacob Able was assessed for a ferry and a tavern. The ferry-landing was then at the foot of Ferry Street, called "the point." After the close of the war the Lehigh ferry came into possession of Abraham Horn, a carpenter. In 1800 the New Jersey rights of the Delaware River ferry were bought by Thomas Bullman, who remained in control on that side until the toll bridge was opened in 1806.

By act of the Assembly passed April 4, 1796, a bridge over the Lehigh River at Easton was authorized, which was built in 1798 by Abraham Horn, then in control of the ferry, which landed at the foot of South Third Street. It was built of wood,

²⁵ Lewis Gordon came from Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1750. He is said to have been the first attorney admitted to the bar of Northampton after the county was erected out of Bucks in 1752. He served as recorder and prothonotary of Northampton County from 1760 to 1777. The date of his death seems to have been about 1780.

having but one span, 280 feet long, which fell of its own weight a few days after opening.

There is a well-authenticated family tradition that Dewalt Drumheller and his son, George, both blacksmiths, forged the iron work for this first bridge. Dewalt Drumheller from February 3, 1767, to August 1, 1787, owned 74 acres of land on the south fork of the Delaware and Lehigh in what was then called Williamsburg.

Mr. Horn replaced the broken down bridge with another wooden bridge, having three spans, for which the County of Northampton later reimbursed him. This second bridge stood until 1811, when it was destroyed by a freshet. A suspension chain bridge was then built and opened the same year (1811), which served until 1837, when it was replaced by a wooden bridge, which was carried away by the flood of 1841. In 1843 another bridge, covered and of wood construction, was opened, which, in turn, was carried away by the flood of 1862. Another wooden bridge, with double driveways, followed, which served until 1888, when it was found to be no longer suited for the heavy traffic and was accordingly condemned. It was replaced by one of iron construction, with driveways 60 feet wide, costing \$35,000. Owing to the increasing heavier traffic this bridge was also found to be unsafe, and in 1912 was replaced by the present concrete arch bridge, which to all appearance should stand for many years. Both ferries at Easton, particularly during their latter years, were profitable operations. Both Easton and Phillipsburg are noted on Evans' map of 1749. (For Easton bridge, see page 176.)

(Colonial Records, Vol. XI, pp. 73, 263; Pennsylvania Archives, first series, Vol. V, page 490, and Vol. VI, pp. 431, 435; History of Northampton County, page 156; Henry's History of the Lehigh Valley, pp. 57, 120; History of Warren and Sussex Counties, page 551; Condit's History of Easton, page 31; Statutes at Large, Vol. XV, page 466.)

FERRIES ON THE DELAWARE RIVER BETWEEN EASTON, PA., AND PORT JERVIS, N. Y.

HARMONY FERRY—From Forks Township, Northampton County, Pa., to Harmony Township, Warren County, N. J. This is an ancient ferry, referred to as Hunter's Ferry in 1753 when Oxford Township was erected. It is also referred to in the New Jersey Archives in 1762, by that name. (Vol. XXIV,



Present Easton Bridge Across Lehigh River (July-06)

Abraham Horn, Jr., first son of Abraham Horn, Sr., was born April 4, 1777, died May 3, 1839, and buried in Easton Cemetery. He served as captain in Humphreys' First Riflemen, in which his father was lieutenant-colonel. This company was raised to sixty men in one day, and on their departure were presented with colors by Miss Rosanna Beidleman. He was the seventh postmaster of Easton, appointed March 9, 1829, under President Jackson, and served ten years, during Jackson and Van Buren administrations, until his death. He was a carpenter and builder, a member of the Legislature, and either he or his father was county recorder from 1803 to 1809. After his death he was succeeded as postmaster by his son-in-law, Abraham Coryell, who served under Presidents Van Buren, Tyler and Polk. Mr. Coryell was the father of Fannie Coryell, who so long conducted the circulating library so popular with Easton readers.

Easton Flag

The Easton Flag claims to be the first stars and stripes, antedating the Betsy Ross flag by almost a year. *It was first displayed on July 8, 1776. The occasion was the public reading of the Declaration of Independence from the Court House steps by Robert Levers, the County Clerk. This was in obedience to the request of Congress as stated in a broadside widely distributed to the various election centers in the colonies.

This flag, a county flag, is lost sight of until its appearance again on September 6, 1814. It was then presented to Capt. Abraham Horn's company on their leaving for Camp Dupont, Marcus Hook, having offered their services to the Government in the War of 1812.

On December 21, 1814, at the conclusion of the war, the company disbanded and returned home. They still retained possession of the flag until 1816 when the Easton Union Guards was organized. This was formed chiefly from Capt. Horn's company of volunteers and Capt. Peter Nungesser's company of light infantry which embarked together on the Delaware enroute for Camp Dupont. Consequently, the new company inherited the Easton Flag.

In 1821, the flag was deposited with the Easton Library Company for safe keeping. There it has remained in its custody or that of its successors ever since.

At the time of the Sesquicentennial of the Declaration of Independence, held in Philadelphia in 1926, the flag was settled between plate glass, framed, and placed on exhibition there. On its return it was bolted to the east wall of the vestibule of the Easton Public Library.



This biography was taken from "History of Northampton County and the Grand Valley of the Lehigh" by Wm. j. Heller. The info on the Easton Flag is copied from a publication from the Easton Library.

John Horn #28

Charles Horn #27

Melchior Hay Horn Sr. #29

Samuel Horn #30

Joseph Horn #31

William Horn #33

John Horn, second son of Abraham Horn Sr., was born 15 Mar 1782, died 19 May 1851, and is buried at Tyrone, NY. He was a first lieutenant in Capt. Abraham Horn Jr.'s company (Humphreys' First Pennsylvania Riflemen) in the War of 1812. He married Elizabeth Leidig, who is buried at Addison, NY.

Charles Horn, third son of Abraham Horn Sr., was born 16 Nov. 1784, died 1 May 1852, and was buried with his wife Elizabeth (Dreschler) Horn, in St John's Burying Ground, Easton, PA. In the War of 1812 he served in Capt. Nungesser's company, Second (Bache's) Pennsylvania Light Infantry as musician and drum major. He was also drum major in "Easton Union Guards, which was formed in 1814.

Melchior Hay Horn Sr., fourth son of Abraham Horn Sr., was born 29 Dec 1786, and died 31 May 1863. His first marriage was to Isabella Traill, daughter of Robert Traill, by whom he had ten children – Sabilla, Robina, Robert, John Jacob, Isabella Rosanna, Melchior Hay Jr., Enoch S. Clark, Sally Ann, Phillip Henry Mattes and Maria Louisa. Through this marriage came the relationship to the Traills, Greens, Shipmans, Mattes, the Catasauqua Horns and others. His second marriage was to Fredericka Cassler, and they were the parents of one son, William Penn, long a letter carrier of Easton, and father of city controller Samuel S. Horn. Melchior Hay Horn Sr. was a sergeant in his father's company of Humphreys' First Riflemen in the War of 1812, with his grandfather* as lieutenant colonel; a member of the "Easton Artillerists, 1821, and orderly sergeant of the "Easton Fencibles" in 1846. He served as county commissioner in the "Thirties, and was burgess of Easton from 1842 until 1846.

Obituary: Last evening Melchior Hay Horn Sr., aged 76 years, 5 months and 2 days. Funeral on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Services at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Samuel Horn, fifth son of Abraham Horn Sr., born 17 Mar. 1790, served in the War of 1812 as drum major in the Sixteenth United States Infantry, was drum major in the "Easton Artillerists", and at the age of fifty-seven volunteered, entered the Second Pennsylvania Regiment under Capt. James Miller, and was in every engagement from Vera Cruz to Mexico City, where he remained until the treaty of peace was signed, which occurred on 2 February 1848. He died 10 Oct. 1848. The epitaph of his tombstone in the Easton Cemetery, in addition to his record, reads:

Homeward bound, diseased and wan, the veteran drummer found
Bedimmed his eyes, his wasted form but tatters on the ground.
Death sped his arrow, and the deed released his soul
For heaven, Adieu! The drum is hushed, thou'st beaten the last roll.

Joseph Horn, sixth son of Abraham Horn Sr., was born 6 Oct. 1791, died 21 May 1871, and was buried with his wife Catherine in St. John's Burying Ground, Easton PA. From Joseph comes the connection with the family of Dr. Evans. He was in his father's company in the War of 1812 as musician and also held membership in the "Easton Artillerists" and the "Easton Union Guards".

William Horn, youngest son of Abraham Horn Sr., born 27 Jan. 1799, was drowned in the Lehigh River on Feb. 2, 1818 while crossing on the ice, and his body was not recovered for several days. He served in the War of 1812 as a private in John Rawlins' company of Lower Merion (First Battalion Uhle's Riflemen). There is family data that he also served as adjutant in the same regiment as his grandfather*, but no War Department records state this.

*This reference cannot be correct; it probably should refer to his father.

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ANNA A. HORN.

Miss Anna A. Horn, daughter of Abraham Horn, deceased, who has for some time resided in West Philadelphia, and has been an invalid for the last two years, died on Tuesday last. At the time of her decease Miss Horn was nearly seventy-five years of age. Her body arrived here on Thursday, and, accompanied by the immediate relatives only, was conveyed to the Easton Cemetery, and there interred by Rev. Mr. Butler, according to the beautiful burial service of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The sisters, who in life were such loving friends, and who, in the infinite wisdom of the Creator, have been called to their eternal home, within a few days of each other, were the daughters of Abraham Horn, who, a half a century ago, was one of Easton's most prominent citizens, and who held many offices of honor and trust in the borough. Of his ten children, the only son, Solon Horn, of New York, and Mrs. Ellen Munning, of Hackensack, N. J., now remain. To these and to the relatives, the grieved nieces and children, we tender our heartfelt sympathy in this, their double affliction.

A PATRIARCH GONE

Aged Robert T. Horn Passes Away.

WAS IN HIS EIGHTY-FIFTH YEAR.

Identified with the Various Interests of Easton for Over Half a Century.—An Old Odd Fellow.—His Aged Widow Survives.



ROBERT T. HORN
ROBERT TRAILL HORN.

After an illness of three years, Robert T. Horn, one of Easton's oldest and most respected citizens, died at 1 o'clock last Tuesday morning of general debility, in the 85th year of his age. Mr. Horn was a native of this city, and resided in the house in which he died, No. 151 South Fourth street, for fifty-five years. He was a son of the long-since-deceased Mr. and Mrs. Melchor Hay Horn.

Deceased was the senior member of the firm of Horn, Steinmets & Co., carpenters and builders, but had not been active in the business since his illness. He had been in business for twenty-five years, succeeding Levi Bennett, under whom he learned his trade.

Mr. Horn is survived by his widow, Mrs. Eleanor Elizabeth Horn; two daughters, Mrs. John A. Bachman, of Phillipsburg, and Mrs. John W. Hartung, of Easton, and one brother, William Horn, of Easton.

He was a member of Lehigh Lodge, No. 244, I. O. O. F., in which he was the first candidate initiated. He held various offices in that society for long terms. The date of his initiation was July 2, 1847. He was also a life-long member of St. John's Lutheran Church, which he helped to build while an apprentice at his trade. He was a member of the first class of catechumens confirmed in that church, and was a former member of the vestry and a former superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Horn also represented his ward at one time in the School Board of this city.

Died.

HORN—In Easton, Pa., at his late residence, No. 151 South Fourth street, early Tuesday morning, April 4, 1899, Robert Traill Horn, in the 85th year of his age.

Robert Traill Horn, one of Easton's oldest and most respected citizens departed this life at 1 a. m. Saturday, at his home, 151 South Fourth street, this city, after a lingering illness of general debility.

Mr. Horn was in his eighty-fifth year and died in the house in which he had made his home for the greater part of a century. His death marks the passing of one of the very few old time residents, the connecting links of the Easton of several generations ago with the Easton of to-day.

Robert Traill Horn was a native of Easton and was a son of the long since deceased Melchor Hay Horn and Isabella Traill. He was born June 21, 1814. He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Mrs. John A. Bachman, of Phillipsburg, and Mrs. John W. Hartung, of this city.

Mr. Horn was a carpenter and learned his trade with the late Levi Bennett. As an apprentice he assisted during the erection of St. John's Lutheran church. Over a quarter of a century ago the firm of Horn & Steinmets was formed, succeeding Levi Bennett. This firm has continued up until Mr. Horn's death. For three years or so past the senior member has not taken an active part in the management of the business.

Mr. Horn was married in the first Reformed church, this city, March 29, 1836, by Rev. Bernard O. Wolf. Thomas Pomp and John P. Hecht were the other clergymen present. His bride was Eleanor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Odenwelder, of Easton.

The deceased was a member of the first confirmation class at St. John's church and was a member of that congregation up until the time of his death.

At one time he was superintendent of the Sunday school and for a number of years served in the vestry.

When a young man (in 1847) Mr. Horn became a member of Lehigh lodge, No. 244, I. O. O. F., which had just previously been organized. He was the first member initiated into the lodge, July 2, 1847.

Since that date he has continuously been a member and for years has had the honor of being the oldest living member in this city.

On March 29th last Mr. and Mrs. Horn were married sixty-three years.

The deceased was at one time a member of the school board of the old borough.

His widow, who is but two years his junior, has the sympathy of the entire community in the bereavement attending the separation of a happy union of so long duration.



MELCHIOR HORN.

MELCHIOR HAY HORN.

MELCHIOR HAY HORN was born in Easton, Pa., April 9th, 1822, of German and Scotch descent. His parents were Melchior and Isabella Horn (nee Traill), and his grandparents were Abraham (Sur.) and Susan Horn, and Robert and Elizabeth Traill. At the time of his birth his father carried on the business of baking, on the corner of Northampton and Fermer streets. In 1824 his father sold his property in Easton and purchased a farm in Warren County, New Jersey, and removed on it. The subject of this sketch was taught to read by his mother, and when old enough to be sent to school entered a reading class of boys and girls. His first teacher was Jacob Hartly, who was a shoemaker by trade, and divided his time between his school and shop. This school he attended three winters, and at the expiration of this term he could read and write, and master Dayhall's Arithmetic as far as the single rule of three. When about nine years of age his father sold his New Jersey farm and returned to Easton, and became the proprietor of the Washington Hotel, on Pomfret street, near Ferry. Melchior was sent to the school of Paul Higgins, from there to Joseph P. Derringer, and then to Dr. John Vandevere, where at the age of thirteen he ended his school days. His father in the meantime had become the proprietor of the American Hotel, opposite the old jail on Pomfret street, and was also associated with Jacob Peters, of Philadelphia, Andrew Whitesell, of Nazareth, General Hope, of New Jersey, Charles Seagreaves, of Allen-

town, and others, in the several stage lines running between Easton and Philadelphia, Reading, Wilkesbarre, Bound Brook, Mauch Chunk, Stroudsburg, Belvidere, and other places. These stage proprietors were one day talking about employing a suitable person to take charge of their books, waybills, &c., and Melchior hearing a part of this conversation, determined to offer his services, and did so, without consulting his father, but his age was an objection; finally the proprietors decided to give him a trial. He opened his office and went to work, and when at the expiration of a month the proprietors met to examine his accounts and settle up the month's business, they found everything of such a satisfactory nature that an engagement was made for a year. While engaged in this capacity he was frequently asked by the Easton storekeepers to forward small packages to different points on the several routes, and with the consent of the owners he did quite a business in the line of expressing. Aaron D. Hope, of Hope's Express, was at that time a driver on the Bound Brook line of stages, and seeing that a paying business could be made of this expressing, opened it up more extensively, and later left the stage line and entered into it with all his energies, and finally established the business permanently.

Mr. Horn completed his contract with the stage owners to their entire satisfaction, but the loss of night rest and the duties of his situation began to tell upon his health, when his mother prevailed upon him to quit the business, which he did, declining another engagement. His father was anxious to give him further educational advantages, and was about arranging to send him to a classical school, when an opening occurred in a store, and his inclination being in that way he was allowed his choice. He entered the store of Winter & Yohe, who did a large business on the corner of Northampton and Fermer streets, in dry goods, groceries, hardware, queensware, and provisions; he remained with these gentlemen four years, and then changed to the employ of Wm. H. Lawall, on Hamilton street. He became very much attached to Mr. Lawall, under whose employ he had an opportunity to learn the Pennsylvania German, and also more ample opportunity to expand his business qualifications, and under whom he acquired that knowledge of keeping books and accounts which in after life proved to be of so much value to him. Whilst in the employ of Mr. Lawall, he formed the acquaintance of William Burke, son of Joseph Burke, at whose solicitation he entered a copartnership in the grocery business, and the firm built a storehouse on the corner of Ferry and Pomfret streets. This was considered a venturesome business, as an exclusive retail grocery store had not yet been attempted in Easton, but the business proved a success, and was continued about two years, when Mr. Horn sold out his interest in the store in order to take charge of the extensive business of John Burke, on Hamilton street. In connection with his store Mr. Burke did a large business in lumber and milling. He continued in the employ of Mr. Burke until he took a partner who was well fitted to look after the business, when he left him and opened a store on Pomfret street, near Spring Garden, which he continued several years, and then sold out to Owen

Hagenbuch. He was then employed by the Borough Council as one of the engineers to regrade the streets and alleys of the borough. Whilst engaged on the streets of Easton as engineer, he was appointed by the board of Canal Commissioners of Pennsylvania, viz: Col. Israel Painter, of Westmoreland, Judge Morris Longstreth, of Montgomery, and Hon. John Gamble, of Northumberland Counties, to the weighmastership on the Delaware Division of the Pennsylvania Canals. During the year 1850 the high water in the Delaware and Lehigh Rivers did great damage to the canal embankments, locks and bridges, and caused a suspension of boating for several months, when Mr. Horn was detailed by the canal board as an assistant supervisor on the works, his immediate work being on the upper section from Easton to Durham,

on which about eight hundred hands were employed. The year following he was tendered the supervisorship, which he declined, and continued in the weighmaster's office until the summer of 1853, when he resigned in order to accept the appointment to the tellership of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Easton, which office he filled until the fall of 1857, when he resigned to take the office of cashier in the Bank of Catsauqua, Lehigh County, Pa. This bank was chartered the year previous, but was not organized until the election of Mr. Horn as cashier, the capital being \$100,000; it was continued as a State institution until the summer of 1865, doing a profitable business. During this time its capital was increased to \$180,000, and it was then converted into a National Bank and its capital increased to \$500,000. This bank is still doing a good business in the thriving borough of Catsauqua.

In his earlier days Mr. Horn was one of Easton's active firemen, serving as president of the old Niagara, and later as president of the Union (now the Keystone) fire companies.

He was also identified with the opening up of that portion of the borough, then West Ward; was one of the projectors of the West Ward (now Lehigh) Water Company; was president of the Northampton Beneficial Society; a leading member of the order of Odd Fellows; served two terms in the Borough Council. Having sprung from a military family, he in his early days connected himself with one of the volunteer organizations of the day; he was a member of Captain Andrew H. Reeder's Democratic Artillerists, which he entered as a private and succeeded Captain Reeder on his resignation as captain, and commanded the company during the boatmen's riots and up to the time he removed from the county.

Soon after his removal to Lehigh County he was chosen Major of the Lehigh Battalion, composed of the Allen Rifles, Captain T. H. Good, Allen Infantry, Captain Thomas Yeager, Jordan Infantry, Captain W. H. Gausler, Catsauqua Guards,

Captain H. I. Hart. This battalion formed part of the escort of President Lincoln from the City of Philadelphia to Harrisburg, and from there back to West Philadelphia on his way to Washington before his first inauguration. On the breaking out of the war Governor Curtin appointed him on his staff, which appointment was continued until after the war. He was assigned more especially to the duty of furnishing troops, organizing of regiments, attending to supplies and the proper clothing and rations of the volunteers. He was appointed paymaster of the 9th Regiment of three months' men in 1861, served as Major of the 5th Regiment Pennsylvania Militia in 1862, and Colonel of the 38th Regiment three months' men of 1863, and was acting Brigadier General during the same year and had charge of the ammunition and rations of the Pennsylvania troops in 1862. When the militia of Pennsylvania was reorganized he was elected Lieutenant Colonel of the Fourth Regiment of Pennsylvania militia belonging to the second brigade, commanded by General Reeder. He was in this command during the riots of 1876.

In his adopted town he has filled the office of Burgess and served in the school board for twenty consecutive years.

In politics he is a democrat of the Jeffersonian school, and has on several occasions represented his County and State in their party conventions. Although not aspiring, his name was twice brought before the congressional conventions for the office of congressman, at one time receiving the unanimous vote of Lehigh, and at another, whilst manifestly the choice of a majority of the convention, through the trading trick of the politicians he was defeated.

In religion he is a Lutheran, having been raised in that faith. He became a member of old St. John's Church on Ferry street in 1840, when the Rev. John P. Hecht was pastor, and has remained in connection with that denomination ever since, taking a great interest in all that is for the welfare of the church.

He was married in the year 1845 to Matilda L. Heller, daughter of Jacob and Susan Heller. His family consists of two daughters and five sons, his eldest daughter, Susan, being married to Martin L. Dreisbach and resides in Wilkesbarre, his daughter Isabella Traill is with her parents, his son William Heller is superintendent of the extensive quarries and factories of the Blue Vein Slate Company, Edward Traill is pastor of the St. John's Lutheran Church of Charleston, South Carolina, Frank Melchoir is general clerk in the National Bank of Catsauqua, Harry Yohe is a physician in Montgomery County, and Charles Robert a student at Muhlenburg College at Allentown.

He still enjoys excellent health and is active in business.