

HISTORY
OF
BERKS COUNTY
IN
PENNSYLVANIA.

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He began his professional career at the Half-Way House, in his native township, soon secured a large and profitable practice, and was known throughout the county as a skillful and ready surgeon. In 1852 he abandoned his profession, removed to the old homestead and embarked in the milling business in the mill built by his father adjacent to the family mansion, where he remained until his death, January 22, 1884. Dr. Wily was in politics an ardent Republican, but cared little for public office. He was deeply interested in the cause of education, and for many years was a school director of his township. He was educated in the faith of his parents, that of the Society of Friends. His widow is a member of the Reformed Church. Dr. Wily was married, on the 24th of November, 1832, to Sarah Ann, daughter of Joseph and Mary Wright. Their children are John, born November 9, 1833; Ellen, September 20, 1844; Edwin, September 13, 1846. John was first married to Mary, daughter of John and Phebe Wright, by whom he had one child, a daughter, Sarah. His second marriage was with Mary, daughter of Philip Brown, by whom he had one daughter, Mary. Dr. Wily was again married, August 10, 1850, to Kate, daughter of John and Sarah Huy. Their children are Owen, born August 11, 1851; Frank, June 8, 1863; Sally, December 11, 1865; Rose, February 27, 1868; Kate, March 10, 1871, and five who are deceased. Owen married Mary, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Freeman, of Leesport. They have children,—J. Freeman and C. May. Frank married Anne, daughter of Jacob and Amelia Huy.

WILLIAM MOORE was born in the city of Reading July 28, 1810, and died of apoplexy at his home in Womelsdorf May 23, 1872. After obtaining a good preparatory education he read medicine with Dr. J. W. Gloninger, of Lebanon, and was graduated from the Medical Department of the University of New York March 29, 1836. He practiced medicine two years in Jackson, Miss.; and in 1840 located in Womelsdorf, where he spent the remainder of his life engaged in the arduous duties of his chosen profession. Dr. Moore was a man of thought,

learning, integrity and ability. He won the popular heart by his amiable manners and strict adherence to duty and right. He was a conscientious Christian gentleman and filled responsible positions in church and Sunday-schools. His remains were interred in the Womelsdorf Cemetery and the funeral was attended by representatives from the Medical Societies of Berks and Lebanon Counties, to which he belonged, and by about two thousand persons of the town and vicinity. A special meeting of the Berks County Medical Society was held and a series of resolutions, commendatory of his life and character, were passed.

In politics Dr. Moore was first a Whig and afterwards an ardent and consistent Republican. He occupied various positions of honor and trust as a director in the Farmers National Bank of Reading, member of the board of managers of the Berks and Dauphin Turnpike Company, and treasurer of the borough of Womelsdorf. He took a great interest in agricultural affairs, in the rearing of fine live-stock and the cultivation of choice fruits. One of the crowning acts of his life was his efforts to establish a public library in the town of Womelsdorf, which was done shortly before his death.

ADRIAN LOEWEN was born in Neiheim, Prussia, in 1810, and emigrated to America in 1835, after graduating as a physician in one of the universities of his native country. He soon after located in Reading to practice his profession. In 1836 he removed to Friedensburg, where he continued to practice until his death. Dr. Loewen was a man of fine scholastic attainments and excellent professional ability. In 1837 he was married to Cordelia, daughter of Andrew Snyder, at Oley Furnace. He died in 1848, leaving four children—Orlando, Albert, Adrian and Ellen.

CHARLES H. HUNTER was born in Rockland township, Berks County, September 29, 1817, and died in Reading June 3, 1870. He was graduated from Princeton College, New Jersey, in 1837, after which he pursued the study of medicine under the instruction of Dr. Isaac Hiester and was graduated in 1841 from the University of Pennsylvania. He located in