



# The Pioneer History of Greene County, Penna.

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(Continued from Last Week)

Richard, the son of John Swan, was born in Washington County, Maryland; married Martha Vanmeter, a daughter of Henry Vanmeter of Berkeley County, Virginia. He never came to Pennsylvania. His son, Henry, came in company with Richard Swan and wife. This was a brother to Richard Swan's wife. He settled on Pumpkin Run where the Prices and Randolphs lived. Richard Swan, my grandfather, made his improvements and built the brick house where Braden lives. There my grandfather died February 21, 1822. He owned a tract of land in Pennsylvania, Virginia and Kentucky. My mother inherited the Strawn property from her father, Jacob, Benjamin, John and Abraham were all uncles to my grandmother Swan. Richard Swan's children were Thomas, John, Richard, Samuel, Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah, Ann, Martha, Rebecca and Rachel. Thomas, son of Richard Swan, was born in Greene County, Penn. He married Susannah Seaton, sister of James Seaton of Uniontown, Penna.; they moved to Kentucky, where he died and his widow married a Mr. Vaun of Kentucky. Swan and his wife had no children.

John was born in Greene County, Penna. Died at 19 years of age. Richard, son of Richard Swan, was born in Greene County, Penna. He married Sarah McCullough and lived in West Virginia, near West Columbia, on the Ohio River, Mason County, and died there.

Samuel, son of Richard Swan, born in Greene County, Penna., May 29, 1799; married Susannah Vaun of Kentucky; had no children; lived and died near Lebanon, Marion County, Kentucky, July, 1861. Mary, daughter of Richard Swan, born in Greene County, Penna.; married John Pritchett and moved to Kentucky; had three sons and one daughter; moved to Iowa. Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Swan, born in Greene County, Penna., and married George Allfree, a native of Delaware, a first cousin of William Collins. She had two sons and two daughters. Her son, Thomas, married Louisa Stephenson; her son, Jacob, went to Kentucky, and married there; Mary, her first daughter, married Peter Sharpnack Thomas; second daughter married and went to Kentucky. Alexander Allfree of Rices Landing, is her great-grandson. Aunt married the second husband, Isaac Saffel, a grandfather of Dr. Rogers of Millsboro, Penna. Sarah, daughter of Richard Swan, was born in Greene County, Penna.; married Thomas Hughes of Rices Landing. She had five sons and two daughters. One son, Barnett, married Sarah Walton, aunt of D. S. and Edward Walton of Waynesburg; the second son, Lindsey, married Clementine Crago; the third son married Cassandra Huffy; the fourth son, James, married Frances Kline, and the fifth son, Samuel, married Captain Samuel Clark's daughter near Belle Vernon or Clark's Landing, Washington County, Penna.; Elizabeth, the first daughter, married Simeon Swan. He died and she was married again to John Lucas; had family by him; her children are Thomas, William, Simeon, John, Isaac and James; her daughters, Sarah, Martha and Elizabeth. Maria married William Kincaid, Jr., who lived and died at Jefferson, Penna. He was in the State Legislature and Justice of the Peace for many years. Most of all their children are in Kansas. Ann, daughter of Richard Swan, was born in Greene County, Penna., January 16, 1788, and married Thomas Burson, December 13, 1810; she had five sons and four daughters; one son, Edward, died when two years old; the second son, Richard, died in Iowa, thirty years ago; the third son, James, started to California, March 18, 1850, returned home to Pennsylvania April, 1857, started back to California January 2, 1861, was killed by Indians May 20, 1865, on Pueblo Mountains in Nevada Territory, much lamented by his fellow comrades and relatives; Thomas, the fourth son, is still living in the state of Iowa and is a well-to-do bachelor and has plenty for himself while he lives. Martha, the first daughter, married Hugh Swan, moved to Iowa and has only one son living in Iowa; Elizabeth, the second daughter, died unmarried long ago; Sarah Ann, the third daughter, married Reuben Beers of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. She left no children. Mary S., married Bowen Hill, February 18, 1863, a son of Isaac Hill, and a grandson of Reese Hill. We have a daughter married who lives at Portland, Oregon, and our son, Joseph B. W. Hill, resides at Ottawa, Ill., and is in the loan and real estate business.

Martha, daughter of Richard Swan, was born in Greene County, Penna.; married David McClain. She died and left a son and two daughters. Her son, Thomas, went to Knox County, Ohio. Sarah, the first daughter, married Mathias Roseberry. Sarah, daughter of Minerva, married a Mr. Orndoff and was living in Greene County, Penna., up about Graysville. Mary, the second daughter, married John Roseberry and moved to Missouri.

Rebecca, daughter of Richard Swan, married George Litzenberg. They had two sons and one daughter who died when young. Uncle and aunt went to Iowa with their two sons.

Rachel, daughter of Richard, was born in Greene County, Penna. She married Samuel VanSickle. They moved to Kentucky and I suppose are living there yet.

Colonel John Swan, a son of John Swan, was born in Washington County, Maryland; married Sarah Vanmeter, a daughter of Henry Vanmeter of Pumpkin Run. She was a niece of Richard Swan's wife, my grandmother. They had seven sons and five daughters namely; John, Henry, Thomas, William, Richard, Charles and Jesse; his daughters, Elizabeth, Martha, Mary, Sarah and Phoebe. John, first son, married a Miss Bartley. He died, she then married Isaac Johnson for her second husband. Henry, second son, married Elizabeth Bowen, a sister to Corbey Bowen; Thomas, third son, married a Miss Anderson; William, fourth son, married Miss Moredock; Richard, fifth son, married Susannah Gregg, a sister of Aaron Gregg, late of Greene County, Penna.; Charles, sixth son, married a Miss Bartley; Jesse, married Phoebe Jennings, a daughter of Jeremiah Jennings, a sister of Henry Jennings of Uniontown, Penna. First daughter, Elizabeth, married James Seaton of Uniontown, who kept tavern in Uniontown for many long years; Martha, second daughter, married Thomas Lucas of Carmichaels, had a large family of children; Mary, third daughter, married William Collins of Delaware, a cousin to George Allfree; they had one child, Ann, who married John Lindsey. William Collins died; in time she married Isaac Burson, my uncle; aunt and uncle had no children. Sarah, fourth daughter, married Alph Flenniken; had one son, John Swan Flenniken; lives not far from Carmichaels. Her husband died; she married Preacher Vanammon and went to Knox County, Ohio, and there died. Phoebe, fifth daughter, married John McClain; they moved to Knox County, Ohio.

### THE HUGHES FAMILY

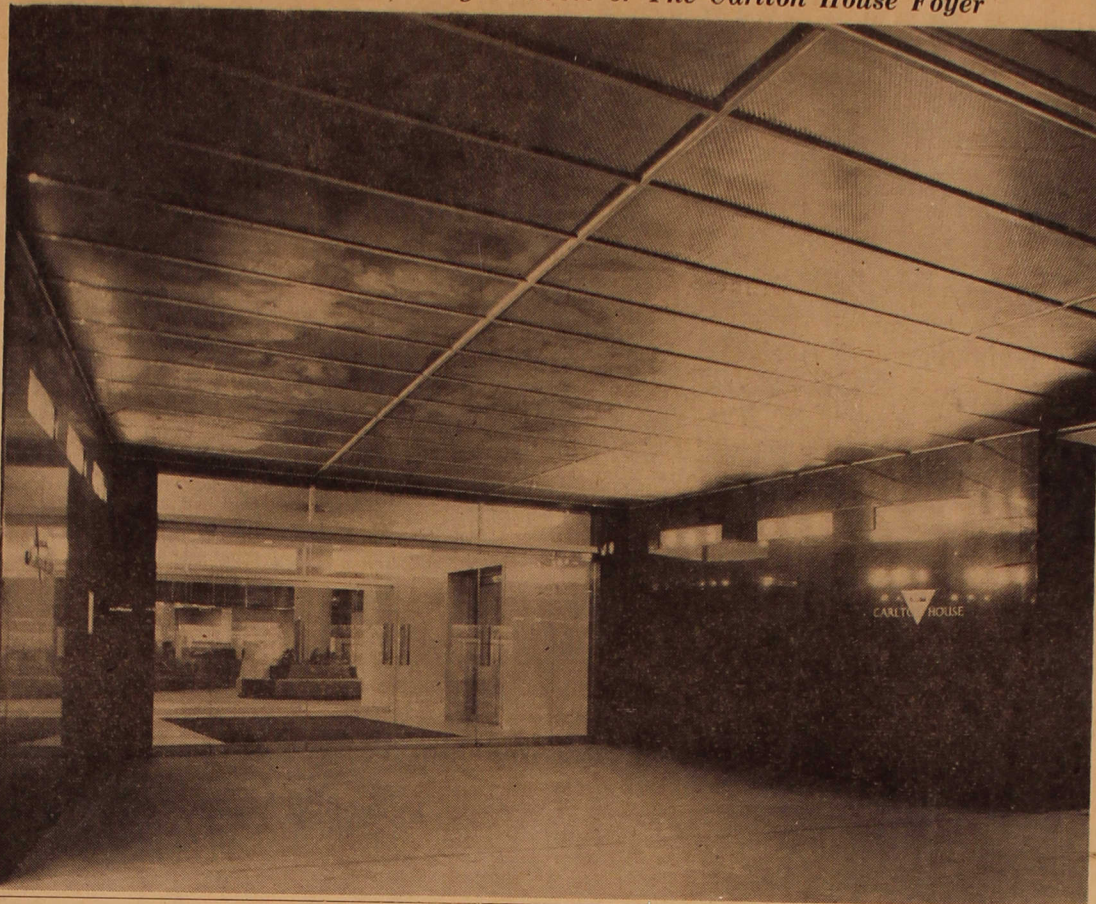
Elizabeth, first daughter of John Swan, was born in Washington County, Maryland; married Thomas Hughes, who laid out Jefferson, Greene County, Penna. She had ten children, namely; John, Thomas, Remembrance, James, Mary, Sarah, Martha, Elizabeth, Nancy and Catherine. John, her first son, married Margaret

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### Pennsylvania Folklore President Tells Romantic Tale of Logan's Table

Henry W. Shoemaker, Pennsylvania Folklore chief, told the romantic tale of Logan's table.

"The historic marker to Martin Chartier, the early French Pioneer, at Washington Boro, Lancaster County, is placed on an immense boulder," Shoemaker said.

"This stone has a history almost as interesting as that of Chartier himself on the Susquehanna and Allegheny Rivers, and the naming of a branch of the Allegheny, Chartier's Creek, in his honor.

"The immense sandstone slab was known at its earlier home in McElhattan Gap, in Clinton County, as the Indians' Card Table, for while the Aborigines probably played many games of chance upon it, it's less common name of Logan's Table, seems more applicable.

"It was there that the handsome Mingo Chief, James Logan, the Son of Shikellimus, Vice-Governor of the Pennsylvania and namesake of William Penn's Irish Secretary, played a game of Ombre (a card game) for the hand of Jura McAvoy, the red headed Celtic beauty for whom Mount Jura, the Eastern front of McElhattan Gap is named, with McCafferty, an Ulster Scot who was crazily in love with her.

"As he had already won her heart, Logan won her physical possession, to the lovely girl's joy, as she danced an Irish jig on the stone after the game.

"Holding hands, Logan and Jura started for Sugar Valley. McCafferty, cruel and unscrupulous in love as in everything else, would not accept the turn of the card, but vowed a terrible revenge.

Rex, Thomas, her second son, married Sarah Swan; Remembrance, third son, married Margaret McClain; James, fourth son, married Margaret Hiller; Mary, first daughter, married James Lindsey; Sarah, second daughter, married Mathias Roseberry; Martha, third daughter, married Barnett Neel; Elizabeth, fourth daughter, married John Manning, moved to Kentucky; Nancy, fifth daughter, married James Curl, settled near Carmichaels; Catherine, sixth daughter, married John Hiller.

John Hughes descendants; Thomas married Elizabeth Hickman, died at Clarksville, Penna.; George, second son, married a Miss Elson and moved to Knox County, Ohio; Charles, third son, married Permelia McCoen; his second wife was Elizabeth Hill, a granddaughter of Reese Hill. Their two daughters lived at Jefferson, Penna.; Barnett, fourth son, married Permelia Young of Clarksville, Penna.; lived and died near Jefferson on his father's old farm. Margaret married John Virgin, lived and died in Menard County, Illinois; Maria married Joseph McNeely, lived and died in Greene County, Penna.; Elizabeth died in Texas.

Thomas Hughes' descendants; Barnett married Sarah Walton, an aunt of Honorable D. S. and Edward Walton of Waynesburg; Lindsey married Clementine Crago; John married Frances Kline; Samuel married Maria, a daughter of Captain Clark, the veteran old steamboat captain of the Monongahela River; Elizabeth married Simeon Swan, after his death married John Lucas.

Maria married William Kincaid, Jr., who was in the State Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania.

Remembrance Hughes' descendants were; Elizabeth, married William Campbell; Sarah, married Alex Herrington; Millie, married George Porter; Mary, went to California and married; Catherine married Peter Sharpnack of Samuel; Lydia married Isaac Lucas; Nancy, Abijah and Thomas, all in California; one daughter by the second wife, the widow of William Rush of Clarksville, Penna.

James Hughes' descendants were; William, married a Miss Hill, daughter of Caton Hill; they went to California; James married a Miss Nichols; Thomas married a Lantz, who died at Garards Fort, July 1863. Two other daughters married Millikens; Lottie married a Stout.

Mary Lindsey's descendants were; James, who married Catherine Schroyer, (he died leaving three children); H. H. Lindsey, Maria and Lorenzo Inghram's wife of Jefferson Township. His widow, after his death, married Edward Parkinson at Jefferson, Penna.

Mary Lindsey, a daughter of Mary Lindsey, married James Hailman of Pittsburgh; had one son. Both dead. Rachel Lindsey died unmarried.

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### West Penn Power Company Announces Plans to Build New Generating Station

Plans for a new generating station at Reesdale, 10 miles north of Kittanning along the west bank of the Allegheny River, were announced by West Penn Power Company president P. H. Powers.

Construction work on the new power station, which will cost about \$25 million to build, will start early next year. The station is expected to be completed and in operation by the fall of 1958.

A single turbo-generator, with an estimated capability of 165,000 kilowatts, will be the first unit installed. This will be West Penn Power's largest generating unit, as well as the largest in the West Penn Electric System of which West Penn Power Company is an important part.

The installation of this new turbo-generator at the Reesdale Station will bring the plant capability of all West Penn Power stations to 1,100,000 kilowatts, and of all stations of the West Penn Electric System to more than 1,900,000 kilowatts.

The Reesdale site was chosen by West Penn Power because of the availability of large supplies of water for cooling purposes, and of coal of which large amounts will be used. Tests have also shown satisfactory soil and foundation conditions for construction of the station.

Mr. Powers cited the development of the surrounding counties in the northern part of West Penn Power's service area, and the continually increasing use of electricity by industries, busi-

### Cancer Forum Praises Salk

Cancer experts in the state have hailed the Salk vaccine as a "triumph of method—which may some day end the threat of cancer."

In praising Salk and the polio vaccine, the Pennsylvania Cancer Forum has announced that the course followed by Salk and other scientists in spelling an end to polio is "the course which must be followed if we are to solve the riddle of cancer."

nesses, schools, homes, and farms as another reason for locating the station at Reesdale.

New industries have been moving into West Penn Power's service area in northern Pennsylvania which includes Butler, Armstrong, Clarion, Elk, Cameron, McKean and Potter Counties. Industries and businesses have been modernizing and mechanizing. Homes and businesses have been using more and more electricity, in air conditioning, home laundries, electric kitchens in homes, schools, and restaurants, and the new medium of heat pumps for year round heating or cooling in homes, stores and office buildings.

West Penn Power's president said that national consumption of electric power is expected to double in 10 years.

"In view of present growth, and expected continued growth, West Penn Power is planning ahead by building the new generating facilities," Mr. Powers explained. "The company has an adequate supply of electricity today as the result of its continued expansion program, but is continually looking ahead so that it may supply customer needs efficiently and promptly in the future."

"During the past 10 years, from 1945 through 1954, the utility has spent nearly \$160 million for new power generating facilities, for expanding and improving transmission and distribution lines and substations, and for improved service facilities."

"The new Reesdale Station is not only a continuation of this program, but evidence of West Penn Power's faith in the future of its service area and the continued prosperity of the area and people it serves," he added.

The new station is across the river from one of the key transmission lines in the system network, a 132,000-volt line which connects with Kittanning and the Springdale-New Kensington area.

Last year, West Penn placed in service a new turbo-generator with a capability of 140,000 kilowatts at its huge Springdale Power Station.

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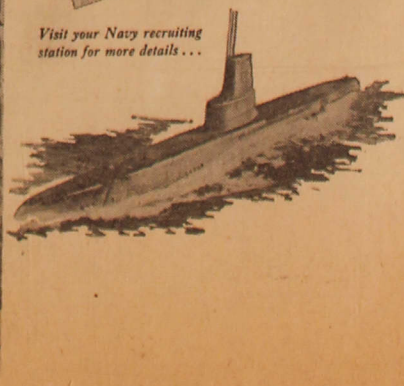
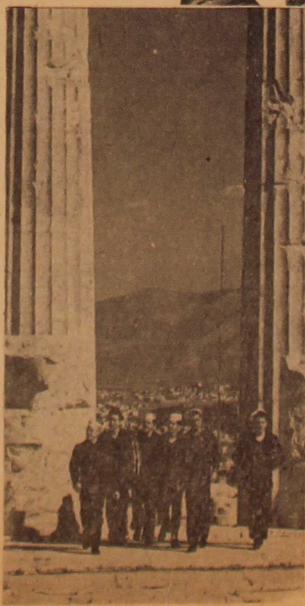
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