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Foreword

The editor, in constructing this work originally conceived by Mrs. Ben Hill Doster, who was stricken before she could assemble all the foundation stones, wishes to acknowledge in deep gratitude her fundamental work on the Doster Genealogy.

A sketch of her life appears in Branch No. 4. Without her patient labors the Doster history would be, as in so many American families, a mass of scattered fragments, many limited to two or three generations and not connected with others. But her death intervened.

In tribute to this lovely old lady, and in justice to future generations to whom she vainly hoped to leave her memorial, the editor has assumed the imposing duty of fulfilling her dream. It has been possible to set other collections of material upon her diligent groundwork, to add occupations and addresses and explanatory data, to fit innumerable items into the abandoned framework and to end, after years of work, with a fairly complete structure.

A task of this kind is never really finished and items are constantly being added. But the aim has been, first, to fit the family into its background of history and, secondly, to provide a pattern of continuity. This in turn will offer answers in some degree to the natural questions: where did the Dosters come from, who were they, why did they leave, where did they go and who are they today?

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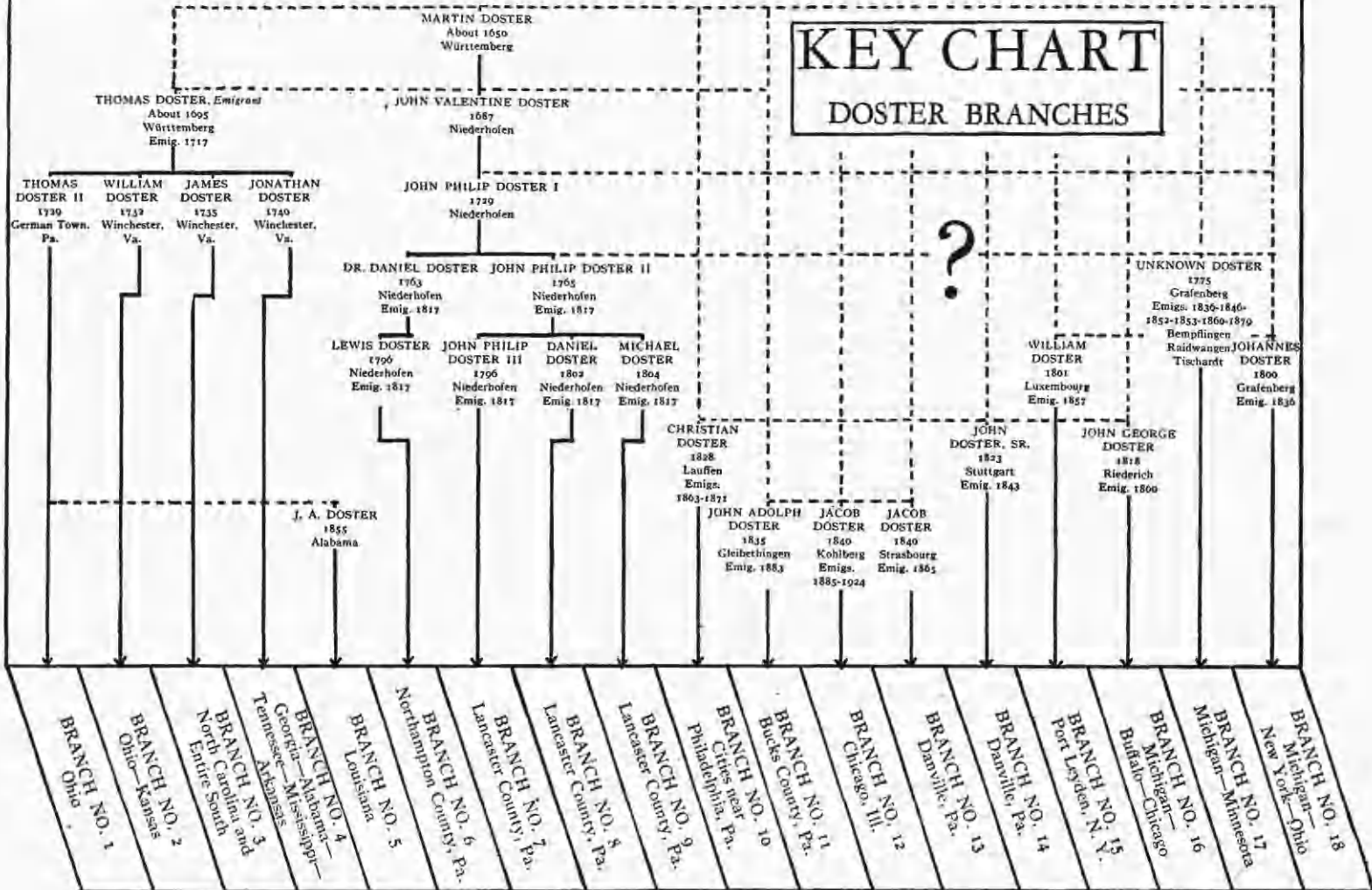
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KEY CHART

DOSTER BRANCHES



Doster Branches

THOMAS DOSTER, Emigrant, born about 1695 in Württemberg, arrived at Philadelphia in 1717. He journeyed to German Town, Pennsylvania and thence in 1731 to Winchester, Va. where he spent his life and died in 1748. Farmer and planter.

Branch No. 1. Thomas Doster II, born 1729, eldest son of Thomas Doster, Emigrant, moved from Winchester to Culpepper Courthouse, Va. after his father's death in 1748. His own son John Doster, born 1770, transferred in 1810 with his family to Chilicothe, Ohio and settled in Fayette County, Ohio near New Martinsburg. Farmer.

Branch No. 2. William Doster, born 1732, second son of Thomas Doster, Emigrant, lived and died at Winchester, Va. where he married twice. He was a tavern keeper. His first wife moved to Zanesville, Ohio with all her children, and descendants are in that vicinity. His second wife had one son, Alfred, who moved about 1848 to Indiana and 1865 to Illinois; and the latter's son Chief Justice Frank Doster of Kansas, lived and died in that state.

Branch No. 3. James Doster, born 1735, third son of Thomas Doster, Emigrant, some time after 1755 moved south from Winchester, Va. and settled in Old Mecklenburg County, now Union County, N. C. Farmer and planter. His descendants not only abound in North Carolina and are often called the North Carolina branch, but also ventured to South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Branch No. 4. Jonathan Doster, born 1740, fourth son of Thomas Doster, Emigrant, moved south from Winchester, Va. and apparently went right through North Carolina to York County, S. C. Farmer. After the Revolution he claimed lands in Georgia and settled there. His descendants are numerous in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas.

Branch No. 5. A branch which has not been fully traced beyond J. A. Doster and B. L. Doster who were both born in Alabama but all descendants are in Louisiana. Probably belongs to one of the branches above.

Branch No. 6. Dr. Daniel Doster, born 1763 in Niederhofen, Württemberg, landed in Philadelphia in 1817, a physician. His son Lewis moved to Bethlehem, Pa., became a woolen manufacturer, and begat a large family now known as the Northampton County Branch of Pennsylvania.

Branch No. 7. John Philip Doster III, born 1796 in Niederhofen, Württemberg, landed at Philadelphia in 1817, with his father, John Philip Doster II, 1765-1829, became a wealthy farmer, settled at Middle Creek, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and founded this branch.

Branch No. 8. Daniel Doster, born 1802 Niederhofen, Württemberg, landed at Philadelphia in 1817, with his father, John Philip Doster II, 1765-1829, became a prominent distiller at Pine Hill, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and founded this branch.

Branch No. 9. Philip Michael Doster, born 1804 Niederhofen, Württemberg, landed in Philadelphia in 1817 with his father John Philip Doster II, 1765-1829, spent boyhood in Lancaster County, Pa., became a leading jeweler and silversmith at Philadelphia, Pa. and founded this branch.

Branch No. 10. Children of Christian Doster who lived in Lauffen, Württemberg and died there, emigrated at several dates, Lena in 1863, Caroline and Christian, Jr. in 1864 and others up to 1871. All settled near Philadelphia, Pa. except son John Louis Doster who went to La Salle, Illinois but left no male descendants.

Branch No. 11. Various members emigrated from Gleibethingen, Württemberg to Philadelphia, Pa., around 1883, and all descendants are in Bucks County, Pa. except one who went to Knierim, Iowa and left no male descendants.

Branch No. 12. Johannes Doster emigrated from Tischardt, Württemberg to New York State in 1885 but later returned. His brother's son Christian Herman Doster, born 1901 in Tischardt, emigrated after World War I, in 1924, to Chicago where his family resides today.

Branch No. 13. Jacob Doster, born in Strasbourg, (near Württemberg), emigrated in 1865 to Danville, Pa. All descendants are in that vicinity.

Branch No. 14. John Doster, born 1823 in Stuttgart, Württemberg emigrated in 1843 to Danville, Pa. and most of his descendants remain thereabouts.

Branch No. 15. John Doster I, born 1826 in Luxembourg, not far from Württemberg, emigrated in 1857 to Port Leyden, N. Y. and most descendants are in New York State.

Branch No. 16. John George Doster, born 1818 in Riederich, Württemberg emigrated in 1860 to Buffalo and Gardenville. Descendants are in New York, Michigan, and Illinois.

Branch No. 17. Various emigrations, 1836-1879, from Grafenberg, Württemberg to Buffalo and Sheldon, New York. Many descendants in New York, Ohio, Michigan and Minnesota.

Branch No. 18. Johannes Doster, born around 1800 in Grafenberg, Württemberg emigrated from there with wife and children in 1836 to Sheldon, Wyoming County, N. Y. Descendants mostly in Michigan but individuals in many states.

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PART ONE: INTRODUCTION

I: The Doster Background

THIS WORK is not an attempt to prove anything. It is a record, or a collection of records, compiled by various people at various times, fitted together and amplified. It is not produced for profit and is available without cost to any Doster interested. It is not complete nor always down to date and its objective is to lay a foundation upon which, if anyone in future desires to build, a more finished structure can be erected. In dubious or controversial matters, the effort has been to set down the known and the unknown without conclusion, until key information in the future may turn up for final proof.

ORIGINS

The Dosters originated in Germany. There are legends, to be sure, handed down in branches of the family from someone's surmise or passing remark until they amounted almost to traditions, that the tree stems from England, Wales, Ireland or Holland, but there is nothing extant to support them. On the contrary, all wisps of information, from whatever source, seem to fit together without serious exception and to point to one limited region in the south of Germany. The late Dr. James Jarvis Doster of the University of Alabama was inclined to believe his ancestors came from Wales. The late Chief Justice Frank Doster of Kansas at one time thought Ireland was the home of his forbears. Alexis Doster of Litchfield, Connecticut for years remembered a legend that the family came from Holland, either the Island of Weiringen or some similar isle in the Zuider Zee. All these theories, and there are others, have a certain basis. The misconception arises from the embarkation points. In days of sail and dependence upon favorable winds, a ship made unexpected stops and berthed at various ports, and since the colonies on the Atlantic coast of North America were British, a vessel was obliged to touch at an English port for clearance before a voyage. Finally, many emigrants changed ships at British ports, no matter where their pilgrimages began. Thus a grandfather's tale, handed down in fragments to later generations, might truthfully recall a certain ship from a certain port in the British Isles or elsewhere, without contradicting an earlier origin supported by birth certificates and church records on the continent of Europe.

All Dosters in the United States are related. Not by descent from one emigrant, but from a common ancestor around 1500 A. D. or perhaps a little earlier. The relationships are closer than realized by members who have never seen nor heard of each other, usually within 10 generations and in many cases as close as 3d or 4th cousins. Some of this can be proved, notably the uninterrupted lines of the Pennsylvania Branches, in Northampton and Lancaster Counties. The remainder can be established only to a certain point, often distant, but beyond that point there is enough circumstantial and corroborative evidence to presume a conclusion that is rather difficult to upset.

The basis is: (1) that all Doster records going back any distance, presumably

collateral lines but without proof at the top, converge in Württemberg*, Germany; (2) That the Doster records appear, not through the whole of Württemberg, but in a space of only a few square miles; (3) that when two uninterrupted lines can be traced respectively to two men born about the same time, with the same surname, in the same locality, there is a probability that the two were brothers or at least cousins; and (4) that no trace of the Doster name has ever been found in any part of the world except in this area or in emigrations from it. The area is partly in the province of the Neckar, partly in the province of the Black Forest.

The Dosters seem to be of Saxon blood. The earliest dim record is that a family of Dosters moved from Saxony around 1500 A. D. and settled in Württemberg. It was a tradition with members still living in Württemberg in the year 1859 when William Emil (later Gen.) Doster of Bethlehem, Pa. visited there to trace his own line while taking a postgraduate course at the University of Heidelberg in nearby Baden, a journey of a few miles up the Neckar River. It is true that Saxony under different regimes had widely varying boundaries. Nevertheless, the fact stands out that nearly 100 years ago several generations of Dosters in Württemberg had always regarded themselves as Saxons. Beyond that we cannot go. The fair-haired and blue-eyed characteristics of most Doster lines seem to fit the Saxon description, mentioned as far back as Julius Caesar. The theory has some interest in view of the invasion of England by the Saxons in the 5th and 6th centuries, with the possibility that the Dosters may have some of the same ancient background as the Anglo-Saxons of England.

From A. D. 1600 forward, the records in Württemberg are fairly complete, chiefly in Lutheran churches of the villages. They probably contain more information than the meager data copied to establish one given emigration and only one or two family branches, and were on the point of being examined more carefully in that respect a few years ago by Americans travelling under the auspices of the Youth Movement, moving on bicycles off the beaten tourist tracks and staying at youth hostels. But this was halted by events leading up to World War II. The present work may be a stepping stone to further research under the red roofs of Württemberg when the world returns to some normal state.

WAR DAYS

Thoughtful people have questioned the discretion of bringing out a book dealing with Württemberg origins at a time when the United States is at war with the Nazi government, "the enemy of mankind". In the midst of a conflict destroying the lives of American sons and annihilating the civilization of the world with no more excuse than plain barbarism, nobody relishes a connection with anything bearing a German label. As in World War I, Americans have impulsively sought new names for such common-places as Hamburger steak, German silver, Frankfort sandwiches, Rhine wines, Thuringer sausage and the like. There is ground for the viewpoint and the editor admits that the point is delicate. Nevertheless, since fully one-third of the American nation is

*There are two slight exceptions, both rather late emigrations. Branch No. 13, Danville, Pa., came from Strasbourg and Branch No. 15, Port Leyden, N. Y., from Luxembourg. Both points are reasonably close to the Württemberg area of all the others and the theory is not greatly challenged.



THE UPPER RHINE COUNTRY

(Older spellings unchanged)

Scale: 1 inch equals about 46 U. S. miles.

Old map of Württemberg and surroundings in the Continental emigration period, during the decline of the Holy Roman Empire. All Doster emigrations have been traced to this region. The route to America was down the Neckar River, thence northwest down the Rhine to Holland and the sea.



ENLARGEMENT FROM OPPOSITE MAP

(Older spellings unchanged)

Scale: 1 inch equals about 18 U. S. miles

Heilbronn, Lauffen, Stuttgart and Tracht, where some Doster branches had their beginnings, are shown along or near the Neckar River. The home villages of other branches were in the country between the Neckar River on the north and the Black Forest on the south.

of Teutonic ancestry, since names of similar origin have appeared in distinguished posts (including the Presidency) all through American history, since Wagnerian music and the literature of Goethe and Schiller are still studied in our schools on their own merits and since we have never found a Doster even faintly sympathetic with the enemy cause either in World War I or in World War II, we have decided to take the long-range view and to trust it will be shared by the Dosters themselves.

GEOGRAPHY

The migrations are simplified by a glance at the map, which in its main boundaries has not changed much in 300 years.

Württemberg is in the extreme south of the Germany of today. It touches the Swiss border at the large Lake of Constance (where, incidentally, the Nazi government developed and tested its notorious rocket guns and robots in recent years). It has only about 7500 square miles and is roughly 120 miles long and 40 to 80 miles wide. Thus the whole of it is not very extensive. The population today is around 3,000,000. It is largely agricultural and has always been a peaceful region. Its capital is the University city of Stuttgart, now an engineering center, and it contains the commercial emporium of Heilbronn and such other towns as Neckarsulm, Kuenzelau, Marbach, Ludwigsburg, Ulm, Ellwangen, Mergenthan, Crailsheim, Bachnang, Esslingen, Tübingen and Aalen. In the north the Neckar River winds northwest past Heilbronn in Württemberg and Heidelberg in Baden, to the Rhine. A little farther south, the famous Black Forest stretches horizontally across the middle of Württemberg. The great Danube River has its source here and winds eastward across the whole continent of Europe.

It is in this district, around Heilbronn and in the country between the Neckar River on the north and the Black Forest on the south, that we find all origins of the Dosters. The extreme limit of the territory is not over 40 miles and most of the hamlets are only miles apart. It is here that we locate the places mentioned in all the Doster searches, Niederhofen, Heilbronn, Klein Gardach, Gross Gardach, Urach, Riederich, Grafenberg, Stuttgart, Bempflingen, Raidwangen, Tischardt, Kohlberg, Nürtingen, Lauffen, Truchtelfingen, Reuthingen, etc., and Oberamt (Circuit) Brackenheim, Oberamt Urach, Oberamt Balingen, etc.

On the right or east of Württemberg is Bavaria with its cities of Munich, Nuremberg, Wurzburg, Augsburg, etc., and still farther east is Bohemia (Czecho-Slovakia since 1919) whence the Moravians came. On the left or west is Baden, long and narrow, which curls around the south of Württemberg on the Swiss border and contains well-known cities like Heidelberg, Karlsruhe and Mannheim. The west border of Baden is the Rhine River and west of it is the Pfalz or Rhenish Palatinate; and beyond that is the Saar Valley and all the Rhineland territory, currently so blackened with Nazi munitions manufacture.

All this is the "upper Rhine" country, and the Rhine River points like a finger northwest to Holland and the sea. This was the route of migrations to America. And this was the route travelled by the Dosters to the new world.

Note: This south-German territory should not be confused, by Dosters having forbears in Virginia or North Carolina, with the north-German duchy of Mecklenburg,

from which came the name of Mecklenburg county in those two states. Mecklenburg is on the Baltic sea, a former Saxon province, now divided into Mecklenburg-Schwerin and Mecklenburg-Strelitz. It was from the latter in 1761 that the young Princess Charlotte sailed to become the bride and English Queen of George III, and from this lady came the names of the American cities of Charlotte, Charlottesville, etc. Old Anson County in North Carolina was named from Admiral Anson whose ship carried the Princess to England, and the newer county in North Carolina in 1762 was named Mecklenburg in her honor. Thus Dosters in North Carolina may have lived (as they did) in old Mecklenburg County, and may have had a hand in bringing the name to America, but they did not originate in Mecklenburg, Germany.

THE 17TH CENTURY

Emigration to America from the Germanic countries began in 1683, reaching a great tide at times and lasting nearly 200 years. At the time there was no Germany in a political sense. There was only a loose federation of some 300 principalities, duchies and kingdoms, relics of the almost defunct Holy Roman Empire, with allegiance to it nominal or less. Württemberg was a kingdom. "Germany" as we know the term was a mass of scattered peoples held together by common language and customs, emerging from the feudal system, with an early origin in the Germanic "tribes" reported by the Romans in their world conquests. Up to about 1500 A. D. "The Church" was the Roman Catholic Church to which all Christians belonged, and it had a profound influence and control over all religious and secular life.

Aside from controversial history, the general facts are that struggles within and against The Church affected the life and history of the period; that such struggles often meant wars; that colonization of America was largely stimulated by religious intolerance; and that the Dosters, like most other Americans, came to the new world for these reasons.

THE REFORMATION

Protests against powers of The Church began appearing in many lands as early as the 14th century. In England the leader was John Wycliffe (1324-1384). The Bohemian John Huss, from whom the Moravians originated, was burned at the stake in 1415. In Holland the leader was Erasmus (1465-1536). The French Huguenots appeared around 1560. The Swiss organized under Zwingli (1484-1531). Puritans began appearing in England about 1564. John Calvin with his stern discipline settled in Geneva in 1536. The Peasants' War of protest on the upper Rhine was quelled in 1525. All these stirrings whether earlier or later came to a head in 1517 when Martin Luther pinned his famous Theses on the church door at Wittenberg in protest against the sale of indulgences by The Church.

This resulted in what history calls the Reformation, the formation of Protestant churches. There was at first only the Lutheran Church, soon the Reformed also, and these two were known as the established churches. Offshoots of these and smaller bodies were known as "sects", in other words all Protestants except the established churches. The "plain sects" were the Dunkards, Mennonites, Amish, Schwenkfelders and some others, who attributed all knowledge to the Bible and the soil.

The Dosters had no connection with the Puritans of England, the Huguenots of France, the Calvinists of Switzerland, nor with any church body in Holland. And they were not Moravians, nor did they belong to any of the "sects". All their references are to the Lutheran church, confirmed by records in old Württemberg villages.

This Lutheran background of former days is in contrast with their later affiliations in America, which have extended to the Moravians, Mennonites, Quakers, Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, Unitarians, Episcopalians and other denominations. Many have remained Lutherans through all generations to this day. Nearly all are Protestants, only a few joining the Roman Catholic Church, usually through marriage with members of that faith.

EFFECTS ON PEOPLE

Religious intolerance is a general term. It takes something more than a general term to persuade a man to abandon the soil of his fathers and journey several thousand miles to a new world. Wherever The Church remained a power, the strife between Protestant and Catholic folk was a more specific thing. The sufferings of all classes below nobility meant not only the choice between hated forms of worship on the one hand and punishment on the other, but also such worldly troubles as heavy taxes and imposts, lack of privileges, inability to hold title, chaotic economic conditions and generally bad times. With all this there was the constant threat of military conscription for church folk who were opposed to wars. It was hardships of this kind, lasting for years and sometimes for generations, that caused thousands of families (including the Dosters who emigrated from Württemberg) to seek escape.

AMERICA AND WILLIAM PENN (1644-1718)

After decades of strife and sufferings in Europe, from which there was little refuge, new hopes were founded by the founding of colonies at Jamestown in 1601, at Williamsburg a little later and at Plymouth in 1620. But avenues and encouragements to these settlements were confined largely to the British and for some 60 years there was not much emigration from Teutonic countries. Then came William Penn.

The father of William Penn was a wealthy man, an Admiral of the British Crown, who had advanced money to his impecunious sovereign. The latter's son Charles II settled the claim in 1681 by granting to Admiral Penn's son a tract of land in America 300 x 160 miles in extent, and the new owner named it Penn's Woods or Pennsylvania. William Penn, whose mother was Holland Dutch, had embraced the doctrines of the Friends or Quakers and had made several preaching journeys in Holland and up the Rhine into Germany where many had ideas similar to the Quaker faith. He issued an invitation, "An Address to Protestants Of All Persuasions", a new idea and a liberal one, throwing open the doors of Pennsylvania, and in 1682 he sailed with 100 English comrades to his new domain where he founded Philadelphia, the city of brotherly love. It was William Penn who, directly, let down the bars for emigrants other than Britons and who, indirectly, brought the Dosters to America.

THE FIRST CONTINENTAL EMIGRATION

The response was prompt. In 1683, only a year later, 13 families of Mennonites from Cresheim in Germany near the Dutch border came over under their leader Pastorius (1651-1719) and settled above Philadelphia along the Wissahickon Creek and on the high ground between the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers. There they founded German Town, long the leading German community in America, through which went practically every German emigration for many decades. The ship *Concord* which landed at Philadelphia in 1683 has been called the German *Mayflower*.

Quakers and others followed Penn to Pennsylvania but up to 1702 only about 200 families came over from the Holy Roman Empire. They were members of the plain sects and all from the Rhenish Palatinate, west of the Rhine, refugees not only from Church discord but also from French pressure in adjacent Alsace-Lorraine.

THE THREE GENERAL GROUPS

The Dosters were not in this group, nor were they related to its members. These families, and thousands later from the same region, spoke the language which has come to be known as Pennsylvania Dutch. The term has been applied, not only to the language, but also (erroneously) to all the Germans who settled in Pennsylvania. The language is a dialect of the Rhenish Palatinate, to which English words have been added with unusual pronunciations, accents, inflections and idioms. For centuries these people, the "Platt Deutsch" (Palatinate Germans) were the butt of jokes from other Teutonic folk. Traditional tales like the one of the man who sawed himself off a limb, and the human chain in the well with the top man stopping to spit on his hands, in local lore were attributed to the Platt Deutsch. Probable reasons were that they were farmers, not rapid thinkers, and their religion did not encourage education. They may have been later than other sections in emerging from serfdom. Be this as it may, criticism has been pretty well refuted as two centuries passed, by the distinguished achievements of the race. In any event, the emigrants from the Pfalz or Rhenish Palatinate were the real Pennsylvania Dutch and they have in some sections retained their mother tongue to the exclusion of English. It is sometimes called low German.

The term "Palatines" was used indiscriminately by the Quaker and English authorities to designate all German immigrants, because originally each state of the Holy Roman Empire was headed by a "Prince Palatine". But "the Palatinate" during the colonization period means the Rhenish Palatinate, the Pfalz, the west side of the Rhine. The Pfalz furnished the first German settlers of Pennsylvania, the farmers, the members of the plain sects, the Pennsylvania Dutch, the largest majority of all the German emigrants. But the group included no Dosters.

The next-largest quota came from Württemberg. While these pioneers were loosely written down by English clerks as "Palatines" along with all others who spoke a German tongue, they were distinctly not from the Palatinate, they came from east of the Rhine, a part of the world that the Romans never conquered, they were not members of the plain sects, they spoke high German as written by Martin Luther in his edition of the Bible at the University of Wittenberg, they were not the Pennsylvania Dutch, they had

fair schooling in reading, writing and arithmetic, and although many were farmers like all the early colonists, a bigger percentage had drifted into towns and cities and apprenticeships in textile and mechanical trades—carpenters, blacksmiths, weavers, dyers, spinners, silversmiths, printers, wheelwrights, pharmacists, shopkeepers, etc. *It was this second-largest group, from Württemberg, that included all the Doster emigrants at one time or another.*

The third-largest contingent came from Switzerland. We have never heard of a Doster from there. Germans in Pennsylvania during the American Revolution numbered 110,000 out of 225,000 population.

EMIGRANT TRADE

Queen Anne of England had a theory that it would be wise to keep Englishmen at home and populate her colonies with settlers from the Continent. About 1702 the British Government invited emigration by circulating in the Palatinate a series of papers called the Golden Books, which had great effect. Also, agents from earlier emigrations began to return and stir up trade on commission, much as steamship agents stimulated later emigration to the United States. They were called Neulanders or Newlanders. The results began to be tremendous. In the two years 1708 and 1709, 30,000 colonists crossed to England and were re-shipped to Pennsylvania.

A regular trade sprang up. At first the passages were from England, but soon the ships went directly from the Rhine, stopping at any handy English port for clearance. Sailing vessels of course were the only transports. Small "snows" carried 50 to 100 people, and 2-masted brigs 200 to 300, and soon there were full-rigged ships with 3 masts and several decks taking 500 to 600 souls besides freight and a cargo of animals. The masters often refused to sail without a full complement. In 1749 twenty vessels with 12,000 "Palatines" arrived at the port of Philadelphia.

The trip was arduous. Boats were delayed as much as 6 weeks by the 30 or 40 custom houses on the Rhine alone. There was another delay of 5 or 6 weeks at the sea-ports. The ocean voyage took about 3 months. Passengers' money and food were gradually exhausted. Quarters were unbelievably crowded and ships were no better and no worse than those carrying the English colonists, floating hospitals and pesthouses, often losing one-third of the passengers on a trip.

People disembarking from such a voyage were unattractive in appearance, their health bad, their clothes in rags, their hair and beards long, their countenances haggard and sad, their food and money gone, and they presented a strange sight to Quakers of the sophisticated metropolis, Philadelphia. To pay passage, the emigrants usually sold themselves as redemptioners, which was extremely profitable for the shipowners. An adult sold for £10 for 3 to 5 years' service. There was no disgrace in the practice, just as it was customary to be "bound out" and just as Paul Revere and Benjamin Franklin and others indentured themselves as apprentices. Many distinguished people are descended from redemptioners. This was probably the earliest form of instalment buying in America.

In 1717, a large arrival of emigrants, woe-begone and bedraggled, attracted the attention of the Philadelphia authorities to the great increase in the immigration rate

and caused them to pass a requirement that all males above 16 should be registered and made to sign the oath of allegiance. But the record was not kept until 1727 and the first Doster arrived before that.

SHIP ARRIVALS IN PHILADELPHIA

From *Pennsylvania-German Society Vol. XLII, Penna-German Pioneers, Vol. I*, pp. xvi-xvii:

Another noteworthy group arrived in the year 1717. It was a group of Lutherans headed by the Rev. Anthony Jacob Henckel and his son-in-law Valentine Geiger. They arrived on three vessels which reached Philadelphia in September 1717. On Sept. 19, 1717, Capt. Richmond, Capt. Tower and Capt. Eyers waited upon the (Provincial) Board with a list of Palatines they had imported from London; by which list it appeared that Capt. Richmond had imported 164, Capt. Tower 91 and Capt. Eyers 108.

It was the size of this group of "363 Palatines", following a series of similar arrivals, that first induced the authorities to require registry. But the record, which is available today, was not kept until 1727 and it was discontinued in 1807—dates just after the arrival of the first Doster at Philadelphia and just before the next one. Without real proof, there is fair probability that the earliest Doster arrival was in one of the three ships above which landed in 1717, and one of the supporting facts is that the surnames of the people who headed the group are well-known today in the vicinity where he settled. His life is related in a later chapter.

We have scrutinized the arrival lists commenced in 1727, both the transcribed registers and the facsimiles of the original signatures, but the name of Doster does not appear. There is one Daniel Dossler in the ship *Nancy* in 1750 and a Jacob Dester and Jacob Dester, Junior in the ship *Charming Nancy* in 1737. In the ship *Loyal Judith* arriving on November 25, 1740 is the signature of Johan William Oster. And in the register of the ship *Ann Galley* from Rotterdam and the Orkney Islands we find one Simon Dohster.

There is also a Johan Jacob Dästerr in the ship *Edinburgh* in 1749 and this has led to a whimsical speculation by some people that the gentleman could well have been John Jacob Astor. He came over about this time; he was born at Walldorf near Heidelberg on the Neckar River and just over the line from Württemberg; he is said to have dropped a D from his name; he founded a fortune based on New York real estate dealings in the War of 1812; he headed a prominent American family; and the Dosters may be related to his descendants. The editor is not inclined to stretch the probabilities but sets down the circumstances for whatever interest they may have.

SIMILAR NAMES

The proximity of families named Dossler, Dester, Dästerr, Dohster and Doster in communities not far apart, and at the same period of time, revives the age-old controversy of whether these may not have been different ways of spelling, in a day of limited

education, the same name—cf. Shafer, Shaffer, Schafer, Schaffer, Sheaffer, Sheaffer, Scheafer, Scheaffer, all of which can be anglicized to Sheperd, Shepard, Shepherd, Shephard, Shepperd, Sheppard, etc.—or most of the Indian names, cf. Mohican, Mohecan, Mohigan, Mohegan, etc. The editor has left to a more enterprising generation the task of pursuing analogous names which may or may not be the same as the name of Doster at an ancient period. Following are some suggested, on which there has been no research at all:

Dosser	Dorchester	Dostiev	Dostmann	Daster	Dortan	Oster
Dester	Dosher	Dostoievsky	Dostkowsky	Dorer	Doner	Hoster
Dästerr	Doscher	Dunster	Dasten	Doren	Dostler	Hosters
Dostal	Doser	D'Oster	Dorster	Dosin	Doerstler	Coster
Dostaler	Dosker	D'Austre	Von Dorster	Dorset	Doersch	Boster
Duston	Dostert	Dostalova	Doten	Dorsey	Dorsler	Koster
Doston	Dotson	Dostervitch	Donstan	Dohster	Deuster	Dorsten
Dodson	Dostie	Duster	Dosten	Dorst	Dostee	

In any genealogy of older days, allowance must be made for variations in spelling, not only of proper names, but also of everyday language. A glance at the diary of George Washington, written before he was 30 years of age, reveals some wondrous spellings of ordinary words, sometimes several variations on one page.

ORIGIN OF THE DOSTER NAME

With assistance from the staff of the New York Public Library the editor has been able to examine works dealing with the history of family names and to quote the following item from *Die Deutschen Familiennamen* by Heintze-Cascorbi, page 174 (translated):

Dost means wild thyme. The following family names, meaning "Thyme-gatherer", are derived from this word: Dost, Doster, Dostler, Dostmann.

THE SOUTH

As emigrations began to exceed the capacity of eastern Pennsylvania, several things restricted expansion into the back country. One was the matter of transportation, highways, rivers and mountains. Another was the danger of the "frontier", the western edge of safety from unfriendly Indians and the French who considered the entire Ohio Valley and the Mississippi Valley down to Louisiana as their domain. Also, many emigrants had a conviction against bearing military arms.

Travel, of course was afoot, on horseback and in "great waggons". The easy road west from German Town was almost level for 68 miles to Lancaster on the Conestoga River—what is now the Lancaster Pike, the Lincoln Highway, U. S. Route 30 and the route of the Main Line of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Just beyond Lancaster was the wide Susquehanna River, and since Lancaster County on the near side of it contained the soil of the Cumberland Valley (then and now the richest farming county in America),

many went no further. But a way was found to cross* the Susquehanna at several spots and the next obstacle was high and steep Tuscarora Mountain of the Alleghenies.

The Allegheny Mountains up to 1793 were a formidable barrier. Until this date when the Lancaster settlers developed their heavy draft horses, and their wainsmiths and wheelwrights designed the famous Conestoga wagon (covered wagon, prairie schooner, the drivers of which for many years smoked long, thin twists of tobacco known to this day as "stogies") to take pioneers to the far west, the natural course was a left turn to the south.

The turn was a continuation of the level road, down the Shenandoah Valley, between the Blue Ridge and the Alleghenies, following what is now U. S. Route 11, from the garden spot of Pennsylvania to the garden spot of Virginia. Over this route, largely based on Indian highways, passed an early band of settlers, one of the first, under the pioneer Jost Hite, a group that included the first Doster family in America.

In the Shenandoah Valley the route went through the present Frederick and Rockingham Counties, Winchester, Lexington, Staunton and Roanoke. And after Braddock's defeat in 1755 many alarmed settlers became refugees and moved still farther south.

They went part way down the Roanoke River and then due south to the lower border of North Carolina in what are now Union and Mecklenburg Counties. As will appear, sons of the original Doster family were a part of the movement, and among the original settlers in this virgin territory. Some went over the South Carolina line into York County, into the Yadkin River district and the Piedmont ("foot of the mountains") country, and Dosters appear to have been in the earliest groups here too, even though detailed proofs are somewhat scarce. The Moravians of Pennsylvania in 1766 followed about the same route to found Winston-Salem, N. C. but had no Dosters with them at the time.

Still later, emigration went all the way to the Piedmont district of Georgia, the middle section, away from the coast which had been settled in 1732 and 1734, and equally away from the frontier. Dosters participated in this movement likewise, as will be shown in the tables, the general direction being South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and even Texas. An offshoot was a movement from Winchester, Va. westward into Ohio, following the route of today's U. S. Route 50, and this course was followed by Dosters in Branch No. 1 and also in Branch No. 2.

Dosters in the South will note (with a possible exception in Branch No. 4) that their progenitors arrived, not at south Atlantic ports, but overland from Philadelphia. The above routes were those of the 1700s, during early colonization. Later Doster arrivals, as will be seen, settled in Pennsylvania without going further, while others went through New York City to settle in Buffalo, some going on to Ohio and Michigan, and others even to Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota.

*Wright's Ferry. In 1730 John Wright obtained a patent for a ferry, and built a brick ferry house and tavern on the road leading east to Lancaster, now U. S. Route 30, across the Susquehanna River at the point which is now Columbia on one side and Wrightsville, Pa. on the other. It was used by many emigrants, at first with packhorses and shortly with big transport trains. Boats used were large dugouts, two tied together for wagons, and able to carry from one to several tons each. In dry seasons, animals forded the river which was shallow although very wide, the leader of each herd tethered to a canoe. Wagons could ford the river also, at low-water stages. Anderson's Ferry was 3 miles up river, and Blue Rock Ferry of Thomas Cresap (patent in 1730) was 4 miles below. Neither of these ever equalled Wright's Ferry, not being on the main route of the settlers.

OTHER EMIGRATIONS

The following is somewhat outside the purpose of the Doster genealogy and may be omitted from reading if desired. To avoid speculation on possible other origins and to save futile search, the editor has explored the records of all early arrivals from German regions.

Mennonites followed the original colony to German Town and spread inland to a point on the Conestoga River in Pennsylvania, 68 miles west, which they founded as Hickory Town in 1718 and re-named it Lancaster in 1730. There were no Dosters there at the time.

An early group from the Palatinate went to the New York Province, settling on both sides of the Hudson River in Schoharie County near Middleburgh (cf. Palatine Hotel, Newburgh), but their titles were voided by the Dutch padroons and in 1722 they moved westward to the upper reaches of the Susquehanna and floated down it on rafts as far as the Swatara Creek in Pennsylvania, then worked up that and settled near Lebanon and in Berks County, Pa. The Doster name was not among them.

Large colonies settled in the part of Pennsylvania extending from Easton through Allentown, Reading and Lebanon to the Cumberland Valley. They were almost entirely the Pennsylvania Dutch, from the Palatinate, and no Doster families appeared in their communities except later settlers whose names we have.

In 1739 the Moravians from Bohemia and Saxony under the leadership of Count Zinzendorf founded Nazareth, Pa., then Bethlehem and Lititz, Pa. and in 1766 they forged south to Winston-Salem, N. C. These colonies contained no Dosters, although they were joined later by some whose names are recorded herein.

About 1750 large numbers of Germans from Pennsylvania went to Frederick County, Md., and also into New Jersey. These likewise were from the Palatinate and no Dosters were included.

One colony went to PenYan, N. Y. (Pennsylvania-Yankee). Not the slightest reference to the Doster name has been discovered there.

During the Revolutionary War a large group of the sect people, who were religiously against bearing arms, went from Pennsylvania and settled near what is now Kitchener, Ontario. The record has not been examined but is not likely to disclose Dosters, the latter being Lutheran and not of the sects.

The English promoter John Law lost a shipload of German colonists by disease in the swamps near Mobile, Ala. and later landed several thousand in Louisiana. We have not succeeded in finding records of names, but the Louisiana Dosters are believed to derive from North or South Carolina and not from this Gulf expedition.

In the lists of names of the Salzburgers (from Bavaria) who were used to colonize parts of Georgia in 1734 to 1741, we have the registers of 4 different ships, none of which contains a Doster name.

There is a list of names of the "600 Palatines from near Heidelberg", a group of 92 families, who settled in North Carolina in 1709 and 1710 at the confluence of the rivers Neuse and Trent, near New Bern, but it has no Doster in it. This territory also received settlers from Bern, Switzerland, none named Doster.

In the list of names of settlers in German Town and vicinity between 1683 and 1710 the nearest approach to a Doster name is a Herman Dorst and one Wilhelm Hosters.

A list of Swiss and German settlers in Lancaster County, Pa. from 1709 to 1730 has no Doster name in it.

On Sept. 11, 1728 there arrived at Philadelphia the ship *James Goodwill* from Rotterdam via Deal (sailed June 15th), including a leader, Johann Caspar Stoever who is in a list of members of the Lutheran Church at Tulpehocken, close to German Town, Pa. From this congregation he recruited a group to head southwest to Stufferstadt, now Germanna, Va. He was the first Lutheran minister there. In the Tulpehocken list, there is no Doster name, although the people were from Württemberg. The settlement at Germanna is supposed to have been founded by colonies sent over by Queen Anne.

Nothing has been turned up in any of the following lists: Settlers who accompanied Rev. Joshua Kocherthal, on Quassick Creek, then Dutchess County, N. Y. in the Spring of 1709; Heads of families in New York City in 1710; Male children apprenticed by Gov. Hunter of New York from 1710 to 1714; Male Palatines about 21 age in Livingston Manor, N. Y. in the winter of 1710 and the summer of 1711; Names of males in New Rochelle, N. Y. in 1710; Names of the first Palatines in North Carolina, as early as 1709 and 1710 and still living there in 1714; 33 families of Germans who landed in New York in 1710, settled in Schoharie in 1713, left there and located on the Tulpehocken Creek (German Town, Pa.)

In the available documents there is just one set of migrations, through Charleston, S. C., which might have contained a Doster family even though we have no list of names. From 1740 to 1755 a great many "Palatines" were sent to South Carolina and settled Orangeburg, Congaree and Wateree. In 1765 upwards of 600 from the Palatinate and Swabia were sent there from London and had a township of land set aside for them. The Palatinate would not fit the Dosters, but Swabia is a partly synonymous term with Württemberg and we have an unidentified Joshua Doster of Orangeburg, S. C. in the U. S. Census of 1790. This may be the original source of Branch No. 4, although it may not be.

With the possible exception of the last item above, which will bear further research, the editor believes that the branches described in this book include all the early Doster emigrations.

OCEAN VOYAGES

The voyage in 1717, of the first Doster in America, is not recorded. It was, of course, in a sailing vessel. By comparing registry lists of ship arrivals in Philadelphia, which began to be kept in the year 1727, with the respective clearance dates at Deal or Liverpool or London or other British port, we are able to estimate the length of the journey. Weather conditions caused uneven schedules but the average trip in the early 1700s took a little over 3 months, and some craft took 4 months and more. To this was added the time in journeying down the Rhine and across to Britain, plus the delays of custom houses. Later the ships sailed directly from the Continent without touching at English ports except in case of storm, and the delays of official red tape were also reduced.

An emigration in one of the Michigan branches in 1852, still before the age of steam,

made the crossing in 62 days. Another in the same year took 57 days. The time gradually diminishes until we come to the annual vacation voyages of the late Gen. W. E. Doster of Branch No. 6, which after 1900 took 5 days and less. The staggering contrast, of course, is when we consider on the one hand these early pilgrimages of three, four and sometimes six months from native ground to promised land, and on the other hand current despatches of air transports leaving daily on flights, in both directions, of less than 24 hours on the same routes.

In the hundred-year-old diary of the late Lewis Doster of Bethlehem, Pa., of Branch No. 6, there is an account of an emigration in 1817 which was easier than those of a century earlier, but reasonably typical. The group included Dr. Daniel Doster with his son Lewis and daughter Elizabeth of Branch No. 6; and his brother John Philip Doster II with his 3 sons, John Philip III, Daniel and Michael who headed Branches 7, 8 and 9.

They started on July 11, 1817 from Niederhofen, Oberamt Brackenheim, Württemberg down the Neckar River to the Rhine and then down the latter, probably on one of the river boats which ran regularly. Somewhere in the lower part of the Netherlands they disembarked and crossed overland to Amsterdam. This part of the journey was immensely shorter than in the previous decades when William Penn was inviting emigrations.

On July 19, 1817 they took passage at Amsterdam on the ship *Bambres* (Bamboo) and waited 4 days for a favorable breeze and tide. On July 23d they set a course for Texel Island, at the mouth of the Zuider Zee and near the northeast end of the North Sea, but continuous headwinds bothered them and this 75-mile beat took a full 5 days. At Texel they lay at anchor 7 days and 7 nights awaiting a fair wind. On August 5th they got one and in the morning were able to see the coasts of both England and France. During the night of August 7th they passed westward through the English Channel but because of steadily contrary winds from the southwest found it impossible to get past Calais. They finally had to put about and sail eastward before the wind, which got them out of the Channel at its eastern end on August 13th. From here they navigated up the east coast of England and on August 15th caught a fine slant of breeze from the northeast which carried them along in good time, passing the Orkney Isles north of Scotland on August 18th. The next day they had a narrow escape in a dense fog which almost put them aground on an island of the Hebrides group, but they were spared and found their way safely into "the Great World Sea" where they had favorable winds all the way across. The Atlantic part of the voyage took 8 weeks, an average of something like 60 nautical miles in each 24-hour day, and brought them to Philadelphia early in October, 1817.

ENDURING RESEMBLANCES

Every branch of this family has a tale of some meeting with a stranger bearing the Doster patronymic who, in spite of complete lack of relationship in many generations, bore a facial resemblance so close to known relatives as to be nothing short of startling. A typical such story, one of many, is told by Mrs. Caroline Riddle Doster of Topeka, Kansas, widow of the late Chief Justice Frank Doster of that state:

"As I remember, John Riddle (her nephew, engineer, legislator, arm slivered in World War I) was sent to Whipple Barracks at Prescott, Arizona to be treated for

tubercular symptoms (which he did not have) and in looking over the large number gathered observed one who had such a striking resemblance to our John (Doster) that he could not keep his eyes off him for long at a time, so resolved to get where he might start some conversation and find out a little about him. This was not especially difficult for John Riddle to do, he being known as a genial mixer, but the stranger was not of this nature, as might be expected if he proved to be much like the person he resembled. However, the two boys were brought close enough for each to give his name and address and to the astonishment of John Riddle, the young man said he was born in Ohio, a member of blank infantry, and his name was I believe William Doster of blank Town, Fayette County. John Riddle told him why he wished to get acquainted. Later the boy was induced to write to John Doster's father. He did not know much that was certain about his family, he seemed to have been taken into the army at about high-school age and he was concerned mostly to get the charge of being tubercular removed and to be allowed to get back to his home. I can't be positive as to his given name but the fact of his resemblance was astonishing. I have heard that this family resemblance at quite a distance down the line has often been observed in the Doster family." [Dosters in Fayette County, Ohio are all in Branches No. 1 and 1-A.—*Ed.*]

We have been asked to go further and draw a cross-section, not only of facial but also of other characteristics. The experiment, of course, is dangerous. In several centuries of intermarriages with other families there must be numerous exceptions, but as a general impression and only as a matter of interest, the average Doster may be described about as follows:

Grey eyes, firm mouth and chin, good forehead, rather prominent nose and ears, usually straight hair, blonde in childhood and turning brown later, broad shoulders, medium stature, erect carriage, ruddy complexion especially in middle age, considerable sense of humor, genial nature but not of the mixer type, frankness and honesty, generosity often beyond reason, fairly easy disposition although often austere, stubborn and capable of anger when aroused, a tendency to objective thinking, interest in serious things, dislike of sham, longevity, distinctive but not beautiful handwriting, a habit of working hard, absorption in interesting tasks, attention to detail—a Doster likes to do a good piece of work, feels a satisfaction in having done it and likes to be told when he has. Beyond these we are asked to emphasize loyalty, one of the distinguishing qualities of the blood, as in the case cited to us of one by this name who passed out of life with great suddenness, unable to say but four words, "My children! My people!"—loyalty to the dying breath.

All the above fits old letters, records, passports and army papers in addition to personal observation. We believe it describes a good many Dosters. And it supports the theory of relationship in cases where proofs are lacking.

CLASSES

For something like 200 years there has been in the possession of this family a piece of ironwork which during the entire period has been regarded as the Doster coat-of-arms.

It was discovered in 1859 at Niederhofen in Württemberg by the late Gen. W. E. Doster of Bethlehem, Pa. On the recollection of an elderly lady in her nineties, whose



COAT-OF-ARMS

House of Erbach-Wartenberg-Roth

Cast in relief upon iron fireplace-back. Discovered 1859 in Niederhofen, Oberamt Brackenheim, Württemberg by the late Gen. W. E. Doster of Bethlehem, Pa. (Courtesy of Alexis Doster, Litchfield, Conn.)

mother had been a Doster, it was uncovered in an ancient attic. The lady knew few details. She remembered it from her girlhood, which would have taken it back perhaps 80 years, and she recalled her grandfather's tales of it. This could indicate its existence as far as the year 1750 or thereabouts. The relatives in the vicinity knew about it and referred to it as the family coat-of-arms.

It was brought to the United States by Gen. Doster in 1881 and is now owned by his son Alexis Doster of Litchfield, Conn., in the form of a cast-iron fireplace back, about 40 inches square, with the arms cast upon it in relief. It has never been put to any particular use, nobody has utilized it for a crest on stationery or otherwise and it has been considered rather an interesting link with the past. It is a handsome and dignified shield.

Fortunately the editor has been able, with help from the New York Public Library, to enlist the services of heraldry experts who quickly identified the arms in no less than four standard armorial works, and provided a correct description and details of origin, geographic background and lineage. But there is no recorded connection with the name of Doster; for the plate bears, without any question, the arms of the Grafen von (Counts of) Erbach-Wartenberg-Roth. Moreover, no recognized lexicon in the field lists a coat-of-arms under the Doster name.

The following translated description is taken from *Württembergisches Wappenbuch* by J. G. L. Dorst, Halle 1846, p. 14 and illustration No. 30 in color:

Grafen von Erbach-Wartenberg-Roth. The shield is quartered. The 1st and 4th quarters are divided, the upper half being red and the lower half silver. There are two silver stars on the top half, and one red star on the lower half. The 2d and 3d quarters are silver with two horizontal red bands. On the uncrowned helmet, with red and silver mantling, are two buffalo horns, the one to the left (of the observer) being silver on the upper half and red on the lower. The other buffalo horn is red above and silver below. Between them are 2 crossed flags, silver with two horizontal stripes. The staves are gold.

From *Neues Allgemeines Deutsches Adels-Lexicon* by Dr. Ernst Heinrich Kneschke, Leipzig 1861, Vol. III, pp. 131-134, the following is a digest of the house of Erbach or Erpach:

This is an old Franconian lineage of lords and counts, whose progenitors are said to have been Eginhard, chancellor and secretary of Charlemagne, and his wife Imma, Charlemagne's daughter. Eginhard was later abbot and founder of the monastery of Seeligenstadt on the river Main. The family still owns the land which was given to Eginhard by Emperor Ludwig the Pious in 815, and which Eginhard loaned to the monastery of Lorsch with the understanding that it would remain a fief of his descendants. The descendants belonged to the Assembly of Councillors of the Empire, and took part in early times in the Imperial Diets and Provincial Diets.

Georg, Lord of Erbach, who died in 1209, was invested by the Prince Palatine with hereditary cupbearer's office, which appertained to the family until 1806. By the descendants of his 3 sons, Eberhard who died 1269, Conrad who died 1283

and Hans who died 1270, the house separated into three lines which expanded later into several branches that died away in course of time. In the middle of the 17th century the family divided again into the two lines Erbach-Erbach and Erbach-Fürstenau.

The original line Erbach-Erbach came to an end in 1731 when Count Friedrich Carl died. The line Erbach-Fürstenau, inheriting it, separated into three lines according to the sons of the founder: first line Erbach-Schönberg, second line Erbach-Fürstenau, and third line Erbach-Reichenberg which is now called Erbach-Erbach and Erbach-Wartenberg-Roth. They have similar coats-of-arms with minor variations to distinguish them. [The last named is the one that concerns this book.—*Ed.*]

The line Erbach-Reichenberg, now called Erbach-Erbach or Erbach-Wartenberg-Roth, was founded by Count Georg Wilhelm who died in 1757. By his decree all counts in this line must bear the name Frantz, and bear the Imperial Eagle in their coats-of-arms according to the Imperial Diploma of 1755. Later the line acquired by adoption the county of Wartenberg-Roth, situated in the Kingdom of Württemberg, together with the district of Steinbach in the Kingdom of Bavaria. This was when on December 4, 1804 Ludwig, Count of Wartenberg, the last of his house, adopted both his nephews, counts of Erbach-Erbach, with the understanding that they should bear his family name and coat-of-arms together with their own hereditary names and coat-of-arms, and that after his death the older of the two adopted sons should succeed according to the right of primogeniture. His death occurred on Mar. 10, 1818 and accordingly the adopted son Count Frantz Carl Friedrich became exclusive proprietor of the county Wartenberg-Roth.

The genealogy of the house of Erbach appears in the authoritative book *Deutsche Grafenhäuser Der Gegenwart*. From recent registers, the heads are entitled to be addressed as Your Highness. Among the rich landed properties are the manors Erbach and Brenberg, of which the latter together with Wertheim is under the supremacy of the Grand Duchy of Hesse; the jurisdictional district of Eschau is under the Kingdom of Bavaria; the territory of Wartenberg-Roth is a part of the Kingdom of Württemberg; the alodial lands of the Counts of Wartenberg etc. etc.

A plausible conclusion from this set of facts would seem to be that the Dosters of Württemberg were at some time during the Holy Roman Empire feudal retainers of a line of counts of the house of Erbach; that the coat-of-arms cast into a useful fireplace accessory was a gift or reward for services, perhaps military, perhaps in the Crusades; that it was something the recipient could exhibit with pride; that there is no blood relationship on the record; and that while there is limited justification for the arms being displayed except by a member of the noble clan itself, they are nevertheless authentic, in contrast to spurious crests now claimed in America. The foregoing adds a fragment to the evidence documenting the origin of the Dosters in Württemberg.

The early emigrants from Württemberg were not too well schooled but they were

exceptionally skilled in the soil. For instance, whereas English settlers, particularly in Virginia where slave labor was employed, soon exhausted their land and kept moving, the Württemberg people had the beginnings of scientific farming: (1) In selecting land, they did not dodge a tall timber stand but cleared it as a sign of good soil, especially if black walnut trees were there. (2) They looked for blue-streaked limestone, for the adjacent land was sure to be good. (3) They had a 3-field system of crop rotation. (4) They introduced fertilization of soils. (5) They brought to America the Swiss barn, now used everywhere. (6) They substituted the great draft wagon, a 4-wheeled affair, in place of the 2-wheeled English cart, a big factor in the settlement of America.

These characteristics keep cropping up in bits of history of each early Doster branch. All their settlements turn out to be in the shelter of the ridge, in the blue limestone country, by the tall timber stand. The black walnut trees appear repeatedly, and the crop rotation and other items. The countryside where they settled is apt to be called a garden spot, notably the paradise of the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia and the fertile Lancaster County in Pennsylvania.

Trades of course existed early, but the smiths did not emigrate as early as the farmers, being better off. After the first 75 or 100 years the farmers were followed by blacksmiths, coopers, carpenters, wheelwrights, weavers, dyers, spinners, chemists, silversmiths, printers and others. Thus we have Lewis Doster of Branch No. 6 landing here with his certificate as master dyer. His father Daniel arrived with a reputation as a physician. Christian Doster of Branch No. 10 was a puddler, and so was Jacob Doster of Branch No. 13. John Doster of Branch No. 14 was a cabinetmaker. And so on.

Whatever the ancient origin of the Dosters, during the emigration periods they were neither noble nor peasant but belonged to the yeoman and guild classes.

POLITICS

The Doster family has never worn the collar of any particular party. In the earliest day they were all on the Colonial side. None were Tories. A number of them served in the American Revolution, as shown in their individual records; and they belonged with the German settlers of whom it is said with some justice that their food, supplies, horses and wagons saved the American cause. In Virginia before the Revolution we find one Thomas Doster of Branch No. 1 voting for "Colo." George Washington as a candidate for the Virginia House of Burgesses. In time the Dosters of the South naturally followed the great Thomas Jefferson, and likewise Andrew Jackson, after both of whom a number were named; so they became members of the new Democratic-Republican party and as true southerners have remained lifelong Democrats. In the north we find the Dosters of all the Pennsylvania branches (with an exception here and there) following the Whigs and thereafter the Republican party. In Kansas, the late Chief Justice Frank Doster of Branch No. 2 was active in the birth of the Populist Party, and a combination of Republican, Democratic and Populist vote elevated him to his high office. As descendants have spread through the country, no one rule has determined their votes, and today they follow their individual convictions.

MILITARY SERVICE

Some future revision of this book will have to take over the task of tabulating the military records of the Dosters. In the turmoil of World War II it is impossible to pore through military files, either of this war, with the records changing every week, or of earlier struggles. The name of Doster appears in virtually every war in the history of the country: the French-and-Indian War, the Creek Wars, the Pack Horse War, the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, both sides of the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, the Philippines Campaigns, the Mexican Border events, World War I and World War II. Not less than 87 Dosters served in World War I, probably more. Unofficially we are advised that at least 150 Doster names appear in the Army and Navy files of World War II, and the number grows each month as this book is being put together. Only a thorough search of War Department and Navy Department lists when peaceful days have returned will reveal the correct list of honored names. One of the saddest tasks of the editor has been the entry of casualties in World War II, with the realization that most notations will arrive too late for listing.

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

At least four Dosters enlisted and served in the Revolution.

Descendants of Branch No. 1 may look to Thomas Doster II of Culpepper Court House, Virginia as their Revolutionary ancestor, whose record is given in the biographical sketches of that branch. However, there is no entry of his discharge, in fact he disappears from the written record in every way, with no date of death, no will, not even a Bible entry. He may have been killed or missing.

In Branch No. 3 we have James Doster of Old Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, founder of that branch. His Revolutionary record is well documented in his sketch.

For Branch No. 4, both Jonathan Doster who founded it and his son William Doster appear in the honored rolls of Wilkes County, Georgia, and the latter's widow also had a claim for Revolutionary services against the State of South Carolina. The details are given under Branch No. 4. There may have been other Revolutionary ancestors in this family because early Doster settlers in South Carolina are enshrouded in much uncertainty.

Later branches must look to other lines for ancestors in the Revolution. Descendants of Branch No. 6, for instance, have no Doster primogenitor in Revolutionary rolls but go up from Pauline Louise Eggert Doster, a grand-daughter of Adam Ruppert whose service is documented in her sketch. A number of others rely upon the genealogies of intermarried families, and the lineage has not been reprinted here.

SUMMARY

This is the Doster family structure as far as we are able to assemble it in the year 1945.

In case of loss, copies of this book are being filed with the genealogical records of other families in the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.; libraries of Yale University, Washington and Lee University, University of Virginia, Virginia Military Institute,

University of North Carolina, Duke University, University of Georgia, University of Alabama, Louisiana State University, University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State College, University of Pittsburgh; Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh; Newberry Library, Chicago; Kansas City Library; The Free Library of Philadelphia; Handley Public Library, Winchester, Va.; Lehigh University, Kansas State University, University of Indiana; University of Illinois; University of Michigan; University of West Virginia; Ohio State University; Mississippi State University; New York Public Library; Moravian Historical Society, Lancaster County Historical Society, Pennsylvania Historical Society, Western Pennsylvania Historical Society, Virginia Historical Society, Kansas State Historical Society, Ohio Historical Society, the Pennsylvania German Society, American Historical Society; public libraries at Atlanta, Ga., Raleigh, N. C., Columbia, S. C., Montgomery, Ala., Topeka and Marion, Kan., Lancaster, Pa., Bethlehem, Pa., and elsewhere. This is not over-emphasis or a matter of general interest but solely for reference.

However for Dosters of the future the record is a modest monument to a respectable array of forbears, prominent in almost every field—the ministry, the law, the medical profession, in journalism, in military affairs, in legislative and other public service, in farms and plantations, in finance, in engineering, in transportation, in education, in manufacture—and in many others. And those of less prominence have left a record of fine citizenship, a typical American family, with hardly a trace of crime and scandal. All Dosters that the author and the editor have met, and all that have been described to them by others, have been of a high type, intelligent, industrious, honest, enterprising, kindly and honored by friends and fellow-citizens.

PART II: GENEALOGICAL TABLES

II: The Genealogy Itself

THE GENERAL MATTER up to this point has been placed in the first part of our volume to furnish a background without which most family items would have little meaning.

In the light of this background, we now come to the facts and figures that constitute the history of the Dosters. The chapter following is devoted to the leader of the expedition that guided the first Doster family in America. Next is an account of that family. We follow in turn with the descendants, branch by branch, some in later emigrations. Each branch has a short individual history, and a set of genealogical tables with brief biographical matter. Separate sketches of individuals are added, wherever they have been supplied.

In some tables appear a few names known to belong to such branches but without details; and after the end of all the branches we have a list of Doster names gathered from miscellaneous sources, telephone books, city directories, news reports and elsewhere, having no visible connection with the records. Only future search will align them with their relatives and ancestors.

To show actual and possible connections of each branch with all the others, we have arranged them in skeleton form in a Key Chart on page ix, several complete to the 1600s. If missing boughs of the tree should be found in the future, the chart will help to show where they belong.

The biographical sketches are apt to be fragmentary. They are also disproportionate, because some branches have contributed in volume, while others with great accomplishments have sent little. This happens in all families and must not be misinterpreted.



III: Jost Hite

THE ESTABLISHMENT of a settlement, at this point or that in the American scene, was not entirely haphazard. Although people abroad had heard talk of American colonies, when a family embarked on the great adventure, something specific usually guided it. English settlers naturally followed other Englishmen. And after William Penn opened the gates of Pennsylvania to groups from the Continent, the succeeding tide logically flowed from there. An emigrant was apt to follow whatever news he had gleaned in letters of predecessors from his region.

There was also a certain amount of enterprise. An Atlantic territory was at first either a Proprietary or a Crown Colony, and it was a matter of profit to promote settlements rapidly. The Proprietor or Governor would customarily grant on attractive terms huge pieces of acreage at inland points to some man of standing or with a reputation for promotion; and the latter in his turn would go to great trouble to attract whole groups of families. The opportunities for profit in a growing territory were almost limitless for the promoter and anyone willing to risk danger and hardships. Behind the early history of many an American settlement will be found some such piece of business enterprise.

An outstanding entrepreneur of this type, who appears all through the historical records, was a man named Jost Hite (first name also spelled Yost, Joist, etc., and last name variously Heit, Heidt, Heydt, etc.), a German Lutheran from Strasbourg, who landed in New York about 1710 with his wife, a woman of French extraction who had lived in Holland, and a baby daughter. The histories do not yield much as to his capital or his early life, but he evidently was a man of some standing and initiative, he was related to influential people and he had important friends.

Hite went to the Dutch settlement at Kingston, Ulster County, N. Y. where two more children were born to him. In 1716 he moved to the great German center at German Town, now part of Philadelphia, Pa., and within a year was engaged in sizeable transactions not far up the Schuylkill River from there. He bought and sold lands, built a mill at the mouth of the Perkiomen Creek opposite Valley Forge and became known as a prosperous manufacturer and farmer on a big scale. In January of 1730 he suddenly sold all of his holdings and disappeared from the records.

In Ulster County, Hite was related by marriage to some prominent people from Holland named John and Isaac Van Meter, who in June 1730 went to Williamsburg, Va. and made a contract with Governor Gooch of the Virginia Colony for 40,000 acres in the Shenandoah Valley, an area which is now Frederick and Jefferson Counties, northernmost in Virginia. On August 5, 1731 they sold the contract to Jost Hite on a conditional basis, that 40 families be located on the land within two years. Hite had another Virginia project with a Quaker partner named Robert McKoy on an Order of Council dated Oct. 21, 1731 for 100,000 acres "on the west side of the mountains", to be settled by Christmas of 1735, later complicated by title litigation with Lord Fairfax of the Virginia Proprietary

and finally compromised for 54,000 acres; but the Van Meter grant of 40,000 acres in the present Frederick County, Virginia, is the one that concerns this history.

To fulfil the conditions of the grant, in 1731 Hite recruited 16 Lutheran families in German Town to settle with his own family in Virginia. In the fall of that year they set forth, westward to Lancaster and York, Pa., then southward across the edge of Maryland and today's West Virginia, and early in 1732 they settled on the Opequon River near the present site of Winchester, Va.

Hite continued his large operations until his death. In 1734 he was one of the Justices of Orange County, Va., which included the present Frederick County. He was a patriarchal figure, prominent in the history of the day and popularly known as "Baron", either rightfully or by public parlance like other figures of the time (cf. Baron Stiegel of Stiegel glass fame). The Historian Kercheval, who has been styled the Herodotus of the Shenandoah Valley, refers to Hite as *the* great Valley pioneer. His sons (one of whom was a paymaster in the 8th Virginia Regiment of the Revolution) and sons-in-law continued his developments in other sections, notably in the lower part of North Carolina, and in the northern part of South Carolina near York and Greenville (cf. Pearis grant, Jacob Hite). He fulfilled the requirement of 40 families settled on the land within two years, and in 1733 there were actually 54 families there.

A Doster family was one of the seventeen who made up the Hite expedition from German Town in Pennsylvania to Winchester in Virginia in 1731; and the sons of this Doster family were later attracted to North Carolina and South Carolina by similar ventures promoted by Jacob Hite, second son of Jost. The details of the family are related in the next chapter.

IV: Thomas Doster, Emigrant

THE FIRST DOSTER in America, and the one who is ancestor to most of the names in this book (although not all) is designated in these pages as THOMAS DOSTER, EMIGRANT. From the direct evidence and a quantity of surrounding documents we are able to piece together a fair sketch of him.

A leader named Jost Hite, whose biography is given in the preceding chapter, a Lutheran from Strasbourg (which is not in Württemberg although near), had come over in 1710 to Ulster County, N. Y., had moved in 1716 to German Town, Pa., and in 1731 bought a grant of 40,000 acres of land in what are now the uppermost counties of Virginia, Jefferson and Frederick Counties, with a provision that a certain number of families must be settled there within a given time.

For this purpose, during September 1731 in German Town he recruited a large group of souls, we do not know exactly how many, but most of the histories refer to 16 Lutheran families besides his own, or a total of 17. Thomas Doster, Emigrant was in this group, with his wife and baby son. He appears to have emigrated to German Town in 1717 and some of his descendants recall a tradition to that effect, but it might have been a little later. It was not as late as 1727 because registry of arrivals which commenced at Philadelphia in that year does not list his name. It probably was 1717 and he probably was in the group of Lutherans headed by Rev. Anthony Jacob Henckel and his son-in-law Valentine Geiger who arrived at Philadelphia on Sept. 19, 1717, previously described, and recorded in several historical works, these names being prominent in Frederick County, Va. to this day. We have also assumed that Thomas Doster, Emigrant was born about 1695 and was married in 1728, because we know that his eldest son Thomas Doster II was born at German Town in 1729.

The grounds for concluding that Thomas Doster, Emigrant came from Württemberg are that he was a German, a Lutheran, from German Town, not an Englishman, not a Quaker, not a Swiss, not a Mennonite, not from the Palatinate and not a member of any of the groups who founded the so-called Pennsylvania Dutch settlements in Pennsylvania. This slender information, plus the fact that all other Dosters have been traced to Württemberg and that the Doster name has not been found in any other territory, is the basis for the probability that he was related to, and a part of, the complete Doster lines which have been traced back to about 1650 A. D., Branches No. 6, 7, 8 and 9.

But from 1731 forward his history is on record, first by his inclusion in the pioneer group collected by Jost Hite (in many historical works), secondly by his will probated in Frederick County, Va. in 1748, thirdly by miscellaneous references to his homestead on the Opequon in old stories about Winchester, and indirectly by the records of his sons. A copy of his will is attached.

In the fall of 1731 the assembled company of Jost Hite ventured forth on its long pilgrimage to Virginia. It was quite a cavalcade, If the average family had only 4 souls,

although it was a day of large families, there would have been around 70, and the number must have been greater because the histories mention not only sons and daughters but also sons-in-law and daughters-in-law, and the latter probably had children (Hite himself had 8 sons and daughters and 3 sons-in-law at the time). There were no single persons except children, because the terms of the grant specified "40 families within two years".

Household goods and implements were carried in "great waggons", the same design which the German settlers of Pennsylvania had developed to replace the English cart, 4-wheeled affairs with a blue body and red wheels, drawn by oxen or teams of 4 to 6 horses. The majority of the company walked, or alternated with the horseback riders. There were pack horses for each family, and a miscellaneous set of herds, farm animals, cattle, hogs and fowl. There was not much danger of Indians east of the Allegheny Mountains but every pioneer had his muskets and a supply of powder and ammunition (hunting and fishing provided the greater part of the food supply), and lookouts were kept on duty both day and night after the first few miles.

One may wonder why Hite decided to make the journey in the winter months. The answer is undoubtedly in the time-clause of his contract. He made his deal in August 1731, spent the next few weeks in recruiting the families, and as soon as the expedition was ready he lost no time in getting away. As a matter of fact the temperatures and weather are fairly mild along the route they took.

They travelled westward from German Town by the Great Road, not very hilly for the first 68 miles to Lancaster, Pa., same route as the present Lancaster Pike, U. S. Route 30 and the Main Line of the Pennsylvania Railroad. They did not stay in Lancaster, though, as so many others did, but pushed on towards their Virginia destination. 11 miles west of Lancaster they came to the wide Susquehanna River and crossed it at Wright's Ferry at the point which today has Columbia on one side and Wrightsville on the other (see footnote on Wright's Ferry in Chapter I), and went on to "Little York" (York, Pa.) From here they began to bear southwest and at some point got through the Blue Ridge, probably south of Gettysburg, Pa. where the hills are not high. They crossed the thin edge of Maryland somewhere near Hagerstown and at its southern border passed over the Potomac River at "The Ford", later called the "Pack Horse Ford", later Shepherdstown, Va. and now Shepherdstown, W. Va. They were now in "The Valley", the beautiful Shenandoah Valley between the Blue Ridge and the Allegheny Mountains, on the great north-and-south highway of the Indians which today is U. S. Route 11. As they proceeded south through the Valley their first stop was at a place called Red Bud, which we have not been able to identify.

Hite's selection for a settlement was a spot on the Opequon stream about 6 miles from the present site of Winchester, Va. where the Valley Pike (U. S. Route 11) crosses it, later named Springdale and sometimes called Bartonsville, although neither of these appears on most maps, in Frederick County, Virginia. They arrived in the Spring of 1732.

The settlement prospered and was able to attract several dozen more families within a few years, and shortly a town was founded by the group nearby, Fredericktown, the present Winchester.

Thomas Doster, Emigrant came on the journey with his wife and baby son Thomas Doster II. All his other children were born in the Winchester region. Like all the pioneers he engaged in clearing land and farming, and when he died he was a prosperous man.

His will, probated at Winchester, Va. in 1748, disposes of important acreage, and a few deeds on record show his real estate transactions; there may have been others before records were kept.

The location of his homestead is not known except in general, although it was the author's conviction that it could be traced by search in old writings about Winchester. Nor are we entirely sure of his burial place. Both he and his wife are almost certainly buried in the old Mt. Hebron Cemetery adjoining (but much older than) the ruins of the old Lutheran Church in Winchester built in 1774 on land given by Thomas Lord Fairfax, but stones and records are obscure. All the original settlers were laid to rest there. Other families whose ancestors surely have the same resting place would give almost anything for an ancient book of records, but none has ever been discovered.

"Thomas Doster, Yeoman" signed his will with a cross, but this does not necessarily mean a lack of education. It was a custom of the day, followed by many prominent settlers, and we have wills signed with a mark as much as 100 years later by Dosters whose education is thoroughly known.

As the sons of Thomas Doster, Emigrant grew up, the records show them increasingly: in real estate transactions, in the life of son William as a councilman of Winchester and Proprietor of the famous "White Ship Tavern" there, and in the administration account of his estate in 1826; we also have the will of son James which was probated in old Mecklenburg County, N. C. Son Jonathan's records are chiefly in South Carolina and Georgia. Of daughter Elizabeth, the only record is a bequest of household goods in her father's will; the same will leaves some land to one James Chivers, not otherwise identified, who may well have been Elizabeth's husband, or fiance.

We do not know the names and dates of the parents of Thomas Doster, Emigrant. From dates on the Key Chart on page ix he could have been a son of Martin Doster, about 1650-1720. Or he could have been Martin's nephew. The probabilities of relationship with all Doster branches in America are strong, enough so to warrant future search in the Lutheran Churches of Württemberg, where ancient records are preserved and where a tracing of collateral as well as direct lines may clarify unsettled points.

It is from Thomas Doster, Emigrant that we trace in direct lineage the branches founded by his sons: Son Thomas Doster II, born 1729 in German Town, Pa., founded Branch No. 1. Son William Doster, born 1732 near Winchester, founded Branch No. 2. Son James Doster, born 1735 near Winchester, Va., founded Branch No. 3. Son Jonathan Doster, born 1740 near Winchester, founded Branch No. 4. Of daughter Elizabeth we have no details beyond her birth and her inheritance.

Regardless of relationships, Thomas Doster, Emigrant was the first Doster in America, and these are the oldest Doster branches in this country.

WILL OF THOMAS DOSTER, EMIGRANT

Will Book No. 1 1743-51

Circuit Court of Frederick County, Virginia

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN, The 13th. day of May, 1748, I, Thomas Doster of Virginia, in the County of Frederick, Yeoman, being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to God, there-

fore, calling unto mind the frailty of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last well and testament, and bequeath to my well beloved son *Thomas Doster*, 200 acres of the tract or parcel of land by me settled and possessed, the said 200 acres to be on the east side of the road from John Littler's to the new town, he allowing my well beloved son *James Doster* 200 pounds current money and the liberty of the water.

Item, to my well beloved son *James Doster* 200 acres of land, being the remainder of the above mentioned tract on which said 200 shall be included the great field next the road above mentioned.

Item, to my well beloved son *William Doster*, 250 acres of land, part of the tract or parcel of land purchased by me of Joseph Standley, being part of the Alexander Popes grant.

Item, I give to James Chivers 150 acres of land being the remainder part of the tract purchased of the aforesaid Standley and that he shall have the said 150 acres of land joining Evan Thomas tract of land by the great spring.

Item, I give to my beloved daughter *Elizabeth Doster* my best bed and furniture, one natural pacing mare branded TD on the left side, and 2 cows.

Item, I do hereby constitute, make and ordain my well beloved son *Thomas Doster* and Daniel Hart, whole and part executors of this my last will and testament to dispose of each of my beloved mentioned children the above mentioned lands when they shall be of the age of 21, only my daughter Elizabeth to have what is to her bequeathed at her day of marriage and that after due claims or any other matters against my estate to be discharged, that each son and daughter have their equal part of what is remaining. And it shall please Almighty that either of my sons shall depart this life without issue, his part of all bequeathed shall be equally divided among the rest of my children.

And I do hereby dissipate, revoke and disown all and every other former testaments, wills, bequests and executors by me in any way before this time may have willed and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and year on the other side written.

Thomas Doster

His [X] Mark.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said Thomas Doster as his last will and testament in the presence of us

William Green

Daniel Hart

Isaiah Calvert

Bond signed Tuesday June 7, 1748. The Will evidently was recorded that same date for no other date is shown in the records.

(Executors of the Will of Thomas Doster were Thomas Doster, William Davis and Robert Worthington. Sureties were Morgan and Morgan).

V: Branch No. 1, Ohio

Descendants of THOMAS DOSTER II, b. 1729, eldest son of Thomas Doster, Emigrant (b. about 1695, d. 1748). He lived in Winchester and Culpepper Court House, Virginia. His son John went from Virginia with his family and perhaps one or more brothers to Fayette County, Ohio in 1810 and founded this branch. Largely in Ohio today and usually called the Ohio Branch.

THOMAS DOSTER, Emigrant (about 1695-1748), the first Doster in America (sketch in preceding chapter) landed at German Town, Pennsylvania in 1717, married there, and his eldest son Thomas Doster II was born there in 1729.

In the fall of 1731 this eldest son was taken by his parents, when he was 2 years old, on a pilgrimage of 17 colonist families organized under the leadership of the famous pioneer Jost Hite (details in a previous chapter under his name). They travelled westward through Pennsylvania, southwestward across Maryland and part of West Virginia, and southward through the beautiful Shenandoah Valley into Virginia, settling in the spring of 1732 on a large tract granted to Hite in the northern corner of that state. Their site was a spot on the Opequon Stream, about 5 miles from the present city of Winchester, in Frederick County, Virginia.

After arriving in the settlement Thomas Doster, Emigrant had 3 more sons and a daughter. Son Thomas Doster II is the head of Branch No. 1, on the following pages. Son William Doster founded Branch No. 2. Son James Doster founded Branch No. 3. Son Jonathan Doster founded Branch No. 4. Of daughter Elizabeth we have no particulars except her birth, a small inheritance from her father and a possibility that she may have married one James Chivers.

Thomas Doster II grew up in the Winchester vicinity, engaged in farming like almost everybody else and when his father died in 1748 he inherited 200 acres of land. As shown in his life sketch, he removed at some time to Culpepper Court House, Va. and presumably died there, although he may have been killed in the American Revolution, in which he served 2 years. He married and had a number of children. He may even have married twice. Records are fragmentary except as to his son John Doster, born 1770 (perhaps the son of a second marriage, perhaps not), and from here forward the line is documented by Bible records in the possession of Mrs. Marie Doster Eberts of Zanesville, Ohio and Mr. J. B. Doster of Springfield, Ohio.

In 1810 this son John Doster, with his wife and 5 children (and perhaps with at least one brother), removed from Culpepper Court House, Va. to Chillicothe, Ohio, a 250 mile journey over what is today U. S. Route 50, and purchased some unsettled land in Fayette County, 1 mile east of New Martinsburg, near Washington Court House, a district known later as Perry Township; and there they settled. As the children grew up they all followed farming, most of them joined the Society of Friends or Quakers and all had large families. Thus there are many descendants, not all traced.

The largest part of the table is devoted to descendants of John Doster, son of Thomas Doster II. Whether John had brothers is an open question. Appended is a table marked Branch No. 1-A, containing Dosters who almost certainly belong to this branch, but whether from an unknown brother of John Doster who also went from Virginia to Fayette County, Ohio is not established. There is an old legend in the family that older brothers moved south and followed the route of their uncle James Doster who founded Branch No. 3 but if it is correct, neither the brothers nor their descendants have been traced. We also attach a table marked Branch No. 1-B, Dosters who are connected in some manner with Branch No. 1, but two or more generations are missing and the exact point of connection is lost.

For possible connection with other branches, see Key Chart, page ix.

I. Thomas Doster, Emigrant, about 1696-1748. See biographical sketch, preceding chapter. 5 chil.

- A. THOMAS DOSTER II, b. 1729. Branch No. 1, below.
- B. William Doster, b. 1732, d. 1826. m. twice. Branch No. 2.
- C. James Doster, b. 1735, d. 1818. m. Lydia Springer. Branch No. 3.
- D. Elizabeth Doster, b. 1735. No record of descendants, if any.
- E. Jonathan Doster, b. 1740, d. 1827 or 1829. Branch No. 4.

A. THOMAS DOSTER II (from above), b. 1729 German Town, Pa. 1731 journeyed with parents to settlement near present site of Winchester, Va. Inherited 200 acres from father, see will of Thomas Doster, Emigrant. Moved to Culpepper Court House, Va. and prob. died there. m. Mary ——— (b. 1726). Farmer. Revolutionary soldier. At least 3 chil. See sketch.

1. Mary Doster, b. between 1764 and 1776 Culpepper Court House, Va. Prob. d. Winchester, Va. On Aug. 10, 1809 m. Meredith Darlington. This marriage, in old records at Frederick County Court House, Winchester, Va., is the only record of her. For other Darlingtons, see Branch No. 2.
2. Sarah Doster, b. between 1764 and 1776 Culpepper Court House, Va. On Jan. 5, 1792 m. William De Haven. This marriage, in old records at Frederick County Court House, Winchester, Va., is the only record of her. For future search, there is also recorded a marriage on Sept. 13, 1810 between Archibald Robinson and Priscilla De Haven.
3. John Doster, b. Mar. 11, 1770 Culpepper Court House, Va. d. Nov. 7, 1840 near New Martinsburg, Ohio, age 70. On Nov. 15, 1795 m. Lydia McNees (b. Aug. 27, 1769, d. Sept. 18, 1834, age 65, daught. of Isaiah and Elizabeth McNees). In 1810 removed with wife and 5 children to Chilicothe, Ohio and within 3 months bought unsettled land in the Mecker Survey and settled on it, 1 mile east of New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio, now Perry Township. Joined Friends. Farmer. Bur. old Quaker Cem. at Walnut Creek, near Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio. 5 chil. See sketch.
 - a. Henry Doster, b. Aug. 20, 1796 Culpepper Court House, Va. 1810 moved with parents from Virginia to Fayette County, Ohio near New Martinsburg, now Perry Twp. On Sept. 3, 1822 m. Sydney E. Crumley (b. Mar. 24, 1803, died Perry Twp., daught. of Aaron Barclay Crumley and his wife Jane, Methodists). d. Oct. 25,

- 1864 Perry Twp., Fayette County, Ohio, age 68. Farmer. Bur. old Quaker Cem. at Walnut Creek, near Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio. 6 chil.
1. John Franklin Doster, b. Aug. 20, 1823 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio, d. same (possibly in childhood). Bur. old Quaker Cem. at Walnut Creek, near Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio.
 2. Lydia Jane Doster, b. Feb. 19, 1826 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio, died same. m. Hopkins. Bur. old Quaker Cem. at Walnut Creek, near Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio. r. Bloomingburg, Fayette County, Ohio.
 3. Frances Ann Doster, b. Feb. 11, 1828 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio, died same. Bur. old Quaker Cem. at Walnut Creek, near Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio.
 4. Rebecca Eleanor Doster, b. Jan. 22, 1830 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio, died same. Bur. old Quaker Cem. at Walnut Creek, near Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio.
 5. Aaron Barclay Crumley Doster, b. Oct. 1, 1832 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio, d. Nov. 29, 1911 Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio, age 79. On Oct. 10, 1861 m. Eliza J. Stephens (b. 1837 Monroe County, O., d. Nov. 10, 1871, age 34, daught. of John and Mary Stephens). In 1881, 10 years after wife's death, went with son Richard to Belmont County, Ohio. Commercial traveller, spectacles, etc. r. Greenfield, Ohio. 4 chil.
 - a. John Stephen Doster, b. Nov. 3, 1862 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio. d. same July 27, 1863, inf.
 - b. Richard Arthington Doster, b. May 27, 1864 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio. On May 21, 1896 m. Anna L. Gallagher (b. 1871, daught. of Austin Gallagher and Barbara Haren, and niece of R. C. Bishop Nicholas Gallagher of Galveston, Tex.) 1881 went with father to Belmont County, Ohio, settled in adjacent Greenfield, Highland County. Also lived Temperanceville, Ohio. Leading merchant and postmaster. r. now 324 S. Broadway, Barnesville, Ohio. 5 chil. See sketch.
 - (1) Eliza Marie Doster, b. Mar. 3, 1897 Greenfield, Ohio. On June 12, 1923 m. Edgar C. Glass (Police Judge). r. Wheeling, W. Va. 1 son.
 - (a) Richard Doster Glass, b. July 26, 1924 Wheeling, W. Va.
 - (2) Charles Ralph Doster, b. Ap. 1, 1902 Greenfield, Ohio. r. formerly Barnesville, O. Farm, Shetland ponies. r. now Columbus, Ohio.
 - (3) Frances Camilla Doster, b. Sept. 2, 1903 Greenfield, Ohio. Stenographer. r. Barnesville, Ohio.
 - (4) John Edward Doster, b. Dec. 15, 1908 Greenfield, Ohio. Restaurant owner. r. Barnesville, Ohio.
 - (5) James Hugh Doster, b. Ap. 16, 1915 Greenfield, Ohio. Bethany College and W. Va. Univ. 1944 U. S. Army, Spec. Training Unit (languages), Haverford College, Haverford, Pa.

- c. Mary (Marie) Henrietta Doster, b. Feb. 27, 1868 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio. m. 1st ————, On May 15, 1912 m. 2d William Charles Eberts (b. Oct. 15, 1875, mine operator). Has Bible records. r. 1327 Hickory St., Zanesville, Ohio.
- (1) Daughter by 1st marriage, d. inf.
- d. Hattie Doster, b. Aug. 4, 1865 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio. d. same, inf.
- b. Lewis Doster, b. Sept. 27, 1797 (Bible record) or 1794 (Census of 1850, Fayette County, Ohio) at Culpepper Court House, Va. 1810 moved with parents from Virginia to Fayette County, Ohio near New Martinsburg, now Perry Twp. m. Joanna Hand (b. 1799). d. at homestead near New Martinsburg, house still standing. Farmer. Bur. old Quaker Cem. at Walnut Creek, near Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio, 8 chil.
- i. Harvey T. Doster, b. 1830 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio. In the 1870s moved to Jamestown, Greene County, Ohio, d. same 1907, age 77. m. 1st Sarah Catherine Arehart (b. 1839, d. 1860, age 21, 2 chil.) m. 2d Rachel Hopkins (b. 1834, d. April 1922, age 88, 7 chil.) Bur. old Quaker Cem. at Walnut Creek, near Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio. 9 chil. total.
- a.^f Charles C. Doster, b. 1856 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio. d. Sept. 18, 1944 Dayton, Ohio, age 87. Married. 1 daughter. r. 129 Maplelawn Dr., Dayton, Ohio.
- (1) Irma Doster, b. around 1880. Emp. Rike's store, Dayton, O. Single. r. 129 Maplelawn Dr., Dayton, Ohio
- b. Carey Doster, b. 1859 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio. d. Nov. 25, 1888, age 29. r. Bellefontaine, Ohio. 1 daughter.
- (1) Roxy Doster, b. around 1885. m. Cole. r. Stanley St., Bellefontaine, Ohio.

Second marriage, Harvey T. Doster and Rachel Hopkins:

- c. Scott Doster, b. 1862 New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio. d. 1887, age 25. Single. r. Jamestown, Ohio.
- d. John Doster, b. 1864 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio. r. Jamestown, Ohio.
- e. Levinia Doster, b. 1867 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio. d. 1877 Jamestown, Ohio, age 10.
- f. Elma Doster, b. 1869 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio. m. Anderson. r. Jamestown, Ohio. Has Doster family Bible.
- g. Marshall Doster, b. 1873 Jamestown, Ohio. d. same 1887, age 14.
- h. Harry Doster, b. 1875 Jamestown, Ohio. r. same.
- i. Frank Doster, b. 1879 Jamestown, Ohio. r. same.

2. Margaret Ann Doster, b. 1833 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio. d. same. m. Armstrong Brady. No chil.
3. Silas M. Doster, b. 1834 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio. d. same.
4. Henry Doster, b. 1835 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio, d. same.
5. Harrison Doster, b. 1837 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio, d. same.
6. Robert Doster, b. 1838 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio, d. same.
7. Thomas C. Doster, b. 1841 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio, d. same.
8. Lewis R. Doster, b. 1842 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio. Married. r. near Greenfield, Ohio, entire life. 2 chil.
 - a. Lewis Doster, Jr. b. about 1865, d. Single.
 - b. Daughter Doster. d. Single.

Note: No further details have been supplied of the above 7 sons and 1 daughter, who could have had a large number of descendants. All were of Civil War age. Probably are ancestors of other Dosters in Jamestown, Ohio, of whom we have no record except Alfred Malcolm Doster, son of James, wholesale drug business, known as "Doc", r. now 721 N. 61st, Seattle, Wash. See also Hardin County Dosters, Branch No. 1-B.

- c. Rebecca Doster, b. Feb. 10, 1799 Culpepper Court House, Va. 1810 moved with parents from Virginia to Fayette County, Ohio, near New Martinsburg, now Perry Twp. d. there Sept. 1, 1888, age 90. On Sept. 15, 1818 m. Jacob Todhunter (b. 1796, d. Sept. 5, 1881, age 85, prob. son of Lewis Todhunter, Clerk of Perry Twp., from U. S. Census of 1850, Fayette County, O.) Joined Friends July 25, 1838. Bur. old Quaker Cem. at Walnut Creek, near Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio. No natural chil.
 1. Henry Osburn (Todhunter), b. 1837 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio. Probably adopted.
- d. Maria Doster, b. June 21, 1800 Culpepper Court House, Va. 1810 moved with parents from Virginia to Fayette County, Ohio near New Martinsburg, now Perry Twp. d. there Ap. 5, 1885, age 85. On May 31, 1824 m. Levi Ellis (b. May 8, 1804, d. June 8, 1874, age 70). Joined Friends Ap. 25, 1839. Bur. old Quaker Cem. at Walnut Creek, near Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio. r. Perry Twp., Fayette County, Ohio. 10 chil.
 1. Rebecca Ellis, b. about 1825 Green Twp., Fayette County, Ohio. m. Jefferson Stinson.
 2. Harmanus Ellis, b. 1827 Green Twp., Fayette County, Ohio, d. same 1911, age 84. In 1850 m. Martha J. Fishback (b. Sept. 15, 1832, d. 1917, age 85). 1 son.
 - a. Conda Ellis (male), b. about 1851 Perry Twp., Fayette Cy., O. Country schoolteacher of high standing. Married, 1 son.
 - (1) Willis Ellis.

3. Lydia Ellis, b. Ap. 2, 1829 Green Twp., Fayette County, Ohio, d. Feb. 17, 1894, age 65. In 1844 m. 1st Joseph Bennett. In 1859 m. 2d Jacob Smith (b. June 1, 1813, d. Ap. 21, 1878, age 65).
 4. Almarinda Ellis, b. Sept. 6, 1832 Green Twp., Fayette County, Ohio. d. Jan. 13, 1912, age 90. On June 17, 1858 m. George Dowell (b. Dec. 30, 1836, d. June 3, 1912, age 76).
 5. Lindley M. Ellis, b. about 1834 Green Twp., Fayette County, Ohio. m. Elizabeth Allen (b. 1838, d. Jan. 18, 1924, age 86).
 6. Ellen Ellis, b. about 1836 Green Twp., Fayette County, Ohio. Died. m. Archibald Jobe.
 7. Sylvester Ellis, b. 1837 Green Twp., Fayette County, Ohio, d. 1870, age 33. m. Elizabeth Dutton.
 8. Atha Ellis, b. Nov. 22, 1839 Green Twp., Fayette County, Ohio, died after 1914. 3 marriages. On July 5, 1914 m. 3d Joseph Straley (b. Nov. 3, 1836, d. July 23, 1923, age 87).
 9. Caroline Ellis, b. about 1841 Green Twp., Fayette County, Ohio. m. Joseph Ancil.
 10. Rufus Ellis, b. Sept. 21, 1845 Perry Twp., Fayette County, Ohio, d. same July 3, 1864, age 19.
- e. John Doster II, b. Aug. 25, 1803 Culpepper Court House, Va. 1810 moved with parents from Virginia to Fayette County, Ohio near New Martinsburg, now Perry Twp. On Oct. 18, 1828 m. 1st Catherine Mooney (b. Dec. 13, 1808, d. Sept. 25, 1846, age 38, Quaker, daught. of James and Catherine Mooney, 9 chil.) On Dec. 20, 1847 m. 2d Mary Mooney (b. July 1, 1812, d. Sept. 10, 1877, age 65, younger sister of first wife, 3 daughters). Farmer, cabinetmaker, general merchant in partnership with Gershom Pardue, and constable of Perry Twp. Joined Friends June 17, 1848. Lost his life Nov. 5, 1857, age 54, in cyclone which demolished his homestead on farm in Perry Twp. Bur. old Quaker Cem. at Walnut Creek, near Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio. 12 chil. total. See sketch.
1. James Taylor Doster, b. July 15, 1829 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio, d. same. On Mar. 12, 1856 m. Sarah Jane Eyre (b. May 1, 1833, d. 1898 Perry Twp., age 65). Farmer. r. 1 mile east of New Martinsburg. Both bur. old Quaker Cem. at Walnut Creek, near Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio. 2 chil.
 - a. Mary Alice Doster, b. May 23, 1859 Perry Twp., Fayette County, Ohio. d. same. On Jan. 8, 1879 m. John Irvin (d. about 1882, farmer). 1 child.
 - (1) Girl Irvin, b. Sept. 29, 1879, d. Oct. 4, 1879, inf.
 - b. Edward Barclay Doster, b. Dec. 27, 1862 Perry Twp., Fayette County, Ohio. d. Ap. 23, 1927, age 65. On Feb. 16, 1893 m. Mary McCune (b. Feb. 3, 1862). Farmer. r. Harveysburgh, Clinton County, Ohio. 4 chil.
 - (1) Anne Doster, b. Ap. 16, 1894 Perry Twp., Fayette County, Ohio. On Aug. 8, 1917 m. Wilford W. Cossem (Y.M.C.A. in World War I,

- missionary to China, now sales mgr. of mfg. company in Columbus, Ohio). Both graduated Denison Univ. 4 chil.
- (a) David Doster Cossem, b. May 18, 1918.
 - (b) Harriet M. Cossem, b. Nov. 13, 1919.
 - (c) Jean Frances Cossem, b. Sept. 12, 1921.
 - (d) Carolyn Anne Cossem, b. Oct. 26, 1925.
- (2) Herbert T. Doster, b. Ap. 10, 1896 Perry Twp., Fayette County, Ohio. On June 29, 1916 m. Nava Young. Farmer and merchant with brother Charles. r. Harveysburgh, Clinton County, Ohio. 3 chil.
- (a) Mary Edith Doster, b. Mar. 18, 1917. r. Harveysburgh, O.
 - (b) James E. Doster, b. Jan. 5, 1919. r. Harveysburgh, O.
 - (c) Clifford B. Doster, b. Dec. 5, 1920. r. Harveysburgh, O.
- (3) William S. Doster, b. Mar. 20, 1900 Perry Twp., Fayette County, Ohio. Married. Several chil. Farmer. r. now on father's farm, Harveysburgh, Clinton County, Ohio.
- (a) Unknown Doster.
 - (b) Unknown Doster.
 - (c) Unknown Doster.
- (4) Charles Doster, b. around 1902 Perry Twp., Fayette County, Ohio. Married. Merchant with brother Herbert. r. Harveysburgh, Clinton County, Ohio. 2 chil.
- (a) Unknown Doster.
 - (b) Unknown Doster.
2. Meredith Darlington Doster, b. Nov. 7, 1830 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio. d. same Aug. 21, 1832, age 2. Bur. old Quaker Cem. at Walnut Creek, near Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio.
3. Lewis Doster II, b. Aug. 24, 1832 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio, d. Ap. 4, 1888, age 56. m. Mary Simmons (b. May 4, 1837, d. Dec. 3, 1905, age 68). Union Army, Infantry, Civil War, wounded in battle. Farmer. Lived, died and bur. Xenia, Ind. 3 chil.
- a. LeRoy Doster, b. 1858 Perry Twp., Fayette County, Ohio. d. near Xenia, Ind. Jan. 18, 1928, age 70. m. Mary Powell.
 - b. Emma Alice Doster, b. Dec. 18, 1860 Perry Twp., Fayette County, Ohio. d. Sept. 13, 1928 near Xenia, Ind., age 68. In 1883 m. James Hunter Morgan. 7 chil.
 - (1) Lewis Doster Morgan, b. Oct. 12, 1884.
 - (2) Norma Marie Morgan, b. Mar. 12, 1888.
 - (3) Fay Letta Morgan, b. Nov. 12, 1889.
 - (4) Ralph Raymond Morgan, b. July 4, 1893, d. July 25, 1927, age 34.
 - (5) Harold Lee Morgan, b. Oct. 29, 1897.
 - (6) Otto Morgan, b. Oct. 10, 1904.
 - (7) Millicent Morgan, d. inf.

- c. Charles Ellsworth Doster, b. June 24, 1864 Perry Twp., Fayette County, Ohio, d. Oct. 8, 1918 Xenia, Ind. m. Minnie Mary Elburn. 2 chil.
- (1) Ozro Doster, b. about 1887 Xenia, Ind.
 - (2) Elburn Doster, b. Feb. 14, 1889 Xenia, Ind.
4. Robert Barclay Doster, b. July 22, 1835 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio, d. Greenfield, Ohio June 18, 1923, age 88. On Sept. 25, 1867 m. Catherine Leasure (b. 1845, d. Ap. 11, 1930, age 88, daught. of John and Sarah Leasure of near New Holland, Fayette County, Ohio). Farmer in Fayette County but retired to Greenfield, Highland County, and bur. there. 6 chil.
- a. John Burgess Doster, b. July 24, 1868 Perry Twp., Fayette County, Ohio. On Sept. 3, 1896 m. Grace Leach (b. Mar. 15, 1876, daught. of Sherman M. Leach and Mary Allen of Hiram, Ohio. See Leach Genealogy, compiled but not pub., "Descendants of My Great Grandparents" by Laura Willhide Johnston). Executive of Crowell-Collier Publishing Co. Hiram College ex-'99. Has Bible records. r. 901 Mitchell Blvd., Springfield, Ohio. 2 chil. See sketch.
- (1) Mary Catherine Doster, b. Nov. 5, 1898 Hiram, Ohio. Teachers College, Columbia Univ. 1921. On Feb. 19, 1920 m. Robert Franklin Hull (b. Feb. 5, 1889, real estate broker, U. S. Navy in World War I). r. Baltimore, Md. 2 sons.
 - (a) Robert Franklin Hull, Jr., b. Oct. 16, 1921. 1944 U. S. Naval Aviation.
 - (b) John Doster Hull, b. Oct. 24, 1924. 1943 in U.S.A.A.F.
 - (2) Ruth Leach Doster, b. Feb. 16, 1904 Minneapolis, Minn. Wittenberg College 1929. r. 901 Mitchell Blvd., Springfield, O.
- b. Coke Leigh Doster, b. July 16, 1871 Perry Twp., Fayette County, Ohio. d. Greenfield, Ohio June 18, 1926, age 55. On May 30, 1894 m. Gertrude M. Priddy (b. Oct. 11, 1871 near Washington Court House, Ohio; member of D.A.R.) Lawyer and legislator. r. Greenfield, Ohio. 3 chil. See sketch.
- (1) Harry Audleigh Doster, b. Ap. 16, 1895 Greenfield, Ohio. Ohio State Univ. World War I. On Jan. 26, 1924 m. Garnet Dailey. Attorney, retired from war injuries. r. Greenfield, Ohio. No. chil.
 - (2) Kathleen Marie Doster, b. Oct. 7, 1897 Greenfield, Ohio. Post-graduate Battle Creek College, maj. in home economics. Instructor Greenfield High School and Carolina College, Maxton, N. C. Married and 1 child.
 - (3) Dorothy Priddy Doster, b. Dec. 7, 1899 Greenfield, Ohio. On Ap. 6, 1920 at Covington, Ky. m. Hugh Weimar (World War I, McCook Field, Dayton, O., now emp. Penna. R. R.) r. Cleveland, Ohio. No chil.

- c. Sada M. Doster, b. Mar. 6, 1874 Perry Twp., Fayette County, Ohio. Teacher. On Mar. 3, 1900 m. Will Trump (b. June 10, 1878, photographer, died). r. Greenfield, Ohio. 1 daughter.
- (1) Helen Trump, b. Mar. 16, 1904 Greenfield, Ohio. Dietitian, U. S. Veterans' Hospital, Danville, Ill.
- d. Clara Doster, b. Aug. 8, 1878 Perry Twp., Fayette County, Ohio. On Sept. 2, 1902 m. J. H. McMillen (b. Ap. 27, 1878, R.R. official, horse racing, builder of Thistledown Track, now retired). r. Cleveland, Ohio. 2 chil.
- (1) Ralph Doster McMillen, b. June 12, 1907. On Feb. 11, 1927 m. Elizabeth Cadle (b. Feb. 21, 1907). 1 child.
- (a) Lee Cadle McMillen, b. Ap. 14, 1928.
- (2) Child McMillen,
- e. Nelle Doster, b. June 1, 1882 Perry Twp., Fayette County, Ohio. On Oct. 10, 1903 m. Joseph P. Murphy (b. Oct. 29, 1865, R. R. executive, died), r. Cleveland, Ohio. 1 child.
- (1) DeWitt Murphy, b. Aug. 23, 1912.
- f. Fern Doster, b. June 3, 1886 Perry Twp., Fayette County, Ohio. Registered Nurse. Supervisor, Hillsboro Hospital, Hillsboro, Highland County, Ohio. Single.
5. Jacob Todhunter Doster, b. Ap. 15, 1837 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio. Killed at Murfreesboro, Tenn., serving in Union Army, Infantry, Civil War. Bur. old Quaker Cem. at Walnut Creek, near Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio. Single.
6. Lydia Doster, b. Aug. 15, 1839 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio. d. in Iowa Jan. 6, 1886, age 47, single. Bur. old Quaker Cem. at Walnut Creek, near Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio.
7. John (Joe) Gurney Doster, b. Sept. 1, 1841 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio. d. Mar. 26, 1902 Washington Court House, Ohio, age 61. On Oct. 12, 1867 m. Amanda Priddy (b. Aug. 22, 1847, d. Aug. 31, 1929, age 82). Union Army, Infantry, Civil War. Farmer on part of old homestead of John Doster, 1803-1857, house still standing. Bur. old Quaker Cem. at Walnut Creek, near Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio. 1 child.
- a. Martha Estella Doster, b. Oct. 22, 1868 Perry Twp., Fayette County, Ohio. On Jan. 31, 1900 m. James Hinton Hendryx (b. July 22, 1868). r. 328 E. Market St., Washington Court House, O. 1 child.
- (1) Elizabeth Doster Hendryx, b. Nov. 1, 1900. Married.
8. Clayborn Doster, b. Aug. 5, 1843 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio. d. same Feb. 8, 1871, age 28. Single. Bur. old Quaker Cem. at Walnut Creek, near Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio.

9. Miller Cox Doster, b. May 24, 1845 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio, d. same May 22, 1874, age 29. Single. Bur. old Quaker Cem. at Walnut Creek, near Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio.

Second marriage, John Doster II and Mary Mooney, 3 daughters:

10. Elma Catherine Doster, b. May 29, 1850 Perry Twp., Fayette County, Ohio. Graduated in first class at Wilmington Quaker College, Clinton County, Ohio. On Oct. 27, 1875 m. Amos Cook (b. Dec. 3, 1849, Quaker preacher on Sundays during entire life, also farmer and dairyman, died). r. Harveysburgh, Clinton County, Ohio. Both bur. near there. 1 son.
- a. Charles Doster Cook, b. Sept. 28, 1881. On Oct. 7, 1903 m. Winifred Henry (b. Feb. 16, 1880, d. Oct. 11, 1928, age 48). Farmer and dairyman. r. Harveysburgh, Clinton County, O. 3 chil.
- (1) Margaret Cook, b. Jan. 25, 1905. Married.
- (2) Howard Cook, b. Feb. 24, 1907. Married.
- (3) Catherine Cook, b. Oct. 7, 1916.
11. Mary Matilda Doster, b. June 29, 1852 Perry Twp., Fayette County, Ohio. d. in Iowa Nov. 23, 1885, age 33. In 1876 m. Albert B. Pierce (b. Ap. 4, 1849, d. June 8, 1914, age 65, farmer), and moved to a farm near Des Moines. Bur. old Quaker Cem. at Walnut Creek, near Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio. 2 chil.
- a. LaVerne Pierce, b. Sept. 10, 1877 near Des Moines, Ia. On Jan. 19, 1924 m. Rose M. Warriar (b. Oct. 1, 1908). 5 chil.
- (1) Albert E. Pierce, b. Ap. 22, 1925.
- (2) LaVerne Pierce, Jr., b. Ap. 22, 1926.
- (3) Martha M. Pierce, b. July 1, 1927.
- (4) Mary Maxine Pierce, b. Dec. 4, 1928.
- (5) Homer Harold Pierce, b. Jan. 11, 1930, d. Jan. 24, 1930, inf.
- b. Homer Doster Pierce, b. May 15, 1880 near Des Moines, Ia. Died in Chicago. On Jan. 6, 1903 m. Anna J. Leahy (b. Aug. 24, 1886). Steward of construction crew. 1 son.
- (1) George D. Pierce, b. Sept. 16, 1907.
12. Clarissa U. Doster, b. Mar. 22, 1854 Perry Twp., Fayette County, Ohio. d. same Jan. 22, 1874, age 20. Single. Bur. old Quaker Cem. at Walnut Creek, near Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio.

THOMAS DOSTER II, born 1729

Eldest son of Thomas Doster, Emigrant, whose birth has been estimated 1695 and who died in 1748. As shown in his father's sketch, Thomas Doster II was born at German Town, Pa., of Lutheran parents, although we have no record of his mother's name. In 1731 when he was 2 years old, his parents took him on an expedition with 16 other families recruited by the pioneer Jost Hite to a settling place about 5 miles from the present site of Winchester, Virginia.

The records of his life are meager, although some have importance. He was 19 years old when his father died in Winchester in 1748, and he benefited handsomely in the latter's will which is printed in full in a previous chapter:

To my well-beloved son *Thomas Doster*, 200 acres of the tract or parcel of land by me settled and possessed, the said 200 acres to be on the east side of the road from John Littler's to the new town (Winchester), he allowing my well-beloved son James Doster 200 pounds current money and the liberty of the water.

He was also appointed one of the two executors of the will, and is so recorded in the Will Book of Frederick County (Will Book No. 1, years 1743-1751).

He was, of course, a farmer, and on a rather substantial scale. In the General Index to Deeds, Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia, he appears in 3 transactions. On Aug. 5, 1755 he bought some land from James Haworth et ux. (Vol. 4, page 53). The description has not been given to us, but the editor believes the property was a farm at Culpepper Court House, 36 miles south, where he moved. On April 9, 1769 Thomas Doster and wife Mary sold land to Mercer Babb (Vol. 11, page 377) and on Nov. 7, 1770 there was another deed to the same purchaser (Vol. 13, page 536). These also have not been reported in detail but they could have been a disposal of the acreage received by inheritance in 1748.

Exactly how long Thomas Doster II remained near Winchester is not established, but he did move south to Culpepper Court House, Virginia and presumably died there. He may have shared the alarm of the settlers in 1755 when Gen. Braddock was defeated by the French and unfriendly Indians in the Allegheny Mountains, and may thus have been one of the large number who moved away. This might explain his purchase of a farm in one locality and his later sale of two parcels in another.

His name appears, however, in an alphabetical poll for Frederick County, Virginia in the election of a candidate for the House of Burgesses, July 24, 1758, in which there were four candidates, two to be voted: "Colo." Martin, Capt. Swearingen, "Colo." Washington and Mr. West. Thomas Doster is listed as voting for "Colo." George Washington and Mr. West. (*Virginia Historical Magazine*, Oct. 1898, Virginia Index).

There are records of 3 children: Mary Doster who on Aug. 10, 1809 married Meredith Darlington, and Sarah Doster who on Jan. 5, 1792 married William De Haven, the marriages but not the births being on record at Frederick County Court House, Winchester, Va.—and a son John Doster, born Mar. 11, 1770 at Culpepper Court House, whose sketch is given separately.

His military record is confused. *Cantrell's History* says he was in the Pack Horse War under Capt. George Rice, who was on the staff of Col. Boquet in 1756, in which case he may have served under George Washington when the latter occupied Winchester in 1755 in support of Gen. Braddock.

In a reference given only as *Hiltman*, for Revolutionary War service, the enlistment of Thomas Doster appears as 1776-1778 under Capt. George Rice, 11th Company, Virginia, commanded by Col. Christian Fuberger, muster roll organized September 1777, roll dated Oct. 13, 1777, time of enlistment 3 years. In William Thomas Roberts Saffell, *Records of the Revolutionary War*, Capt. George Rice appears as Captain of Reserve

Company No. 9, Artillery, 11th Virginia Regiment, as of Nov. 30, 1778, of which two previous colonels were listed, Col. Daniel Morgan and Col. Abraham Buford. The company included James Wright, 1st Lieutenant; John Barnes, 2d Lieutenant and Quartermaster of the Regiment; Richard Marshall, Sergeant Major; 3 sergeants, 7 corporals including a fifer and a drummer and 53 privates; but there was no Doster on the roll at that time. This company did have the name of Thomas Crumley whose surname appears in these tables.

A possible conclusion is that Thomas Doster II, like a great many of the soldiers of the Revolution, did not serve out the term of his enlistment. The reasons were obvious in most cases, the war lasted a long time, it had its lulls, in some sections there was complete inactivity, pay and food and clothes were uncertain, farms and families at home needed care, and the like. If Thomas Doster II enlisted in 1776, he would have been 47 years old, married, with at least 3 children. Lack of documentation may bar descendants from membership in this or that patriotic society, but in addition to the fact that the name of Thomas Doster II has been passed down through the generations as their Revolutionary ancestor, there seems no question that he served in the American cause for two years; and there is a likelihood that he also served under Col. George Washington in the French and Indian struggle. As far as the records go, he might even have been killed in the Revolution. We have no details of his death or burial, no record of his will nor even a Bible entry, as we do in the cases of his father and his brothers.

JOHN DOSTER, 1770-1840

Only recorded son of Thomas Doster II (b. 1729) and his wife Mary. Born March 11, 1770 on his father's farm near Culpepper Court House, Virginia. He became a farmer himself. On Nov. 15, 1795 he married Lydia McNeese, daughter of Isaiah and Elizabeth McNeese, who bore 5 children. In 1810 he removed with his wife and these 5 children to Chillicothe, Ohio and within three months after his arrival there he purchased some unsettled land in the Mecker Survey from Seth Smith & McKinsey, the location being one mile east of New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio, known at the time as Green Township but later designated as Perry Township. He settled on this land, cleared it, built a homestead and buildings which stayed in the family several generations, and spent his life in farming. Most of his children joined the Society of Friends at Walnut Creek Meeting House near Greenfield, Highland County, and the entire family is buried in the ancient Quaker cemetery adjoining it. John Doster died on his farm in Perry Township Nov. 7, 1840, at the age of 70. His wife Lydia died Sept. 18, 1834, aged 65 and thus predeceased him by 6 years. In the U. S. Census of 1840, Fayette County, Ohio appears the item: John Doster, age about 70.

JOHN DOSTER II, 1803-1857

Youngest of the 3 sons, and youngest of the 5 children, of John Doster, 1770-1840, and his wife Lydia McNeese. Born August 25, 1803 on his father's (and presumably his grandfather's) farm near Culpepper Court House, Virginia. In 1810, when he was 7 years old, he moved from Virginia with his parents to Chillicothe, Ohio, and within 3 months

settled with them on a farm nearby, 1 mile east of New Martinsburg in what was then Green Township but later became Perry Township, Fayette County, Ohio. He spent his life in farming but was also a cabinetmaker by trade, and he operated a general store in New Martinsburg in partnership with Gershom Pardue. He later became a constable of Perry Township. In 1828 he was married to Miss Catherine Mooney, member of the Society of Friends, a daughter of James and Catherine Mooney, who bore 9 children and who died in 1846. In 1847 he married her younger sister Miss Mary Mooney, who bore 3 children and died in 1877. In 1848 John Doster II also joined the Friends. He lived to the age of only 54, struck down by a cyclone that swept over his farm and demolished his homestead in 1857. Both he and his wives lie buried in the cemetery of the old Walnut Creek Meeting House of the Quakers near Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio. He had a total of 12 children. The children of his first marriage were 8 sons and 1 daughter. 3 of the sons served in Infantry regiments of the Union Army in the Civil War, one being killed and another wounded. All the sons who survived infancy became farmers. The 3 children of the second marriage were all daughters.

From a letter of Mr. David E. Ellis (see tables, Maria Doster married Levi Ellis):

John Doster was killed by a cyclone November 5, 1857 in Fayette County, Ohio. A dark cloud arose in the west. We soon saw it was of cyclonic nature. We thought it was coming straight for our place. Where would we go? We had no cellar. By this time we saw it was headed northwest of us and passing in a northeasterly direction. It was black as Egyptian midnight. We could hear the crashing as it passed over and through John P. Todhunter's woods. There were 40 hogs in those woods, fattening. Timbers dropped in all directions but not a hog was hurt. This was the storm that killed John Doster. I was on the site of his house one or two days after the storm. The bees were sailing around in that disconsolate way that is peculiar to them when their home has been destroyed. John Doster was buried in Walnut Creek Cemetery.

From the Washington Court House (Ohio) *Record-Republican* of June 13, 1930:

Who can remember when the following item appeared in the Washington Court House Circulator of September 25, 1838?: "Anti-Slavery Society for Green Township will be held at John Doster's Wednesday 26 of Sept. at 11 o'clock A. M.—D. C. Eastman, Secy. Sept. 22, 1838".

Green Township at first occupied all southern Fayette County. Perry Township was organized in 1845.

JOHN BURGESS DOSTER

Eldest of six children of Robert Barclay Doster, 1835-1923, and his wife Catherine Leasure. Born July 24, 1868 on his father's farm, not far from Washington Court House, Ohio.

He was educated in the public schools of Fayette County, Ohio, in traditional McGuffey Reader days, and attended Hiram College, ex-'99. From March 1896 to March

1900 he established and operated the Hiram College Book Store and Print Shop. From March 1900 to November 1903 he published the Cumulative Index to Periodicals, established in 1896 by H. B. Brett, librarian of the Cleveland Public Library and now published as Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature.

From 1903 to 1919 he was Secretary of The H. W. Wilson Co., bibliographical publishers, as manager of circulation and sales of the Reader's Guide, Cumulative Book Index, U. S. Catalogue, Books In Print, and other well-known catalogues and indexes.

In 1919 and 1920 he was associated with Continental Guarantee Corporation, automobile bankers, New York. Since January 1921 he has been connected with the circulation department of the Crowell-Collier Publishing Company, Springfield, Ohio, as Credit and Collection Manager, Direct Mail Division.

He is a member of the Christian Church (Campbellite) and has been a member of many associations in his field, including American Library Association, Ohio Library Association, Minnesota Library Association, American Book Sellers Association and New York Book Sellers Association.

He was married on September 3, 1896 to Miss Grace Leach, daughter of Sherman M. Leach and Mary Allen of Hiram, Ohio. They have two daughters, Mary Catherine who graduated from Teachers College, Columbia University, in 1921, and Ruth who graduated from Wittenberg College in 1929. Two grandsons are in the service of their country.

Mr. Doster's residence is 901 Mitchell Boulevard, Springfield, Ohio.

Note: The author of this book never failed to express her indebtedness to J. B. Doster of Springfield, Ohio, for his repeated encouragements. As one obstacle after another baffled her attempts to trace the early Dosters and reduced her to despair, his experience with histories and libraries, references and indexes, his aid with the records of his own branch and his invariable willingness to answer letters, all provided her the inspiration to continue. The editor, in turn, has had the benefit of even greater help, in addition to personal entertainment and many courtesies, not only from J. B. Doster but also at the hands of his estimable family, and deems it a personal obligation to thank them in the name of the author and himself and of the Dosters to whom this book might never have been available but for this valuable guidance, delivered in such a modest and self-effacing manner.

COKE LEIGH DOSTER, 1871-1926

From *History of Ohio*, by Charles B. Galbreath, published 1925 by American Historical Society, Chicago and New York:

The leading representative of the Greenfield bar, is Coke Leigh Doster, who has been in practice there for over a quarter of a century; has had an extended clientele, including the principal business institutions and individuals, and has also made an enviable record of service in public affairs, being former state senator.

Mr. Doster was born in Fayette County, Ohio, July 16, 1871. His grandparents, John and Catherine (Mooney) Doster, came from Virginia. John Doster was born at Culpepper Court House, Virginia, in 1797; was a farmer and cabinet maker, and died November 5, 1857. The father of the Greenfield attorney was Robert Barclay Doster,

who was born in Fayette County, Ohio, July 22nd, 1835, devoted a long and active life to farming interests, and died June 18th, 1923, when nearly eighty-eight years of age. He married Catherine Leasure, who was born near New Holland in Fayette County, Ohio, and resides at Greenfield, enjoying good health at the age of eighty.

Coke Leigh was second of a family of six children, all of whom are living. His brother, J. B. Doster, resides in Springfield, Ohio, and is secretary to the Crowell Publishing Company. Four sisters are: Sada D. Trump, who is connected with the Greenfield public schools; Mrs. J. P. Murphy and Mrs. J. H. McMillen, residing in Cleveland, Ohio; and Fern Doster, who is at the present time supervisor of the Hillsboro Hospital, a graduate nurse.

Senator Doster attended school near New Martinsburg, Ohio, continuing his education in Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio, and on June 19th, 1896, was admitted to the bar. His practice has been continuous at Greenfield since 1897. He is local attorney for the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad Company, The Peoples National Bank, and the J. A. Harps Manufacturing Company. He is stockholder and director of The Peoples National Bank of Greenfield. During the World War the Senator gave up much of his private law practice to give his time to the Government in raising funds and assisting the selective service board, and was chairman of several of the war committees at Greenfield. His record of public service includes two terms as mayor of Greenfield and sixteen years as City solicitor. His term as State senator was during the years 1910-12, when he represented the Fifth-Sixth Ohio Districts. He is a Republican, a member of the Methodist-Episcopal Church, and belongs to the Rotary and Greenfield Country Clubs.

Mr. Doster married Miss Gertrude Myrtle Priddy, who was born near Washington Court House, Ohio, October 11, 1871, and acquired her early education in the public schools at Fayette County and at Glenwood Springs, Colorado. She is a member of the Country Club, Daughters of the American Revolution and the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Doster have three children: the oldest, Harry Audleigh, born in Fayette County, April 16, 1895, graduated from the Greenfield High School in 1914, and while a student in Ohio State University volunteered as a private soldier and immediately entered the World War. December 8, 1917, he was sent to Fort Thomas, Kentucky, for training, but owing to ill health was not accepted for overseas duties, being sent to San Antonio, Texas, and later to Vancouver, where he acted as an aide to the commanding officer until his discharge at the end of the War. He married Garnette Dailey at Greenfield in January 1924.

The second child is Kathleen Marie, born at Greenfield, October 7, 1897. She graduated from the Greenfield High School in 1916; in 1918 completed a course in Home Economics at Battle Creek, Michigan, and has taught Home Economics in the Carolina College at Maxton, North Carolina, and for two years in the McClain High School at Greenfield. In 1923 she returned for post-graduate work at Battle Creek College.

The second daughter, Dorothy Priddy, born December 7, 1899, graduated from high school at Greenfield, in 1917, attended Greenfield Business College, and during the World War she was employed in Government service at the McCook Aviation Field, Dayton, Ohio. In 1920 she became the wife of Hugh Weimar at Covington, Kentucky,

and they now live at Cleveland, where he is a clerical employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

RICHARD ARTHINGTON DOSTER

From the *Centennial History of Belmont County, Ohio*: Richard Arthington Doster, the popular postmaster of Temperanceville, Ohio and for the past eleven years its leading merchant, was born at Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio on May 27, 1864 and has been a resident of Belmont County since 1881. Mr. Doster is of old and honorable ancestry, his maternal line being the same as that of Alexander Stephens, leading statesman of the Southern Confederacy; while on the paternal side a long and uninterrupted line leads back to the time of Queen Elizabeth. His father Aaron B. C. Doster, a commercial traveller, was born in 1832 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio, and accompanied his son to Belmont County in 1881. In politics he supports the Republican party, and fraternally he is a Mason. His mother was Louisa J. Stephens who was born in Monroe County, Ohio and died in 1870 at the age of 29 years. She was the devoted mother of four children: John and Hattie who died in infancy, Richard Arthington, and Marie H. Eberts of Zanesville, Ohio. Richard Arthington received excellent educational advantages. Attended Woodsfield High School and Greenfield Seminary, following which he engaged in teaching school for many years, nine of them at Temperanceville. In April 1897 he was appointed Postmaster and still continues in office. On May 21, 1896 Mr. Doster married Anna L. Gallagher who was born in Temperanceville, Ohio in 1871 and is a daughter of Austin and Barbara (Haren) Gallagher, and a niece of the distinguished Catholic Bishop Nicholas Gallagher of Galveston, Texas. Mrs. Doster, a lady of refinement and culture, is a devoted daughter of the Catholic Church. Mr. Doster belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

BRANCH NO. 1-A

Descendants of JAMES M. DOSTER, 1839-1890, a soldier in the Union Army of the Civil War, whose descendants have been traced and listed but whose father and grandfather have not. Almost certainly a part of Branch No. 1. Descendants rather widely scattered, as given in the table.

The names in this table all go back to JAMES M. DOSTER whose date and place of birth are authenticated in his Civil War discharge papers which are now in the possession of his grandson Samuel Leon Doster of 4835 W. Rice St., Chicago, Ill. Following are the reasons why he is related in some way to Branch No. 1:

(a) James M. Doster is listed in his papers of honorable discharge as born in 1839 in Fayette County, Ohio.

(b) Branch No. 1 is the only Doster branch ever represented in Fayette County, Ohio.

(c) The first wife of James M. Doster was Elizabeth Ellis, and there were many of the Ellis family in Fayette County, including Levi Ellis who married Maria Doster of Branch No. 1.

(d) In a day of large families, it is improbable that John Doster, 1770-1840, who brought Branch No. 1, to Fayette County, Ohio, was without brothers.

(e) The late Sterling E. Doster in this table once wrote, "my folks came from southern Ohio, Leesburg, Washington Court House, Chillicothe, etc. and some Quakers"—all of which exactly fits Branch No. 1. He was a grandson of James M. Doster.

(f) Poor's Register of Directors says, of the same Sterling E. Doster, "born near New Martinsburg, Ohio", which is the homestead of Branch No. 1.

The descendants of this branch have a legend that James M. Doster came from Pennsylvania to South Charleston, Ohio. This probably refers to his ancestors. Thomas Doster, Emigrant did come from Pennsylvania but went to Winchester, Va., and some descendants of his eldest son Thomas Doster II settled in Fayette County, Ohio, around Chillicothe, Leesburg, Greenfield, Washington Court House, Jamestown, South Charleston, New Martinsburg, and vicinity. All of these places are near each other.

The following names are not definitely connected to Branch No. 1 but are set down in what is believed their proper relationship because of strong probability:

4. UNKNOWN DOSTER, b. between 1763 and 1775, believed son of Thomas Doster II (b. 1729) of Branch No. 1 and believed brother of John Doster (1770-1840). Believed born at Culpepper Court House, Va. and to have accompanide or followed brother John to Fayette Cy., O. near New Martinsburg.
 - a. Unknown Doster, b. around 1805, probably Fayette Cy., O.
 1. James M. Doster, b. 1839 Fayette Cy., O. d. about 1890 So. Charleston, Clark Cy., O. m. 1st Elizabeth Ellis (birth and death unknown, 3 chil.). m. 2d Miss _____ (birth and death unknown, 2 chil.) Enlisted Union Army, Civil War, wounded Battle of Atlanta, honorable discharge at Little Rock, Ark. Birth info. from discharge papers, ~~see sketch~~. Farmer. (Not to be confused with James Madison Doster, b. 1816, of Branch No. 3 who went to Mississippi and whose children had different names).
 - a. Dennison Doster, b. about 1857 So. Charleston, Clark Cy., O. Settled at Converse, Ind. d. and bur. there. Farmer. Married. 3 chil.
 - (1) Sterling Elbert Doster, b. Dec. 1883 near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio. d. about 1935 Benton Harbor, Mich. m. at Attica, Ind. where he entered steel foundry business in 1900. 1916 founded Superior Steel & Malleable Castings Co., Benton Harbor, Mich. of which he was President when he died. r. 296 Britain Ave., Benton Harbor, Mich. See sketch.
 - (a) Girl Doster, b. Benton Harbor, Mich.
 - (b) Girl Doster, b. Benton Harbor, Mich.
 - (c) Boy Doster, b. Benton Harbor, Mich.
 - (2) Orlando Doster, b. Jan. 1887 Converse, Ind. Plaque at Corn Exchange Bank, Chicago says born Mar. 1, 1885, entered bank Aug. 8, 1915, enlisted before U. S. entry into World War I in Ambulance Corps, Y. M. C. A., killed in France. Single. Also emp. Northern Trust Co., Chicago. Single.

- (3) Wallace Doster, b. 1889. Married, no chil. Formerly emp. by Fairbanks Morse Co., Chicago as salesman. Later removed to California. No further details.
- b. Sterling Lyons Doster, b. 1858 So. Charleston, Clark Cy., O., d. 1912 Memphis, Tenn. and bur. there. m. Mary Ann Marley, (b. 1865, d. 1920 Chicago). Toolmaker and forger. r. Memphis, Tenn. 5 chil.
- (1) Samuel Leon Doster, b. Dec. 9, 1885 Memphis, Tenn. m. Florence Ball (b. N. Y. City, left there aged 3). Pres., Doster & Co., Skin Protective, 4835 W. Rice St., Chicago, Ill. Studied law at University of Valparaíso. 2 chil.
- (a) Joseph Doster, b. Sept. 24, 1927, Chicago, Ill.
 (b) Maryland Doster, b. Oct. 9, 1928, Chicago, Ill.
- (2) Eula Doster, b. 1892 Memphis, Tenn. m. William H. Montgomery (Salesman). Last heard, r. Indianapolis, Ind.
- (3) Harry Doster, b. 1894 Memphis, Tenn. d. 1937 Nixon, Ill., from effects of wounds in World War I, age 43. Single.
- (4) Florence Doster, b. 1889 Memphis, Tenn. d. 1938 Chicago, Ill. m. Joseph Mattis. No chil.
- (5) Pauline Doster, b. Dec. 9, 1903 Memphis, Tenn. Single. Emp. Santa Fe Ry., Corinth, suburb of Chicago. r. with brother Samuel, above.
- c. Leighton Doster, b. 1861 So. Charleston, Clark Cy., O. m. Miss Bell (d. 1924 Defiance, O.). Farmer and merchant. r. Defiance, O. where info. may be obtained from postmaster. 4 chil.
- (1) Blanche Doster.
 (2) Hazel Doster.
 (3) Ruth Doster, twin.
 (4) Ruey Doster, twin.
- Second marriage, James M. Doster and Miss ——— (2 chil.)*
- d. Harrison Doster, b. about 1866 So. Charleston, Clark Cy., O. d. 1912 Chicago, Ill. Married. No chil.
- e. Leven Doster, b. about 1867 So. Charleston, Clark Cy., O. d. 1902. Telegraph operator for Associated Press. Single.
2. Unknown Dosters, brothers of James M. Doster, 1839-1890, See Branch No. 1-B.
- b. Unknown Dosters, possible uncles of James M. Doster, 1839-1890.

STERLING ELBERT DOSTER, 1883-1935

Son of Dennison Doster of South Charleston, Ohio and grandson of James M. Doster of the same place. But in his report to Poor's Register of Directors he said he was born near New Martinsburg, Fayette County, Ohio, which is the same designation as all the early generations in Branch

No. 1. In 1900 he entered the steel foundry business in Attica, Indiana and learned it thoroughly. 16 years later he founded his own company, Superior Steel & Malleable Castings Co., Benton Harbor, Mich. which grew to considerable size and is in operation today. He was President of the company at his death in 1935, Vice-President of American National Bank & Trust Co. of Benton Harbor, President of Doster Bond & Share Co., Director in Traction Foundry & Machine Co., Director in Doster & Klueh, Inc., and was energetic in many directions, a prominent personage in his part of the State. He is said to have married and had 3 children, but no details have been reported. Many years ago he corresponded with the Editor, expressing great interest in the Doster family throughout the country, but he knew little of his own line except "my folks came from southern Ohio, Leesburg, Washington Court House, Chillicothe, etc., and some Quakers"—all of which applies to Branch No. 1.

BRANCH NO. 1-B

Birth records from Hardin County, O.

The following names were supplied Feb. 22, 1944 by Hugh E. Hatcher, Deputy, Probate and Juvenile Courts, Hardin County, Kenton, Ohio, taken from the county records. The relationships may be inaccurate but all are believed connected to Branch No. 1.

1. Unknown Doster, b. around 1830, perhaps brother of James M. Doster of Branch No. 1-A.
 - a. William Doster, b. about 1850, m. F. M. Doster.
 - (1) Guy Doster, b. Ap. 22, 1872, m. Lizzie Bannister.
 - (a) Mary (Marie) Doster, b. May 29, 1898 Kenton, Ohio. m. 1st ——— Reed. m. 2d ——— Whitaker. r. 2250 Erie Avenue, Springfield, Ohio.
 - (b) Francis Doster, b. Nov. 12, 1899 Kenton, Ohio.
 - (c) Charles Thomas Doster, b. Jan. 12, 1901 Kenton, Ohio.
 - b. Lewis (Louis) Doster, b. about 1855, m. Nancy Farnum.
 - (1) Ralph Doster, b. Oct. 29, 1877.
 - (2) William (or William D.) Doster, b. Dec. 11, 1879, m. Mary Devore.
 - (a) Lewis (Louis) Doster, b. Dec. 4, 1902.
 - (b) Jack Doster, b. Oct. 13, 1905.
 - c. Orlando (Orla, Orlie) Doster, b. around 1860, m. Hattie or Mary Wilson.
 - (1) Esther Edith Doster, b. Jan. 28, 1894, m. King. r. 765 Lima St., Kenton, Ohio.
 - (2) Isaac M. Doster, b. Mar. 6, 1896.
 - (3) Mary Ellen Doster, b. Oct. 10, 1899, m. Cy Watkins. r. 156 Fallis Road, Columbus, Ohio.

Note: William F. Doster, Royal Oak, Mich., is said to be either one of the above names or related to them.

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VI: Branch No. 2, Ohio-and-Kansas

Descendants of WILLIAM DOSTER, 1732-1826, of Winchester, Virginia, second son of Thomas Doster, Emigrant (1695-1748). Now scattered in Zanesville, Ohio, in Topeka, Kansas and elsewhere.

THIS LINE was founded by William Doster, 1732-1826, second son of Thomas Doster, Emigrant (1695-1748), to whose life a previous chapter is devoted, and who landed at German Town, Pennsylvania in 1717 and journeyed inland in 1731 with the pioneer Jost Hite to settle near the present site of Winchester, Virginia.

On this journey Thomas Doster, Emigrant and his wife were accompanied by one baby son, Thomas Doster II, born 1729, who became the founder of Branch No. 1. Shortly after arrival at the settlement, a second son named William Doster was born in 1732, on the Opequon stream about five miles from today's Winchester, who grew up to be the head of this Branch, No. 2. Two more brothers were born here later, James Doster in 1735 who became head of Branch No. 3, and Jonathan Doster in 1740 who founded Branch No. 4.

William Doster grew up in the vicinity of Winchester, founded a few years after his birth under the name of Frederick Town and given its present name somewhat later. Since his father, like all the pioneers, engaged in clearing lands and farming, he and his brothers did the same for some years. But as the community expanded and additional families moved in and multiplied, he began to deal heavily in real estate and at least some of his deeds are recorded in the earliest books of the Frederick County Circuit Court in Winchester. Late in life he purchased a famous hostelry in Winchester, named The White Ship Tavern.

He married twice, and descendants of the two marriages settled in widely separated sections. His first wife Margaret Barnett Doster took her children westward over a new route which had just been established, about the same as the present U. S. Route 50, to Zanesville, Ohio where she died and is survived by many descendants, none bearing the Doster surname. She and her children are buried in the old Zanesville cemetery. The reason why the name was not perpetuated was that all three of her sons died single.

Margaret Lindsey, second wife of William Doster, and previously an English governess to his children, had only one child, a son named Alfred Doster who spent his life in farming and around 1848 left Winchester with his wife and children and moved to a farm in Clinton County, Indiana, and later to Piatt County, Illinois. Alfred had three sons who grew up; they all entered the Union Army of the Civil War; two of them died in service; but the youngest, Frank Doster, returned safely, emigrated to Kansas at the close of the War, became one of the prominent names in that State, served as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kansas and in turn had seven children. Here also the

continuance of the Doster name is unlikely because the only surviving male Doster is unmarried.

The name of William Doster appears in the partial list of deeds appended to this Branch. There is no will on record but his Administrator's Accounting of personal property appears in his life sketch. His tavern is mentioned in many historical works and he is in the records as a Councilman of Winchester.

The only evidence of the burial place of William Doster and his second wife is the fact that all of the families in the original pioneer group were laid to rest in the old Mount Hebron Cemetery adjoining the still existing ruins of the old Lutheran Church in Winchester. The church was built in 1774 on land presented by Thomas Lord Fairfax, but the cemetery was there at least 40 years earlier. Unfortunately for the written history, stones and burial records are non-existent, although sought earnestly by other American families tracing their lineage to the Lutheran group of settlers on the Opequon.

For possible connection with other branches, see Key Chart, page ix.

I. Thomas Doster, Emigrant, about 1695-1748. See biographical sketch, chapter IV. 5 chil.

- A. Thomas Doster II, b. 1729, m. Mary ——— (b. 1726). Branch No. 1.
- B. WILLIAM DOSTER, b. 1732, d. 1826. m. twice. Branch No. 2, below.
- C. James Doster, b. 1735, d. 1818. m. Lydia Springer. Branch No. 3.
- D. Elizabeth Doster, b. 1735. No record of descendants, if any.
- E. Jonathan Doster, b. 1740, d. 1827 or 1829. Branch No. 4.

B. WILLIAM DOSTER (from above), b. 1732 Winchester, Va. d. same 1826, age 94. In 1789 near Winchester m. 1st Margaret Barnett (b. 1769 near Winchester, d. Zanesville, O. 1854, age 85, prob. daught. of David Barnett, 6 chil.) In 1808 at Winchester m. 2d Margaret Lindsey (English governess, d. Winchester, 1 son.) Real estate and tavern proprietor. r. Winchester, Va. Total 7 chil. See sketches.

1. Harvey Doster, b. 1790 Winchester. About 1808 moved with his mother to Zanesville, Ohio, d. there. Bur. Old City Cemetery, Zanesville, Ohio. Single.
2. James Doster, b. 1791 Winchester, Va. d. July 1854 Zanesville, Ohio, age 63. About 1808 moved to Zanesville with his mother. Bur. Old City Cemetery, Zanesville, Ohio. Single.
3. Elizabeth (Betsy) Doster, b. 1800 Winchester, Va. d. Jan. 1847 Zanesville, Ohio, age 47. About 1808 moved to Zanesville with her mother. In 1833 at Zanesville, O., m. Israel Hoge (b. Aug. 25, 1802 Zanesville, d. same Mar. 20, 1883, age 81, postmaster). r. Zanesville, O. 3 chil. See sketch.
 - a. James Doster Hoge, b. Nov. 3, 1835 Zanesville, O. d. same Dec. 9, 1904, age 69. On Mar. 17, 1857 m. Anna M. Slack (b. Oct. 11, 1837, d. Jan. 9, 1915 Zanesville, age 78). Telegrapher. r. Zanesville, O. 2 chil. See sketch.
 1. Betsy Doster Hoge, b. Nov. 8, 1862 Zanesville, O. On Ap. 6, 1887 m. Frederic J. Grant (b. Aug. 17, 1862, d. at sea Sept. 27, 1894, age 32. Lafayette College

1888. Prominent newspaper man. U. S. Minister to Bolivia. r. Seattle, Wash.)
r. now 910 Convers Ave., Zanesville, O. 1 son. See sketch.
- a. Frederic J. Grant, Jr., b. Ap. 13, 1895 Seattle, Wash. m. twice. Yale 1917.
Mgr. Pottery Dept., Gladding-McBean Co., Los Angeles, Cal. World
War I, Capt., Balloon Corps, France. r. Los Angeles, Cal. 4 chil.
- (1) Daughter Grant, b. 1923. Married. 1 child.
(a) Child born June 1943.
- (2) Daughter Grant, Los Angeles, Cal.
- (3) Daughter Grant, Los Angeles, Cal.
- (4) Frederic J. Grant III, b. 1930 Los Angeles, Cal.
2. James Doster Hoge, Jr., b. Sept. 22, 1871 Zanesville, O. d. Nov. 25, 1929 Seattle,
Wash., age 58. On Dec. 12, 1894 m. Ethel Hanna (b. Jan. 5, 1875). Banker.
r. Seattle, Wash. 2 chil. See sketch.
- a. Mary Louise Hoge, b. Aug. 16, 1896 Seattle, Wash. In 1919 m. 1st ———
Sullivan of Seattle. m. 2d J. C. Agnew of Seattle (1944 U. S. N.) r.
Seattle, Wash. 1 son.
- (1) James Hoge Sullivan, b. Jan. 1921 Seattle, Wash. 1944 U.S.A.A.F.
North Africa and Italy.
- b. Anna Roberta Hoge, b. Mar. 22, 1898 Seattle, Wash. In 1922 m. Hamilton
C. Rolfe (Rental Agency, Hoge Bldg., Seattle). r. Seattle, Wash. 1 son.
- (1) Doster Rolfe, b. April 1925 Seattle, Wash. 1944 U.S.N.
- b. Roberta Hoge, b. around 1836, Zanesville, O. d. about 1878, same. r. Zanesville, O.
Single.
- c. John Hoge, b. around 1838 Zanesville, O., d. same June 1917. r. Zanesville, O. Single.
4. Robert Doster, b. 1806 Winchester, Va., d. Oct. 1836 Zanesville, O., age 30. About 1808
moved to Zanesville with his mother. Single. Bur. Old City Cemetery, Zanesville, O.
5. Juliette (or Julia) Doster, b. 1807 Winchester, Va., d. Mar. 1869 Zanesville, O., age 62.
About 1808 moved to Zanesville with mother. m. James Taylor. r. Zanesville, O. 1
daught.
- a. Harriet Taylor, m. Ingalls. 2 daughters.
1. Agnes E. Ingalls. Single. Blind. r. 1135 Maple Ave., Zanesville, O.
2. Leila Ingalls, m. H. A. Sharpe. r. 1022 Findley Ave., Zanesville, O. 1 son.
a. J. T. Sharpe.
6. Margaret (Polly) Doster, b. 1808 Winchester, Va., d. Zanesville, O. About 1808 moved to
Zanesville with her mother. m. Darlington. r. Zanesville, O. 3 chil.
- a. Evaline Darlington, b. July 1835 Zanesville, O. d. same April 1903, age 68. m. W. D.
Schultz r. 245 Putnam Ave., Zanesville, O.
- b. Harvey Darlington, b. about 1837 Zanesville, O.

c. Robert Darlington, b. Jan. 1839 Zanesville, O. d. same Oct. 1899, age 60. r. Zanesville, O. 2 chil.

1. Bernard V. H. Darlington. Died.

2. William Darlington. Died.

Second marriage, WILLIAM DOSTER and Margaret Lindsey:

7. Alfred Doster, b. 1809 Winchester, Va. d. 1870 Piatt Cy., Ill. m. Rachel Doyle (b. 1807 near Winchester, Va. d. 1931 Marion, Kans. in home near that of her son Frank). Inher. farm near Winchester, Va. 1848 moved with family to Clinton Cy., Ind. 1865 moved to Piatt Cy., Ill. Farmer. r. near Monticello, Piatt Cy., Ill. Bur. at Farmington, Ill. Wife bur. Farmer City, Ill. 7 chil. See sketch.

a. James Taylor Doster, b. May 22, 1832 near Winchester, Va. d. 1863 of battle wounds received at Mill Springs, Ky., Union Army, Civil War, age 31. Wabash College. Civil engineer. Single. Bur. Colfax, Clinton Cy., Ind. See sketch.

b. John William Doster, b. Aug. 6, 1834 near Winchester, Va. d. 1864 of smallpox, in service, Union Army, Civil War, age 30. 1848 moved with his father to farm in Clinton Cy., Ind. Single. Bur. National Cemetery, Indianapolis, Ind. See sketch.

c. Jane Doster, b. Nov. 9, 1836 near Winchester, Va. d. same, inf.

d. Simon Doster, b. May 12, 1839 near Winchester, Va. d. same, inf.

e. Edmond Doster, b. July 28, 1841 near Winchester, Va. d. same, inf.

f. Susan Frances Doster, b. Sept. 26, 1844 near Winchester, Va. d. 1854 Clinton Cy., Ind., age 10.

g. Hon. Frank Doster, b. Jan. 19, 1847 near Winchester, Va., d. Feb. 25, 1933, Topeka, Kan., age 86. 1848 moved with his father to Clinton Cy., Ind. Enlisted from there in Union Army, Civil War. On July 29, 1870 at Monticello, Ill. m. Caroline N. Riddle (daught. of Jackson Riddle, farmer, of Monticello, Ill. and Mary Kious, orig. from Kentucky, then Mt. Sterling, Ohio, then Monticello, Ill.) Lawyer, judge, legislator, Chief Justice Supreme Court of Kansas, prominent citizen and Kansas pioneer. r. Marion, Kan. and 131 Greenwood Ave., Topeka, Kan. Bur. Marion, Kan. 7 chil. See sketch.

1. Lenore Doster, b. May 12, 1871 Marion, Kan. d. Nov. 14, 1919 Pasadena, Cal. age 48. In 1900 at Washington, D. C. m. Henry L. Cooke (Attorney-at-law, Columbus Law School, Washington, D. C., m. immediately after graduation. d. 1905). Art instructor. r. Chattanooga, Tenn. Bur. Marion, Kan. No chil. See sketch.

2. Col. Chase Doster, b. Dec. 9, 1872 Marion, Kan. d. Jan. 10, 1935 Fort Bayard, N. M., age 63. In 1909 m. Florence Gumaer. Grad. U.S.M.A., West Point. Spanish Amer. War. On Gen. Pershing's staff in Philippines. Mexican Border. World War I. Bur. Marion, Kan. r. 835 Pennsylvania Ave., Denver, Colo. 1 daughter. See sketch.

a. Dorothy Doster, b. July 22, 1910 Fort Logan, Colo. In 1929 at London, England m. 1st Jean Hyacinthe Loyson (Poet, Paris, grandson of a

former Rector of Notre Dame Cathedral, whose ecclesiastical title was Pere Hyacinthe. d. Paris 1932—1 son). In October 1933 m. 2d Giles Wetherill (Real estate interests. 1944 Capt., U. S. Army, Ordn. Dept., England. 1 son.) r. 1830 Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, Pa.

- (1) Frank Doster Loyson, b. Nov. 1930 Paris, France. 1944 at school in Colo.
- (2) Samuel Wetherill II, b. Aug. 1935 Philadelphia, Pa. Named for grandfather (of prominent Pennsylvania family, Col. in Spanish-American War). r. 1830 Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, Pa.
3. Karl Doster, b. Mar. 24, 1875 Marion, Kan. d. Ap. 3, 1879, same, age 4. Bur. Marion, Kan.
4. Hume Doster, b. Jan. 14, 1879 Marion, Kan. d. inf. Bur. Marion, Kan.
5. Capt. Wade Doster, b. July 7, 1880 Marion, Kan. d. Mar. 8, 1920 Camp Columbus, N. M. In July 1909 m. Helena Wilson (of Newton Hamilton, North Ireland, d. 1917). Wentworth Military Academy, Jefferson Medical School. Capt., U. S. Army, Medical Corps, Chief Operating Surgeon at Camp Columbus. Both bur. Marion, Kan. 2 daughters. See sketch.
- a. Caroline Doster, b. June 1, 1910. In 1935 m. Judge Robert T. Price (of Osage City, Kan. 1944 Capt., U. S. N., Intelligence Service, San Diego, Cal., in charge of Naval Intell. School. Later transferred). r. Osage City, Kan. No chil.
- b. Lenore Doster, b. Nov. 6, 1916. In 1935 m. James Hudelson, Jr. (b. Pomona, Kan., son of James Hudelson, banker and prominent cattleman, Hudelson Bros., East Kansas. L.L.B. Washburn College. Married immed. after graduation. Attorney-at-law. 1944 U. S. Army, Staff Sgt., Artillery). r. Ottawa, Kan. No chil.
6. John Doster, b. Aug. 14, 1889 Marion, Kan. Virginia Military Institute. Civil Engineer and Consultant. Retired. Single. r. 131 Greenwood Ave., Topeka, Kan. See sketch.
7. Irma Doster, b. Jan. 2, 1893 Marion, Kan. Nat. Conservatory of Music. Courses at Northwestern Univ. and Columbia Univ. Associate Editor, *Musical Leader*, Chicago. Musician, editor and author. m. 1st D. M. Farnsworth (d. Greenville, Tenn.) In 1933 m. 2d Charles S. Carpenter, Jr. (of Chicago, R. R. official, Santa Fe System). r. 1218 N. Dearborn Parkway, Chicago, Ill. No chil. See sketch.

WILLIAM DOSTER, 1732-1826

The second son of Thomas Doster, Emigrant (1695-1748). His father and mother and his older brother Thomas Doster II were included in a group of Lutheran families assembled in German Town, Pennsylvania in 1731 by the pioneer Jost Hite, who journeyed in the fall of that year westward to Lancaster and York, Pa., then south across the edges of Maryland and West Virginia and into Frederick County, northernmost in

Virginia. They settled, as did all the families in the expedition, on the Opequon Stream, about 5 miles from the present site of Winchester, Virginia.

It was in this settlement, on the extensive acreage cleared and farmed by his father that William Doster was born in 1732, only a few months after his parents arrived there.

He was 16 years old when his father died in the Winchester district in 1748 and he benefited rather well from the latter's will: "Item, to my well-beloved son William Doster, 250 acres of land, part of the tract or parcel of land purchased by me of Joseph Standley, being part of the Alexander Popes Grant".

Whereas his brothers became farmers and planters, William engaged extensively in real estate transactions. We have attached a list of transfers copied from the first deed book in the records of Frederick County Circuit Court, Winchester, Va. He may also have made other transactions before such records were kept, and perhaps others were unrecorded. It is even possible that he acted as agent for others in the real estate field.

He did not marry until 1789, when he was nearly 57 years of age, his wife being Miss Margaret Barnett (see her sketch) whose folks came from Ohio, and who bore him 6 children. They were well brought up and their education was in charge of a handsome English governess by the name of Margaret Lindsey.

About 1807 his wife became estranged and left him, later moving with all her children to Zanesville, Ohio a distance of several hundred miles. William later married Miss Lindsey, the governess, who had one son, Alfred.

In 1812 he purchased a famous hostelry in Winchester, "The White Ship Tavern" where he apparently remained until his death in 1826. Among other things he was a councilman of Winchester. He was not one of the many settlers frightened away from Winchester following Braddock's defeat in 1755, including his brothers, but spent his entire life there.

William Doster and his second wife are probably buried in the old Mt. Hebron Cemetery adjoining (but older than) the ruins of the old Lutheran Church built in Winchester in 1774, where the old settlers are buried, but descendants of the original 17 families have never been able to discover records or identifying headstones.

He died in 1826 at the age of 94 without leaving a will, and his affairs were settled by an Administrator named John McCoole. The Frederick County records disclose nothing of his real estate holdings or their disposal, although apparently he left some land to his son Alfred. However, there is on record an Administrator's Sale of personal property on June 29, 1826, in Will Book 14, page 490, most of the items in which are an antique-dealer's dream: 1 bureau, 1 chest, 1 corner cupboard (and many repetitions of such items); ½ doz. silver tablespoons, 5 silver teaspoons, 1 candlestand, 1 sett andirons, 1 looking glass; 2 half-round tables, various chairs, 1 bell-metal kettle, 1 ladle and flesh fork, pot hooks, tongs, 1 axe, 1 matox, 1 churn, 1 spinning wheel, etc. There were also 1 waggon and one waggon tent (this of course was the top of a covered wagon). One black mare brought \$42.00, but a flock of geese went for 6¼ cents each, and there were 30 sheep at prices from \$1.68½ down to 92 cts. each. The cattle were 1 black cow, 1 muley cow, 1 pided cow, 1 red & white heifer, 1 red & white cow, 1 brindle cow, 1 red & white cow, 1 heifer and "1 cow at Darlington's"—these brought from \$6.87½ to \$4.50 each. And many other items, most of which were bought in by the widow.

From *Lower Shenandoah Valley*, Frederick County, Va.:

In 1782 Thomas Edmondson bought 5 acres of land in Winchester, Va. and laid it off in half-acre lots. On one he built his famous tavern, a palatial affair of that day; had a cut made of it and published it in *The Centennial* as an ad. There were two stairways, running up at each end of the tavern; a verandah across the entire front: and a sign of a large white full-rigged ship swung between tall poles in front of the inn, "The White Ship", wonderful in architecture for Winchester in 1788. The tavern on Braddock St. was sold to William Doster and wife Margaret in 1812.

On a visit to Winchester the author had the aid of Dr. A. D. Henkel, an authority and a distinguished name there, in perusing two old scrapbooks in the Handley Public Library. One contained an article, *What I Know About Winchester*, by William G. Russell, page 16, column 1:

On the west side of Braddock St. a few years ago stood a log building, residence of Nicholas Sperry, father of Jacob Sperry. Upon the same lot, farther south, stands a long frame-and-log house used 80 years ago by Tom Edmondson as a hotel, but in the earliest recollection of the writer it was occupied by William Doster, whose family years ago moved west. The house was afterwards occupied by William Henning, a coachmaker, who built a large brick shop on part of the lot, upper story occupied by Lancasterian School. The corner occupied by the Elks' Club, opposite Handley Public Library, and the lot next the Elks' Club, was where William Doster's house stood.

In the other old scrapbook:

There was one hotel on Braddock Street which was pulled down to make room for the Episcopal College. It was kept some 70 years ago by Mr. Edmondson, afterwards by William Doster whose family moved west.

Chalkley's Scotch-Irish Settlements, Augusta County, Va., 1745-1800, Ap. 17, 1799, No. 2:

William and Margaret Doster, 7th Oct., 1761. Also: Feb. 27, 1807, Charles Brent was Mayor of Winchester and William Doster was one of his councilmen.

Cantrell's Shenandoah Peons, page 153:

Thomas Edmondson Tavern, opposite Fort Loudoun, sign of The Big Ship, Winchester, Virginia.

Harris, History of Lower Shenandoah, page 118:

• Tavern on Federal Hill.

4th U. S. Census, No. 7, Frederick County, Va.:

Across the name of William Doster, "Nine in family".

DEEDS OF LAND MENTIONING WILLIAM DOSTER, 1732-1826.

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1805 28 Oct.	Indenture, William Doster, his wife Margaret, Lewis Barnett and Mary B. his wife, and Sarah Ruble, widow of Jef. S. of Jefferson County, Ohio, children and heirs at law of Lewis Barnad Morrow and David Barnett. William Doster sold land to James Doster and James Taylor (both of Zanesville, Ohio) for \$1 and in payment of debt to the above men	46	80

MARGARET BARNETT DOSTER, 1769-1854

First wife of William Doster, 1732-1826, and probably born in Winchester, Va. It is believed that her family either came from Ohio or else settled there later and from one deed she might be assumed to be the daughter of David Barnett and a sister of Lewis Barnett: "Indenture, 26th of October, 1805, William Doster, his wife Margaret, Lewis Barnett and Mar. B. his wife, and Sarah Ruble, widow of Jef. S. of Jefferson County, Ohio, children and heirs-at-law of Lewis Barnett Morrow and David Barnett". About 1807 Margaret moved away from Winchester with all her children, and in old issues of the *Republican-Constellation* there, dated July 10, 1813 and July 17, 1813 there were advertisements of undelivered letters for her. She went to Zanesville, Ohio where she is believed to have had relatives, spent the rest of her life there, died in 1854 and is

buried with her children in the old Zanesville Cemetery. Her children were Harvey, James, Robert, Juliette, Margaret (Polly) and Elizabeth (Betsy). The boys never married, hence the Doster name does not survive there in this part of the branch. The girls did and had many descendants.

From letter of Mrs. Frederic J. Grant, Sr., 910 Convers Ave., Zanesville, Ohio, a granddaughter of Elizabeth (Betsy) Doster):

My great-grandfather William Doster, born in or near Winchester, Va., probably died there. Great-grandmother Margaret Barnett Doster was buried in the old family burial lot in the city cemetery here (Zanesville) and I believe her husband died many years before. Many amusing stories are told about how she came out to Ohio on horseback with only her darkey servant and then left him with my grandmother (Betsy) and rode back to Virginia in company with some circuit rider preachers; showing she had spirit and independence.

From letter of the late Chief Justice Frank Doster, of Kansas:

I have no question that the Doster men, James, Robert and Harvey, who located in Zanesville, Ohio and from whose sisters Betsy and Fannie (either Margaret or Juliette, *Ed.*) the Hoges, Schultzes and Taylors sprang, were my father's half-brothers and sisters. My father mentioned them infrequently as such. I got the idea that they left Virginia long before my father did, and left estranged from their father. [They left about 1807. Their stepbrother Alfred moved to Indiana about 1848. *Ed.*]

ELIZABETH (BETSY) DOSTER, 1800-1847

Eldest daughter of William Doster, 1732-1826 and his first wife Margaret Barnett, was born near Winchester, Va. When her mother removed to Zanesville, Ohio in 1807 she either remained at Winchester or else she accompanied her mother and returned later. Years afterwards, her mother returned to bring her to Zanesville, where she at first kept house for her brothers and in 1833 she married Israel Hoge, who was the Postmaster of Zanesville until the Civil War. She died in 1847 and is buried in the old city cemetery in Zanesville.

JAMES DOSTER HOGE, 1835-1904

Eldest son of Elizabeth (Betsy) Doster and Israel Hoge, was born in Zanesville, Ohio Nov. 3, 1835. He was the first man in that vicinity to learn the Morse code of telegraphy, having always been an expert in things electrical. He was therefore considered a valuable man for the Union Army in the Civil War. His brother John Hoge, who died single in 1917, was the businessman of his family, wealthy and made many philanthropic bequests, including a large one to the Metropolitan Museum, New York City, where there is a tablet to his memory.

BETSY DOSTER HOGE

Daughter of James Doster Hoge, 1835-1904, was born Nov. 8, 1862 at Zanesville, Ohio. On April 6, 1887 she was married to Frederic J. Grant, who was born August 17,

1862, a graduate of Lafayette College, prominent newspaperman and writer of Seattle, Wash., who in 1892 was appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to Bolivia by President Harrison before Grover Cleveland came into the Presidency. Largely through his efforts the Bolivian Government granted its first rubber concession to a large American syndicate. He resigned because the 12,000 ft. elevation of the city of La Paz disagreed with his health. He was lost at sea Sept. 27, 1894. His widow Betsy Doster Hoge Grant now lives at 910 Convers Ave., Zanesville, Ohio. Their son Frederic J. Grant, Jr. was born after his father's death, graduated from Yale in 1917, served in France in World War I as a Captain in the Balloon Corps, and for the past 10 years has been head of the pottery department of the Gladding-McBean & Co., Los Angeles, ("Franciscian Ware"). He has a son Frederic J. Grant III, and 3 daughters, one of whom has a child born in June 1943.

JAMES DOSTER HOGE, JR., 1871-1929

Was born Sept. 22, 1871 at Zanesville, Ohio, only son of James Doster Hoge. He became a banker at Seattle, Wash., and had two daughters: Mary Louise Hoge, married to J. C. Agnew of Seattle, and Anna Roberta Hoge, married to Hamilton C. Rolfe, in the real estate business in Seattle, having one son.

THE DOSTER-HOGE HOMESTEAD

The Doster-Hoge homestead at Zanesville, Ohio was built in 1828 by James Doster, 1791-1854, son of William Doster, 1732-1826 and his wife Margaret Barnett, who remained single like his brothers Harvey and Robert. Since they probably missed home life, they sent to Winchester for their sister Betsy (who later married Israel Hoge) to manage it for them. This was the reason why, when their mother Margaret Barnett Doster returned to Virginia, she left her colored servant (slave) in charge of her youngest daughter. The slave's name was Barnett, doubtless from the family of Margaret Barnett, and his descendants remain in Zanesville, one being a caterer of excellent reputation (for descendants of slaves of Dosters, see Branch No. 3). The homestead passed first to Harvey Darlington whose mother was Polly Doster, next it was purchased by John Hoge who bequeathed it to Betsy Doster Hoge Grant and recently it has been torn down and replaced by the splendid Y. M. C. A. building in Zanesville.

ALFRED DOSTER, 1809-1870

Only son of William Doster, 1732-1826, and his second wife Margaret Lindsey, a stepbrother to all the Dosters who moved from Winchester, Va. to Zanesville, Ohio. He was born in Winchester, Va., when his father was 77 years old. He inherited a farm in what is now Morgan County, West Virginia (originally Virginia), not far from Winchester, and settled on it with his wife (Rachel Doyle, born 1807). All of their 7 children were born there, James Taylor Doster, John William, Jane, Simon, Edmond, Susan Frances and Frank. Three died in infancy and about 1848 the parents moved with the teen-age James Taylor and John William, 4-year-old Susan Frances and baby Frank to a farm in Clinton County, Indiana, remaining there many years. It was from here that the 3 boys all enlisted in the Union Army of the Civil War. In 1865 while the sons were absent

(two died in the War) and the parents were alone because little Susan Frances had died at 10, they sadly moved to a farm near Monticello, Piatt County, Illinois. Their youngest son Frank returned from the War in 1865 and they lived here until Alfred's death in 1870. He was buried at Farmington, Ill. His widow removed to Marion, Kansas, living near her only surviving son Frank, and died there in the summer of 1931. She is buried at Farmer City, Ill. The following entry appears in the 5th U. S. Census, No. 10, 1840, Morgan County, W. Va.: "Alfred Doster, 6 in family".

JAMES TAYLOR DOSTER, 1832-1863

Eldest son of Alfred Doster, 1809-1870, and his wife Rachel Doyle, was born May 22, 1832 on his father's farm in what is now Morgan County, W. Va. (originally Virginia) near Winchester. About 1848, aged 16, he moved with his parents, his two brothers and a sister to a farm in Clinton County, Indiana. While there he educated himself for civil engineering and for a time attended Wabash College. All three brothers enlisted in the Union Army of the Civil War and James was commissioned a 1st Lieutenant assigned to the Engineering Corps. He died in 1863 of battle wounds received at Mill Springs, Kentucky. He was the oldest brother of (Chief Justice) Frank Doster, who returned safely and survived him many years. He never married. He is buried at Colfax, Clinton County, Indiana.

JOHN WILLIAM DOSTER, 1834-1864

Second son of Alfred Doster, 1809-1870 and his wife Rachel Doyle, was born August 6, 1834 on his father's farm in what is now Morgan County, W. Va. (originally Virginia) near Winchester. About 1848, aged 14, he moved with his parents, two brothers and sister to a farm in Clinton County, Indiana, and grew up there. He was a happy-go-lucky, roystering soul, unmarried, who ran away to enlist in the Union Army at the first call to arms in 1861, served continuously for three years, contracted smallpox and died in 1864, aged 30, the second of his family to die in service. He lies buried in the National Cemetery, Indianapolis, Ind. His headstone is wrongly inscribed "John Dostee".

HON. FRANK DOSTER, 1847-1933, Jurist

Youngest son of Alfred Doster, 1809-1870 and his wife Rachel Doyle, 1807-1931. He was born Jan. 19, 1847 on his father's farm in what is now Morgan County, W. Va. (originally Virginia) near Winchester. About 1848 when scarcely a year old he moved with his parents and family to a farm in Clinton County, Indiana and lived there until 15 or 16 years old. In 1862 when the Confederate raider Morgan made his daring expedition into Ohio and Indiana, young Frank ran away from home and joined the local militia. Jan. 30, 1864 he ran away again and enlisted as a private in the regular volunteer service of the Union Army, the 11th Indiana Cavalry. He served the better part of 2 years, was mustered out on Sept. 30, 1865, with the rank of corporal, and then rejoined his parents who had removed to a farm near Monticello, Piatt County, Illinois. Both of his brothers had lost their lives in the War.

He spent 4 years at Indiana State University and Benton Law Institute. The year 1870 was important in his life: his father died, he was admitted to the Illinois Bar and

on July 29, 1870 he was married to Miss Caroline N. Riddle, daughter of Jackson Riddle, farmer, of Monticello, Ill. He practised law briefly but in March, 1871 he removed with his bride to Marion, Marion County, Kansas, where he followed his profession for many years.

In March, 1887 Governor John. R. Martin appointed him Judge of the 25th Judicial District of Kansas, and he was re-elected but later defeated. In 1896 he was nominated and elected by the Democratic, Populist and Free Silver parties to the post of Chief Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court, in which he served with distinction for 6 years and moved his residence to Topeka. In 1914 he ran for the United States Senate in a spirited campaign enlivened by musical performances of his talented daughter and daughter-in-law but was unsuccessful. Thereafter he resumed private practice at Topeka, as counsel for the Missouri Pacific Railway Company and other important interests.

When he left the Supreme Bench, the State of Kansas commissioned George M. Stone, late of Paris, to paint his likeness, and the portrait now hangs in the Supreme Court Chamber at Topeka. In 1921, many Kansas laws having become obsolete, Governor Henry J. Allen appointed a group of distinguished men to amend the statutes and bring them up to date. Those selected were F. Dupont Smith, former U. S. Senator Chester I. Long and Judge Frank Doster. The recodification was completed in two years.

During the contests of many cities and towns of Kansas to claim that the route of the historically famous Santa Fe Trail passed through their territory, a committee whose knowledge of the terrain was unquestioned was selected by the State Historical Society to settle the controversy. Diagrams were made of the Trail as it passed through each county, a book was printed and the debates were thus ended. Judge Doster was one of those chosen to designate the authentic route, and the findings are on record at Topeka.

His first boyhood ambition was to become a railroad engineer, next a soldier, then an actor and finally a lawyer. He achieved two of these, and he sent his sons to military schools. His interests were not confined to the field of jurisprudence but extended to the greater realms of religious, political and economic philosophy. He was a gifted orator and a skillful writer, expressing himself clearly and in beautiful choice of language. Courageous in his views, which were liberal and often considered radical in his day, he never allowed his theories to affect his tolerance, nor was there ever a criticism of judicial detachment in his opinions. One of his addresses, "The Future Life", was printed and distributed by churches. He was a Unitarian.

Judge Doster had 7 children, of whom two died in childhood, 3 have since passed away and two survive. They were Lenore Doster who married Henry L. Cooke and who died in 1919; Col. Chase Doster who had a brilliant military career and died in 1935; Karl Doster and Hume Doster who died in childhood; Capt. Wade Doster, a United States Army Surgeon who died in 1920; John Doster, a consulting engineer who resides with his mother at Topeka, Kansas; and Irma Doster who married Charles S. Carpenter, Jr. and lives in Chicago.

He was a fine-looking man, versatile and talented but modest of his achievements, widely respected, a Kansas pioneer and a distinguished citizen. He died at Topeka, Kansas on February 25, 1933 and is buried at Marion, Kansas. His wife Caroline survives him at the family residence, 131 Greenwood Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

11th Indiana Cavalry in Kansas in 1865, written for the Kansas State Historical Society by Judge Frank Doster (extract):

I first saw Kansas in the summer of 1865. The wind of chance that blew me into the state at that early time was an erratic gust from the calming tempest of the Civil War. At the close of the War my regiment, the 11th Indiana Cavalry—my whole brigade, in fact—was sent up from Mississippi for service on the western plains. The Third Illinois went up into Dakota; the Twelfth Missouri elsewhere; my own command went out on the Santa Fe Trail in Kansas. Newly mounted and armed at St. Louis, we rode through the Ozark Hills of Missouri, through Rolla, Sedalia and smaller towns, crossing the line into Kansas at the now unknown hamlet of Little Santa Fe, thence through Olathe, Lawrence, Topeka, Fort Riley and Council Grove, the last then the jumping-off place of civilization into the great mysterious land of legend and adventure. Beyond was distance and sunset only.

CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS

An editorial by the late great William Allen White in the Emporia Gazette of March 1, 1933:

Frank Doster is dead. Forty years ago Frank Doster was elected chief justice of Kansas. He was a Democrat with populistic leanings; an able lawyer, an honest man. Some time a few years before the election he declared in a public address or a written statement that "the rights of the user (of property) were paramount to the rights of the owner".

Forty years ago this was regarded as pure socialism. Today with certain restrictions this is the doctrine upon which American civilization is based. Under this doctrine the regulation of public utilities has arisen. Under it confiscation by taxation for social purposes has been established, notably in the inheritance and income taxes. Under this doctrine much of the progress that has been made in the world has been achieved. The rights of the user are indeed paramount to the rights of the owner provided the owner is not using his property for the good of society—for the common good, for the best public good.

Frank Doster's voice was a voice crying in the wilderness. After him came Bryan, came Theodore Roosevelt, came Woodrow Wilson, came the whole liberal movement of the first third of this century. Time and again publicly and privately The Gazette has apologized to Frank Doster for cruel, unfair and ignorant commentary we made upon him 40 years ago when he was elected to the Kansas Supreme Court. Now that he is gone it is a comfort that we do not have to say it for the first time over his grave.

LENORE DOSTER, 1871-1919

Eldest daughter of Chief Justice Frank Doster, 1847-1933, and his wife Caroline N. Riddle. Born at Marion, Kansas on May 12, 1871 shortly after her parents' removal there from Illinois. Taught art in the public schools of Kansas City, Mo. and Chattanooga, Tenn. About 1900 at Washington, D. C. she was married to Henry L. Cooke

who had just graduated in law at Columbus Law School there. They moved to his native Chattanooga, where he died 5 years later. She suffered from weak lungs and passed away at Pasadena, California on Nov. 14, 1919, aged only 48. She had no children.

COL. CHASE DOSTER, 1872-1935

First son of Chief Justice Frank Doster, 1847-1933, and his wife Caroline N. Riddle. He was born Dec. 9, 1872 at Marion, Kansas and was educated in various military schools including West Point where he graduated and progressed through successive grades of rank in the regular army. He served honorably in the Spanish-American War as Major of the 22d Kansas Volunteers, also in the Philippines, on the Mexican border and in World War I. His own modest sketch:

My association with General Pershing was quite brief and consisted of serving him as his quartermaster at Zamboanga, Mindanao, P. I. from the spring of 1912 to February, 1913. General Pershing was at the time Civil and Military Governor of the Moro Provinces. My detail in the Quartermaster Department having expired, I was ordered back to the United States and assigned to the 18th Infantry, then serving on the Mexican Border. I served as a Captain of the 18th Infantry in Texas City, Tex., Waco and Douglas, Arizona until we declared war against Germany and Austria, and was then detailed as instructor in the First Officers' Training Camp at Fort Snelling, Minn. The training here was hardly under way when I was ordered to join my regiment, which was one of the units that made up the first American division that went to France. Arriving in France June 22, 1917, we shortly thereafter went to a training camp in the Toul sector of Lorraine and continued there, with occasional visits to the French front in the Metz and Nancy sectors, till the organization of the National Army, when I was promoted to Lieut. Colonel and ordered to the 154th Depot Brigade at Camp Meade, Md. I remained here from October to April, 1918 when I was ordered to the U. S. Army Tuberculosis Hospital at Fort Bayard, N. M. for treatment. In July 1918 I was promoted to Colonel and in February 1920 was retired from active duty for physical disability in the line of duty.

Col. Doster died at Fort Bayard, N. M. January 10, 1935 at the age of 65, and is buried with others of his family at Marion, Kansas. He was married in 1909 to Miss Florence Gumaer, who had received a liberal musical education in Paris and Berlin and was soprano soloist of the Denver Symphony Orchestra. She survives him and lives at 835 Pennsylvania Avenue, Denver, Colorado. Their daughter Dorothy Doster was born at Fort Logan, Colo. and was married in August, 1929 at London, England to Jean Hyacinthe Loyson, poet, who died in Paris in 1932. He was a grandson of Charles Loyson, whose ecclesiastical title was Pere Hyacinthe (1827-1912), a former Rector of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris and famous orator who became involved in a controversy with the Vatican over the infallibility of the Pope and was excommunicated. Frank Doster Loyson, son of Dorothy, was born at Paris, France in November, 1930. In October 1933 Dorothy married Giles Wetherill, who is engaged with real estate interests of his family and is

now a Captain, U. S. Army, Ordnance Dept., Arsenal Division. Their son Samuel Wetherill II was born in August, 1935 at Philadelphia. Their address is 1830 Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, Pa.

CAPT. WADE DOSTER, 1880-1920

Son of Chief Justice Frank Doster, 1847-1933, and his wife Caroline N. Riddle. He was born July 7, 1880 and was educated at Wentworth Military Academy, Lexington, Mo. and at Jefferson Medical School, Philadelphia, Pa. He became a surgeon with the rank of Captain in the Medical Corps, U. S. Army. In July 1909 he was married to Miss Helena Wilson, a lady of great beauty and wit who was born at Newton Hamilton, North Ireland and who died in 1917. He died March 8, 1920 at Camp Columbus, N. M. where he was Chief Operating Surgeon. Both are buried at Marion, Kan. Their daughter Caroline Doster was married in 1935 to Judge Robert T. Price of Osage City, Kan., now a Captain, U. S. Navy, Intelligence Service. Their younger daughter Lenore Doster married James Hudelson, Jr., an attorney of Ottawa, Kan., now a Staff Sergeant of Artillery, U. S. Army.

IRMA DOSTER, 1893

Youngest daughter of Chief Justice Frank Doster, 1847-1933 and his wife Caroline N. Riddle. She was born Jan. 2, 1893 at Marion, Kansas. At an early age she was married to D. M. Farnsworth, who died at Greenville, Tenn. In 1933 she married Charles S. Carpenter, Jr. of Chicago. A person of dynamic energy and enthusiasm, she has always thrown herself wholeheartedly into every task. She received a thorough musical education and graduated from the National Conservatory of Music at New York, became a concert violinist of Alkahest Lyceum Bureau of New York, toured with the Olivet Concert Co. of Atlanta and once organized a series of concerts to dramatize the candidacy of her father for the office of U. S. Senator. She was formerly a member of the Motion Picture Board of Kansas. She has written many articles on "Indians of The Plains" and on other subjects. She wrote, composed and produced a music drama "A Tale of The Santa Fe Trail" which was a Kansas event. For over a decade she has conducted the Doster School of Musical Expression, an exclusive institution for pupils with stage and operatic aspirations. She is an Associate Editor of *Musical Leader*, Chicago, oldest and largest publication of its kind in the midwest, and contributes frequent articles. Her work has taken her on extensive travels and includes interviews with distinguished people, one of her recent pieces being an interview with Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, dealing with the Chinese Symphony and the fundamentals of Chinese music. Her address is 1218 North Dearborn Parkway, Chicago, Illinois.

JOHN DOSTER, 1889

Youngest son of Chief Justice Frank Doster, 1847-1933, and his wife Caroline N. Riddle. He was born August 14, 1889 at Marion, Kansas and was educated at Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va. He became a civil engineer and while retained by the Mexican Central Railway in surveying lands in the swamp country around Colima,

Mexico he contracted southern fever, from which he never fully recovered. He now devotes his attention to business interests left by his father and sometimes acts in an advisory capacity on engineering projects. He is unmarried and resides with his mother at 131 Greenwood Ave., Topeka, Kansas.

VII: Branch No. 3, North Carolina

Descendants of JAMES DOSTER, 1735-1818, third son of Thomas Doster, Emigrant, (c. 1695-1748); who settled after 1755 in old Mecklenburg County, N. C. Now scattered in many southern states, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and elsewhere. Usually called the North Carolina Branch.

THE FOUNDER of this branch was James Doster, 1735-1818, third son of Thomas Doster, Emigrant, 1695-1748, the first Doster in America, whose life sketch appears in a previous chapter, who landed in 1717 at German Town, Pennsylvania and who journeyed southwestward with the pioneer Jost Hite to settle in 1732 near the present site of Winchester, Virginia.

The original Thomas had one baby son with him on the journey from the seaboard, Thomas Doster II, who founded Branch No. 1. A second son was born near Winchester in 1732, shortly after the parents arrived there, William Doster, who became head of Branch No. 2. The third son James Doster was born in the same settlement in 1735 to become the ancestor of Branch No. 3. A fourth son Jonathan Doster, born in 1740, became head of Branch No. 4 (although this is partly assumed; see that branch). There was also a daughter Elizabeth, born late in 1735, of whom there is little record.

The brothers all engaged in farming in the Winchester neighborhood. But during the French-and-Indian War, settlers in this peaceful domain became frightened when the Allegheny Mountains which had served as a protection from hostile Indians and their French allies who regarded the west side of the ranges as their Ohio Valley route to French Louisiana, suddenly appeared threatened by General Braddock's defeat at Fort Duquesne in the mountains. When George Washington occupied Winchester in 1755 in support of General Braddock, families began to move down the Roanoke River and thence due south to the lower border of North Carolina in what are now Union and Mecklenburg Counties.

Elder brother Thomas Doster II moved only as far as Culpepper Court House, 36 miles south. Brother William Doster stayed in Winchester and lived to see the danger disappear. But James Doster (probably accompanied by younger brother Jonathan) joined the travellers to the south. He was offered inducements by the sons of Jost Hite who were busy in North Carolina land developments, just as their father had interested the father of James in his Virginia promotion. He established a homestead in the part of old Mecklenburg County which is now Union County, N. C., and never returned to Virginia. He had 9 sons, 3 daughters and 1 stepson, and they begat a considerable family all over the South.

1. The eldest son of James Doster was Sampson Doster, who had no male children, and the descendants of his 2 daughters are largely in the vicinity of Union County, N. C.

2. Son Thomas Doster had only one son, Esquire James Doster of Buford Township near Monroe, Union County, N. C., but the latter had 9 children whose descendants now include not only most of the Dosters in that vicinity but also a family with many members in the medical profession in Birmingham, Alabama and Columbus, Mississippi and additionally a considerable number of the Pierce family (Branch No. 3-A) and the Lee family (Branch No 3-B).

3. Son William Doster lived and died in Union County, N. C. but his grandsons are said to have gone west, and their families have not been traced.

4. Son Joel Doster left North Carolina in 1836 and moved to Talbotton, Talbot County, Georgia. In 1846 he moved again with his sons William, Obediah II and Simeon to Dale County, Alabama, near the southern border. Of these three sons, the descendants of Obediah II are in Elamville, Florala and Birmingham, Alabama, and some in Florida. Simeon's was a family of educators in Dale County, Alabama. William or Dr. William has not been reported in much detail.

5. Son Obediah Doster I lived and died in Union County, N. C. but his own son James Madison Doster went to Mississippi and had many descendants. His other children's families remain mostly in North Carolina.

6. Daughter Cloe Doster married first Vangal Simons, and second Thomas P. Dillon, with descendants in many sections, none bearing the Doster name, of course.

7, 8. Sons Alexander Doster and Michael Doster are not recorded beyond the terse entry "went to Georgia". If they married, they could have had numerous descendants. Some of the Dosters in Georgia, whose lines are only partly traced, may derive from one or the other of these two.

9, 10. One daughter whose name is lost married a Mr. Everett and "went West". Another daughter, Elizabeth, is not recorded beyond the date of her birth, and may have died very young.

11. Son Absalom Doster went from North Carolina, first to Greene County, Georgia and in 1818 to Autauga County, Alabama, settling in what is now Prattville, near Montgomery, became a large plantation owner and headed a distinguished southern family.

12. Of Stepson Thomas Winchester, we have no details except that he became a beneficiary under his father's will and was one of its witnesses.

13. Andrew Doster, son of the second marriage of James Doster, died single.

This is probably the largest, when properly filled out, of all the Doster branches. The serious gaps in the lineage are the two brothers Alexander Doster and Michael Doster, above, who went to Georgia. Nevertheless the genealogical table is a substantial framework into which newly discovered names can be fitted.

There is likelihood that unlisted Dosters of any southern state, tracing their ancestry, will find a connection either to Branch No. 3, descendants of James Doster, or else to Branch No. 4, descendants of Jonathan Doster.

For possible connection with other branches, see Key Chart, page ix.

I. Thomas Doster, Emigrant, about 1695-1748. Biographical sketch in Chapter IV. 5 chil.

A. Thomas Doster II, b. 1729. Branch No. 1.

- B. William Doster, b. 1732, d. 1826. Branch No. 2.
 C. JAMES DOSTER, b. 1735, d. 1818. Branch No. 3, below.
 D. Elizabeth Doster, b. 1735, no record of descendants, if any.
 E. Jonathan Doster, b. 1740, d. 1827 or 1829. Branch No. 4.
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- C. JAMES DOSTER (from above), b. Aug. 14, 1735 near Winchester, Va. d. 1818 Union County, N. C. age 83. Went to old Mecklenburg County, N. C. about 1755 or soon after. About 1764 m. 1st Lydia Springer (11 chil. See sketch of Springer Family). About 1799 m. 2d Mrs. Sarah Winchester (Widow of William Winchester, had one son, Thomas Winchester, bore one other). Farmer and planter. Revolutionary soldier. r. Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. Total 12 natural children and 1 stepson. See sketches.
1. Sampson Doster, b. 1765 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C., d. same, date unknown. m. Nancy Laney (daught. of George Laney, ancestor of that family in Union County). r. near Monroe, N. C. 2 chil.
 - a. Darling (Blue) Doster, b. around 1790 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. m. Belk.
 - b. Girl Doster, b. around 1790 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. m. Capt. Isaac Helms.
 2. Thomas Doster (from above) b. 1769 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. d. same, date unknown. m. Polly Sibley (b. 1766, daught. of Thomas Sibley. Farmer and planter. r. near Monroe, N. C. 1 son.
 - a. Esquire James Doster, b. 1810 Buford Twp., near Monroe, Union County, N. C. d. same, date unknown. m. Martha (Patsy) Powell (b. 1809, only daught. of Jephtha Powell). Farmer. Justice of the Peace. r. 6 miles from Monroe, N. C. 9 chil. See sketch.
 1. William Ellison Doster, b. 1825 Buford Twp. near Monroe, Union County, N. C. d. same, single, 1859, age 24. Clerk of Court, Monroe, N. C.
 2. Jephtha Powell Doster, b. 1826 Buford Twp. near Monroe, Union County, N. C. d. same 1905, age 79. m. 1st Annie Benton (b. 1834, 4 chil.). m. 2d. Mrs. Blakeny (3 chil.). r. Hickory, N. C.
 - a. James Franklin Doster (Frank), b. Jan. 17, 1849, d. Ap. 17, 1915. Age 66. In 1869 m. Frances Lula Richardson (b. July 6, 1851, d. Ap. 27, 1928). r. Mineral Springs, N. C. 9 chil.
 - (1) James Edward Doster, b. May 18, 1871, d. May 16, 1917, age 46. m. Addie Blythe. 2 chil.
 - (a) Harry Edward Doster, b. about 1895.
 - (b) Martha Louise Doster, b. about 1896.
 - (2) Sanford Robert Doster, b. Aug. 15, 1873. d. Oct. 4, 1926. age 53. m. Alma Steagall. No chil.
 - (3) James Bishop Doster, b. Aug. 23, 1875. On Nov. 11, 1897 m. Mary Lou Richardson. Has records. r. Mineral Springs, N. C. 7 chil.
 - (a) Myrtle Louise Doster, b. Aug. 30, 1904. On Feb. 7, 1928 m. William H. Blythe.

- (1) William H. Blythe, Jr., b. Feb. 26, 1930.
- (b) Fannie Pauline Doster, b. Aug. 22, 1906. On Jan. 8, 1930 m. Worth Howie Hamilton.
- (1) Betty Jean Hamilton, b. Feb. 11, 1931.
- (c) James Franklin Doster II, b. Nov. 10, 1908. On May 31, 1931 m. Eunice K. Howie.
- (d) Agnes Marie Doster, b. July 1, 1911. On Nov. 11, 1932 m. Willie Mack Price.
- (1) Willie Mack Price, Jr., b. Ap. 8, 1934.
- (e) Mary Lois Doster, b. Jan. 3, 1915.
- (f) Sanford Robert Doster II, b. Mar. 5, 1917.
- (g) James Bishop Doster, Jr., b. Sept. 19, 1919.
- (4) Thomas Hough (or Hugh) Doster, b. Ap. 24, 1879. On Jan. 7, 1928 m. Fay Williams. 2 chil.
- (a) Betty Doster, b. Oct. 25, 1928.
- (b) Mary H. Doster, b. Aug. 22, 1930.
- (5) Frank Crowell Doster, b. 1881. m. Ida Richardson. r. Waxhaw, N. C. 4 chil.
- (a) James Leonard Doster, b. about 1905. Married. 4 chil., names not reported.
- (b) Joe Franklin Doster. Married, no chil.
- (c) Frances Louise Doster, m. Graham Greene.
- (d) Crowellene Doster, m. C. L. Anstell. No chil.
- (6) Lula Isola Doster (or Lulu Judson), b. Sept. 23, 1883. m. Henry Eubanks. No chil. r. Laurinburg, N. C.
- (7) Oscar William Doster, b. Dec. 16, 1885. m. 1st Lyda Blythe (b. Aug. 15, 1890, d. Aug. 20, 1926, age 36, 2 chil.) m. 2d Ethel McRae (b. Feb. 7, 1903, 1 child). r. Rockingham, N. C.
- (a) Oscar William Doster, Jr., b. Mar. 22, 1914.
- (b) Margaret Blythe Doster, b. Nov. 22, 1916. Married.
- Second marriage, Oscar Wm. Doster and Ethel McRae:*
- (c) Jane McRae Doster, b. Nov. 23, 1934.
- (8) Lonnie Braxton Doster, b. around 1890. m. 1st Sadie Porter (1 child). m. 2d Viola Polk (2 chil.)
- (a) Child Doster, d. inf.

Second marriage, Lonnie Braxton Doster and Viola Polk:

- (b) Harry Braxton Doster, b. Oct. 21, 1908.
- (c) Helen Douglas Doster, b. Ap. 16, 1930.
- (9) Henry Grady Doster, b. Mar. 30, 1896. On May 3, 1914 m. Rosie Lee Winchester. 5 chil.
 - (a) John Henry Doster, b. May 19, 1916.
 - (b) Eleanor Lou Doster, b. Dec. 17, 1917.
 - (c) Harry Gillen Doster, b. June 16, 1920.
 - (d) James Edward Doster, b. Mar. 9, 1922.
 - (e) Virginia Rose Doster, b. June 21, 1924.
- b. Robert W. Doster, Sr., b. about 1855. Married. r. Monroe, N. C.
 - (1) Robert W. Doster, Jr., b. around 1880.
 - (2) Possible other children.
- c. Molly Doster, b. about 1860. m. Harris.
- d. Lenora Ann Doster, b. Sept. 22, 1865. On Sep. 22, 1887 m. Orren LaFayette Pierce. For descendants, see Pierce Family, Branch No. 3-A.

Second marriage, Jephtha Powell Doster and Mrs. Blakeny:

- e. Sue Doster. m. J. P. Haskins.
- f. LaDusky Doster.
- g. Benjamin Eugene Doster, b. around 1875. m. ——— Sigmund. 5 chil.
 - (1) Unknown Doster.
 - (2) Dorothy Doster, b. about 1900. r. Hickory, N. C.
 - (3) Eugene Doster, b. about 1900.
 - (4) Unknown Doster.
 - (5) Unknown Doster.
- 3. Dr. Mary (Polly) Doster, b. 1831 Buford Twp. near Monroe, Union County, N. C. d. same Aug. 29, 1900, age 69. m. Dr. James W. Doster (1st cousin, once removed, b. 1810, d. 1877, son of Joel Doster and Mary Winchester). See sketch. r. Monroe, N. C. 5 chil.
 - a. Joel Y. Doster, b. about 1859. r. Monroe and Pageland, N. C. Married. 3 chil.
 - (1) Girl Doster, m. Rev. Mathews. r. Preston, Ga.
 - (2) Girl Doster, m. Cy Robinson, r. Monroe, N. C.
 - (3) Girl Doster, m. Crowder. r. Anson Cy., N. C.
 - b. Mary Rose Doster, b. 1860. m. 1st S. A. Robertson. m. 2d Thos. Love (b. 1850). Sent family records. r. 319 Winsor St., Monroe, N. C. 3 chil.
 - (1) Mary Robertson, d. May 10, 1924. m. Prof. R. C. Barrett.
 - (a) Margaret Robertson Barrett, m. Clarence W. Warrick.
 - (b) Roscoe Barrett.

- (c) Walter Barrett.
- (d) James Barrett.
- (2) Name unknown.
- (3) Name unknown.
- c. Louvia Doster, b. about 1861. d. before 1900. m. Crowder. 2 chil.
 - (1) Two Crowder children, names unknown.
- d. James Doster, b. about 1862, d. before 1900.
- e. William Doster, b. about 1865, d. before 1900.
- 4. Emmeline Doster, b. Nov. 26, 1829 Buford Twp. near Monroe, Union County, N. C. d. in Georgia June 10, 1888. age 59. In Dec. 1851 m. George W. Marsh (b. Dec. 17, 1829, d. Ap. 6, 1884, age 55). Moved with husband to Georgia. 1 child.
 - a. Lula Marsh, b. May 24, 1853. On Dec. 29, 1886 m. W. R. Childers (b. May 22, 1849, d. Ap. 27, 1919). 5 chil.
 - (1) George E. Childers, b. Nov. 2, 1889.
 - (2) Pinson M. Childers, b. Sept. 20, 1891.
 - (3) Reuben R. Childers, b. June 16, 1894.
 - (4) Lula Virginia Childers, b. Sept. 8, 1901. r. Ft. Meade, Fla.
 - (5) Leland C. Childers, b. 1906.
- 5. Esq. John G. Doster, b. 1833 Buford Twp. near Monroe, Union County, N. C. d. same 1908. m. Elizabeth Mullins. Justice-of-the-peace. 6 chil. r. Monroe, N. C.
 - a. Fannie Doster, b. about 1856. m. John McManus.
 - b. Daisy Doster, b. about 1858. m. John S. Hill. r. Route 3, Charlotte, N. C. 7 chil.
 - (1) Lula Mae Hill.
 - (2) Elizabeth Hill.
 - (3) Julia Hill.
 - (4) Margaret Hill.
 - (5) Bertha Hill.
 - (6) John Hill.
 - (7) W. E. Hill.
 - c. Julia Doster, b. about 1860. m. Frank Cuten.
 - d. Lucy Doster, b. about 1861. m. R. A. Sugars.
 - e. James Doster, b. about 1863. m. 1st Bessie Crowell. m. 2d Cora Laney.
 - f. W. E. Doster, b. about 1865. m. Carrie Secrest. r. Route 6, Monroe, N. C.
- 6. Dr. Thomas Lee Doster, b. Sept. 6, 1834 Buford Twp. near Monroe, Union County, N. C. d. Feb. 4, 1911 Blacksburg, S. C. age 77. On Oct. 19, 1865 m. 1st Harriet E. Crowder (Betty, b. Dec. 12, 1844, Anson County, N. C. died.

Monroe, N. C., 6 chil.) On Ap. 17, 1901 m. 2d Miss James Etta Simmons (b. Feb. 25, 1863, daught. of Capt. James O. Simmons of Rutherfordton, N. C., 2 chil.) r. many years Monroe, N. C., later Blacksburg, York County, S. C. Prominent physician. Surgeon in Confederate Army. See sketch.

- a. James Thomas Doster, b. June 26, 1867 Buford Twp. near Monroe, Union County, N. C. d. Aug. 1943 Birmingham, Ala., age 76. In 1896 m. Mary Senn of Greenville, S. C. Wholesale druggist, Pres. Doster-Northington Drug Co., Inc., 1708 1st Ave., Birmingham, Ala. See sketch. r. 2707 Hanover Circle, Birmingham, Ala. 5 chil.
- (1) Thomas White Doster, b. ——— Greenville, S. C. Naval Aviator in World War I, gassed, U. S. Tub. Hospital, McAllen, Tex. r. 2707 Hanover circle, Birmingham, Ala.
 - (2) Nancy S. Doster, b. ——— Greenville, S. C. r. 2707 Hanover Circle, Birmingham, Ala.
 - (3) Charles Senn Doster, b. July 26, 1900 Greenville, S. C. Married. r. 1437 Milner Crescent, Birmingham, Ala.
 - (a) Charles Senn Doster, Jr.
 - (4) Dr. James Thomas Doster, Jr., b. Greenville, S. C. r. formerly 2707 Hanover Circle, Birmingham, Ala. Now Doster Hospital, Columbus, Miss.
 - (5) Harriett Elizabeth Doster.
- b. Jessie J. Doster, b. Oct. 12, 1870 Buford Twp. near Monroe, Union County, N. C. Died, same.
- c. Dr. Oscar Lee Doster, b. Dec. 30, 1873 Buford Twp. near Monroe, Union County, N. C. d. same. m. Nellie Mallard. Funeral from residence of E. G. Mallard, 153 Tyndale Ave., Greenville, S. C. Wife Nellie had 3 brothers and 2 sisters. Pharmacist, Bruce & Doster, adjoining the Poinsett Hotel. r. Greenville, S. C. No chil.
- d. Georgia E. Doster, b. July 12, 1876 Buford Twp. near Monroe, Union County, N. C. m. John M. Duvall. r. in the Black Mts., Blacksburg, York County, S. C. 6 chil.
- (1) Duvall children, 3 boys, 3 girls.
- e. Will Henry Doster, b. Ap. 14, 1883 Buford Twp. near Monroe, Union County, N. C. d. 1943 Stuart, Va., age 60. m. Elizabeth Martin of Virginia. r. reported Phila., Pa. in 1930, later Stuart, Va. Oil company agency. 3 chil.
- (1) Unknown Doster, presumably Stuart, Va.
 - (2) Unknown Doster, presumably Stuart, Va.
 - (3) Unknown Doster, presumably Stuart, Va.
- f. Nellie Virginia Doster, b. June 4, 1887 Buford Twp. near Monroe, Union County, N. C. d. same. Single.

Second marriage, Dr. Thomas Lee Doster and Miss James Etta Simmons:

- g. Dennis Simmons Doster, b. Ap. 17, 1902 Buford Twp. near Monroe, Union County, N. C. On Oct. 17, 1926 m. by Rev. J. Stockman to Louise Costner (of Greenville, S. C.) r. 510 S. Aycock St. and also Beachwood St., Greensboro, N. C. 4 chil.
- (1) Dennis Simmons Doster, Jr. r. Greensboro, N. C.
 - (2) Will Doster. r. Greensboro, N. C.
 - (3) Thomas Doster. r. Greensboro, N. C.
 - (4) Oscar Doster, d. 1907 in Georgia.
- h. Mary Lewis Doster, b. Jan. 5, 1906 Buford Twp. near Monroe, Union County, N. C. Teacher. r. Belmont, N. C.
7. Eliza Doster, b. Jan. 30, 1838 Buford Twp. near Monroe, Union County, N. C. d. 1907 in Georgia, age 69. Birthplace given as Lanes Creek Post Office. On Jan. 10, 1854 m. Joshua Lee (of Chesterfield County, S. C.). In 1857 moved with husband to Georgia. 10 chil. For descendants, see Lee Family, Branch No. 3-B.
8. Edna Adalina Doster, b. 1843 Buford Twp. near Monroe, Union County, N. C. m. S. G. Hasty of Wingate, N. C. r. in old James Doster homestead in Buford Twp., in family for 5 generations. 3 chil.
- a. A. A. Hasty. r. Georgetown, Ga.
 - b. Prof. S. G. Hasty, Jr. r. Lexington, N. C.
 - c. Will D. Hasty. r. Wingate, N. C. 1 child.
- (1) Unknown Hasty.
9. Martha Doster (Mattie), b. 1844 Buford Twp. near Monroe, Union Co unty, N. C. m. John J. Griffin. Moved with husband to Georgia. 1 son.
- a. John Samuel Griffin, b. June 29, 1884. On June 8, 1907 m. Willie B. Rich (b. Sept. 29, 1888). 8 chil.
- (1) John Theodore Griffin, b. July 2, 1908.
 - (2) Alice Corine Griffin, b. Mar. 7, 1910.
 - (3) William Conce Griffin, b. Ap. 1, 1913.
 - (4) Mary Will Griffin, b. Aug. 6, 1916.
 - (5) Flora Frances Griffin, b. Sept. 10, 1918.
 - (6) Ruby Matilda Griffin, b. June 22, 1921.
 - (7) Samuel Otis Griffin, b. Ap. 26, 1924.
 - (8) Jack Ellison Griffin, b. Feb. 25, 1927.
3. William Doster, b. 1772 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. d. same, date unknown. m. Katie Gordon. 2 chil.
- a. Elizabeth L. Doster, b. 1799 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. m. Benfield. Moved West.
 - b. William Doster, Jr., b. about 1800 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. m. Kate Freeman. 2 sons.
 - i. William Doster III, b. about 1824 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C.

2. Boy Doster, b. about 1826 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. Moved to West.
4. Joel Doster, b. 1777 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. d. Dale County, Ala., prob. around 1850. m. Mary Winchester (Polly, daught. of Douglas Winchester and Sarah Mathews, and sister of Leah Winchester who married Joel's brother Obediah Doster, I). In 1836 moved from N. C. to Talbotton, Talbot County, Ga. In 1846 moved with 3 sons, William, Obediah II and Simeon, to farm near southern border of Alabama, in Dale County. Farmer and pioneer. 8 chil. r. near Elamville, Ala. See sketch.
- a. Obediah Clay Doster II, b. 1813 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. d. 1880 Dale County, Ala., age 67. In 1836, aged 23, moved with father and 2 brothers from N. C. to Talbotton, Talbot County, Ga. In 1846 again moved with them to farm near southern border of Alabama, in Dale County. m. Mary Campbell. Only 1 son reported. Farmer. r. near Elamville, Ala. See sketch.
- r. Obediah Clay Doster III, b. 1856 Dale County, Ala. d. July 13, 1914. m. Lydia Ann Barr. Farmer. r. near Elamville, Barbour County, Ala. 11 chil.
- a. Obediah Clay Doster IV, b. about 1878 near Elamville, Ala. No details reported.
- b. James Parker Doster, b. Dec. 20, 1879 near Elamville, Ala. On June 2, 1901 near Campbellton, Ala. m. Minnie Frances Powell. Farmer, preacher, lawyer, newspaper publisher, Supt. of Schools. Baptist Coll. Institute and Univ. of Alabama. r. Florala, Ala. 13 chil. See sketch.
- (1) Percy J. Doster, b. 1894 Florala, Ala.
 - (2) Ruby Frances Doster, b. Florala, Ala. m. Frank F. Lee.
 - (3) Gilbert Burres Doster, b. Florala, Ala.
 - (4) Edwin Lee Doster, b. Florala, Ala. 1943, 1st Lieut., U. S. Army, Loran Project PW-2, Dutch Harbor, Alaska and Aleutian Islands.
 - (5) Lydia Annette Doster, b. Florala, Ala.
 - (6) Ida Kile Doster, b. Florala, Ala.
 - (7) Lois Doster, b. Florala, Ala.
 - (8) John Doster, b. Florala, Ala.
 - (9) Dorothy Doster, b. Florala, Ala.
 - (10) Marjorie Doster, b. Florala, Ala.
 - (11) James Parker Doster, Jr. b. Florala, Ala. In 1929, auto business. r. 2939 Laurel St., San Diego, Cal.
 - (12) Jim Barr Doster, b. Florala, Ala.
 - (13) Frederick Doster, b. Florala, Ala.
- c. Lydia E. A. Doster, b. around 1885 near Elamville, Ala. m. Charles Talley.
- d. Mary Jane Doster, b. around 1885 near Elamville, Ala. m. Bartow Garner (d. 1925). r. Midway, Ala.

- e. Grover Cleveland Doster, b. around 1890 near Elamville, Ala. m. Beatrice Goff. r. 1909 N. 10th Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
- f. Vidah A. Doster, b. around 1890 near Elamville, Ala.
- g. Harry M. Doster, b. around 1890 near Elamville, Ala. World War I. Associated with *The Prattville Progress*, founded by descendants of Absalom Doster (below, 11), Prattville, Ala.
- h. Paul Clay Doster, b. Aug. 25, 1896 near Elamville, Ala. U. S. Army and U. S. Navy. World War I and World War II. Newspaper man. See sketch.
- i. Eunice Doster, b. around 1900 near Elamville, Ala. m. Henry B. King.
- j. Homer Doster, b. around 1900 near Elamville, Ala. Elec. engineer. World War I, U. S. Navy, Battleship Florida 1917-1925. Trained at Mare Island, Cal. See sketch.
- k. William Doster, b. around 1900 near Elamville, Ala. Attorney, with Florida East Coast Ry. Died. r. West Palm Beach, Fla. See sketch.
- z. Unknown Dosters, possibly other children of Obediah Clay Doster II and Mary Campbell, brothers or sisters of Obediah Clay Doster III.
- b. Samuel Doster, b. about 1812 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. Prob. d. there. Descendants unknown, if any.
- c. Thomas Doster, b. about 1814 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. Prob. d. there. Descendants unknown, if any.
- d. Dr. James W. Doster, b. 1810 Buford Twp., Union County, Ala. Joined his parents and brothers in Dale County, Ala. m. Dr. Mary (Polly) Doster, (1st cousin once removed, daught. of Esq. James Doster and Patsey Powell, b. 1831, d. 1900, see her life sketch). Moved back from Alabama to Monroe, Union County, N. C. d. there in 1877. Physician. 5 chil. r. Monroe, N. C.
1. Joel Y. Doster.
 2. Mary Rose Doster.
 3. Louvia Doster.
 4. James Doster.
 5. William Doster.
- (These five names with more details previously listed under the name of their mother, Dr. Mary Doster, in this table.)
- e. Dr. William Doster, b. around 1820 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. m. Polly Winchester (probably an error, as this was his mother's name). Descendants unknown, if any.
- f. Simeon Jarvis Doster, b. 1825 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. In 1836, aged 11, moved with father and 2 brothers to Talbotton, Talbot County, Ga. and in 1846 again moved with them to farm near southern border of Alabama, in Dale County. Died Dale County, Ala. m. Sarah Tucker. Univ. of Virginia and special work at

Yale Univ. Teacher 46 years at Midway, Clayton and Troy, Ala. Alabama Legislature in 1876. Retired to plantation. r. Dale County, Ala., near Ariton. Bur. same. 3 chil.

1. Mary Doster, b. around 1872 near Ariton, Dale County, Ala. m. 1st Joseph Johnston (d. 1917), m. 2d Frank Scofield, r. Opp, Ala., west of Dale County.

2. Dr. James Jarvis Doster, b. Dec. 20, 1873 near Ariton, Dale County, Ala. d. Oct. 21, 1942 Tuscaloosa, Ala., age 69. On Aug. 11, 1909 at Troy, Ala. m. Mable Cowart. Prominent educator and Dean of Education, University of Alabama. Held many important posts. r. Ariton, Dale County, Ala. and Tuscaloosa, Ala. 1 son. See sketch.

a. James Fletcher Doster, b. Dec. 8, 1912, Dale County, Ala. Graduate of Univ. of Alabama. Postgraduate work at Univ. of Chicago. Educator. r. Tuscaloosa, Ala.

3. Benie Doster, b. around 1875 near Ariton, Dale County, Ala. m. Dr. J. P. Phillips (d. 1917). r. Floral, Ala. 4 chil.

a. Mabel Phillips. Teacher, r. Floral, Ala.

b. Edith Phillips. Teacher. r. Floral, Ala.

c. Ralph Phillips. Doctor. r. Floral, Ala.

d. Benie Phillips. r. Floral, Ala.

g. Clarinda Doster, b. around 1815 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. No details.

h. Emeline Doster, b. around 1815 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. No details.

5. Obediah Doster I, b. June 2, 1785 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. d. same May 11, 1868, age 83. In 1806 m. Leah Winchester (b. 1791, d. 1874, age 83, daught. of Douglas Winchester and Sarah Mathews, and sister of Polly Winchester who married Obediah's brother Joel Doster, above). r. near Monroe, N. C. 11 chil.

a. Elizabeth Doster, b. May 15, 1808 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. d. same. m. John Elliott.

b. Rebecca Doster, b. Mar. 14, 1811 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. m. 1st Elijah Laney. m. 2d John Hunter.

c. Sarah Doster, b. Dec. 24, 1814 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. d. same. m. William Hough.

1. Matt Hough. r. Lancaster, S. C.

d. James Madison Doster, b. Mar. 5, 1816 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. d. Ap. 18, 1883 in Mississippi, where he settled, age 67. In 1840 m. Nancy Hargett (b. 1817, d. Oct. 1884). 9 chil.

1. Parmelia Doster, b. May 30, 1842, d. July 22, 1916, age 74. In 1861 m. William Henry Collins. 3 chil.

a. Infant Collins, b. and d. 1863.

b. Rufus Henry Collins, b. Aug. 22, 1864, d. Nov. 30, 1928, age 64.

- c.* Dora Collins, b. June 26, 1866. On Nov. 25, 1884 m. 1st Edward L. Spragins (d. Ap. 6, 1896). On May 30, 1900 m. 2d James Bradford Harmon (d. Oct. 14, 1911). r. Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Tex. 4 chil.
- (1) Eddie Louise Spragins, b. Jan. 28, 1886, d. May 25, 1906, age 20. On Feb. 26, 1905 m. Frank A. Rudmose.
 - (a) Nelson Louis Rudmose, b. May 18, 1906.
 - (2) Lide Harmon Spragins, b. Nov. 18, 1888. Teacher at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Tex.
 - (3) Samuel Augustus Spragins, b. July 3, 1890, d. May 24, 1891, age 1.
 - (4) Henry Harmon Spragins, b. Sept. 28, 1893. On Oct. 14, 1919 m. Elizabeth Buchanan.
2. Robert Doster, b. 1844, d. 1894. r. in Mississippi.
 3. Frank Doster, b. 1846. r. in Mississippi.
 4. F. Gamewell Doster, b. 1848. m. Emma Rogers (2d cousin, daught. of Russell Rogers and Rebecca Simons, below). Went to Texas.
 5. Mary Doster, b. 1850. Died. m. John Harvey Doster (1st cousin, son of Green C. Doster and Dorena Secrest, below). 2 chil.
 - a.* Robert Doster, b. about 1875. r. Paris, Tex.
 - b.* Charles Alexander Doster, b. about 1875. m. Bessie ———. r. Durant, Miss.
 6. Alice Doster, b. 1852. r. in Mississippi.
 7. Leah Doster, b. 1854. r. in Mississippi.
 8. Laney Doster, b. 1857. r. in Mississippi.
 9. Minor Doster, b. 1859, d. 1878, age 19.
- e.* Jane Doster, b. Sept. 24, 1819 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. d. same. m. Yaddie (A. W.) Belk. r. Monroe, N. C. 2 chil.
1. Columbus (Lum) Belk, b. Monroe, N. C. m. Girl Robinson (2d cousin once removed, daught. of A. T. and Rosanna Robinson, below). r. Monroe, N. C.
 2. J. Patterson (Pat) Belk, b. Mar. 20, 1852 Monroe, N. C. m. Carrie Rogers (2d cousin, daught. of Col. Russell Rogers and Rebecca Doster Simons, below, and sister of Mrs. F. Gamewell Doster, above). r. Monroe, N. C. 1 son.
 - a.* R. T. Belk.
- f.* Green C. (or Green Leander) Doster, b. Sept. 20, 1822 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. d. same 1882, age 60. m. 1st Dorena Secrest (b. 1826, d. Mar. 1875, age 49. 3 chil.) m. 2d Miss Aycock (3 chil.) r. Monroe, N. C.
1. John Harvey Doster, b. 1847 Monroe, N. C., m. Mary Doster (1st cousin, daught. of James Madison Doster and Nancy Hargett, above.)
 - a.* Robert Doster. b. about 1875. r. Paris, Tex.

- b. Charles Alexander Doster. b. about 1875. m. Bessie ———. r. Durant, Miss.
- 2. Girl Doster, b. 1846 Monroe, N. C. m. Walter McCorkle. r. Monroe, N. C.
- 3. Ellison C. Doster, II, b. 1848 Monroe, N. C. Married, no chil.

Second marriage, Green C. Doster and Miss Aycock:

- 4. Obediah Doster, b. 1859 Monroe, N. C.
- 5. Frank Doster, b. 1861 Monroe, N. C. d. same 1909, age 48.
- 6. Thomas W. Doster, b. July 20, 1863 Monroe, N. C. m. Amelia Lieneman. r. R. D. No. 2, Charlotte, N. C. 2 chil.
 - a. Marie Doster, b. Feb. 20, 1896. On Nov. 24, 1920 m. Hugh Craig (b. Feb. 20, 1892). r. R. D. No. 1, Charlotte, N. C.
 - (1) Thomas William Craig, b. Aug. 19, 1922.
 - (2) Alice Louise Craig, b. July 19, 1925.
 - b. Alice Amelia Doster, b. July 27, 1898. On Oct. 12, 1914 m. M. Lehman Wood (b. Nov. 24, 1895). 2 chil.
 - (1) Marie Evelyn Wood, b. May 16, 1915.
 - (2) Jasper Lehman Wood, b. Jan. 2, 1921.
- g. Elmira Doster, b. Sept. 10, 1825 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. m. 1st Britton Parker. m. 2d Rev. James (or John) Hutchinson.
- h. Ellison C. Doster, b. Aug. 23, 1828 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. d. Sept. 16, 1864; age 26; killed at Petersburg, Va., Confederate Army, Civil War. Single. See sketch.
- i. Terressa Doster, b. Ap. 16, 1832 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. d. Monroe, N. C. m. 1st Lafayette Belk, 4 chil. m. 2d C. Fisher Helms, no chil.
 - 1. Memp Belk.
 - 2. Frank Belk. Has Bible records of James Doster, head of this branch. r. 408 E. 17th St., Charlotte, N. C.
 - 3. John Belk. r. Monroe, N. C.
 - 4. Girl Belk.
- j. John Robinson Doster, b. Feb. 14, 1834 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. d. May 31, 1864, age 30. Confederate Army, Civil War, wounded, died in hospital at Staunton, Va. Single. See sketch.
- k. Nancy Doster, b. around 1836 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. m. Short. r. near Weddington, N. C. 1 son.
 - 1. Boy Short.
- 6. Cloe Doster, b. about 1786 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. Died at Monroe, N. C. m. 1st Vangal Simons (b. Holland, emig. to South America and later to Charleston, S. C., d. about 1820, merchant, 6 chil.) m. 2d Thomas P. Dillon (2 chil.) r. 1 mile southwest of Monroe, N. C.

- a. Eliza Simons, b. Monroe, N. C. m. Dr. McCall, ancestor of all the McCalls in Monroe.
 1. Albert McCall. r. Monroe, N. C.
- b. Rachel Simons, b. Monroe, N. C. On Dec. 3, 1818 m. William Bibb (Half-brother of Polly Sibley, wife of Rachel's mother's brother Thomas Doster, above, 2). 1 daughter. See sketch.
 1. Eliza Bibb, b. Monroe, N. C. m. William Steele of Union County, N. C. 2 chil.
 a. William Steele, Jr.
 b. Conce Steele.
- c. Rebecca Simons, b. Monroe, N. C. m. Col. Russell Rogers.
 1. Angelina Rogers, b. Monroe, N. C. m. James H. Taylor. 2 chil.
 a. Girl Taylor, m. S. C. Richardson. r. Rt. 4, Monroe, N. C.
 b. Franklin Pierce Taylor. r. Mount Croghan, S. C.
 2. Rebecca Rogers, b. Monroe, N. C. m. O. P. Edgeworth. r. Orro, S. C.
 3. Rosanna Rogers, b. Monroe, N. C. m. A. T. Robinson. r. Monroe, N. C. 5 chil.
 a. Carrie Robinson, b. Monroe, N. C.
 b. Girl Robinson, b. Monroe, N. C. m. Columbus (Lum) Belk (2d cousin, once removed, son of A. W. Belk and Jane Doster, above). r. Monroe, N. C.
 c. Girl Robinson, b. Monroe, N. C. m. Gus Belk, also related.
 d. Girl Robinson, b. Monroe, N. C. m. Charles Parker.
 e. Ella Robinson, b. Monroe, N. C. m. Parker of South Carolina.
 4. Dr. T. C. Rogers, b. Monroe, N. C. d. in Arkansas.
 5. Allen Rogers, b. Monroe, N. C. d. 1864 in battle of Avrasboro, Confederate Army, Civil War. Single.
 6. Esq. R. W. A. Rogers, b. Monroe, N. C. d. same.
 7. Susan Rogers, b. Monroe, N. C. m. M. L. Blakeney. Went to Dunklin County, Mo.
 8. Carrie Rogers, b. Monroe, N. C. m. J. Patterson Belk (her 2d cousin, son of A. W. Belk and Jane Doster, above). r. Monroe, N. C. 1 son.
 a. R. T. Belk.
 9. Joahana Rogers, b. Monroe, N. C. m. Commissioner J. C. Laney.
 10. Emma Rogers, b. Monroe, N. C. m. F. Gamewell Doster (her 2d cousin, b. 1848, son of James Madison Doster and Nancy Hargett, above). Went to Texas.
- d. Terressa Simons, b. Monroe, N. C. Died. m. William Jones of Virginia.
 a. Alice Jones. m. Tom Lee Cuthbertson. r. Sandy Ridge Twp., Union County, N. C.

- e. Emeline Simons, b. Monroe, N. C. m. Annanias Robinson. r. Pontotoc County, Miss.
- f. Solomon Simons, b. Monroe, N. C. Married and left large family in Yadesboro, N. C.

Second marriage, Cloe Doster and Thomas P. Dillon:

- g. William F. Dillon. r. Monroe, N. C.
 - 1. Thomas P. Dillon II. r. Monroe, N. C.
- h. Henrietta F. Dillon. m. Capt. C. T. M. McCauley. r. Monroe, N. C.
- 7. Alexander Doster, b. about 1787 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. Went to Georgia. No other information.
- 8. Michael Doster, b. about 1788 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. Went to Georgia. No other information.
- 9. Girl Doster, b. about 1790 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. m. Everett. Went West.
- 10. Elizabeth Doster, b. about 1791 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. No other information.
- 11. Absalom Doster, b. 1796 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. d. 1884 in Alabama, age 88. m. Sarah Alexander (b. 1806, daught. of Edmond and May Alexander). Went from North Carolina to Greene County, Ga. and in 1818 to Autauga County, Ala., settled in Prattville, Ala. War of 1812. Farmer and planter, Alabama Legislature. Mason. r. Prattville, Ala. 1 son. See sketch.
 - a. Col. Charles S. G. Doster, b. 1829 Greene County, Ga. d. Feb. 18, 1898 in Alabama, age 69. In Autauga County, Ala. m. Caroline E. Slaton (b. 1835, d. June 10, 1909, age 74, daught. of John Slaton and Nancy Harris). East Tennessee Univ. and Centenary College. Lawyer, legislator, plantation owner, Colonel of militia, manufacturer. r. Prattville, near Montgomery, Ala. 5 chil. See sketch.
 - 1. Mary Talula Doster, b. 1859 Prattville, Ala. m. W. W. Reynolds. r. Prattville, Ala.
 - 2. Charles Edmund Doster, b. 1862 Prattville, Ala. d. same Feb. 20, 1896, age 34. Lawyer and planter. r. Prattville, Ala.
 - 3. Corrine Doster, b. 1867 Prattville, Ala. m. J. F. Alexander. r. Prattville, Ala. 2 chil.
 - a. Unknown Alexander.
 - b. Unknown Alexander.
 - 4. Howard Slaton Doster, b. Sept. 14, 1869. Prattville, Ala. On July 21, 1914 m. Mrs. Birdie Inzer Robinson. Planter, manufacturer, legislator, editor, etc. r. Prattville, Ala. 4 daughters. See sketch.
 - a. Caroline Elizabeth Doster, b. about 1915 Prattville, Ala.
 - b. Emma Doster, b. about 1917 Prattville, Ala.
 - c. Sue Doster, b. around 1920 Prattville, Ala.
 - d. Anna Doster, b. around 1920 Prattville, Ala.
 - 5. Carrie Doster, b. after 1870 Prattville, Ala. m. 1st ———. m. 2d J. D. Lamar. r. Prattville, Ala. 4 chil.

- ♂. Unknown Dosters, not reported, possible other children of Absalom Doster and Sarah Alexander, brothers or sisters of Col. Charles S. G. Doster.

Second marriage, James Doster and Mrs. Sarah Winchester:

12. (stepson) Thomas Winchester. r. Monroe, N. C.
13. Andrew Doster, b. 1800 Buford Twp., Union County, N. C. d. same. Single.

UNIDENTIFIED NAMES

U. S. Census of 1850, No. 15. Union County, N. C.

- Catherine Doster, b. 1821.
Silvia Doster, b. 1823.
Samuel S. Doster, b. 1845.
Minerva Doster, b. 1842.
Newell Doster, b. 1813.
Rachel Doster, b. 1775.

UNIDENTIFIED NAMES FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES

- Odis Hyrtle Doster, Alabama.
Cyrol or Cyril Doster, Prattville, Ala.
Dr. William A. Doster, Strand Theatre Bldg., Montgomery, Ala.
Mrs. Margaret G. Doster, 1437 Milner Crescent, Birmingham, Ala. and Hubert C. Doster, 1437 Milner Crescent, Birmingham, Ala., prob. family of Charles Senn Doster.
Delbert Hoyet Doster, Charlotte, N. C., enlisted June 23, 1943 in U. S. Marine Corps.
Elbert Hoyet Doster, Charlotte, N. C., enlisted June 23, 1943 in U. S. Marine Corps.
Henry Doster (and wife Mary), Hill St., Asheville, N. C.

NAMES RELATED TO THIS BRANCH

- E. C. Winchester, So. Main St., Monroe, N. C.
S. J. Griffin, Webster, Fla.
J. F. Griffin, Webster, Fla.

For the Pierce Family, see Branch No. 3-A

For the Lee Family, see Branch No. 3-B

JAMES DOSTER, 1735-1818

3d son of Thomas Doster, Emigrant, was born near the present site of Winchester, Va. on Aug. 14, 1735; from Bible records of Mrs. J. B. Harmon, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Tex., his great-great-granddaughter.

Under the will of his father, filed in Frederick County, Virginia on June 7, 1748, he became a beneficiary to the following extent:

To my well-beloved son Thomas Doster 200 acres, etc. etc., he allowing my well-beloved son JAMES DOSTER 200 pounds current money and the liberty of the

water. Item, to my well-beloved son JAMES DOSTER, 200 acres of land, being the remainder of the above mentioned tract on which said 200 shall be included the great field next the road from John Littler's to the new town (Winchester).

There is no record of the year or any other details of the departure of James Doster from Virginia to the South. The time was presumably around 1755 or 1756 when settlers were alarmed by Braddock's defeat in the Allegheny Mountains and consequently by the threat of invasion by Indians and unfriendly French, previously barred by the mountain ranges; and there was an exodus to the south. At some date between 1755 and 1764 he did leave the vicinity of Winchester, Va., possibly with his brother Jonathan (Branch No. 4), travelling part way down the Roanoke River and then due south across North Carolina to its lower border in old Mecklenburg County, the part which is now Union County, N. C., in the western part of the state. It was virgin territory and he was one of the earliest pioneers, although the coastline had some settlements previously.

In what later became Buford Township, 4 miles from Monroe in the present Union County, N. C. he built a homestead which was occupied by at least 5 generations of descendants. His will begins "I, James Doster, resident on Richardson's Creek, Mecklenburg County, State of North Carolina" and descendants have not indicated whether this is the site of the James Doster homestead, but it probably is the same. Every early homestead was placed near a spring or stream.

About 1764 he married Miss Lydia Springer, who bore him 11 children, 4 of them before the Revolution (see sketch, The Springer Family).

James served in the American Revolution, enlisting in 1779 and perhaps earlier: *North Carolina State Records* No. 8864, Book 22, page 1014, Oct. 1779. He also appears in Gibbs' *Documents of South Carolina Troops*, year 1781; in *North Carolina Colonial Records*, Vol. 19, pages 933-934, 1782-1784; and in the Census of 1790.

From *Kentucky State Records Historical Society*, Library of Congress, page 117:

James Doster this day claimed prescription to a tract of land in the district of Kentucky, 400 acres near the head N. W. Dean land of Stover Fork, a place marked by John Taylor by setting in the month of March 1779. Satisfactory proof made to count on of opinion that said Doster has right to a prescription of 400 acres to include the above location and certified issue accordingly.

There has been nothing to indicate what became of this land and we have no record of any Dosters in Kentucky. Jacob Stover, which is the same name as Stauffer, was a Virginia pioneer about the same time as the Hite expedition in 1731 and founded Stufferstadt, later named Strasburg, Va. Also cf. John Caspar Stoeber, Lutheran from Württemberg, who founded Germanna, Va. in 1717.

James and his wife Lydia had 7 more children between 1785 and 1796, a total of 11, and shortly after the latter year his wife died. He married a second time, Mrs. Sarah Winchester, widow of William Winchester, who already had a son Thomas Winchester, and bore one other, Andrew Doster, born 1800, who never married.

The 11 children of the first marriage of James Doster have had many descendants, all over the South. Their destinations are listed in the introductory history of this branch.

No information has been submitted on the burial places of James Doster and his first and second wives, but they undoubtedly rest in Union County, N. C., whether recorded or not.

The will of James Doster was filed in the May term of 1818 in Mecklenburg County, N. C. and the full copy following is taken from *Mecklenburg County Wills*, North Carolina Historical Commission, Raleigh, N. C., registered Book C, page 39. Stepson Thomas Winchester was one of the witnesses. Eldest son Sampson Doster was the Executor but not a beneficiary; the plantation was left to Andrew Doster, son of the second wife, with a life interest for his mother; wearing apparel went equally to sons Thomas, William, Joel and Obed; and the remainder of money or other property was to be \$5 to Joel and the rest two-thirds to Thomas and one-third equally divided between Obed and Cloe.

WILL OF JAMES DOSTER, 1735-1818

Made in 1816. Probated 1818

In the name of God, Amen. I, James Doster, resident on Richardson's Creek, Mecklenburg County, State of North Carolina, being at present in usual health and of sound disposing mind (Blessed be God), feeling my natural strength much abated thru age and calling to mind the decree of Heaven that "it is appointed unto all men to die" and that there may be no difficulty in disposing of my temporalities after my decease, do make and ordain this my Will and Testament in the manner and form following.

Above all I do recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth—whence it arose—to be buried in a Christianlike and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named—and as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased the Almighty to bless me with, I give and dispose of the same as follows:

First, I will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon as can be after my decease.

Second, I give and bequeath unto my affectionate and beloved wife Sarah all the land that remains to me, after what I have given to my children, being the plantation on which I now live, with all its privileges and improvements. The full and undisturbed possession of which to be hers during the term of her natural life. Also I will to my wife affore Sd. all the farming tools & utensils with all the household and kitchen furniture, also one year's provisions for herself and stock, meat only excepted. And further I give and bequeath unto my wife affore Sd. six head of cattle with their increase from the present time, they being the increase of cattle which were hers before we were married, and further I give unto her five head of hogs, say a barrow, a sow and three shoats with their increase, commonly known by the name of Andy's hogs.

Third, my will is that my son Andrew continue to live with his Mother and work the plantation until he comes of age, and to have support out of the same, if he is able to work. He must work for his own living, but if he is not able to work he must be supported out of the above mentioned property during the whole term of his Mother's life—and after his Mother's decease my will is that all which may

remain of what I have given to his Mother be given to him my Sd. son Andrew or kept for his use and support at the discretion of my Executors.

Fourth, it is my will that my clothing and wearing apparel be equally divided between my four sons Thomas, Joel, William & Obed.

Fifth, my will is that all the property which may remain which is not herein otherwise disposed of, with whatever money may be in hand at the time of my decease, be divided without a sale if that can be done agreeably, but if not then let it be sold and out of the money arising from the sale let five dollars be given to my son Joel, and two thirds of the remainder be given to my son Thomas, & the remaining one third to be equally divided between my son Obed and my daughter Cloe.

And lastly I do nominate, constitute and appoint my son Sampson to be sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me heretofore made, and ratifying and confirming this to be my last Will & Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 17th day of August in the year of our Lord 1816.

James Doster [seal]

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
by the Sd. James Doster to be his
Last Will & Testament, in the presence
of us who at his request have subscribed
our names as witnesses.

Thomas Winchester
John C. Hargreaves
John Lawson

Mecklenburg County, N. C.
May Term, 1818.

I hereby certify that this will was
proven in Court by Thomas Winchester
a Subscribing Witness according to law.

Test. Isaac Alexander Olcott, C.

THE SPRINGER FAMILY

The first wife of James Doster, 1735, was Miss Lydia Springer, whom he married about 1764 after his removal from Winchester, Va. to old Mecklenburg County, N. C. Since his second marriage produced only one son, who never married, she was the Revolutionary ancestor of all the Dosters in Branch No. 3.

Mr. C. L. Springer of Uniontown, Pa. advised the author that there was a female descendant of Lieut. Jacob Springer, through Dennis Springer, who married but the family had no record of her husband's name. This appears to be Lydia Springer. The following notes were taken by the author from *The Springer Genealogy*, General History and Fable of Springer from Europe, North America and Canada, by E. L. Scribner, Amesbury, Mass., Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.:

Christopher Lewis, first son of Lewis II, The Springer, knighted Count of Waldenburg in Silesia (later Austria) by Henry IV of Germany. Three of his grandsons founded three lines of Counts: Waldenburg, Waldenslien and Scharfeneck.

Lewis II, The Springer first of the name, Count of Thuringia b. 1042, d. 1128 Giebichenstein, where the name originated. A large castle stands at a high point, with sloping grounds. Lewis II, Landgrove of Thuringia, was given the name of Springer in 1089. Married Adalaid, daughter of Otho of Nordmark, in 1087.

Johann Theodore Springer, Prof. of Jurisprudence at University of Heidelberg in Baden and at University of Hesse in Saxony, Magdeburg, 1662, member of Court Palatine, Ambassador to Salzburg.

Laurene Springer, born 1646 Stockholm, Sweden, emigrated to America, settled in Livinton, L. I.

Charles Christopher Springer, Sr., went to Wilmington, Del. where he was a warden and preacher of the Swedish Church, still in use. His children and descendants of Laurene lived in Wilmington, Del.

Charles Springer was born in 1658 and died in 1738 at Wilmington, Del.

Jacob Springer was born in 1668, died in 1731.

The following description of the Springer coat-of-arms is taken from Rietstap's *Armorial General*, translated into terms of English heraldry: Quarterly, 1st and 4th, sable on a terrace vert a stag courant or; 2d and 3d, argent, a fesse azure. Helmet crowned. Crest: the stag issuant between a pair of wings conjoined; per fesse, dexter sable and or, sinister argent and azure. Mantling: dexter, sable and or; sinister, argent and azure.

ALABAMA DOSTERS

It is customary to speak of "the Alabama Dosters". Actually they are at least four separate groups, although related.

1. Birmingham—from [2.] Thomas Doster and Polly Sibley.
2. Dale County—from [4.] Joel Doster and Polly Winchester.
3. Prattville—Autauga Cy.,—from [11.] Absalom Doster and Sarah Alexander.
4. Louisiana Dosters—marked "from Alabama"—not fully traced—see Branch No. 5.

ESQUIRE JAMES DOSTER

Born 1810 at his father's homestead, Mecklenburg County, in present Buford Township near Monroe, Union County, N. C.

Only son of Thomas Doster, 1769, and Polly Sibley. Grandson of James Doster, who came from Frederick County, Virginia to old Mecklenburg County, N. C. some time after 1755 and founded this branch, and his first wife, Lydia Springer. Married Martha

(Patsey) Powell, born 1809, only daughter of Jephtha Powell. Farmer, planter, Justice of the Peace. 9 children. Date of death not reported. Probably buried near Monroe, N. C.

DR. THOMAS LEE DOSTER

Born Sept. 6, 1834, Buford Township, 4 miles from Monroe, Union County, N. C. in homestead used by 5 generations.

Son of Esquire James Doster and Martha (Patsey) Powell. Grandson of Thomas Doster and Polly Sibley. Great grandson of James Doster, who founded this branch, and Lydia Springer.

He graduated in medicine at New York University in 1859. A prominent man as well as surgeon in his section of North Carolina. Surgeon in the Confederate Army, served to the close of the Civil War. His skill was widely known and during the yellow fever epidemic in Wilmington, N. C. he was one of the tireless physicians who served the sufferers. He was in active practice for 47 years near Monroe, N. C. and also lived at Wingate, N. C.

On Oct. 19, 1865, after the War, he was married at the residence of Col. J. White by Elder S. J. Fincher to Miss Harriet E. (Betty) Crowder of old Anson County, N. C. who bore him 6 children. After her death he was married on April 17, 1901 to Miss James Etta Simmons of Henrietta, N. C., daughter of Capt. James O. Simmons of Rutherfordton, N. C., who bore 2 children. Not long before his death he removed with her and these 2 children to Blacksburg, S. C. where one of his older children lived (Mrs. John M. Duvall) and died there Feb. 4, 1911, aged 77. He was a member of Beaver Dam Masonic Lodge at Marshville, Union County, N. C.

Two of his children predeceased him: Jessie J. Doster and Nellie Virginia Doster. He was survived by his second wife; by 4 children of his first marriage, Dr. James T. Doster of Birmingham, Ala., Dr. Oscar Lee Doster of Greenville, S. C., Mrs John M. Duvall of Blacksburg, S. C. and Will Henry Doster of Stuart, Va.; and by 2 children of his second marriage, Dennis Simmons Doster of Greensboro, N. C. and Mary Lewis Doster of Belmont, N. C.

Dr. Thomas Lee Doster was a physician himself, brother of a physician (Dr. Mary Doster), brother-in-law of a physician (Dr. James W. Doster), father of a wholesale druggist and a retail druggist (James T. Doster and Oscar Lee Doster) and grandfather of a physician (Dr. James T. Doster, Jr.).

DOSTER HOMESTEADS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Squire James Doster (b. 1810) Homestead:	6 miles from Monroe, Union Cy., N. C.
Obed Doster (b. 1785) Homestead:	5 miles from Monroe, Union Cy., N. C.
Thomas Doster (b. 1769) Homestead:	4 miles from Monroe, Union Cy., N. C.
Sampson Doster (b. 1765) Homestead:	2 miles from Monroe, Union Cy., N. C.
Madison Doster (b. 1816) Homestead:	7 miles from Monroe, Union Cy., N. C.

JAMES THOMAS DOSTER, 1867-1943

Born June 26, 1867 Buford Township near Monroe, Union County, N. C.

Son of Dr. Thomas Lee Doster and Harriet E. (Betty) Crowder. Grandson of Esquire James Doster and Martha (Patsey) Powell. Great grandson of Thomas Doster and Polly Sibley.

Educated at Wake Forest College, N. C., at the University of South Carolina and at Columbia University in 1887. Graduated in Pharmacy at University of Maryland at Baltimore. Became President of Doster-Northington Drug Co., Inc., 1701 1st Ave., Birmingham, Ala., now inactive and owned 100% by McKesson & Robbins, Inc. He died in Birmingham in August, 1943 at the age of 76.

In 1896 he married Mary Senn of Greenville, S. C. Five children: Thomas White Doster, Nancy Senn Doster, Charles Senn Doster, Dr. James T. Doster, Jr. and Harriet Elizabeth Doster. r. 2707 Hanover Circle, Birmingham, Ala.

DR. MARY (POLLY) DOSTER, 1831-1900

Born Buford Township near Monroe, Union County, N. C.

Daughter of Esquire James Doster and Martha (Patsey) Powell. Granddaughter of Thomas Doster and Polly Sibley.

Married Dr. James W. Doster (1st cousin, once removed, born 1810, died 1877, son of Joel Doster and Mary Winchester). Died Aug. 29, 1900, Monroe, N. C.

Clipping from unidentified newspaper of Monroe, N. C. dated Aug. 30, 1900:

Death which comes alike to the infant on its mother's bosom and to the aged man who sinks under a weight of years, came to Mrs. Mary Doster at her home here yesterday, August 29, 1900. Mrs. Doster was born and reared in Buford Township and was a daughter of the late James Doster. She was 69 years old and had lived in Monroe for many years. She was married to the late James W. Doster, who died about 20 years ago. Two children, Mrs. S. A. Robertson and Mr. J. Y. Doster, survive her. She was a sister to Dr. T. L. Doster of Wingate, Esquire John G. Doster of Buford Township and Jephtha P. Doster of Hickory, N. C., and to Mesdames Joshua Lee and J. J. Griffin of Georgia. Deceased was a lady of fine business qualification and had considerable property. She was sick but three weeks. She died of gastritis. In early life she made a profession of religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church South, of which she remained a faithful and consistent member until called. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. M. Bagby, pastor of the deceased and Dr. A. M. Croxton and Rev. H. M. Dixon this morning in Central Methodist Church and the body was buried in the cemetery here.

JAMES PARKER DOSTER

Born December 20, 1879 at Elamville, Barbour County, Alabama, son of Obediah Clay Doster and Lydia Ann Barr, natives of Barbour County; teacher, farmer, moved to Newton, Ala. in 1885; established *The Newton Messenger*, a weekly paper, studied law, admitted to the Alabama Bar in 1887; practiced at Ozark, Ala.



DOSTER HALL

University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Four-story colonial building of concrete and brick, devoted to courses in music, fine arts and home economics. Erected 1929 on the south side of the campus and named in honor of the late Dr. James Jarvis Doster, Dean of the College of Education for many years, a distinguished southern educator and a member of Doster Branch No. 3.

(Courtesy of Ralph E. Adams, Executive Secretary, University, Alabama).

Grandson of Obediah Clay Doster (and Mary Campbell) who lived near Elamville, Ala., who was formerly a native of Union County, N. C. but was taken by his parents to Talbot County, Ga., and in 1819 moved to Alabama; settled in Dale County, Ala.

Attended public schools at Newton, Ala., the Baptist Collegiate Institute; was the first graduate of the Department of Education at University of Alabama; received degree of Bachelor of Science in Education in 1911; took special work under Dr. F. B. Dressler of the Department of Education of the U. S. before entering the University; taught in public schools of Alabama; founder and first principal of Aliceville Academy; Assistant in Physics at University of Alabama in 1910-1911; Superintendent of City Schools at Morala, Ala. in 1911-1914. Democrat, a Missionary Baptist, Royal Arcanum, Mason, Woodmen of the World, Knights of Pythias. On June 2, 1901 near Campbellton, Fla. married Minnie Frances Powell. 13 children. Residence, Morala, Ala.

JAMES JARVIS DOSTER, 1873-1942

Born Dec. 20, 1873 near Arifton, Dale County, Ala., son of Simeon Jarvis Doster and Sarah Tucker. His father was born in Mecklenburg County, N. C. in 1825. His grandfather and grandmother, Joel Doster and Polly Winchester, who lived in Mecklenburg County, N. C., moved in 1836 to Talbot County, Ga. and in 1846 to Dale County, Ala. Simeon taught school for 46 years in Midway, Clayton and Troy, Ala.; retired to his farm in Dale County, Ala. Member of the Alabama Legislature in 1876.

Prof. James Jarvis Doster was educated in private schools taught by his father; in the Bowen School at Ozark, Ala., and in the Southeast Alabama Agricultural School of Abbeville. At the age of 16 he taught in county schools of Dale County for 7 years; entered Ala. State Normal College at Troy; became Principal of the High School Dept. in 1900-1902; graduated Ph.B. 1902; assistant in Latin; Professor in Manual Arts in 1902-1907; took B.S. degree from the Teachers College, Columbia University, in 1906, and at same time took A.M. degree in 1909; Prof. of Secondary Education, Univ. Alabama 1911; Director of Summer School, same; member of Southern University Commission for the Santiffer Study of the Races' Problems; Member Board of Directors of Teachers and Pupils Reading Circle; Executive Committee, Ala. Education Assn., Ala. Text Books Commission; Secy.-Treas. Ala. Assn. of Colleges since 1910; member Am. Assn. for the Advancement of Science; Society of College Teachers; Southern Council of Education; National Educational Assn.; Southern Educational Assn.; Nat. Society for Promotion of Industrial Education; State Inspector of County High Schools 1908-1911; author of a course of study in same.

Democrat, Methodist, Rotarian, Knight of Pythias. Married August 11, 1909 at Troy, Ala. to Mable Cowart. Children, James Fletcher Doster, born Dec. 8, 1912. Residence, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala. Doster Hall there was named for him in 1930.

From the *New York Times*, Oct. 22, 1942.

TUSCALOOSA, ALA., Oct. 21, 1942.—Dr. James J. Doster, Dean of the College of Education of the University of Alabama since 1911, died of a heart attack at his

desk today while talking with an associate. His age was 68. He was for many years chairman of the faculty committee on athletics.

Born in Ariton, Ala., the son of Simeon J. and Sarah Tucker Doster, Dr. Doster received a Ph.B. degree from State Teachers College, Troy, Ala. in 1902; a B.S. from Teachers College, Columbia University in 1906; an A.M. from the latter college in 1909 and an L.L.D. from University of Alabama in 1917.

He was Principal of the Troy High School 1900-02 and joined the University of Alabama faculty in 1907 as Professor of Secondary Education. In 1911 he became Professor of Philosophy and Education, Dean of the College of Education and Summer Session Director at the University. In 1918 and 1919 he was also acting Dean of the University.

Dr. Doster served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Association of Alabama Colleges in 1910-1923 and was President of that association in 1923-1924. He had been a member of the University Race Commission, Alabama State Text Book Commission, Alabama Board for Vocational Education, American Association of University Professors, National Education Association and the Alabama Educational Association.

In 1925-1926 he was an associate of the International Institute of Teachers College, Columbia, which made a study of secondary education in Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Chile.

Dr. Doster was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Chi and Omicron Delta Kappa fraternities and the Knights of Pythias.

From the Associated Press, Oct. 22, 1942:

Dr. Doster is survived by one son, James Fletcher Doster, a graduate student at the University of Chicago.

HARRY M. DOSTER

Born at Elamville, Ala., son of Obediah Clay Doster and Lydia Ann Barr, and grandson of Obediah Clay Doster and Mary Campbell, who were natives of Mecklenburg County, N. C., went in 1836 to Talbot County, Ga. and in 1846 to Dale County, Ala. Veteran of World War I. Although a great-grandson of Joel Doster, he is connected with *The Prattville Progress*, whose owners are descended from Absalom Doster, youngest brother of Joel.

HOMER DOSTER

Born at Elamville, Ala., son of Obediah Clay Doster and Lydia Ann Barr, and grandson of Obediah Clay Doster and Mary Campbell who were natives of Mecklenburg County, N. C. went in 1836 to Talbot County, Ga. and in 1846 to Dale County, Ala. Electrical Engineer who volunteered in U. S. Navy, served on U. S. S. Florida during the whole of World War I, and until 1925, trained at Mare Island, Cal.

WILLIAM DOSTER

Born at Elamville, Ala., son of Obediah Clay Doster III and Lydia Ann Barr, and grandson of Obediah Clay Doster and Mary Campbell who were natives of Mecklenburg County, N. C., went in 1836 to Talbot County, Ga. and in 1846 to Dale County, Ala. Attorney or other official connection with Florida East Coast Ry. Died in West Palm Beach, Fla.

ELLISON C. DOSTER, 1828-1864

Born August 23, 1828 in Buford Township, Union County, N. C., son of Green C. Doster and his second wife who was Miss Aycokk. He enlisted in the Confederate Army of the Civil War and died a soldier's death at Petersburg, Va. on Sept. 16, 1864, aged 38. Believed never married. His younger brother was also a casualty of the Civil War, see below.

JOHN ROBINSON DOSTER, 1834-1864

Born Feb. 14, 1834 in Buford Township, Union County, N. C., son of Green C. Doster and his second wife who was Miss Aycokk. He enlisted from that county in the Confederate Army of the Civil War, was wounded, and died in a hospital at Staunton, Va. on May 31, 1864, within 4 months of the death in service of his brother Ellison, above. He was 30 years old and unmarried.

JOEL DOSTER, 1777

Born in 1777 in the part of old Mecklenburg County, N. C. which later became Union County. He was the 4th son of James Doster, 1735-1818, founder of this Branch. He was married in Union County to Mary (Polly) Winchester, daughter of Douglas Winchester and Sarah Mathews, and sister of Leah Winchester who married his brother Obediah Doster I. They had six sons, and in 1836 they moved away with three of them (Obediah II, William and Simeon) to Talbotton, Talbot County, Ga. In 1846 the family moved again, to Dale County, near the southern border of Alabama. He died at his plantation near Elamville, Ala. at a date not reported, but believed to have been soon after 1850. He had 8 children altogether, 6 sons and 2 daughters.

Two sons of Joel Doster were physicians. Dr. William Doster, born around 1815 in Mecklenburg County, N. C., son of Joel Doster and Mary (Polly) Winchester, who in 1836 went to Talbot County, Ga. and in 1846 to Dale County, Ala. Dr. William is reported to have married Polly Winchester, believed to be an error as this was his mother's name. Dr. James W. Doster, born 1810, his brother, married his cousin, also a physician, Dr. Mary Doster, daughter of Esquire James Doster and Patsey Powell, and granddaughter of Thomas Doster and Polly Sibley of Mecklenburg County, N. C. See her sketch. Dr. James W. Doster returned to Monroe, N. C., practised there, and died there in 1879. He had 5 children.

OBEDIAH CLAY DOSTER II, 1813-1880

Was the eldest son of Joel Doster, b. 1777, and his wife Polly Winchester. He was born in old Mecklenburg County, N. C. In 1836 when he was 23 years old, he moved with his

parents and his brothers William and Simeon to Talbotton, Talbot County, Ga. In 1846 he moved with them again to Dale County, near the southern border of Alabama. He married Mary Campbell and settled in Barbour County on a plantation not far from Elamville, Ala., where he died in 1880. We have a record of only one son, Obediah Clay Doster III.

RACHEL SIMONS

Daughter of Cloe Doster [4.] and Vangal Simons of Monroe, N. C., was married on Dec. 3, 1818 to William Bibb, a stepbrother of her aunt Polly Sibley, wife of her uncle Thomas Doster. The Bibbs are prominent in Virginia and Alabama. Capt. William Bibb, Prince Edward County, Va. married Sally Yeatt of New Kent, Va. on Dec. 4, 1779, who became the mother of William Yeatt Bibb, first Governor of Alabama (*William and Mary Quarterly*, No. 12, 1903).

PAUL CLAY DOSTER

Son of Obediah Clay Doster III and Lydia Ann Barr, is a man whom the editor has tried for many years to meet, without success. He was born August 25, 1896 in Dale County, Alabama. He is a grandson of Obediah Clay Doster II and Mary Campbell; a great grandson of Joel Doster and Polly Winchester of Union County, N. C. who settled in Dale County, Ala. in 1846; and hence a great-great-grandson of James Doster, founder of this branch.

We have not a connected history of his life. Apparently he served with distinction both in World War I, in which he was wounded and decorated, and in World War II in which he made a further name for himself. His service in World War I was 3 years, 16 months abroad. In 1921 he was in the U. S. Navy.

In 1929 the editor had a letter from the Hawaiian Islands: "There is a P. C. Doster working on a newspaper in Honolulu—he originates from an Alabama line. I think he told me that he had a brother or uncle on the faculty of the University of Alabama. He also said that he had a brother (since died) who was attorney for the Seaboard Air Line". [The last reference is to William Doster, retained by the Florida East Coast Railway. The relative at the University of Alabama was either his older brother James Parker Doster who was an assistant professor of physics there, or else Dr. James Jarvis Doster, his father's first cousin, who was Dean of Education at the University.—Ed.]

Between the two wars he was reported in Italy. It is not possible to glean anything from War. Dept. files in wartime but unofficially we learn that he served in both the Coast Artillery and the Ordnance Department, that he was stationed in Panama until 1942 when he went to Fort Totten, N. Y., and that he recently left the service. Letters to his former addresses have all been returned and his family in Alabama advises that his present whereabouts are unknown.

He has had an outstanding career. He evidently is a dauntless soldier of fortune who reaches objectives in a self-reliant manner of his own. His services to thousands of coast artillerymen isolated in the jungles surrounding the Panama Canal have twice been chronicled in *Time Magazine*. That he laid the foundation on which was built the now world-famous "Command Performance" which is radioed to U. S. service men around the world,

is vouched for in an article in *This Week Magazine* by David Sarnoff, Chairman of the National Broadcasting Company. The text of the articles follows.

SERGEANT-EDITOR DOSTER

(From *Time Magazine*, June 9, 1941. By permission.)

There is no weekly newspaper in America which in one short year has achieved so many kudos as the Panama Coast Artillery News. Last week, about to celebrate its first anniversary, the News had on hand congratulations from the President of the United States, the President of Panama, Secretary Stimson, Chief of Staff Marshall and comedians Lew Lehr and Eddie Cantor (Lehr: "Monkeys is the craziest people and so is the editorial staff of the P. C. A. News.")

Lehr's reference to monkeys was no figure of speech. One afternoon last month an ant-eater, a monkey and the editor of the News occupied the same office. This cozy spectacle did not confuse readers who dropped into the News' office at Quarry Heights, the U. S. Army's headquarters in the Canal Zone. Old friends of the Editor, Master Sergeant Clay Doster, had no trouble whatever in recognizing him.

Editor Doster, who was wounded in World War I and holds several decorations, knows how to buck up the morale of the men in the remote, hard-driven Panama Coast Artillery Command. He puts on an act, every day in person, once a week in the lively mimeographed pages of the News. The monkey and the ant-eater are parts of the act. So is his official pseudonym in the News; El Toro Ferdiliza. And so are the screwy lines which stud Editor Doster's paper (Our Editorial Policy—Slaphappy. Our Motto: "Blessed be he who bloweth his own horn, for his'n shall be blowed".)

Long used to handling Army publicity in the U. S., Sgt. Doster got out the first issue of the News last summer. Since then it has grown from 250 copies of 8 pages to a weekly circulation of 6,247 and 40 pages. In addition to the jung'le outposts of the Panama Coast Artillery Command, the News also has a booming circulation in other Army outfits and among families and friends of Panama Coast Artillerymen. Subscribers, paying 25¢ to 50¢ per month, bought enough copies in April to give the News a net profit of \$820 (which went into the soldiers' Athletic and Recreation Fund).

A War Department order recently forbade the News (and other Army publications) to identify units on duty in the Canal Zone. Caught by this instruction just before his deadline, Editor Doster remade his paper, slapped together a rough-house satire on censorship in general, Private Buford Carter, one of the News' self-trained staff artists, drew a lush nude with certain portions crossed out and captioned it: *Sorry, Gang, the new regulations prohibit the publication of pictures of equipment.*

SALUTE

(From *Time Magazine*, Sept. 15, 1941. By permission.)

The hairy ears of the cannoneers of the Panama Coast Artillery Command are due to burn this week. Into them will be poured a booming salute from NBC.

From Manhattan they will be greeted by their old commander, Major General Sanderford Jarman, by NBC President Niles Trammell, by Gertrude Lawrence, many another. Then from their own tiny stations PCAN and PCAC in the Canal Zone their new topkick, Major General William E. Shedd and Brigadier General Glen E. Edgerton, Governor of the Zone, will make reply.

First time in history such aerial whoop-de-do has been made over a branch of the U. S. Army, the program came into being as a consequence of the activities of ebullient Master Sergeant Clay Doster, editor of the slaphappy Panama Coast Artillery News. Few months ago Sergeant Doster was given the tough job of getting some good radio shows for minuscule PCAN and PCAC, which provide 4 hours of entertainment a day for the 30,000 artillerymen scattered through the lonely Panama jungles.

Lacking funds, Entrepreneur Doster appealed to NBC for help. Forthwith C. Lloyd Egner, head of NBC's radio-recording division, got together a ton of topflight recordings, dispatched them to the Zone. Among them went a series of recordings made especially for the Jungleers by Actress Lawrence, now an honorary Jungle-Mudder, 1st class.

Meantime NBC's Press Chief Bill Kostka decided that the next logical move was to tell the world about NBC and the Panama Coast Artillery. So this week NBC will tie the facilities of its Blue Network via telephone line to a tiny 50-watt transmitter in the post gymnasium at Fort Amador, C. Z., advertise the fact that PCAN and PCAC are now its proteges.

RADIO GOES TO WAR

by David Sarnoff, with Don Eddy

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Master Sergeant Clay Doster, U.S.A., probably will not receive a medal for his part in this achievement, but he deserves one. He started something. Sergeant Doster wrote the National Broadcasting Company from the deep Jungles of Panama in June, 1941. He is an old soldier and a remarkable man, as you will deduce from the first sentence of his letter: "This", he began, "is a voice from the wilderness and we're in a helluva fix!"

It seems his comrades, scattered in hundreds of jungle outposts, had radio receivers and Sergeant Doster himself had managed to construct a small broadcasting station. But he had nothing to broadcast. That was his plight.

"What we gotta have," he wrote, "is transcribed programs, preferably music and comedy. We don't care how old they are; they'll be new to our gang. And how we need 'em! We've been in these jungles for years and years and it begins to look like we're gonna stay here. How's about it? Can you help us out?"

We could, and we did. It required a little time to unravel complexities, but eventually we were able to furnish the little station of the Panama Coast Artillery with transcriptions of our most popular programs for rebroadcasting to the soldiers of that command.

The response was instant, vociferous and overwhelming. Letters of thanks flowed out of Central America in a veritable torrent. We began shipping Sergeant Doster quantities of recordings at regular intervals. This service was in operation at the time of Pearl Harbor. Soldiers in Bataan and in Iceland wrote, "Can't you give us a reliable short-wave service?" But a program might reach one part of the world at a reasonable hour and another region in the middle of the night.

Co-operation solved this problem. We returned to the very plan originated the previous year by Sergeant Doster in Panama. From this has grown a remarkable program, called "Command Performance," because any member of our armed forces, anywhere, may command any star or group of stars to appear. It is purely a show for fighting men—a rollicking, salty, uninhibited show. It lasts 30 minutes, changes its entire cast and character each week and is rebroadcast 36 times on Saturdays and Sundays, not only from American-controlled shortwave stations throughout the world, but from those of England, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

Since late October, "Command Performance" has been broadcast under direct government auspices as a part of the federal leasing arrangement with all American shortwave stations. Axis broadcasters attempt to "jam" it at every opportunity.

COL. CHARLES S. G. DOSTER, 1829-1898

Prattville, Ala., born 1829, died Feb. 18, 1898. Married Caroline E. Slaton (born 1835, died June 10, 1909, daughter of John and Nancy Harris Slaton, natives of Georgia and Kentucky who settled in Autauga Cy. in 1835, and sister of Maj. W. F. Slaton, Supt. of Education, Atlanta, Ga., and of Capt. Henry Slaton of the Confederate Army).

Son of Absalom Doster who was born in 1796, married Sarah Alexander (daughter of Edmond and May Alexander) and died in 1884.

Grandson of James Doster and Lydia Springer of Mecklenburg County, N. C., and of Edmond and May Alexander of Alabama.

Mr. Doster's father Absalom went to Greene County, Ga., and to Autauga County, Ala. in 1818, settled in Prattville, Ala., served in the Alabama Legislature 1840-1841 when Tuscaloosa was capital of the State; served in the War of 1812; and was a Mason for 40 years.

Col. Charles S. G. Doster was reared on a plantation; attended Rocky Mount Academy, East Tennessee University and Centenary College of Jackson, La., graduating from the latter in 1850. He read law in Gov. Watt's office and was admitted to the Bar of Alabama in 1851, was a Justice of The Peace, Superintendent at Autauga 1854 to 1861 and Colonel of Militia at Prattville, Ala.

At the close of the Civil War, Col. Doster served in the Alabama Legislature. He was a large stockholder in Prattville Cotton Mills. He had 5 children: Mary Talula who married W. W. Reynolds; Charles E., a lawyer and planter; Corrine who married J. F. Alexander; Howard S., Editor and Proprietor of *The Prattville Progress*; and Carrie M., Prattville, Ala.

HOWARD S. DOSTER

Son of Charles S. G. Doster and Caroline E. Slaton, born Sept. 14, 1869 at Prattville, Ala.

Educated at and graduated from Prattville School in 1890; from Agricultural-Mechanical College, Auburn, Ala. Spent 1894-1895 at Vanderbilt University. Member of U. S. House of Representatives 1898-1899-1900. Alabama State Senator 1907, from 15th District. President of Alabama Press Association 1907-1908, lifelong Democrat, Mason, Knight of Pythias, Knight of Honor.

Lawyer, planter, manufacturer, legislator, editor and proprietor of *The Prattville Progress*. Married Mrs. Birdie Robinson. 4 daughters.

DESCENDANTS OF SLAVES

In several parts of the United States there are colored people bearing the name of Doster. They are, of course, descendants of slaves, and it was customary for the latter upon achieving their freedom to continue the use of their former owners' names. No effort has been made to compile the full list, but many of them stem from the plantation either of Absalom Doster near Prattville, Ala. or of his son Charles S. G. Doster. Colored people named Doster now appearing in telephone directories and elsewhere are descendants from this source, or from other Doster plantations. In 1930 the author received the following letter on the subject:

I am sorry to say that I know little of the Doster family because I left home so early. I often heard my father say that the Dosters were very good to their slaves, treating them as free people. My father was born and raised on the Doster plantation and stayed there a few years after emancipation. My father married a woman from an adjoining plantation named Mims. The Mims were also very nice to their slaves.

In our family there were thirteen children, the majority being born on the Doster plantation. I don't know when any of them were born for the records were lost, but I was born August 15, 1870 near Prattville, Alabama.

My father, Isaac Doster, died in 1910 at the age of 96 years, and my mother Lucinda Mims Doster died in 1918 at age of 86.

I was too old to go to the World War.

I am glad you are writing a genealogy, regardless of which race you have in mind. I love the Doster name and I am indeed proud of the fact that I am one. Wherever I find such a named family, I feel that I have found a friend. I wish you much success in your undertaking and will be glad to help in any way that I can. Yours respectfully, (signed) Grant Doster, Cherokee, Kan.

The U. S. Census of 1870, Autauga County, Ala. contains the names of 15 (former) slaves of the Charles S. G. Doster family: Isaac Doster, born 1814, (died 1910); Lucinda Mims, born 1832, (died 1918) and thirteen children. One of these children was named Grant Doster, born August 15, 1870. The latter's daughter is Geraldine Doster of Cherokee, Kan., a graduate of Kansas State Teachers College at Pittsburg, Kan.

BRANCH NO. 3-A

THE PIERCE FAMILY

Descendants of LENORA ANN DOSTER, b. 1865, of Branch No. 3, and Orren Lafayette Pierce.

d. LENORA ANN DOSTER, b. Sept. 22, 1865, daughter of Jephtha Powell Doster (b. 1826, d. 1905) and his wife Annie Benton (b. 1834). On Sept. 22, 1887 m. Orren Lafayette Pierce. 5 chil.

(1) James Robert Pierce, b. Aug. 22, 1888. On Dec. 16, 1908 m. Azalie Howie. 9 chil.

(a) James Elmore Pierce, b. Oct. 5, 1910.

(b) Annie Buford Pierce, b. Sept. 6, 1912.

(c) Mary Lucille Pierce, b. Ap. 4, 1915.

(d) Doris Howie Pierce, b. Dec. 10, 1917.

(e) Ruby Inez Pierce, b. Jan. 2, 1920.

(f) Betty Florence Pierce, b. Sept. 8, 1924.

(g) Sara Nell Pierce, b. June 22, 1927.

(h) Bobby Jean Pierce, b. June 17, 1930.

(i) Joe Pierce, b. Ap. 30, 1934.

(2) Mary Eugenia Pierce, b. Feb. 17, 1891. On Dec. 24, 1911 m. Grady Rogers. 3 chil.

(a) Elgin Grady Rogers, b. Dec. 8, 1912.

(b) Jack Pierce Rogers, b. Dec. 6, 1918.

(c) Frank Robinson Rogers, b. Ap. 27, 1924.

(3) William Houston Pierce, b. July 7, 1893. On Feb. 4, 1912 m. Mary Rogers. 7 chil.

(a) William Crowell Pierce, b. Feb. 13, 1913.

(b) Lenora Juanita Pierce, b. Oct. 7, 1916. m. Infinger.

(c) Earnest Brown Pierce, b. Ap. 4, 1918.

(d) Mary Kathleen Pierce, b. Aug. 2, 1920.

(e) Orren Carl Pierce, b. Mar. 22, 1922.

(f) Helen Rogers Pierce, b. Aug. 10, 1924.

(g) Margaret Carolyn Pierce, b. Aug. 18, 1926.

(4) John Monroe Pierce, b. Feb. 8, 1896. On Dec. 3, 1919 m. Myrtle Blythe. 8 chil.

(a) Clara Alice Pierce, b. Oct. 14, 1920.

(b) John Monroe Pierce, Jr., b. Aug. 7, 1922.

(c) Charles Herbert Pierce, b. Jan. 22, 1924.

(d) Jack Blythe Pierce, b. July 15, 1925.

(e) Arthur Thomas Pierce, b. Jan. 12, 1927.

(f) Frank Howard Pierce, b. June 11, 1931.

(g) Mary Ethel Pierce, b. Dec. 24, 1933.

(h) Child Pierce, b. Feb. 12, 1937.

- (5) Laura Myrtle Pierce, b. Dec. 25, 1897. On Sept. 8, 1920 m. Parley McNeely. 3 chil.
- (a) Robert Ney McNeely, b. Aug. 21, 1921.
- (b) William Pierce McNeely, b. May 1923.
- (c) Gibbon McNeely, b. Jan. 9, 1925.

BRANCH NO. 3-B

THE LEE FAMILY

Descendants of ELIZA DOSTER, 1838-1907, of Branch No. 3, and Joshua Lee.

7. ELIZA DOSTER, daught. of Esquire James Doster and Martha (Patsy) Powell, b. Jan. 30, 1838 Lanes Creek P. O., Union County, N. C. d. 1907 in Georgia, age 70. On Jan. 10, 1854 in Union County, N. C. m. Joshua Lee of Chesterfield County, S. C. Around 1857 removed with husband and children to Georgia. 10 chil.
- a. Flora Eugenia Lee, b. 1855 Lanes Creek P. O., Union County, N. C. m. Ed. Bolling. 1 daughter.
- (1) Girl Bolling. m. Dr. Brown. r. Summerville, Ga.
- b. James Monroe Lee, b. 1856 Lanes Creek P. O., Union County, N. C. Died same. Married. 4 chil.
- (1) Three unknown Lee children.
- (2) Girl Lee, m. Frank Crabtree. r. Lookout Mt., Chattanooga, Tenn.
- c. Samuel Lee, b. 1857 Lanes Creek P. O., Union County, N. C. Died.
- d. Rev. William Ellison Lee, b. Feb. 26, Tyerly, Ga. On Dec. 20, 1887 m. Eula Lee Thomas (b. Aug. 23, 1868). Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla. 11 chil.
- (1) John B. Gordon Lee, b. Mar. 5, 1889. On Aug. 18, 1919 m. Irma A. Herbert. 3 chil.
- (a) Maurine Loma Lee.
- (b) John B. Gordon Lee, Jr.
- (c) Richard Herbert Lee.
- (2) Paul W. Lee, b. Mar. 22, 1890. On Dec. 22, 1918 m. Gladys Fleming. 3 chil.
- (a) Martha Lee, d. inf.
- (b) Paul W. Lee, Jr.
- (c) James Monroe Lee II.
- (3) Flora Alice Lee, b. Sept. 13, 1891. On Oct. 10, 1905 m. Thomas Cleveland Williams. 10 chil.
- (a) Manuel Williams, b. July 23, 1907. d. Sept. 15, 1916, age 9.

- (b) Eunice O. Williams, b. around 1908. On Ap. 22, 1927 m. Virgil Allen Dodson. 2 chil.
(1) Willodean Marie Dodson.
(2) Roy Edward Dodson.
- (c) Gertrude Irene Williams, b. Dec. 26, 1911. m. Martin Jesse Tilley. 1 son.
(1) Martin J. Tilley, Jr.
- (d) Clare Lee Williams, b. Oct. 7, 1914.
- (e) Lucilla Williams, b. Feb. 14, 1915.
- (f) Loyal Edward Williams, b. Sept. 30, 1917.
- (g) Ruby Estelle Williams, b. Ap. 6, 1920.
- (h) Janeta Pearl Williams, b. Nov. 30, 1923.
- (i) Laura Beatrice Williams, b. May 31, 1926.
- (j) Thomas Harold Williams, b. Aug. 17, 1930.
- (4) James Royal Lee, b. Ap. 17, 1894, d. July 22, 1898, age 4.
- (5) Thomas Clyde Lee, b. Aug. 14, 1897, d. Aug. 12, 1898, age 1.
- (6) Charles Roland Lee, b. Oct. 18, 1898. On Dec. 31, 1925 m. Irene Epperly. 2 chil.
(a) Roland Epperly.
(b) Patsy Ruth Epperly.
- (7) William Joshua Lee, b. Mar. 27, 1901. On Dec. 1, 1928 m. Maurine Evans.
- (8) Grace Lucille Lee, b. June 14, 1903. On Dec. 22, 1922 m. John Chester Foreman. r. Britton, Okla. 2 chil.
(a) Mary Raye Foreman.
(b) Dorothea Belle Foreman.
- (9) Robert Earl Lee, b. Feb. 27, 1905. On Jan. 1, 1928 m. Cora Lee Rheleford. 1 daughter.
(a) Betty Sue Lee.
- (10) Corinne Lee, b. Mar. 9, 1907. On Sept. 6, 1924 m. Edmond Holloway. 2 chil.
(a) Gloria June Holloway.
(b) James Edmond Holloway.
- (11) Arabelle Sybil Lee, b. Sept. 9, 1908.
- e. Dr. Thomas Jefferson Lee, b. around 1861. On Dec. 22, 1885 m. Josie Fowler. Physician. 3 chil.
(1) Mary Virginia Lee, b. June 18, 1888 Nashville, Tenn. Head of Intermediate Dept., Baptist Sunday School Board.

- (2) Joshua Bryan Lee, b. Jan. 23, 1892. m. Louise Gerlach. Faculty, Univ. of Oklahoma. Member of Congress and other Government posts. r. Norman, Okla. 1 son.
- (a) Bobby Josh Lee, b. Aug. 19, 1923.
- (3) Thomas Joseph Lee, b. Oct. 15, 1896. m. Opal Sights. Construction Engineer, building refineries. r. Grosney, Russia. Married, 1 daughter.
- (a) Mary Virginia Lee, b. Nov. 19, 1923.
- f. Robert E. Lee, b. around 1865. Married, 6 chil. r. Gainesville, Fla.
- (1) Herbert Lee. r. 1825 Laurel St., Jacksonville, Fla.
- (2) Other Lee children, 4 girls and 1 boy.
- g. Rev. Dallas Powell Lee, b. Jan. 4, 1867. On Jan. 1, 1903 at Montgomery, Ala. m. Aeolian Spear. Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Cairo, Ga. 6 chil.
- (1) Margaret Ellis Lee, b. Dec. 8, 1903. On Nov. 29, 1923 m. D. O. Carlisle. 1 daughter.
- (a) Mildred Kathleen Carlisle, b. Oct. 14, 1924.
- (2) Dallas Powell Lee, Jr., b. Mar. 21, 1905, d. Oct. 10, 1906, age 19 mos.
- (3) Johnnie Mildred Lee, b. Feb. 19, 1908. On Feb. 19, 1929 m. Edward Cannon Schimpff. 1 daughter.
- (a) Barbara Lee Schimpff, b. Oct. 1930.
- (4) Roberta Wood Lee, Dec. 25, 1910, d. Jan. 3, 1911, inf.
- (5) Robert Bradley Lee, b. Ap. 8, 1912.
- (6) Mary Eleanor Lee, b. Nov. 16, 1915.
- h. Rev. Willis Walter Lee, b. around 1868. On Mar. 26, 1902 m. Lina Coffey. Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Harlingen, Tex. 9 chil.
- (1) William Rice Lee, b. Jan. 12, 1903 Harlingen, Tex. On Mar. 21, 1924 m. Marian Hudson. r. Laredo, Tex.
- (2) John Samuel Lee, b. May 16, 1904 Harlingen, Tex. d. same July 12, 1919, age 15.
- (3) Willis Walter Lee, Jr., b. Sept. 7, 1906 Harlingen, Tex. On Aug. 7, 1928 m. Louella Gardner. A.B., B.B.A. and M.A. degrees from Baylor University, Waco, Tex. Instructor, Sam Houston State Teachers College, Huntsville, Tex.
- (4) Rev. Dallas Powell Lee II, b. Sept. 29, 1907 Harlingen, Tex. On June 2, 1928 m. Margaret Hancock. Grad. Baylor University, Waco, Tex. Baptist preacher.
- (5) Ruth Lee, b. Jan. 14, 1909, d. May 1911 Birmingham, Ala., age 2.
- (6) Mary Belle Lee, b. Ap. 30, 1910, d. May 1911 Birmingham, Ala., age 1.

- (7) Ralph Barrett Lee, b. Aug. 12, 1912. Grad. Baylor University.
- (8) Frank Coffey Lee, b. Ap. 23, 1914, d. Feb. 28, 1917 San Antonio, Tex., age 3.
- (9) Howard Cecil Lee, b. Dec. 28, 1915.
- i.* Frank S. Lee, b. around 1870. r. Chattanooga, Tenn.
- j.* Rev. Charles R. Lee, b. around 1870. Baptist preacher. r. 175 N. W. 26th St., Miami, Fla.

VIII: Branch No. 4, Georgia

Descendants of JONATHAN DOSTER, 1740-1827, of Wilkes and Jackson Counties, Georgia, fourth son of Thomas Doster, Emigrant (about 1695-1748). Entered American Revolution from South Carolina, afterwards settled in Georgia. Descendants mostly in Georgia and other southern states.

THERE are two theories of the origin of Jonathan Doster, 1740-1827, both with some basis.

The first is that he was the youngest son of Thomas Doster, Emigrant, about 1695-1748, who started in 1731 with an expedition formed at Germantown, Pa. by the pioneer Jost Hite, settling at Winchester, Va. in 1732, and whose other sons headed Branches 1, 2 and 3. One of these sons, James Doster, 1735-1818, went from Virginia to the lower edge of North Carolina and founded Branch No. 3. The assumption is that a younger son Jonathan accompanied or followed him and pushed farther south into York County, S. C. This is supported by legends in the branch that the forbears came from Pennsylvania, where Thomas Doster, Emigrant, had his start. Also Thomas P. Doster of Eatonton, Ga. and others always understood that their people "came down from Virginia", which would lead back to the homestead at Winchester. The editor is inclined to credit this theory, although there could be the variation that Jonathan Doster was a nephew and not a son of Thomas Doster, Emigrant.

The alternative theory is that Jonathan Doster was part of a different migration and that he or his father could have been in one of the colonies sent over by Queen Anne of England between 1740 and 1755 from the Palatinate and Württemberg, landing at Charleston, S. C. and settling in Orangeburg, Congaree and Wateree, S. C. where land was set aside for them. In support is the fact that Jonathan Doster does not appear in the will of Thomas Doster, Emigrant. And we have a Joshua Doster of Orangeburg, S. C. in the U. S. Census of 1790; and among the unidentified Dosters at the end of this table are several names in the list of Georgia land grants for Revolutionary services, without any descendants traced to them.

Whichever is correct, the origin in either case is Württemberg and the predominant facial and other characteristics running through all strains of the family seem to confirm the general relationship.

The Branch in any event derives from South Carolina and there are Census and other records pointing to York County, in addition to the lore handed down. In York County, S. C. Jonathan Doster enlisted in the American Revolution and so did his son William Doster II at an early age, both documented in their sketches. He served until 1782 and then settled in Georgia, first in Wilkes County just over the South Carolina line, later in nearby Jackson County, and when the Creek Wars broke out in 1836 several

of his sons enlisted from Columbus, in Muscogee County. However he died back in Jackson County, Ga.

We quote here from a letter of the late Jefferson Alexander Doster, editor and prominent businessman of Macon:

This I learned long years ago from some of the family. Back in the early history of Georgia when people were coming into this part of the South, there were three brothers Doster came into Georgia. One pitched his tent on the north-east side of Oconee River, in the middle of Georgia, and he is the one from whom I am descended [This would be Jonathan Doster II, son of Jonathan—*Ed.*] One pitched his tent on the west side of the Oconee and Ocmulgee Rivers and we find a fine bunch of them still in the pine woods of Georgia, descended from him [This would be William Doster II, son of Jonathan—*Ed.*] The third brother pitched his tent up in the northwest part of Georgia, and we find many of his descendants in the woods and hills of North Georgia and Alabama [the latter is either Benjamin Doster or Thomas Doster, sons of Jonathan, as shown in the table—*Ed.*]

This leaves one son of Jonathan Doster unaccounted for, one of the last two, and the conclusion is that he was either unmarried or childless. Dosters are now scattered all over the middle and northern part of Georgia but their general localities correspond to the three areas outlined. There is wide currency to the legend "there were three brothers", but it must not be confused with sayings in later and scattered generations that "there were two brothers", most of whom have been traced.

Although descendants crossed each others' tracks in later settlements, the generations from son Jonathan Doster II, 1762-1849, concentrated in Greensboro, Ga. Those from son William Doster II, whose death is unknown, are mainly a little further west, in and near Atlanta, a few moving into Tennessee. The other sons, Benjamin and Thomas, both lived until 1843 according to Bible records, and one of them is ancestor of Dosters now in the northwest counties of Georgia, over the Alabama line, and in Mississippi and Arkansas.

There is a further complication. Early in the history of North Carolina Branch No. 3, whose founder had many sons, two of them named Alexander Doster and Michael Doster have left no trail beyond a meager entry "went to Georgia". No Doster in Georgia has been traced to them and the editor believes that virtually all Georgia Dosters will fit into the table of Branch No. 4, going back to Jonathan Doster. But the possibility remains, and future search must not overlook an entirely different trail, stretching from Branch No. 3 in North Carolina.

Some history remains to be collected and written about this branch. Like other Georgia families the Dosters were seriously affected by the Civil War. In the general implications this is realized by thoughtful people in the North, but even at this late date there remain tragically burned into the hearts and memories of Georgians the catastrophe of Gen. Sherman's march and the fearful trials of the so-called reconstruction period, with deep personal reasons why we still find occasional smouldering embers from the raging hatreds of the period. Georgians suffered wholesale destruction and loss of farms, plantations, crops, live stock, barns, homes, churches, whole towns and entire fortunes.

This accounts for the scattering of Doster families in every direction from their original seats, and explains the difficulties in rebuilding the family structure for this book.

In addition to the chaos and stoppage of business, mails, trains and everything else there were personal tragedies too, worse than loss of property—fatalities and injuries of the war, the struggle to exist, illnesses, strains from exertions and exposure, and separations of families without notice. Among them is a story to touch the heart of any American, north or south; of a baby Doster girl, supposedly named Melissa, whose family got sudden warning that Sherman's army was coming, and fled. They carefully placed the baby in a wagon with two old negroes, her "mammy" and an old "uncle", who became separated in the confusion, wandered all over the countryside without finding the family, and finally landed in a different section. Here she was cared for by the faithful slaves as long as they lived, and for some 15 years during which she grew to young womanhood, she knew nothing of herself except her name. The story is that she ultimately was reunited with her family, but where and when, or whether the mother lived to see her baby again, is only vaguely remembered. Mrs. James W. Cronk, now of Shreveport, La., whose name was Lucy Melissa Doster and who was born in Greensboro, Ga. during the Civil War, says that the story is true and was widely known in her childhood, but that she was not the one in question and that if the baby was named Melissa Doster, it must have been some other relative. This is as much of the story as we have been able to collect for the annals of the family.

Revolutionary ancestry for Branch No. 4 is established in a direct line to Jonathan Doster, founder of the branch, and his son William Doster II. Apparently there were additional ancestors in the rolls, because inspection of the Georgia Land Lottery in 1827, for Revolutionary services, reveals the unidentified names of Henderson Doster, Jones County, James Doster, Clark County, and Thomas Doster, simply Georgia,

For possible connection with other branches, see Key Chart, page ix.

I. Thomas Doster, Emigrant, b. about 1695, d. 1748. Biographical sketch in Chapter IV, 5 chil.

- A. Thomas Doster II, b. 1729. Branch No. 1.
- B. William Doster, b. 1732, d. 1826. Branch No. 2.
- C. James Doster, b. 1735, d. 1818. Branch No. 3.
- D. Elizabeth Doster, b. 1735. No record of descendants.
- E. JONATHAN DOSTER, b. 1740, d. 1827. Branch No. 4, below.

E. JONATHAN DOSTER (from above), b. 1740, prob. Winchester, Va. d. 1827 age 87 Jackson County, Ga. Around 1756 went to Mecklenburg County, N. C., then to York County, S. C. In 1761 near Greenville, S. C. m. Margaret ——— (b. 1745, d. between 1830 and 1840). Revolutionary War. Farmer and planter. r. Wilkes and Jackson Counties, Ga. 6 chil. See sketch.

- 1. Jonathan Doster II, b. 1762 near Greenville, S. C. d. Mar. 7, 1849 in Ga., age 87. Went to Georgia with parents after 1782. m. Catherine ——— (d. Jan. 28, 1825). Farmer and planter, prob. Jackson County, Ga. Only one son reported. See sketch.

- a. William Doster III, b. Oct. 7, 1790 in Ga., d. same Dec. 6, 1847. m. 3 times: m. 1st Margaret Edge (d. Nov. 23, 1817, 3 chil.) m. 2d Elizabeth Allen (d. Jan. 4, 1822, 2 chil.) m. 3d Sarah Allen (presum. sister of 2d wife, d. July 15, 1856, 6 chil.) Farmer and planter. r. prob. Jackson County, Ga. 11 chil. total.
1. Maria Doster, b. Feb. 22, 1812. Died.
 2. Nancy Doster, b. Oct. 1, 1813. Died.
 3. George Washington Doster, b. Aug. 18, 1815. Died. m. Elizabeth E. (b. 1817' from U. S. Census, Taliaferro County, Ga., 1850, page 643). Farmer and planter. r. Buckhead, Fulton Cy., Ga. May be George Doster who enlisted from Columbus, Ga. in 1836 as private in Capt. Sanford's Co., Porter's Ga. Inf. Regt., Creek War. 4 chil.
- a. William T. Doster, b. 1842, possibly Taliaferro Cy., Ga. Around 1881 lived in Lexington, Oglethorpe Cy., Ga. Married, 2 chil.
- (1) Martha T. (Mattie) Doster, b. May 12, 1861 Lexington, Oglethorpe Cy., Ga., d. after 1888 Atlanta, Ga. On Sept. 4, 1878 became 1st wife of Dr. William James Doster (b. Dec. 24, 1853 Greensboro, Ga., d. May 8, 1910 at Between, Walton Cy., Ga., age 57, son of William Thomas Doster and Sarah Elizabeth Hale; her father's step-cousin. Physician). r. Atlanta, Ga. 5 chil., listed under her husband's name, below.
 - (2) A. Doster (female) b. around 1862 Lexington, Oglethorpe Cy., Ga. m. W. F. Black. r. Route 1, Athens, Ga.
- b. Margaret E. Doster, b. 1845, possibly Taliaferro Cy., Ga.
 - c. Joseph S. Doster, b. 1848, possibly Taliaferro Cy., Ga. Descendants unknown.
 - d. Jane K. Doster, b. 1849, possibly Taliaferro Cy., Ga.

Second marriage, William Doster III and Elizabeth Allen:

4. Margaret Doster, b. Jan. 28, 1820.
5. Mary Ann Doster, b. Nov. 23, 1821.

Third marriage, William Doster III and Sarah Allen:

6. Jonathan Doster III, b. May 23, 1824 Greensboro, Greene Cy., Ga. d. same Mar. 4, 1865, age 41. On Aug. 27, 1854 m. Amanda Edge (b. Feb. 16, 1822, died, daughter of James and Elizabeth Edge). Confederate Army, Civil War. Grocer. From U. S. Census, Ga., 1850, Book 6, p. 152. r. Greensboro, Ga. 5 chil. See sketch.
- a. Mary Cornelia Doster, b. May 10, 1855 Greensboro, Ga. d. same Feb. 6, 1916, age 61. On Feb. 1, 1874 m. Rabon Tobias Jones.
 - b. Robert Edgar Doster, b. Aug. 21, 1856 Greensboro, Ga., d. same Aug. 28, 1925, age 69. On Feb. 20, 1880 m. Eugenia Elizabeth Rainwater (b. July 22, 1863, d. Sept. 13, 1900). 12 chil.

- (1) Jefferson Alonzo Doster, b. Dec. 28, 1880. On Ap. 18, 1907 m. Mamie Lois Burke (b. Jan. 11, 1886). r. 121 Elizabeth Pl., Atlanta, Ga. 3 chil.
 - (a) Carlton Alonzo Doster, b. May 7, 1908 Atlanta, Ga. r. 1817 Indiana Ave., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.
 - (b) Mamie Doris Doster, b. June 19, 1912 Atlanta, Ga. r. 26 W. Wesley Ave., Atlanta, Ga.
 - (c) Harriette Mildred Doster, b. Nov. 23, 1915 Atlanta, Ga. d. same Oct. 19, 1921, age 6.
- (2) Ollie Dawson Doster, b. July 22, 1882. On Oct. 29, 1905 m. Mary Annie Lutes (b. Oct. 18, 1887). c/o Limbaugh & Doster, 407 N. Highland Ave., N. E., Atlanta, Ga. r. 107 E. Lake Dr., S. E., Atlanta, Ga. 3 chil.
 - (a) Ollie Leon Doster, b. Aug. 7, 1906. r. 1065 Berne, S. E., Atlanta, Ga.
 - (b) Horace Edward Doster, b. Ap. 14, 1908. On Oct. 4, 1930 m. Emily Baily Erwin, double wedding, see next item. Former r. 407 N. Highland Ave., now 58 Briarcliffe Cir., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.
 - (c) Annie Thelma Doster, b. Mar. 1, 1910. On Oct. 4, 1930 m. Robert Elmer Smith, double wedding, see prev. item.
- (3) Loree Louise Doster, b. Ap. 13, 1884. On Nov. 19, 1919 m. Irving Proctor.
- (4) Sara Elizabeth Doster, b. Nov. 7, 1885. On Dec. 25, 1919 m. Roger W. Gunn.
- (5) Nora Lee Doster, b. May 31, 1887. On Sept. 20, 1910 m. James Robert Caudle. r. 87 Waddell St., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.
- (6) Leona Roberta Doster, b. Sept. 10, 1888. On May 24, 1910 m. John R. Morgan.
- (7) Clarence Allen Doster, b. Oct. 20, 1890. On Nov. 29, 1920 m. Mamie Love. r. 1817 Indiana Ave., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.
 - (a) Dolores Doster, b. Sept. 14, 1921.
- (8) Annie Leila Doster, b. Feb. 4, 1892. Principal, Winona Park School. 89 Waddell St. N. E., Atlanta, Ga.
- (9) Robert Alvin Doster, b. Ap. 30, 1894.
- (10) Irene Hart Doster, b. Feb. 10, 1896. On Dec. 28, 1918 m. Robert Joel Newsom.
 - (a) Ella Eugenia Newsom, b. Oct. 19, 1912.
 - (b) Robert Joel Newsom, Jr., b. Jan. 8, 1921.
- (11) Bennie Daniel Doster, b. Mar. 6, 1898, d. Feb. 15, 1899, age 1.

- (12) Harvey Eugene Doster, b. Dec. 6, 1899. On Feb. 26, 1823 m. Margie Bedwell.
- c. Eugenia J. Doster, b. Aug. 10, 1858 Greensboro, Ga. d. same, inf.
- d. Sarah Elizabeth Doster, b. Sept. 9, 1859 Greensboro, Ga. m. Samuel Ellington. Has Bible records owned by her brother, the late Jefferson Alexander Doster. r. Crawfordville, Taliaferro Cy., Ga.
- e. Jefferson Alexander Doster, b. Aug. 1, 1861 Greensboro, Ga., d. in March, 1926, Macon, Ga., age 65. On Sept. 12, 1889 m. Miss Allen Monroe Head (b. Ap. 22, 1859). Banker, lumberman, newspaper editor and owner. Until 1918, Lumber City, Telfair Cy., Ga. r. 216 Cherokee Ave., Macon, Ga. Bur. Macon, Ga. 4 chil. See sketch.
- (1) Helen Eloise Doster, b. June 11, 1890. Secretary. Former r. Julia Tuttle Hotel, Miami, Fla.
- (2) Hulda Alexander Doster, b. Sept. 3, 1891. Columbia Univ. Teacher, secretary, First Yeomanette, U.S.N., World War I. 1929 U. S. Customs House, N. Y. City. Has family records. r. 216 Cherokee Ave., Macon, Ga.
- (3) Paul Jackson Doster, b. Oct. 1, 1894. On Feb. 6, 1929 m. Mary Antoinette Watson (b. June 7, 1907). World War I, enlisted from Lumber City, Ga. Auditor, Murphy, Taylor & Ellis, real estate. r. 216 Cherokee Ave., Macon, Ga. 1 son.
- (a) Paul Jackson Doster, Jr., b. Mar. 23, 1930.
- (4) Allie Jeff Doster, b. Ap. 9, 1897. On Mar. 18, 1920 m. Miller Grieve White. r. 102 Courtland Ave., Macon, Ga. 3 chil.
- (a) Miller Grieve White, Jr., b. Mar. 1, 1923.
- (b) Dorothy Jean White, b. Jan. 5, 1926.
- (c) Robin Paul White, b. July 27, 1927.
- 7!¹ William Thomas Doster, b. Feb. 8, 1826 Greensboro, Greene County, Ga. d. same Oct. 10, 1880, age 54. On Jan. 8, 1852 m. Sarah Elizabeth Hale (b. Sept. 11, 1828, d. Oct. 22, 1910, age 82, daught. of Jonas Hale of nearby Walton Cy.). Stationmaster, hotelkeeper and livery stable owner, deferred from Confederate Army on that account. r. Greensboro, Ga. 12 chil. See sketch.
- a. Homer Virgil Doster, b. Oct. 11, 1852 Greensboro, Ga. d. Feb. 14, 1910 age 58. m. Fannie King of White Plains, Ga., in Dec. 1878. Large farm near Atlanta, Ga. 3 chil.
- (1) Eugene Doster, b. about 1880 near Atlanta, Ga.
- (2) Thomas Doster, b. about 1880 near Atlanta, Ga. If this is Thomas F., r. 1075 Emerson Ave., S. E., Atlanta, Ga.
- (3) Eva Doster, b. about 1885 near Atlanta.
- (4) Curtis Doster, b. about 1890 near Atlanta. R. R. Engineer.

- (a) Son Doster, b. about 1925.
 (b) (assumed) Marilu Doster. b. about 1928. r. Rebecca, Turner Cy., Ga.
- b. Dr. William James Doster, b. Dec. 24, 1853 Greensboro, Ga. d. May 8, 1910, age 57, at Between, Walton Cy., Ga. On Sept. 4, 1878 m. 1st Martha T. Doster (Mattie, b. May 12, 1861, daught. of William T. Doster who was his step-cousin. d. after 1888. 5 chil.) m. 2d Neva ——— (actress, 1 child). Mason, Physician at Greenville, S. C. and Between, Ga. Total 6 chil. See sketch.
- (1) Fred Doster, b. about 1881 Atlanta, Ga. d. same at age 19.
 (2) Lucille Doster, b. 1882 Atlanta, Ga. d. same 1898, age 16.
 (3) Herman Doster, b. 1885 Atlanta, Ga. r. same.
 (4) May Doster, b. 1887 Atlanta, Ga. In 1902 m. John H. Totty. r. Between, Walton Cy., Ga. 3 chil.
 (a) Lucille Totty.
 (b) William Totty.
 (c) Roy Totty.
- (5) Maud Doster, b. 1888 Atlanta, Ga.

Second marriage, Dr. William James Doster and Neva ———:

- (6) Sarah Elizabeth Doster, b. 1905.
- c. Ben Hill Doster, b. Jan. 5, 1855 Greensboro, Ga., d. Ap. 12, 1912 Shreveport, La. age 57. On Jan. 6, 1886 m. Elizabeth Anne Middleton (b. June 3, 1863 Atlanta, Ga., d. June 9, 1940 Washington, D. C., age 77, daught. of David Henry Middleton, form. of Charleston, S. C. and Elizabeth Julia Gillette, form. of Tallahassee, Fla. Double wedding with his sister Hattie Doster and William H. Simpson. Author of this book. See sketch). Newspaper editor and owner. r. 759 Girault Ave., Virginia Highlands, Alexandria, Va. 3 chil. See sketch.
- (1) Julia Aline Doster, b. Sept. 12, 1888 Atlanta, Ga. Lyric soprano, form. Secy. Columbia Conservatory of Music, Shreveport, La., leader of several choirs, now in General Land Office, U. S. Dept. of the Interior. r. formerly 2011 Wardman Road, N. E. r. now 3935 7th St., N. W., Washington 11, D. C. Single.
- (2) Dora Annie Doster, b. Nov. 7, 1892 Atlanta, Ga. On Oct. 22, 1912 m. 1st Wayne Irving Noble (in construction business, 2 chil.) On June 7, 1929 m. 2d James Ferdinand Utz (Lumber business, no chil.) r. 737 Olive St., Shreveport, La.
- (a) Margaret Middleton Noble, b. Aug. 24, 1913. m. John Ruffin Pleasant (Judge, 1st Jud. Dist. La., nephew of former Gov. Ruffin G. Pleasant. World War II, Lt., U.S.N. Radar expert, airfield commander, So. Pacific, medal and silver star. 1944 returned to bench.) r. 740 Merrick St., Shreveport, La. 2 chil.

- (1) Ann Noble Pleasant, b. Jan. 2, 1935 Shreveport, La.
 (2) John Ruffin Pleasant, Jr., b. Oct. 10, 1938 Shreveport, La.
- (b) Robert Doster Noble, b. May 10, 1915. On Aug. 3, 1940 m. Margharita Brink Roper. Official of Louisiana-Arkansas Oil Co. 1943-44 U.S.N., Seabees, Chf. Petty Officer, So. Pacific. r. Shreveport, La. 1 daughter.
- (r) Barbara Ann Noble, b. Nov. 26, 1941 Shreveport, La.
- (3) Grace Myrtle Doster, b. Aug. 29, 1898 Jupiter, Fla. On April 26, 1921 m. Joseph Abraham Williams (b. Jan. 3, 1897). She is in U.S.M.C. Hdqtrs., U.S.N., Washington, D. C. r. formerly 2011 Wardman Road, N. E. r. now 3935 7th St., N. W., Washington 11, D. C. 1 daught.
- (a) Shirley Ann Williams, b. July 12, 1928. r. 3935 7th St., Washington 11, D. C.
- d. Charles Edwin Doster, b. Dec. 21, 1856 Greensboro, Ga. d. July 8, 1905 Atlanta, Ga., age 49. Spinal meningitis when young, unable to work. Single.
- e. George Walter Doster, b. Nov. 7, 1858 Greensboro, Ga., d. May 2, 1884 in Fla., age 26. Professional baseball player. Single.
- f. Thomas Linton Doster, b. Sept. 14, 1860 Greensboro, Ga. d. Jan. 15, 1884, age 24. Printer. Single.
- g. Lucy Melissa Doster, b. Ap. 26, 1863 Greensboro, Ga. On Nov. 22, 1882 at Atlanta, Ga. m. 1st. James Augustus Miller (b. 1856 Geneva, Ga., d. 1894, age 38, Atlanta, Ga. Merchant. 2 chil.) On May 7, 1896 at Jupiter, Fla. m. 2d James W. Cronk (b. May 14, 1867 Flint, Mich. Meteorologist, U. S. Weather Bureau, 3 chil.) r. Shreveport, La.
- (1) Harry Clancy Miller, b. Oct. 3, 1883 Altoona, Fla. d. same Dec. 8, 1883, inf.
- (2) Lillian Emmet Miller, b. July 3, 1885 Altoona, Fla. On Mar. 1, 1905 m. John B. Hebert (b. Feb. 8, 1880. Cabinetmaker). r. Shreveport, La.
- (a) Lillian Maurine Hebert, b. July 13, 1914 Shreveport, La. d. same 1938, age 24. m. Louis Sehnert.

Second marriage, Lucy Melissa Doster and James W. Cronk:

- (3) Agnes Lucille Cronk, b. Aug. 19, 1900 Philadelphia, Pa. On Dec. 23, 1920 m. Ernest Frank Moos (b. Ap. 17, 1900 Yocum, Tex.) 3 chil.
- (a) James Doster Moos, b. Nov. 17, 1922. Married. 1944 1st Lieut. U.S.A.A.F.
- (b) Mary Jane Moos, b. Sept. 23, 1929.
- (c) Coryden Perry Moos, b. Aug. 26, 1933.

- (4) James Coryden Cronk, b. Oct. 7, 1902 Shreveport, La. d. Sept. 9, 1929 Chicago, Ill., age 27. Single.
- (5) Walter Clyde Cronk, b. Oct. 2, 1907 Shreveport, La. d. same Sept. 15, 1908, age 1.
- h.* Hattie Doster, b. Jan 19, 1865 Greensboro, Ga. d. July 31, 1921, age 56, Atlanta, Ga. On Jan. 6, 1886 at Atlanta m. William Hamilton Simpson (of near Harrisonburg, Va., b. June 28, 1857 Washington, Ga. son of Rev. Franklin T. Simpson, d. June 12, 1902, age 45, Atlanta, Ga.) Double wedding with her brother Ben Hill Doster and Elizabeth Anne Middleton, above. r. Atlanta, Ga. 3 chil. See sketch.
- (1) Lila Franke Simpson, b. Nov. 27, 1886 Atlanta, Ga. d. same June 5, 1887, age 1.
- (2) Maj. Walter Linton Simpson, b. June 19, 1888 Atlanta, Ga. On Dec. 14, 1915 at Jacksonville, Fla. m. Estelle Carden Lindsey (b. June 19, 1888). World War I, U. S. Army, Eng. Corps, Searchlight Div. Supt. of hospitals. r. Atlanta, Ga. 2 chil. See sketch.
- (a) Walter Linton Simpson, Jr., b. Nov. 11, 1920 Bethesda, Md. d. Oct. 5, 1928 Durham, N. C., age 8.
- (b) Margaret Virginia Simpson, b. Nov. 27, 1921 Bethesda, Md.
- (3) James Augustus Simpson, b. Ap. 3, 1891 Atlanta, Ga. On June 4, 1913 m. Frances Jeanne Craine. Both died at Atlanta, he on Dec. 7, 1942, Hartford Fire Ins., Co., Atlanta, Ga. 2 chil.
- (a) Dorothy Jeanne Simpson, b. June 28, 1916 Atlanta, Ga. On Ap. 19, 1940 m. Herbert Spencer Crowe. (1944 U. S. N., Great Lakes Naval Station).
- (b) Marjorie Anne Simpson, b. Ap. 5, 1926 Atlanta, Ga. Attending school, Maryville, Tenn.
- i.* Robert Henry Doster, b. Dec. 25, 1866 Greensboro, Ga. On Feb. 2, 1891 at Macon, Ga. m. Minnie Belle Burge (b. June 22, 1867 Macon, Ga., daught. of John Lee Burge and Ann Baker). Meningitis when young, left speechless, became shoemaker, later merchant with son-in-law. r. Lumpkin, Stewart Cy., Ga. 2 chil.
- (1) Lillian Elizabeth Doster, b. Jan. 17, 1892 Macon, Ga. R.N. Grad. Johns Hopkins Univ. On Ap. 9, 1918 at Atlanta m. Clyde Merritt Richardson (b. May 3, 1890, merchant). r. Lumpkin, Ga. 4 chil.
- (a) Elizabeth Anne Richardson, b. Feb. 1, 1919 Lumpkin, Ga. On June 6, 1943 m. Lt. Col. Howard L. Barnett (b. Jan. 31, 1906 Phila., Pa. 1945 Signal Corps, Patton's 3d Army, citation, bronze star, for meritorious achievement under fire). r. Lumpkin, Ga. 1 son.
- (1) Howard L. Barnett, Jr., b. Oct. 14, 1944 Lumpkin, Ga.
- (b) Susan Clara Richardson, b. Jan. 25, 1921 Lumpkin, Ga.

- (c) Clyde Merritt Richardson, Jr., b. Mar. 24, 1924 Lumpkin, Ga. m. Mary Patterson of Lumpkin. World War II, U.S.N. 17 mos. on destroyer escort, honorable discharge Aug. 2, 1944. Merchant. r. Lumpkin, Ga.
- (d) Robert Clayton Richardson, b. May 22, 1928 Lumpkin, Ga.
- (2) Frank Oliver Doster, b. Nov. 8, 1893 Macon, Ga. d. July 26, 1914, age 21. Single.
- j.* James Dickey Doster, b. May 18, 1869 Greensboro, Ga. d. Dec. 27, 1904 West Palm Beach, Fla. of tuberculosis, age 35. Printer and insurance business. Single.
- k.* Frederick Christopher Doster, b. Feb. 15, 1871 Greensboro, Ga. d. Feb. 12, 1898 Atlanta, Ga., age 27. In Oct. 1893 m. Belle Jones. Printer and professional baseball player. No chil.
- l.* Elizabeth May Doster, b. Oct. 14, 1874 Greensboro, Ga. On May 24, 1893 m. Luther James Peacock (b. Dec. 4, 1869, upholstery mfr.) Has Bible records. r. 219 W. 5th Ave., Lexington, N. C. 9 chil.
- (1) Lucy Maurine Peacock, b. June 6, 1897 High Point, N. C. N. C. Woman's College, Greensboro, N. C. On Ap. 24, 1919 m. Joseph Wright Holman (Trav. salesman, Henrico Co.). 3 chil.
- (a) Joseph Wright Holman, Jr., b. Feb. 8, 1920 Lexington, N. C. Univ. of North Carolina. In Aug. 1941 m. Jean Smith of Wilmington, N. C. Cost accountant, N. C. Shipbuilding Co. r. Wilmington, N. C.
- (b) James Creth Holman, b. July 5, 1925 Lexington, N. C. Lexington H. S. 1942. 1944 U. S. N. Seaman 1/c on destroyer escort in Mediterranean. Single.
- (c) Lucy Adele Holman, b. May 24, 1928. Attending school. r. Lexington, N. C.
- (2) Anna May Peacock, b. May 6, 1899 High Point, N. C. N. C. Woman's College, Greensboro, N. C. On Sept. 22, 1924 m. Henry Chamberlain Dulaney (civil engineer, Fauquier Co.). r. 269 Battle Ave., Manassas, Va.
- (a) Ann Peacock Dulaney, b. Jan. 12, 1927. Attending school. r. Manassas, Va.
- (3) Lila Edith Peacock, b. Ap. 14, 1901 Lexington, N. C. Grad. N. C. Woman's College, Greensboro, N. C. On Dec. 7, 1921 m. Clarence Victor Wood (of Winston-Salem, furniture salesman). Secretary, Erlanger Mills Co. r. Lexington, N. C. 2 chil.
- (a) Margaret (Peggy) Louise Wood, b. Feb. 13, 1929 Lexington, N. C.
- (b) Clarence Doster Wood, b. Jan. 5, 1931 Lexington, N. C.
- (4) Mary Elizabeth Peacock, b. May 6, 1902 Lexington, N. C. Grad. N. C. Woman's College, Greensboro, N. C. On June 30, 1923 m. Roy

- Stephen Thomas (of Fluvania Cy., Va. Highway supervisor, Guilford Cy.), r. Greensboro, N. C. 3 chil.
- (a) Roy Stephen Thomas, Jr., b. Jan. 21, 1926. 1944 Naval Air Cadet, Norman, Okla.
- (b) Mary Beth Thomas, b. July 3, 1927. Attending N. C. Woman's College, Greensboro, N. C.
- (c) Barbara Wilson Thomas, b. Ap. 27, 1938.
- (5) Julia Louise Peacock, b. Mar. 21, 1905 Lexington, N. C. Grad. N. C. Woman's College, Greensboro, N. C. On Dec. 7, 1929 m. Robert Waide Holmes of Lexington (1945 U.S.N. Storekeeper, 61st Battalion, Seabees, So. Pacific). r. 219 W. 5th Ave., Lexington, N. C. 1 son.
- (a) Robert Waide Holmes, Jr., b. July 25, 1930.
- (6) Dr. Roy Merritt Peacock, b. Aug. 30, 1906 Lexington, N. C. On Dec. 20, 1938 m. Mary Belle Forrest of Baltimore, Md. Grad. Univ. of North Carolina and Georgetown Univ. Physician. 1945 Lieut. U. S. N. (Med.), 2 years in So. Pacific. r. Lexington, N. C. 2 chil.
- (a) Roy Merritt Peacock, Jr., b. Sept. 11, 1939.
- (b) John Forrest Peacock, b. July 21, 1941.
- (7) Lillian Margaret Peacock, b. Ap. 28, 1908 Lexington, N. C. N. C. Woman's College, Greensboro, N. C. m. George Sheldon Williams (of Providence, R. I., 9th direct descendant of Roger Williams of Rhode Island. Travelling salesman.) r. Lexington, N. C. 2 chil.
- (a) Nancy Sheldon Williams, b. July 5, 1939.
- (b) James (Jay) Cunliffe Williams, b. Oct. 4, 1942.
- (8) Luther J. Peacock, Jr., b. Mar. 31, 1909 Lexington, N. C. Oak Ridge Mil. Inst. In 1927 m. Dorothy Barrett of Hendersonville, N. C. Newspaper business. 1945 U.S.N. Ph.M. 1/c, Mediterranean, on LCI No. 190. r. Lexington, N. C. 1 son.
- (a) Lelon James Peacock, b. May 25, 1928 Lexington, N. C. At Berea College, Ky.
- (9) Weyman Frederick Peacock, b. Sept. 14, 1911 Lexington, N. C. On Sept. 7, 1935 m. Margaret Tiernan of Salisbury, N. C. Expeditor, Edwards Mach. Co., Sanford, N. C. r. Jonesboro, N. C.
- (a) Frederick Nash Peacock, b. June 4, 1938.
- (b) Carolyn Ann Peacock, b. Ap. 1, 1941.
8. Irene Catherine Doster, b. Oct. 8, 1828 Greensboro, Ga. d. same Aug. 10, 1834, age 6.
9. Melissa Caroline Doster, b. May 1, 1831 Greensboro, Ga. Died. On Feb. 6, 1851 m. James G. Reeves.
10. Linton Davis Doster, b. Aug. 20, 1833 Greensboro, Ga. d. May 11, 1852, same, age 19. Bur. same. Single.

11. Harmon Mercer Doster, b. May 9, 1836 Greensboro, Ga. d. same Feb. 6, 1861, age 25. Single.
- b. Unknown children of Jonathan Doster II, b. 1762, brothers and sisters of William Doster, 1790-1847.
2. William Doster II, b. around 1763 near Greenville, S. C. Date of death unknown. Went to Georgia with parents after 1782. m. Elizabeth ——— in South Carolina. Lived in Wilkes and Jackson Counties, Ga. and enlisted 1836 in Creek Wars from Columbus, Muscogee Cy., Ga. Enlisted in American Revolution from South Carolina. Appears in U. S. Census, S. C., No. 1, 1810, p. 188, 10 in family, but the following record gives only one son. Farmer and planter. See sketch.
- a. James Doster, b. 1787, perhaps near Greenville, S. C. but possibly after parents' arrival in Georgia. m. Sallie Hollis. d. in Georgia. Farmer and planter. 4 chil.
1. Wilson Doster, b. 1809 in Georgia, d. same 1889, age 80. m. Ellender James. Farmer and planter. 4 chil.
- a. James Clarence Doster, b. about 1830 in Georgia. m. and 5 chil.
- (1) James William Doster, b. about 1850 in Georgia. m. and 2 chil.
- (a) Girl Doster, m. W. M. Taylor. r. Route 3, Clarkesville, Habersham Cy., Ga.
- (b) Robert T. Doster, r. 4 Hunter St., S. E., Atlanta, Ga.
- (2) Jesse Doster, b. around 1850 in Georgia.
- (3) Lowanna Doster, b. around 1850 in Georgia.
- (4) Georgia Doster, b. around 1850 in Georgia. m. Sam Blackwell. r. Farrah, Jasper Cy., Ga.
- (5) Thomas P. Doster, b. Aug. 11, 1857, d. June 9, 1924, age 67. m. Nancy Ann Blackwell (b. Nov. 26, 1857, d. Mar. 4, 1919, age 62). r. Eatonton, Putnam Cy., Ga. 2 chil.
- (a) James Clarence Doster II, b. July 17, 1877. m. Minnie May Grimes (b. Aug. 16, 1879, d. Ap. 5, 1922, age 43). Emp. Carpenter Lumber Co. r. Eatonton, Putnam Cy., Ga. 7 chil. See sketch.
- (1) Charles Cecil Doster, b. Sept. 19, 1899. m. Kate Bowden. 3 chil.
- (a) Minnie May Doster, b. Aug. 10, 1922.
- (b) Cecil Doster (male), b. Mar. 16, 1924.
- (c) Helen Doster, b. Mar. 5, 1926.
- (2) Marie Doster, b. Jan. 19, 1903. m. J. H. Bowden. No chil.
- (3) James Clarence Doster III, b. July 20, 1905.
- (4) Leona Doster, b. Dec. 5, 1906, d. May 22, 1908, age 1½.
- (5) Vera Doster, b. Mar. 16, 1910. m. B. C. Cochran.
- (a) Bennie Nathan Cochran, b. Nov. 14, 1928.

- (6) Louise Doster, b. July 14, 1913. m. Arthur Simmons. No chil.
- (7) Maybeth Doster, b. Nov. 26, 1915.
- (b) Sallie Berta Doster, b. June 24, 1880. m. B. F. Leverett (b. June 28, 1868). 4 chil.
- (1) Edith Leverett, b. Oct. 26, 1900.
- (2) Olin Wynboly Leverett, b. Oct. 27, 1902, d. Ap. 5, 1925, age 23.
- (3) Alton B. Parker Leverett, b. Jan. 20, 1905.
- (4) Felton Leverett, b. Sept. 24, 1909, d. May 10, 1916, age 7.
- b. John William Doster, b. around 1830 in Georgia, d. same about 1906, age 76. m. Sarah Ellis (b. about 1833, d. around 1906). 3 chil.
- (1) Anna Doster, b. about 1853. r. Birmingham, Ala.
- (2) Ella Doster, b. early in 1866, d. 1918, age 52. Single.
- (3) Dr. Henry Wilson Doster, b. Dec. 25, 1866. On Dec. 7, 1892 m. Blanche Etta Wallace (b. Dec. 14, 1873). 5 daughters.
- (a) Sadie Mae Doster, b. Nov. 28, 1893. m. Vincent.
- (b) Floy Marguerite Doster, b. Sept. 16, 1895. m. Glenn.
- (c) Blanche Doster, b. Aug. 30, 1902. m. Burns.
- (d) Lila Dell Doster, b. Jan. 29, 1905.
- (e) Henrietta Doster, b. Jan. 29, 1905.
- c. Mary Doster, b. between 1830 and 1840 in Ga. m. 1st Bryan (2 chil.). m. 2d J. B. Sanders (1 child).
- (1) Jesse N. Bryan. Died. m. and 3 chil. r. Midgeville or Milledgeville, Ga.
- (a) J. N. Bryan, Jr.
- (b) Unknown Bryan.
- (c) Unknown Bryan.
- (2) George Bryan. Died. Single.
- (3) Burton Sanders. r. Greensboro, Ga.
- d. Sarah Jane Doster, b. about 1840. m. Isaac Kilgore. r. Alabama. 3 chil., names unknown.
2. Thomas Doster, b. around 1800 in Ga. m. and 5 chil. Believed he or children went to Tennessee.
- a. Mack Doster, b. around 1838 in Ga. Died.
- b. Thomas Doster, b. around 1840 in Ga. Died.
- c. William Doster, b. around 1840 in Ga. This is probably Rev. William Doster of Jasper Cy., Ga. who was killed in Civil War, serving as Chaplain, Confederate Army.
- (1) Annie E. Doster, b. around 1860. m. Wheeler.

- d.* James Doster, b. around 1840. Died.
- e.* Jasper Sylvester Doster, b. Jan. 5, 1848, d. July 1, 1911, prob. in Tenn. m. Sarah E. Williamson (b. Jan. 5, 1847). 8 chil.
- (1) J. Croft Doster, b. around 1876. m. Ola L. Williams. 6 chil.
- (a) Forrest Doster, b. around 1900.
- (b) May Doster, b. around 1900.
- (c) Ben Doster, b. around 1900.
- (d) Irma Doster, b. around 1905.
- (e) Carlton Doster, b. around 1905.
- (f) Lucile Doster, b. around 1905.
- (2) Richard Doster, b. around 1876. m. and 5 chil.
- (a) Lora Doster, b. around 1910.
- (b) Fay Doster, b. around 1910.
- (c) J. S. Doster, b. around 1910.
- (d) Earl Doster, b. around 1910.
- (e) Martha Doster, b. around 1910.
- (3) Clarence Doster, b. around 1879. d. 1927.
- (4) Della Doster, b. around 1880. m. Lafayette Everette.
- (5) Grace Doster, b. around 1881. m. Archie Housch.
- (6) Omie Doster, b. around 1883. d. 1910. m. Jasper Williams.
- (7) John W. Doster, b. Oct. 6, 1886 Chattooga Cy. near Summerville, Ga. On Nov. 6, 1910 m. Lucie Porter (b. July 13, 1881, teacher, principal, Ormwood School, 1005 Delaware Ave., S.E., Atlanta, Ga.). r. 775 Woodland Ave., S.E., Atlanta, Ga. 1 son. See sketch.
- (a) Byron Lupton Doster, b. Jan. 25, 1912 Chattanooga, Tenn. Darlington School, Rome, Ga. Oglethorpe Univ. m. on Mar. 9, 1931.
- (8) Orlando A. Doster, b. about 1888. m. Annie McLaughlin.
3. Mary Doster, b. 1800-1810 in Ga. m. Raspberry.
4. Teresa Doster, b. 1800-1810 in Ga. m. Land.
- b. Other children of William Doster, b. 1763, unknown, brothers and sisters of James Doster, b. 1787, listed in U. S. Census, S. C., No. 1, 1810, p. 188, 10 in family.
3. Elizabeth Doster, b. 1764 near Greenville, S. C. Went to Ga. with parents after 1782, d. in Ga. Between 1796 and 1806 became 2d wife of Nehemiah Edge (b. 1754, d. 1806, age 52, name of first wife Sarah ———). r. Wilkes Cy., Ga.
- a. Reason Edge, b. 1806 Wilkes Cy., Ga., d. same 1872, age 66. m. 1st Nancy Hollis (b. 1816, d. 1845, age 29, 3 chil.). In 1846 m. 2d Susan ——— (b. 1820, 2 chil.). Total, 5 chil.
- i. Jehu Edge, b. 1841, d. 1903, age 62. In 1871 m. Virginia C. Duncan (b. 1840).

a. Augusta Edge, b. around 1870, m. J. L. Williams. Has Bible records of Jonathan Doster, 1840-1827. r. Buena Vista, Marion Cy., Ga.

2. Andrew Edge, b. 1843.

3. Martin Edge, b. 1845.

Second marriage, Reason Edge and Susan ———:

4. William Edge, b. 1849.

5. Lafayette Edge, b. 1849 or 1850.

4. Millie (perhaps Melissa) Doster, b. around 1766 near Greenville, S. C. m. Richard Hollis and died in Ga. No record of descendants.

Note: the names in the remainder of this table are descended from one of two sons of Jonathan Doster, 1740-1827: either Benjamin Doster or Thomas Doster. The birth dates of both have been estimated and are only approximate. Whichever one was the ancestor, the descendants of the other (if he had any) have not been traced.

5. Benjamin Doster, b. around 1770 near Greenville, S. C., d. in Ga. Ap. 5, 1843. Farmer and planter. 4 chil.

or

6. Thomas Doster, b. around 1773 near Greenville, S. C., and married there. d. in Ga. Mar. 7, 1843. Enlisted from Columbus, Ga. in Creek Wars, as private under Capt. De Laperrier's Company, Maj. Alfred's Battalion, Georgia Military Volunteers, June 8, 1836. 4 chil.

a. John Doster, b. around 1805 York, S. C. Went to Alabama in 1858 and Mississippi in 1865. d. 1891 Winona, Miss. m. Nancy Black. Both in U. S. Census, York, S. C., 1820. 7 chil. Farmer.

r. George Washington Doster II, b. July 4, 1855 York, S. C. On Jan. 9, 1876 m. Mary Elizabeth Foster (b. June 4, 1858). Farmer. r. Route 4, Winona, Montgomery Cy., Miss. 9 chil.

a. Betty Doster, b. Dec. 20, 1876 Winona, Miss. On Feb. 28, 1893 m. Charles Granthum. Children not reported.

b. John Bluford Doster, b. Aug. 8, 1879 Winona, Miss. On Oct. 2, 1902 m. Hattie Carter. Gave information. Farmer. r. Winona, Montgomery Cy., Miss. Phone Vaiden, Miss., 5811. 10 chil.

(1) Mildred Doster, b. Dec. 3, 1903 Winona, Miss. On Dec. 24, 1924 m. Houston Whisnant. Children not reported.

(2) Beatrice Doster, b. Dec. 30, 1907 Winona, Miss. On Dec. 28, 1927 m. Odell Parker. Children not reported.

(3) Maggie Doster, b. Ap. 3, 1909 Winona, Miss. On Dec. 7, 1929 m. J. B. Aldridge. Children not reported.

(4) Frances Doster, b. March 12, 1911 Winona, Miss. On Ap. 21, 1928 m. Lee Hathcock. Children not reported.

- (5) J. C. Doster, b. Oct. 19, 1914 Winona, Miss.
- (6) Mable Doster, b. Jan. 2, 1917 Winona, Miss.
- (7) Ena May Doster, b. July 9, 1920 Winona, Miss.
- (8) Annie Ruth Doster, b. Jan. 25, 1924 Winona, Miss.
- (9) Thomas Edwin Doster, b. Dec. 27, 1927 Winona, Miss.
- (10) Max Roy Doster, b. Mar. 10, 1929 Winona, Miss.
- c.* Emma Doster, b. Feb. 28, 1882 Winona, Miss.
- d.* Mary Lee Doster, b. Feb. 16, 1885 Winona, Miss. On Dec. 23, 1915 m. Jim B. Hardin.
- e.* Millie Doster, b. Ap. 29, 1887 Winona, Miss. On Jan. 22, 1911 m. J. Lee Pegram.
- f.* George Doster, b. Dec. 21, 1889 Winona, Miss., d. same Feb. 20, 1890, inf.
- g.* James C. Doster, b. Dec. 27, 1890 Winona, Miss. World War I, Supply Co., 137th Field Artillery, in France 3 mos. r. Winona, Miss.
- h.* Ivy G. Doster, b. Sept. 30, 1895 Winona, Miss., d. Ap. 19, 1911, age 15½. Twin.
- i.* Eva J. Doster, b. Sept. 30, 1895 Winona, Miss. Twin.
2. Andrew Jackson Doster, b. around 1860, prob. in Alabama. Killed in 1918 during his son's absence in World War I. On Feb. 28, 1893 m. 1st Ella Granthum. m. 2d Hattie Clark. Farmer. r. Winona, Montgomery Cy., Miss. 1 son.
- a.* Percy Doster, b. Dec. 17, 1894 Winona, Miss. On Dec. 19, 1925 m. Norma Winyard (b. Oct. 20, 1907). World War I, 2 years, gassed in France. Farmer. r. now Dill, Ark. 1 son.
- (1) Percy LaVerne Doster, b. Jan. 1, 1928 Dill, Ark.
3. Mary Doster, b. around 1850-1860, in Alabama or Mississippi. d. Sept. 4, 1904 in Mississippi. m. 1st James Traylor. m. 2d Thomas Terry. 3 chil., names unknown.
4. Eliza Ann Doster, b. around 1850-1860, in Alabama or Mississippi. m. 1st George Davis (9 chil.). m. 2d Robert R. Johnson. Names of chil. unknown.
5. Henrietta Doster, b. around 1850-1860, in Alabama or Mississippi. d. 1879 in Mississippi. m. 1st Joseph Wimberly (3 chil.). m. 2d John Pappa (3 chil.). Names of chil. unknown.
6. Mattie Doster, b. around 1850-1860, in Alabama or Mississippi. d. June 27, 1908 in Mississippi. m. Allen Forbes. Children not reported.
7. Thomas Green Doster, b. around 1850-1860 in Alabama or Mississippi. d. June 27, 1908 in Mississippi. m. 1st Rose Cowan. m. 2d Laura Gant.
- a.* Baby Doster, d. inf.
- b.* Baby Doster, d. inf.

- c. Bennie Doster.
- d. Willie Doster.
- e. Lillie Doster.
- f. Thomas Doster.
- g. Walter Doster.

b. Enoch Doster, b. around 1800 York, S. C., d. same before Civil War. In U. S. Census, York, S. C., 1820. Wife unknown. Only one son reported.

1. George Smith Doster, b. around 1825 York, S. C., d. during Civil War. m. 1st ——— (3 chil.). m. 2d ——— McLean (4 chil.). Latter, widowed, moved with her sons in 1869 to Arkansas.

- a. Girl Doster.
- b. Girl Doster.
- c. John R. (or John W.) Doster, below age of enlistment, ran away and served in Confederate Army, Civil War.

Second marriage, George Smith Doster and ——— McLean:

d. Felix W. Doster, b. June 5, 1852 in Mississippi. On Dec. 19, 1880 at Rye, Ark. m. Virginia Curry (d. Nov. 13, 1889). On Jan. 26, 1893 m. 2d Mrs. Carrie Perry. In 1869 moved with mother to Arkansas. r. Rye, Ark. 3 chil.

- (1) Minnie Doster, b. Oct. 31, 1881. r. Rye, Ark.
- (2) Bertha Irene Doster, b. Oct. 7, 1884. r. Rye, Ark.
- (3) Ethel Catherine Doster, b. July 1, 1887. r. Rye, Ark.
- (4) Sidney Walker Doster, b. Nov. 1, 1889. r. Rye, Ark.

Second marriage, Felix W. Doster and Mrs. Carrie Perry:

- (5) John Fred Doster, b. Nov. 15, 1893. r. Rye, Ark.
- (6) Alma Horace Doster, b. Sept. 23, 1895. r. Rye, Ark.
- (7) Ruby Christine Doster, b. Sept. 10, 1897. r. Rye, Ark.

e. S. J. Doster, b. about 1853 in Mississippi. In 1869 moved with widowed mother to Rye, Ark. r. now Phoenix, Ariz.

- f. Unknown Doster, b. about 1854 in Mississippi. Died.
- g. Unknown Doster, b. about 1855 in Mississippi. Died.

2. Possible brothers of George Smith Doster, no record.

c. Elisha Doster, reported b. before 1780, York, S. C. In U. S. Census, York, S. C., 1820: 3 chil. No record of descendants.

d. Ginsey Doster, b. around 1800 York, S. C. m. ——— Black, prob. relative of Nancy Black who married his brother John Doster. No record of descendants.

The following names are believed connected with the above table:

- Robert H. Doster, 1876 Tutwiler Ave., Memphis, Tenn.
 Robert F. Doster, 214 Chapel St., Nashville, Tenn.
 James Jasper Doster, 321 4th Ave., Murfreesboro, Tenn., father of James Justin Doster and Jane Justine Doster.
 James Justin (Bucky) Doster, 321 4th Ave., Murfreesboro, Tenn., twin.
 Jane Justine (Teeny) Doster, 321 4th Ave., Murfreesboro, Tenn., twin.
 J. J. Doster, Murfreesboro, Tenn., teacher, formerly farmer, Giles Cy. near Campbellsville, Tenn., father of William Lewis Doster and 2 daughters.
 William Lewis Doster, Murfreesboro, teacher, son of J. J. Doster.
 Mattie Pearl Doster, Murfreesboro, Tenn., daughter of J. J. Doster.
 Girl Doster, Murfreesboro, Tenn., daughter of J. J. Doster and sister of Mattie Pearl Doster.
 Gladys Doster, Murfreesboro, Tenn. Her father was a brother of J. J. Doster, formerly of Giles Cy. near Campbellsville, Tenn., above.

UNIDENTIFIED NAMES IN GEORGIA

Dosters in Madison, Ga.

- Allen C. Doster, R. D. No. 5, Winder, Ga. Killed in action. From records of World War I.
 B. M. Doster, 1414 Blvd. Lorraine, Atlanta, Ga.
 Broughton McD. Doster, 3-R Elizabeth Place, Atlanta, Ga.
 Mrs. C. E. Doster, Rebecca, Ga., mother of Marilu Doster, possibly wife of Curtis Doster.
 Callie Washington Doster, Atlanta, Ga. Mar. 28, 1941 applied U. S. Marine Corps, rejected.
 Clark Doster, Rochelle, Ga.
 Curtis Doster, 35 Love St., S.W., Atlanta, Ga. Possibly father of Marilu Doster.
 Deborah Doster, Coweta County, Ga.
 Dr. Doster, Dentist, Hawkinsville, Ga.
 Donald M. Doster, 3-R Elizabeth Place, Atlanta, Ga.
 Mrs. E. M. Doster, 1023 Ponce de Leon Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Ga.
 Ernest Stanton Doster, Macon, Ga. Enlisted Oct. 15, 1942 in U. S. Marine Corps.
 E. T. and F. M. Doster, Jackson County, Ga.
 Ed. Doster, 1115 Princess Ave. S.W., Atlanta, Ga.
 F. J. Doster, Route 1, Jefferson, Ga.
 Fay Doster, 150 Ponce de Leon Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Ga.
 George T. Doster (and wife Bessie), 352 Oakland Ave., S.E., Atlanta, Ga.
 George William Doster, Atlanta, Ga. Enlisted Oct. 5, 1942 in U. S. Marine Corps.
 Glenn W. Doster (and wife Kitty), 258 Wylie St. S.E., Atlanta, Ga.
 Green Doster, on Oct. 30, 1834 m. Pamela Garrett (from marriages of Coweta County, Ga.).
 H. E. Doster, 58 Briarcliffe Cir., N.E., Atlanta, Ga.
 Mrs. H. T. Doster, 721 Grant, N.E., Atlanta, Ga.
 Harry A. Doster, Box 87, Warm Springs, Ga.
 Dr. Henry Doster, Rocky Ford, Ga.
 Herbert T. Doster (and wife Flo), 352 Oakland Ave., S. E., Atlanta, Ga.
 Homer H. Doster (and wife Zeldia), 215 Alexander St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga.

- J. M. Doster, 215 Alexander St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga.
 Mrs. Jenniebell Doster, 131 Woodland Ave., S.E., Atlanta, Ga.
 John Cornelius Doster, P. O. Box 328, Abbeville, Ga.
 Julia Doster, 645 Queen St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga.
 Mrs. Lula Doster, 898 Edgewood, N. E., Atlanta, Ga.
 Marilu Doster, Rebecca, Ga., daught. of Mrs. C. E. Doster, 1944 outstanding student at Rebecca High School, near Macon.
 Romanie Doster, 354 Oakland Ave., Atlanta, Ga.
 Sue Doster, 354 Oakland Ave., Atlanta, Ga.
 Mrs. T. M. Doster, 215 Alexander N. W., Atlanta, Ga.
 W. H. Doster, 550 McDonough St., Atlanta, Ga.
 Willousie Doster, 987 Ponce de Leon Ave. N.E., Atlanta, Ga.
 James Doster on Sept. 20, 1838 m. Anna Histoley (from marriage records of Coweta Cy., Ga.).
 Mrs. Mamie Doster (widow of Samuel), 115 Main St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga.
 Capt. Martin Doster, public relations officer, Drew Field, Tampa, Fla. or Capt. H. M. Doster, same title, in several press releases in 1943.
 Melba Doster, 1793 Flagler Ave. N. E., Atlanta, Ga.
 Nancy Doster, 451 Highland Ave., N. E. Apt. 2, Atlanta, Ga.
 Othelle Doster, 218 Mercer Ave., Atlanta, Ga.
 Thomas F. Doster, 1075 Emerson Ave., S. E., Atlanta, Ga.
 Thomas M. Doster, 121 Elizabeth Place, Atlanta, Ga.
 W. E. Doster, Reynolds County Battery, 16th Ga. Volunteers, 1861.
 Col. W. L. Doster (and wife Mallissa), U. S. Census 1860, Harman Cy., Ga., Book 7, p. 40.
 Wilma Doster, Atlanta, 1943 grad. Martin Memorial School of Nursing at Mt. Airy, N. C.
 Joshua Doster, Orangeburg, S. C. in U. S. Census of 1790, Oberon District, S. C., where Branch No. 4 originated.

From Land Lottery Register, Georgia, grants for Revolutionary services:

- Henderson Doster, Jones County, Ga., 143-9-1.
 James Doster, Clark County, Ga., 63-6-4.
 Thomas Doster, Georgia, Book 173, p. 43.
 Elizabeth Doster (prob. widow of William Doster II), 1827, 73-2-5.

Related to Dosters in Georgia:

- Mrs. Amy Doster Strickland, 531 S. Candler St., Decatur, Ga.
 Mrs. Anna Tillman, 1449 S. W. 4th St., Miami, Fla.
 Mrs. Tom Lanier, Madison, Ga.

See also, in Branch No. 3, Descendants of Slaves.

JONATHAN DOSTER, 1740-1827

Head of this Branch, and the subject of two theories of origin as discussed in the introduction to the Branch. Pending further proof, we have assumed that he was the fourth son of Thomas Doster, Emigrant, about 1695-1748, who emigrated around 1717 and settled in 1732 in Winchester, Va. A brief outline of his life seems to be that he accompanied an older brother James Doster, 1735-1818, who travelled south from Win-

chester into the lower part of North Carolina to found Branch No. 3; that he then went on over the line into York County, S. C.; he married there a lady whose first name was Margaret, in 1761; he enlisted either from there or from Georgia in the American Revolution, and served in it from 1776-1782; apparently his six children were all born before his war service began; at the close of the War he went over the Georgia line and settled in Wilkes County where he was granted donation lands; his son William Doster II was also in the Revolution and was granted lands in Jackson County, Ga.; he may have lived for a time in Columbus, Ga. because after his death at least one son enlisted in the Creek Wars from there; he died in Jackson County, Ga., presumably on the land of his son William Doster II; and his service is well documented. His birth date is taken from Bible records of his great-great-granddaughter Mrs. J. L. Williams (nee Augusta Edge) of Buena Vista, Ga., a member of famous Joseph Habersham Chapter, D. A. R., who likewise has traced his service records. There is a discrepancy in his date of death which is 1829 in the family Bible but 1827 in the war records. He had four sons, from three of whom we have a fair table of descendants, and the other is believed to have been childless; and two daughters, both of whom died in Georgia, one with descendants listed in the tables and one with no further entry. Like all the Georgia settlers he was a farmer and planter. He probably had a background in the Lutheran Church. His sons settled in three separate sections of Georgia and despite removals before and during the Civil War their families cover the same general sections today.

In *North Carolina Colonial Records* for 1782-1784, Vol. 19, pp. 933-934, he is listed as Revolutionary War 1776-1782; born 1740, died 1827; wife Margaret, born 1745, died after 1830; living in Wilkes County, Ga. in 1827; had a drawing for Revolutionary services in the Lottery of 1827.

In the *List of Revolutionary Soldiers*, office of the Secretary of State, Georgia, appears the name of Jonathan Doster.

In *Revolutionary Records*, by Knight, p. 323, Jonathan Doster is listed in names of Revolutionary soldiers from Wilkes County, Ga., taken from Land Lottery records; also on page 350 in a certified list of Revolutionary soldiers from Lottery List of 1827.

His name appears in the *5th Report of the N.S.A.R.* to the U. S. Congress, 2d session of the 56th Congress, 1898-1900, Senate Document 16, p. 322.

His wife Margaret Doster was granted a tract of land in Wilkes County, Ga. between 1830 and 1840.

JONATHAN DOSTER II

Eldest son of Jonathan Doster, 1740-1827, and his wife Margaret, was born in 1762 on a plantation near Greenville, S. C. and grew up there. After 1782 when his father (who had served in the War) removed to Wilkes County, Ga., he followed him and remained in Georgia until his death on Mar. 7, 1849 at the age of 87. He was married around 1789 to a lady whose first name was Catherine, perhaps in South Carolina. Only one son has been reported, William Doster III, but the latter married three times and left numerous descendants. The place of his death has not been written down, but most of the family are in the northeast part of Georgia today. He was a farmer and planter.

WILLIAM DOSTER II, 1763

Second son of Jonathan Doster, 1740-1827 and his wife Margaret, was born about 1763 on a plantation near Greenville, S. C., grew up there and enlisted from there in the Revolutionary War. Around 1786 he was married there to a lady whose first name was Elizabeth, and he may be the man listed in the U. S. Census, Greenville, S. C., No. 1, 1810, William Doster, 10 in family. But only one son, James Doster, has been reported. After 1782 when his father (who had also served in the War) removed to Wilkes County, Ga., he followed him there. He had claims against both South Carolina and Georgia for Revolutionary services and was later granted land in Jackson County, Ga. where he spent his life and died at an unknown date. His father Jonathan also died on this land. The following scattered records all refer to William Doster, but whether to one man or several is hard to decide:

U. S. Census, South Carolina, 1790, p. 49, William Doster, Cherow District, S. C.

Stub Entries to Indents Claims against South Carolina for Revolutionary Services, by A. S. Selley, Jr., William Doster of Wilkes and Habersham Counties.

Historical Collections of Joseph Habersham Chapter, D.A.R., Vol. 3, p. 153, List of Books of Mixed Records, Wills, Administrations and Deeds, 1777-8, Wilkes County, Ga.: William Doster.

Ibid., 1810 Wilkes County and Warren County, Ga., William Doster.

Land Lottery Register, No. 5, p. 171, Elizabeth Doster, widow of William, Jackson County, Ga., and 73-2-5, p. 13.

U.S. Census, 1820, Gwinnett County, Ga., William Doster family, 3 male, 2 female, 1775.

U. S. Census, 1820, Hancock County, Ga., p. 90, William Doster, 8 in family.

Reprint Land Lottery 1827, p. 43, Vol. 23, Dist. 2, Sec. 2, Gwinnett County, Ga. William Doster.

Coweta County Chronicles, C.S.J. 7, William Doster.

Of the descendants listed in our table, the majority are in the general vicinity of Atlanta, with one set over the line in Tennessee.

WILLIAM THOMAS DOSTER, 1826-1880

A son of his father's third marriage, William Doster III and Sarah Allen. He was born Feb. 8, 1826 at Greensboro, Ga. and spent his entire life there. He was in his thirties when the Civil War broke out and occupied several positions which caused him to be deferred from the Confederate Army in which at least one of his brothers served. He was stationmaster of the Central of Georgia Railway at Greensboro, managed the hotel which stood directly across from the station, and owned a livery stable at a time when such establishments were indispensable. He seems to have been active in many directions, including Masonic affairs. For years he was associated with San Marino Lodge No. 34, F. & A. M., having transferred from Coosa Lodge, and from the old Masonic records it appears that he was elected to membership Ap. 2, 1851, served successively as Junior Deacon, Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden and as Worshipful Master until his death in Greensboro on Oct. 10, 1880, and he was buried with full Masonic rites on Oct. 11, 1880.

On January 8, 1852 he was married in Walton County, Ga. to Miss Sarah Elizabeth Hale after a romance of love at first sight. On a business trip to Walton County to see Mr. Jonas Hale he met the latter's daughter. On his next trip he asked Mr. Hale for his daughter's hand in marriage. His third visit was for the wedding. His bride was born Sept. 11, 1828 and lived in Greensboro until her death on Oct. 22, 1910 at the age of 82.

The first emigrant of the Hale family came from England in 1632. There were 7 Hale brothers in the American Revolution, several of the older ones serving under George Washington. The coat-of-arms of the Kentish Hales is a red shield with 5 white arrows above it, and the motto is "Ma Force d'en Haut". Cf. *History of the Hale Family*, Kent County, England; Nuckell's *Pioneer Settlers*, Greyson County, Va., and Johnson's *History of Virginia*.

William Thomas Doster had 12 children, all born in Greensboro, Ga.

JONATHAN DOSTER III, 1824-1865

The eldest son of his father's third marriage, William Doster III and Sarah Allen. He was born May 23, 1824 at Greensboro, Ga. On Aug. 27, 1854 he was married to Miss Amanda Edge, who was born on Feb. 16, 1822, daughter of James and Elizabeth Edge. He appears in the U. S. Census, Georgia, 1850, Book 6, p. 152 where he is listed as a grocer. He served in the Confederate Army of the Civil War and died shortly after, on March 4, 1865 at the age of only 41, perhaps from wounds or illness in service. He had 5 children, and most descendants are in Atlanta.

JEFFERSON ALEXANDER DOSTER, 1861-1926

The youngest child of Jonathan Doster III, 1824-1865 and his wife Amanda Edge. He was born Aug. 1, 1861 at Greensboro, Ga., 4 years before his father's death. On Sept. 12, 1889 he was married to Miss Allen Monroe Head, who was born Ap. 22, 1859. He was engaged in the lumber business and in banking at Lumber City, Telfair County, Ga. He also was a newspaper editor and owner and in 1918 removed to Macon, where he died at his residence, 216 Cherokee Avenue, on March 5, 1926. From the *Macon News*, March 8, 1926: "The funeral of J. A. Doster was conducted from the residence of his daughter Mrs. Miller G. White, yesterday at noon by the Rev. G. E. Rosser of Wesleyan College. Interment took place in Riverside Cemetery. The pallbearers were W. W. Stephens, P. M. Crossley, N. C. Balcom, Jr., O. F. McEachin, W. E. Shelverton and Harry A. Gibson".

A letter of Mr. Doster, quoted in the introduction to this branch, relates the tradition of the origin of the Georgia Branch from three brothers, all of which fits together and is corroborated by as much data as we have been able to find. He was survived by 5 children.

BEN HILL DOSTER, 1855-1912

The third son of William Thomas Doster, 1826-1880, and his wife Sarah Elizabeth Hale. He was born at Greensboro, Ga. Jan. 5, 1855. At the age of 12 he began his life's work in the office of the *Greensboro Herald*. As years passed he became ambitious to own the Herald and in course of time he did. He then established and owned several other papers, among them the *Times-Planter* of Sparta, Ga. While still a young man he became

connected with Western Publishing House of Chicago, Ill. as Manager of its San Francisco branch. In 1893 he removed his family to Florida and engaged in the mercantile business in West Palm Beach, became President of the Board of Trade there and declined repeated political leaderships. During his lifetime, newspaper work was his abiding interest and after each absence he always came back to his first love. He served variously as errand boy, printer, reporter, editor, manager, publisher and in almost every capacity connected with the newspaper business. He was 25 years old when his father died and thereafter took charge of family affairs and was looked to by the others as the head. He was married at Atlanta, Ga. on Jan. 6, 1886 to Miss Elizabeth Anne Middleton of that city, who was born June 3, 1863, daughter of David Henry Middleton and Elizabeth Julia Gillette. Her life is the subject of a following sketch. She survived her husband many years and it was her devotion to him and his relatives that inspired her ambition to set his family's records in order. Even though her hope to write and publish the Doster Genealogy seemed frustrated by her illness and death in 1940, she had made such persistent searches and thorough notes that it has been possible to construct the book and to publish it after all, as she had yearned, in memory of her husband. Ben Hill Doster died on Ap. 12, 1912 at Shreveport, La. where he and his wife were visiting their daughter Dora. They had three daughters, all of whom are living and have ceaselessly helped the editor in bringing the book to reality.

ELIZABETH ANNE MIDDLETON DOSTER, 1863-1940

AUTHOR OF THIS BOOK

Contributed by her daughter, Miss Julia A. Doster of Washington, D. C.

Elizabeth Anne Middleton Doster was born in Atlanta, Ga., June 3, 1863, the daughter of David Henry Middleton, formerly of Charleston, S. C., and Elizabeth Julia Gillette Middleton, his wife, formerly of Tallahassee, Fla. Her father was an engineer on the Central of Georgia Railroad during the Civil War, hauling troops and supplies. He died of pneumonia on August 30, 1865. Her mother, still in her teens, soon married again, this time a Union officer.

The step-father did not care for the little Elizabeth so she lived much of the time with her Grandfather Gillette and his sister on their plantations near Tallahassee. After her grandfather's death she lived with her father's sisters and brothers in Atlanta, paying only occasional visits to her mother.

During the reconstruction days living was rather difficult and Elizabeth was an independent, high spirited girl. Her two uncles were having a difficult time supporting their wives and sisters, so as soon as she was old enough she determined to earn her own way. About that time the telephone company was just beginning to operate in Atlanta. The voices of the men operators having proved too heavy and difficult to understand, they decided to try women. The manager, a friend of Elizabeth's, asked her to try it. Her low, clear voice proved to be just what they needed and she became the first woman operator in the City of Atlanta. The subscribers were so pleased with her that they showered her with letters and offered gifts, none of which she would accept except the approved flowers, fruit, candy and books. She became known as "Miss Lizzie" and was much loved and respected by all.

She was very active in church and club work, played the organ and sang in various choirs, although she never became a member of any church. She had a fine soprano voice and was a favorite in musical circles.

On January 6, 1886, she became the wife of Ben Hill Doster. It was a double wedding, with Hattie Doster (sister of Ben Hill Doster) and William Simpson as the other principals. With her husband, a newspaper man, printer, editor, publisher, she traveled all over the United States, living in San Francisco, Des Moines, Chicago, Boston, Palm Beach and Shreveport. After his death in Louisiana she remained there for a while but later made her home in Washington, D. C., with two of her three daughters.

She was one of the founders and a charter member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Palm Beach, Florida, and a member of Katherine Montgomery Chapter of the D.A.R., and Esther Chapter No. 5 of the Order of the Eastern Star, in Washington, D. C.

It was in Washington that she became interested in genealogy. Many hours were spent in searching the records in the Census Bureau and the War Department, and books in the Library of Congress for information about the Dosters. In Winchester, Va. she found wills and other records. She wrote and received hundreds of letters giving information on Dosters all over the United States. She obtained the assistance of certified genealogists whom she met in her search. From all of these sources, although untutored in genealogical work, she compiled a sizeable record. Failing health stopped her work in 1938 but she still retained an active interest in it until her death on June 9, 1940. It was her greatest wish that *The Doster Genealogy* be completed and made available to the Doster family in memory of her husband, Ben Hill Doster.

Her records have been greatly augmented, verified and corrected by further studies, research and material, made and obtained by Wadsworth Doster. To him is due all credit for the completion and publication of this book.

HATTIE DOSTER, 1865-1921

Third daughter of William Thomas Doster, 1826-1880, and his wife Sarah Elizabeth Hale, was married at Atlanta, Ga. on Jan. 6, 1886 to William Hamilton Simpson in a double wedding ceremony with her brother Ben Hill Doster and Elizabeth Anne Middleton, the latter the author of this book. He was born June 28, 1857 at Washington, Ga., son of Rev. Franklin T. Simpson, a Presbyterian minister whose ancestor Archibald Simpson came to this country from Scotland. When Charles II was reinstated in England in 1662 one John Simpson did gallant work for Oliver Cromwell, and later came to America, and his grandson John Simpson at the age of 18 served under Washington in the American Revolution. The home of his father, Thomas Simpson, near Harrisonburg, Va. was known as General Simpson's House and called Rye Top. General Washington often visited there.

WALTER LINTON SIMPSON

Son of Hattie Doster and William H. Simpson, served in World War I. He was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Searchlight Division, Engineers Corps, U. S. Army, on Sept. 2, 1917. He received his commission as Captain on April 9, 1918 and as Major on

Aug. 27, 1918. He served overseas from Sept. 25, 1918 until May 20, 1919 and was honorably discharged on Oct. 31, 1919. Afterwards he became Superintendent of Watt Hospital, Durham, N. C. He later transferred to Winchester, Va. where he was Superintendent of the Winchester Memorial Hospital, and still later became Superintendent of Grace Hospital, New Haven, Conn.

JAMES AUGUSTUS SIMPSON, 1891-1942

Second son of Hattie Doster and William H. Simpson, was prominently connected with Hartford Fire Insurance Co. at Atlanta, Ga. He married Miss Frances Jeanne Craine. Both have died and are survived by two children.

DR. WILLIAM JAMES DOSTER, 1853-1910

Affectionately known to many relatives as "Uncle Willie", he was the second son of William Thomas Doster, 1826-1880, and his wife Sarah Elizabeth Hale. He was born at Greensboro, Ga. on Dec. 24, 1853. On Sept. 4, 1878 he was married to Miss Martha T. Doster, known as Mattie, vaguely regarded as his cousin. Actually she was the daughter of William T. Doster, a grandson of William Doster III, 1790-1847, by his first marriage. Her husband William James Doster was also a grandson of William Doster III, but by his third marriage. Therefore the two Williams, her father and her husband, had the same grandfather and would have been first cousins, but the grandfather's several marriages made their fathers stepbrothers and made them step-cousins. Mattie was born on May 12, 1861 in Lexington, Oglethorpe County, Ga., married at the age of 16½, had 5 children and lived at Atlanta with her husband until her death in the nineties. Late in life he studied medicine, became a physician, practised at Greenville, S. C. and about 1904 married a second time, a lady whose first name was Neva, and had one daughter. About a year before his death he moved to Between, in Walton County, Ga., home of a daughter, Mrs. May Doster Totty. From a clipping inscribed Tribune, May 10, 1910: Dr. W. J. Doster died at the home of his daughter Mrs. J. H. Totty at Between, very suddenly Monday night. Messrs. B. P. and P. D. Briscoe were in Dr. Doster's office about 9 o'clock Monday night and the doctor appeared in the best of health and spirits at that time. Going to the home of his daughter about 10 o'clock he retired, but arose a little later complaining of a severe headache and went out on the rear porch where he died about 11 o'clock, sitting in his chair. His daughter was with him shortly before he died and asked him about sending for a physician, but Dr. Doster told her it would be of no use as he was dying. He was a native of Greene County, this state and came to Between about 12 months ago from Greenville, S. C. He had built up a good practice and was a good, unassuming gentleman. He is survived by his daughter Mrs. Totty, one son in Atlanta, a wife and mother, the latter residing in North Carolina. The funeral occurred at Between Tuesday afternoon.

JAMES CLARENCE DOSTER II

Born 1877, Eatonton, Putnam County, Ga., descended from [2.] William Doster II who was a son of Jonathan Doster, founder of this branch, wrote: "Wilson Doster's

father James (son of William Doster II) came to Georgia from Virginia and all the children went back except Wilson". Actually they are believed to have gone to other parts of Georgia, and some to Tennessee.

MRS. JOHN W. DOSTER

Residing at 775 Woodland Road, Atlanta, Ga., whose late husband was descended from [2.] William Doster II, son of Jonathan Doster, founder of this branch, wrote: "Thomas Doster, father of Mack, Tom, William and Jim, came over from England and settled in North Carolina. I do not know where the other two brothers (Mack and Thomas) settled".

IX: Branch No. 5, Louisiana

Descendants of J. A. DOSTER and B. L. DOSTER.

THE REASONS for assigning a separate number to this group are that it contains most of the Doster names in the state of Louisiana, the table is a foundation in seeking earlier origins and it is a starting point to list births later than the year 1928.

The members were all born and live in the vicinity of Farmersville and Lillie in Union County, Louisiana, the northern part, near the Arkansas line, and they are mostly engaged in farming. They are the descendants of two brothers, J. A. Doster and B. L. Doster, farmers, of whom the only information reported is that they were born about 1855 and 1857 in Alabama and moved to Louisiana.

The initials J. A. and B. L. do not fit any pair of Doster brothers in the other tables, but the line is likely to be an offshoot of Branch No. 3 or No. 4. It could however be descended from some members of Branch No. 1 who were dimly remembered as having gone south, with no further trace.

Probably the addition of only one generation, viz., the father of these two brothers, will connect the branch definitely with another table in this book.

For possible connection with other branches, see Key Chart, page ix.

X. Unknown Doster, b. about 1830, presumably in Alabama. 2 sons.

A. J. A. Doster, b. about 1855 in Alabama, d. Feb. 9, 1925 in Louisiana. On Jan. 17, 1879 m. M. A. Templeton. Farmer. r. Farmersville, La. 9 chil.

1. J. T. Doster, b. Sept. 7, 1879 Farmersville, La.

2. J. L. Doster, b. Mar. 13, 1881 Farmersville, La.

3. Mary Lou Doster, b. Dec. 20, 1883 Farmersville, La.

4. Sam Allen Doster, b. May 10, 1885 Farmersville, La.

5. Joe Frank Doster, b. Jan. 14, 1888 Farmersville, La. On Aug. 10, 1909 m. Georgie B. Doster (1st cousin, below). Farmer. r. Route 2, Box 43, Farmersville, La. 7 chil.

a. Minnie Doster, b. Feb. 10, 1910 Farmersville, La.

b. Jack Doster, b. Nov. 17, 1911 Farmersville, La.

c. Susie Doster, b. Nov. 3, 1913 Farmersville, La.

d. Ben F. Doster, b. Feb. 9, 1916 Farmersville, La.

e. Carl Doster, b. June 11, 1919 Farmersville, La. d. same Sept. 9, 1919, age 3 mos.

f. Marie Doster, b. June 4, 1924 Farmersville, La.

g. Corinne Doster, b. Ap. 19, 1927 Farmersville, La.

6. Seborn Wesley Doster, b. Mar. 9, 1891 Farmersville, La.
7. Frances Doster, b. Nov. 29, 1892 Farmersville, La.
8. Louis A. Doster, b. Oct. 18, 1895 Farmersville, La. On Ap. 18, 1921 m. Mattie M. Reilly. U. S. Army, World War I, wounded in action. Farmer. r. R. D. No. 1, Lillie, La. 4 chil.
 - a. Loyelle Doster, b. Feb. 19, 1922, Lillie, La.
 - b. A. Lucille Doster, b. Nov. 23, 1923 Lillie, La.
 - c. Charles Roy Doster, b. Jan. 12, 1926 Lillie, La.
 - d. Martha B. Doster, b. Ap. 24, 1928 Lillie, La.
9. Perry R. Doster, b. Oct. 18, 1898 Farmersville, La.
- B. B. L. Doster, b. Mar. 10, 1857 in Alabama, d. June 22, 1916 in Louisiana, age 59. On Mar. 17, 1881 m. L. R. Templeton. Farmer. r. Farmersville, La. 8 chil.
 1. Virginia E. Doster, b. Dec. 3, 1881 Farmersville, La. On Aug. 17, 1911 m. Frank Riley.
 2. Thomas A. Doster, b. Sept. 17, 1884 Farmersville, La. d. same Nov. 22, 1913, age 29. On Nov. 8, 1906 m. Emily Easter.
 3. Annie I. Doster, b. Oct. 8, 1887 Farmersville, La. d. same July 9, 1903, age 16.
 4. Georgie B. Doster (female), b. June 3, 1889 Farmersville, La. On Aug. 10, 1909 m. Joe Frank Doster (1st cousin, above).
 5. M. Selma Doster, b. Aug. 14, 1895 Farmersville, La. On Nov. 7, 1919 m. Edward Bragg.
 6. Rosa M. Doster, b. Ap. 6, 1898 Farmersville, La.
 7. Andra Doster, b. July 9, 1902 Farmersville, La.
 8. Leon Doster, b. July 16, 1907 Farmersville, La.

X: Branch No. 6, Northampton County, Pa.

Descendants of DR. DANIEL DOSTER, 1763-1830, son of John Philip Doster I (1729-1781). He emigrated in 1817 from Niederhofen, Oberamt Brackenheim, Württemberg to Philadelphia, Pa. Descendants now widely scattered.

THIS GROUP represents an emigration in 1817, 100 years after the voyage in 1717 of Thomas Doster, Emigrant, the first Doster in America. It originates in Niederhofen, Oberamt Brackenheim, Württemberg.

The place is a farming village about 12 miles from Heilbronn and close to the Neckar River. Heilbronn is the commercial center of the district, in recent years an engineering city. Niederhofen is named in contrast to Oberhofen (Upper Court), formerly the seat of a noble family now extinct and situated on the hill above it. The village lies in a narrow valley bordered on one side by meadows fringed with willows. The houses are all built along one street, painted in light tints. When the late Gen. W. E. Doster of this branch visited there in 1859 he reported that all the villagers were in agriculture except the preacher, the schoolmaster and the innkeeper. There was one church, Lutheran, and one inn. On a later visit in 1881 no Dosters remained in Niederhofen, but many survived in Klein Gardach, Gross Gardach and nearby villages. The native towns of Dosters who founded other branches are all within 40 miles and many are nearer.

The record of Branch No. 6, along with the branches in Lancaster County, Pa., has been traced back farther than any other. But though copied from the books of the Lutheran church at Niederhofen and authenticated by the pastor, it has not been extended to collateral lines. Its ancestors may have had brothers and sisters with names in the same church books, who almost certainly were forbears of other Doster branches in America—but no copy was made. Until world conditions make these ancient writings available, a final connecting of family links must wait. With the known information herewith, search will be less difficult.

The Dosters of this branch lived in Niederhofen for some generations until John Philip Doster I, 1729-1781, who was a prominent figure of the village, apparently well off, and served as Chief Burgess for 17 years. We have no record of his children except his 7th and 8th sons.

The 7th son of John Philip Doster I was Daniel Doster, 1763-1830, a lad who had little taste for crops and cattle and the cultivation of land and was inclined to be bookish, often to the derision of his brothers. In some way he educated himself and became a physician of extraordinary talents and his fame spread far from the village. But Europe was in a turmoil, life was hard, times were bad, the professions were reserved for noble families and military conscription was everywhere. Daniel had friends in America and heard with wonder of the opportunities in that land of freedom. We rather believe that

Thomas Doster, Emigrant, who had gone there in 1717, was his great uncle, his grandfather's brother.

In the year 1817, 2 years after the battle of Waterloo in which Daniel's son Lewis nearly took part but arrived a day late, a decision was finally reached, with younger brother John Philip Doster II (the 8th son) to embark on the great adventure.

Daniel Doster sailed from Amsterdam on July 11, 1817 in the ship *Bambres*, accompanied by his son Lewis, his younger daughter Elizabeth, and his brother John Philip Doster II with the latter's 3 sons who founded the branches in Lancaster County, Pa. They arrived in Philadelphia early in October, 1817. An account of the passage is in a previous heading, Ocean Voyages.

Dr. Daniel Doster set up practice as a physician in Philadelphia and became successful in it but he lived only 13 years in America and died in Lancaster, Pa. in 1830, only about 7 months after the death of his brother John Philip Doster II. Because Dr. Daniel Doster's son Lewis settled in Bethlehem, Pa. and had a large family, and because the doctor had no other sons, we designate his descendants as the Northampton County Branch, to distinguish it from the 3 branches in Lancaster County, Pa. founded by the 3 sons of his brother John Philip Doster II.

Before coming to America, the Dosters of this family belonged to the only church in their village, Lutheran. Later, when Dr. Daniel's son Lewis Doster went to Bethlehem, Pa. to manage an enterprise of the Moravian Community there, he joined the Moravian Church and his children were all baptized in it. The family had no connection with the Moravians abroad as has sometimes been believed.

Whatever promises America held out for these two sons of the Chief Burgess, they both succeeded in the New World and their descendants' lives have been far beyond the possibilities of the little village of tinted roofs.

The name "Niederhofen" was commemorated by the late Gen. W. E. Doster of this branch who gave to one of his farms in the Saucon Valley, south of Bethlehem, Pa. the (anglicized) title "Nethercourt".

Burial places of Lewis Doster and the next generation are chiefly two: The Old Moravian Burying Ground, a hallowed spot dating from the founding of Bethlehem, Pa., and the later and larger Nisky Hill Cemetery at Bethlehem, both Moravian institutions with records in excellent shape.

For possible connection with other branches, see Key Chart, page ix.

I. Martin Doster, about 1650-1720, Niederhofen, Württemberg. Parents, brothers and sisters unknown.

A. Thomas Doster, Emigrant b. about 1695, d. 1748, believed son of Martin. Ancestor of Branches No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4. Sketch in Chapter IV.

B. Unknown Dosters, children of Martin, Niederhofen, Württemberg, possibly ancestors of Branches Nos. 10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18, but perhaps not.

C. John Valentine Doster, b. 1687 Niederhofen, Württemberg, d. Sept. 13, 1749, same. On

Feb. 10, 1711 m. Susan Stoll (d. Ap. 3, 1759, daughter of Hans Stoll of Trüchtelfingen, Oberamt Balingen). r. Niederhofen, Württemberg. Farmer. See sketch.

1. Christiana Doster. No information.
2. Unknown Dosters, children of John Valentine, possibly ancestors of other branches in America.
3. John Philip Doster I, b. Feb. 24, 1729 Niederhofen, Württemberg, d. Jan. 13, 1781, same. On Nov. 26, 1760 m. Rosina Maisenhoelder (b. Jan. 13, 1732, d. Nov. 11, 1808). r. Niederhofen, Württemberg. Chief Burgess. See sketch.
 - a. to f. Unknown Dosters, children of John Philip I, perhaps ancestors of other branches in America.
 - g. DR. DANIEL DOSTER, b. Feb. 13, 1763 Niederhofen, Württemberg, 7th son of John Philip Doster I, and founder of Branch No. 6, Northampton County, Pa., below.
 - h. John Philip Doster II, b. 1765 Niederhofen, Württemberg, d. 1829, 8th son of John Philip Doster I, and founder of Branches No. 7, No. 8 and No. 9, in Lancaster County, Pa.

g. DR. DANIEL DOSTER (from above), b. Feb. 13, 1763 Niederhofen, Württemberg, d. Ap. 19, 1830 Lancaster, Pa. On Oct. 17, 1786 m. Magdalena Keppler (b. Jan. 18, 1765 Klein Gardach, Württemberg. d. Mar. 11, 1843, Niederhofen, Württemberg). Emig. 1817 to Phila., Pa. Physician. r. 33 Coates St., Philadelphia. 3 chil. See sketch.

i. Lewis Doster (bapt. Jacob Ludwig), b. July 26, 1796 Niederhofen, Württemberg, d. May 27, 1860, age 64, Bethlehem, Pa. Emig. 1817 with father to Phila., settled in Bethlehem, Pa. On Sept. 21, 1826 m. Pauline Louise Eggert (b. Sept. 27, 1808, daughter of Matthew Eggert and Maria Ruppert, d. July 5, 1879. See Branches 6-A and 6-B). r. Bethlehem, Pa. Woolen manufacturer. Both bur. Old Moravian Burying Ground, Bethlehem, Pa. 16 chil. See sketch.

a. Daniel Doster, b. Mar. 9, 1828 Bethlehem, Pa., d. May 23 or 24, 1828. Inf. Old Moravian Burying Ground, Bethlehem, Pa.

b. Charles Edmund Doster, b. July 8, 1829 Bethlehem, Pa. d. Ap. 18, 1864, same, age 35. Woolen manufacturer. Union Army, Civil War, 1st Lieut., Quartermaster Dept. Single. Buried Old Moravian Burying Ground, Bethlehem, Pa. See sketch.

c. Lewis Lebrecht Doster, b. Jan. 8, 1831 Bethlehem, Pa. d. Mar. 11, 1893 Phila., Pa., age 62. On Oct. 4, 1856 m. Emma Augusta Luckenbach (b. Ap. 2, 1835, daught. of Jacob Luckenbach, Sr., died). r. 1955 Camac St., Phila., Pa. and Ridley Park, Pa. Large lumber interests. Both bur. Nisky Hill Cemetery, Bethlehem, Pa. 7 chil. See sketch.

(1) Edgar L. Doster, b. Jan. 18, 1858 Bethlehem, Pa., died. On Ap. 1, 1880 m. 1st Marguerite A. Floecker. (b. Oct. 7, 1859, 1 daughter) m. 2d Miss ——— in 1897 (no chil.). Latest residence, East Saginaw, Mich.

(a) Helen Cecilia Doster, (Nellie), b. Jan. 1, 1881, d. Dec. 13, 1894, at Mt.

Pleasant, Md. of tuberculosis, age 13. Bur. Nisky Hill Cemetery, Bethlehem, Pa.

- (2) Herbert F. Doster, b. Feb. 1, 1860 Bethlehem, Pa. d. Jan. 2, 1888 of hip disease, age 28. Single. Emp. Nicholas & Shaw, Dry Goods, 19 N. 8th St., Phila.
- (3) Robert Doster, b. Feb. 23, 1862 Bethlehem, Pa., d. about 1918 Phila., Pa. m. Anna Bodine (Quaker). r. Phila., Pa. No chil.
- (4) Minnie Doster, b. Ap. 21, 1864 Ridley Park, Pa. In Oct. 1888 m. Benjamin West (b. Derby, England, came to U. S. in 1883. Mfr. surgical supplies, 8th St. between Chestnut & Market Sts., Phila., Pa., d. 1925). r. now 62 W. Market St., Bethlehem, Pa. 2 chil.
 - (a) Herbert West, b. 1892 Phila., Pa. d. 1931, age 39. m. May Walton of Columbus, Miss. r. now Columbus, Miss. 1 son.
 - (1) Herbert Doster West, b. 1925. r. Columbus, Miss.
 - (b) Gwendolyn West, b. 1899, d. 1917, age 18. Single.
- (5) Ella Augusta Doster, b. July 15, 1866 Phila., d. Mar. 13, 1868, same, age 20 mos.
- (6) Lewis Doster III, b. Feb. 5, 1869. d. 1929 on business trip in Ontario, age 60. Secy. Am. Lumbermen's Assn. Single.
- (7) Ann Estella Doster (Stella), b. May 5, 1877 Ridley Park, Pa. On Jan. 8, 1903 m. 1st Dr. Morris Parker Boyle (d. Ap. 10, 1914 Phila., Pa.). m. 2d E. J. Parker (died). r. 130 Walnut St., Haddonfield, N. J.
 - (a) Doris Parker Boyle, b. Ap. 4, 1905. r. N. Y. City.
- d. Herman Augustus Doster, b. Feb. 27, 1833 Bethlehem, Pa. d. Dec. 11, 1927 same, age 94. In May 1864 m. Emily Detwiller (b. Jan. 24, 1846, d. Ap. 7, 1930, daught. of Dr. Charles H. Detwiller of Easton, Pa.). Officer of bridge and other companies. r. 60 Ea. Church St., Bethlehem, Pa. 3 chil. See sketch.
 - (1) Charles Detwiller Doster, b. Feb. 9, 1866 Bethlehem, Pa. d. Oct. 19, 1876, same, age 10.
 - (2) Pauline Detwiller Doster, b. Dec. 11, 1867 Bethlehem, Pa. In 1900 m. Louis Focht (b. 1864. Grad. Lehigh Univ. Bridge engineer, Ch. of Penna.-N.J. Bridge Commission, d. June 7, 1944, age 80). r. 800 Riverside Ave., Trenton, N. J.
 - (a) L. H. Doster Focht, b. Nov. 15, 1901. In 1929 m. Millicent (Bonnie) Sheaffer (d. Ap. 28, 1943, Prevo, Utah). Formerly in slate bus. at Bangor, Pa. and r. Belvidere, N. J. r. now 800 Riverside Ave., Trenton, N. J. 3 chil.
 - (1) John Doster Focht, b. July 13, 1931.
 - (2) Louis Focht II, b. Aug. 13, 1933.
 - (3) Christopher Jeremy Focht, b. June 14, 1942.
 - (3) Elizabeth Detwiller Doster, b. Sept. 9, 1869 Bethlehem, Pa. In 1910 m. Franklyn K. Lyman (Cordage mfr., Upton Walton Co., Port Huron, Mich., Cleve-

land, O. and Newburyport, Mass., d. Feb. 19, 1914). r. 60 Ea. Church St., Bethlehem, Pa. No chil.

- e. Boy Doster, twin of Herman Augustus, b. and d. Feb. 27, 1833 Bethlehem, Pa. Inf.
- f. Albert Theodore Doster, b. Mar. 25, 1835 Bethlehem, Pa. d. Jan. 14, 1912 same, age 77. In Nov. 1862 m. Mary Hannah Harris (b. Aug. 10, 1846, daught. of Abraham Ezra Harris of Summit Hill, Pa., died). Mgr. Black Diamond Coal Co. r. 605 W. Market St., Bethlehem, Pa. Bur. Nisky Hill Cem., Bethlehem, Pa. 5 chil. See sketch.
- (1) Clara Louisa Doster, b. 1863 Bethlehem, Pa. U. S. Post Office official. Single. r. Bethlehem, Pa.
- (2) Mary Isabelle Doster (Belle), b. Mar. 16, 1864 Bethlehem, Pa. Single. r. Bethlehem, Pa.
- (3) Ezra Abraham Doster, b. Sept. 19, 1866 Bethlehem, Pa. m. Sallie Elizabeth Romig. Supt. Printing Plant, Times Pub. Co. r. 710 W. Market St., Bethlehem, Pa. 2 chil.
- (a) Albert Stephen Doster, b. July 25, 1900 Bethlehem, Pa. m. Leona Kosciowski. Official in Treasurer's Dept., Beth. Steel Co. r. 2101 Eaton Ave., Bethlehem, Pa. 1 son.
- (1) Albert Stephen Doster, Jr., b. Dec. 26, 1933.
- (b) Evelyn Louise Doster, b. May 27, 1902. m. Rev. Frederick Paul Stocker, D.D. (Secy. Provincial Elders Conference, Moravian Church). r. Church St., Bethlehem, Pa. 2 chil.
- (1) Frederick Doster Stocker, b. May 13, 1927.
- (2) Patricia Ann Stocker, b. May 30, 1931.
- (4) Cora Elizabeth Doster, b. 1868 Bethlehem, Pa. d. about 1913, same. m. Rev. (now Bishop) W. Vivian Moses, Moravian Church. r. Bethlehem, Pa. No chil.
- (5) Modesta Helene Doster, b. 1882 Bethlehem, Pa. m. Myles Standish Smith (Engr., dir. descendant of Myles Standish). r. Mishawaka, Ind. 3 chil.
- (a) Marguerite Smith, b. 1907, died.
- (b) Dorothy Smith, b. July 25, 1910. m. Earl Maxim.
- (c) Richard Smith, b. about 1912.
- g. Gen. William Emil Doster, b. Jan. 8, 1837 Bethlehem, Pa. d. July 3, 1919 same, age 82. On Aug. 15, 1867 m. 1st Evelyn A. Depew (daught. of Edward A. and Kate Depew of Easton, Pa., died, 3 chil.). On June 28, 1888 m. 2d Ruth Porter (b. Oct. 8, 1869 New York City, d. July 25, 1917 same, daught. of Gen. Josiah Porter and Caroline Rice of N. Y. 4 chil.). Lawyer and banker. Union Army, Civil War. r. 51 Lehigh St., Bethlehem, Pa. See sketch.
- (1) Edward Depew Doster, (Ned), b. June 11, 1868 Easton, Pa. d. 1915, age 47. In 1894 m. Louise von den Muehlen (of Hanover, Ger. died). Foreign correspondent, the New York World. Killed in Mexican Revolution.

- (a) Hans Ludwig Doster, b. Mar. 9, 1895 Dobbs Ferry, N. Y. d. Aug. 12, 1895. Inf.
- (2) William Emil Doster, Jr., b. Jan. 18, 1870 Easton Pa. d. Oct. 18, 1870 Bethlehem, Pa. Inf.
- (3) Marguerite Doster (Daisy), b. June 13, 1873 Bethlehem, Pa. d. 1928 N. Y. City, age 55. m. John Wesley Kight (b. Aug. 6, 1871, Trappe, N. C., building contractor in N. Y. City and Stamford, Conn.). r. N. Y. City. 4 chil.
- (a) Evelyn Kight, b. Aug. 18, 1905. m. Edward Evan Reynolds (Commercial artist). r. Weston, Conn. 2 chil.
- (1) Edward Evan Reynolds, Jr., b. Aug. 5, 1935.
- (2) Robert Depew Reynolds, b. Sept. 4, 1936.
- (b) Margaret Kight (Peggy), b. Nov. 13, 1907. m. 1st Edward Gedney (Prospector). m. 2d Carter Wood Farriss (Professional singer, brother of sister's husband). r. 10 W. 46th St., N. Y. City, No chil.
- (c) Helen Kight, b. Jan. 1909. m. James Joseph Farriss (in U. S. State Dept., brother of sister's husband). r. Babylon, L. I. 2 chil.
- (1) James Joseph Farriss III, b. Sept. 20, 1935.
- (2) Nancy Marguerite Farriss, b. May 23, 1938.
- (d) Maj. John Wesley Kight, Jr., b. Oct. 18, 1910 Stamford, Conn. Staunton Military Academy and Lehigh University. m. Mildred McAteer, Lubrication Engineer. r. 4403 Centre Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 1944 U. S. Army, Ordn. Dept. 1 son.
- (1) John Wesley Kight III, b. Aug. 28, 1941 Pittsburgh, Pa.

Second marriage, William Emil Doster and Ruth Porter:

- (4) Wadsworth Doster, b. May 7, 1889 Bethlehem, Pa. On June 19, 1915 m. Alice Mason Turner (b. Aug. 9, 1888 N. Y. City, daught. of Luther Guiteau Turner and Mary L. Stearns of Torrington, Conn.). Moravian College, Yale College and Univ. of Penna. Law School. Editor of this book. Investment Counsel bus. r. 151 Middlebury Road, Watertown, Conn. 1 daughter. See sketch.
- (a) Dorothy Turner Doster, b. Aug. 31, 1920 N. Y. City. Madeira School and Smith College 1942. On June 19, 1942 m. John Sharp Ferguson (of Middlebury, Conn., b. Ap. 10, 1917, son of William P. Ferguson and Ursula Van Wagenen, emp. Colonial Trust Co., Waterbury, Conn., 1944 U. S. A. A. F.). r. 151 Middlebury Road, Watertown, Conn. 1 son.
- (1) William Wadsworth Ferguson, b. Mar. 17, 1943 Waterbury, Conn. d. Jan. 19, 1945 New Haven, Conn., age 22 mos.
- (5) Alexis Doster, b. July 17, 1890 Bethlehem, Pa. In 1917 m. Cecil Cunningham (b. Mar. 8, 1893 Washington, D. C. d. Jan. 27, 1945 Waterbury, Conn., age 51, daught. of Seymour Cunningham and Stephanie Whitney of Litchfield, Conn.). Penna. State College. U. S. Navy and 1st Lieut. Aviation, World War I. Vice Pres. and Secy., The Torrington Mfg. Co., Torrington, Conn. r. Litchfield, Conn. 3 chil. See sketch.

- (a) Alexis Doster, Jr., b. Ap. 30, 1918 N. Y. City. In 1942 m. Barbara Benson (daughter of Reynolds and Sally Benson of N. Y. City). 1st Lieut. Paratroop Unit, attached to Office of Strategic Services. d. in service, Middle East Area, Oct. 1, 1943, age 25. Bur. Cairo, Egypt. r. Litchfield, Conn. 1 son. See sketch.
- (r) Alexis Doster III, b. Mar. 9, 1943 Waterbury, Conn.
- (b) David Cunningham Doster, b. Aug. 9, 1921 Hartford, Conn. 1944, Pilot in R. A. F., later with Patton's 3d Army. Single. r. Litchfield, Conn.
- (c) Stephanie Whitney Doster, b. June 27, 1927 Hartford, Conn. Fox Hollow School and Pine Manor Junior College, r. Litchfield, Conn.
- (6) Dorothy Doster, b. Ap. 11, 1892 Bethlehem, Pa. In 1917 m. Benjamin Ely Cole (of Bethlehem, Pa., b. Ap. 19, 1893, son of Thomas Oliver Cole, R. R. Executive, and Sally Ely. Grad. Lehigh Univ. Mexican Border and World War I. Vice Pres., Doctors Hospital, N. Y. City). r. 100 The Ball Road, Mountain Lakes, N. J. 3 chil.
- (a) Dr. Benjamin Ely Cole, Jr., b. Feb. 23, 1918 Bethlehem, Pa. Yale University 1940. Jefferson Medical School 1943. 1944 U. S. N. Lieut. (j. g.), So. Pacific. In Nov. 1944 m. Jennifer Elsie Habian.
- (b) Porter Cole, b. Nov. 8, 1919 Bethlehem, Pa. Harvard Univ. 1941. 1944 1st Lieut., Intell. Serv., Royal Canadian Army, Italian Campaign.
- (c) Thomas Oliver Cole II, b. Oct. 20, 1923 Morristown, N. J. Yale Univ. 1944. U. S. Army, Ski Corps, Camp Hale, Colo. Honorably discharged and enlisted in American Field Service, Italy.
- (7) Beatrice Doster, b. Dec. 15, 1894 Bethlehem, Pa. On May 22, 1917 m. James Russell Lowell Otis (of Bethlehem, Pa., b. Mar. 24, 1894 Yonkers, N. Y., son of Norton P. Otis and grandson of founder of Otis Elevator Co. Princeton Univ. Bankers Trust Co., Paris. d. Feb. 12, 1934 Montclair, N. J. of streptococcus viridens, age 40.) r. New Haven, Conn. 1 child.
- (a) Jeanne Doster Otis, b. Ap. 14, 1926 Neuilly sur Seine, Paris, France. Came to U. S. with parents in 1933. Fox Hollow School, Lenox, Mass. r. Litchfield, Conn.
- h. Benjamin Matthew Doster, b. Dec. 25, 1838 Bethlehem, Pa. d. same, Nov. 16, 1840, age 2. Bur. Old Moravian Burying Ground, Bethlehem, Pa.
- i. Maria Elizabeth Doster, b. Feb. 17, 1841 Bethlehem, Pa. d. same Mar. 4, 1841, age 3 weeks. Bur. Old Moravian Burying Ground, Bethlehem, Pa.
- j. Louisa Magdalen Doster, b. Feb. 22, 1842, Bethlehem, Pa. d. same Sept. 21, 1875, age 33. In 1859 m. George L. Baum (of Phila., Real Estate and Justice of the Peace, moved to Bethlehem in 1860, died.) Buried Nisky Hill Cemetery, Bethlehem, Pa. 4 chil.
- (1) Emilie P. Baum, b. Dec. 4, 1859 Phila., Pa. d. May 11, 1878 Bethlehem, Pa. age 19, 3 years after mother's death. Single.

- (2) Charles Edmund Baum, b. Jan. 21, 1864 Bethlehem, Pa. d. same Jan. 12, 1870. age 6.
- (3) Harry Baum, b. Ap. 22, 1867 Bethlehem, Pa. d. Nyack, N. Y. m. 1st ———. m. 2d Chrissie ———. Restaurant owner, Nyack, N. Y. No chil.
- (4) William F. Baum, b. Mar. 10, 1871 Bethlehem, Pa. d. same July 15, 1941. m. Laura ——— (d. 1932). Alderman. r. New St., Bethlehem, Pa. No chil.

Note: in 1879 George L. Baum m. 2d Mrs. Ellen J. Fink, nee Whitesell.

- (5) Stepchild Gertrude Aline Fink. m. John J. Shonk (Real Estate). No natural children, see below. r. 1805 Arlington St., Edgeboro Manor, Bethlehem, Pa.
- (6) Stepchild William J. Fink. m. Minnie Berlin. Emp. Bethlehem Steel Co. r. Bethlehem, Pa.
- (a) Marjorie Berlin Fink. m. Edward Fleming.
- (r) Edward Fleming, Jr.
- (7) Robert E. Baum, b. 1880 Bethlehem, Pa. m. Marion Stone. Silk Business. r. 322 N. New St., Bethlehem, Pa.
- (a) Frances Baum.
- (b) George W. Baum, 1944 U. S. Navy.
- (c) Mary Louise Baum, married.
- (d) Robert E. Baum, Jr., 1944 U. S. Navy.
- (e) John Justin Baum.
- (8) Pauline Dorothy Baum, b. 1893 Bethlehem, Pa., d. same Feb. 14, 1920, age 27. m. Lawrence H. Parker (Now restaurant owner in N. J.). 4 daughters.
- (a) Ellen Jane Parker, b. Aug. 16, 1914 Bethlehem, Pa. Adopted by Mr. & Mrs. John J. Shonk, above. m. Francis J. Eline. (Restaurant owner. 1944 1st Lieut. U. S. Inf.). r. Bethlehem, Pa.
- (b) Mary Elizabeth Parker (Betty), b. Sept. 3, 1915 Bethlehem, Pa. m. Dr. D. K. Coleman (1944 1st Lieut. U. S. Army, Med. Corps). r. 324 W. Broad St., Bethlehem, Pa.
- (c) Gertrude Shonk Parker, b. Mar. 16, 1917 Bethlehem, Pa. Adopted by Mr. and Mrs. John J. Shonk, above, and legal name changed to Gertrude Parker Shonk. r. 1805 Arlington St., Edgeboro Manor, Bethlehem, Pa.
- (d) Pauline Dorothy Parker, b. Aug. 7, 1918. m. H. Gordon Payrow (Airlines official). r. Brentwood Village, Pittsburgh 10, Pa.
- k. Henry Edward Doster, b. July 13, 1844 Bethlehem, Pa. d. Feb. 23, 1887 Scranton, Pa., age 43. On Jan. 10, 1871 m. Mary Mahala Ripple (Daught. of Cyrus Ripple of Hyde Park, Pa. and sister of Col. Ezra A. Ripple, Mayor of Scranton). Union Army, Civil War. Wounded at Harpers Ferry. Auditor. 6 chil. r. Scranton, Pa. Bur. Forest Hill Cemetery there. See sketch.
- (1) Clarence Hoyt Doster, b. Aug. 30, 1872 Bethlehem, Pa. d. 1881 same, age 9.
- (2) Frederick Ripple Doster, b. 1875 Bethlehem, Pa. d. same 1884, age 9.
- (3) Joy Elizabeth Doster, b. 1878 Bethlehem, Pa. Single. r. 1730 Monroe Ave., Dunmore, Scranton, Pa.

- (4) Mary Hoyt Doster (May), b. 1881 Bethlehem, Pa. Single. U. S. Post Office official. r. 1730 Monroe Ave., Dunmore, Scranton, Pa.
- (5) Bess Pauline Doster, b. 1885 Scranton, Pa. m. Welton R. Kinney (retired farmer). r. Rush, Pa. and Clearwater, Fla. No chil.
- (6) Henry Edward Doster, Jr., b. 1887 Scranton, Pa. m. Mae Davies. Inspector, Bell Telephone Co., Wilkesbarre, Pa. r. Forty Fort, Luzerne Cy., Pa. 1 son.
- (a) Lawrence Howell Doster, b. 1921 Scranton, Pa. Single. 1945 U. S. Army, European theatre.
- l.* Samuel Frederick Doster, b. Oct. 28, 1846 Bethlehem, Pa. d. same May 1, 1850, age 3½, tonsil operation. Buried Old Moravian Burying Ground, Bethlehem, Pa.
- m.* Cornelia Henrietta Doster, b. May 13, 1848 Bethlehem, Pa. d. July 10, 1848 inf. Buried Old Moravian Burying Ground, Bethlehem, Pa.
- n.* Sophia A. Doster, b. and d. Dec. 16, 1849 Bethlehem, Pa. inf. Bur. Old Moravian Bur. Gd., Beth., Pa.
- o.* Ellen Augusta Doster, b. Jan. 30, 1851 Bethlehem, Pa. d. same May 2, 1863 of appendicitis, age 12. Buried Old Moravian Burying Ground, Bethlehem, Pa.
- p.* John Doster, b. and d. Aug. 29, 1852 Bethlehem, Pa. Inf. Buried Old Moravian Burying Ground, Bethlehem, Pa.
2. Margaret Doster, b. about 1797 Niederhofen, Württemberg. Did not emigrate. Became 3d wife of John Schilling (farmer). See sketch.
- a.* Margaret Schilling, b. Niederhofen, Württemberg. m. Gutbrodt. r. Niederhofen.
- (1) Wilhelmina Gutbrodt.
- (2) Christiana Gutbrodt.
3. Elizabeth Doster, b. 1800 Niederhofen, Württemberg. d. 1843 Phila., Pa., age 43. m. Charles Oertel (wealthy jeweler and silversmith, Phila.). r. 2d St. near Coates St., Phila., Pa. No chil. See sketch.

MARTIN DOSTER, about 1650-1720

The sole documentation is a Lutheran certificate of birth of his son (below) obtained by William Emil Doster: "Kingdom of Württemberg, Oberamt Brackenheim, Congregation Niederhofen. (1) Martin Doster. Extracted from the Church Books, Niederhofen Evangelical Pastorate, 31 December, 1859. Signed, Elsenhans." The dates of birth and death are only estimated and may be slightly wrong. We have no record of the father of Martin Doster, nor of any brothers and sisters, and the name of only one son was copied from the records, which probably contain other names to this day.

JOHN VALENTINE DOSTER, 1687-1749

Birth certificate obtained by William Emil Doster in a personal visit: "Kingdom of Württemberg, Oberamt Brackenheim, Congregation Niederhofen. John Valentine Doster

(son of Martin), born 1687 and died September 13th, 1749. Married on February 10th, 1711 to Susan, daughter of Hans Stoll of Trüchtelfingen, Oberamt Balingen, died April 3d, 1759. Extracted from the Church Books, Niederhofen Evangelical Pastorate, 31 December, 1859. Signed, Elsenhans." Undoubtedly John Valentine had brothers and sisters. We believe that one was Thomas Doster, Emigrant, about 1695-1748 (see Key Chart, page ix) but the latter could have been a cousin. All we can deduce is that John Valentine Doster married at 24, his married life was 38 years, he lived to the age of 62 and his wife survived him 10 years. He did not emigrate, his death being recorded in Württemberg. In this case also, only one son was copied from the Church Books, leaving the possibility of other names remaining uncopied, which could easily connect branches of descendants now in America.

JOHN PHILIP DOSTER I, 1729-1781

Birth certificate obtained by William Emil Doster in a personal visit: "Kingdom of Württemberg, Oberamt Brackenheim, Congregation Niederhofen. John Philip Doster (son of Valentine), born February 24th, 1729; Chief Burgess (Schuldheis) from 1764 to 1781; died January 13th, 1781; married November 26th, 1760 to Rosina, born Maisenhölder, born January 13th, 1732, died Nov. 11th, 1808. Extracted from the Church Books, Niederhofen Evangelical Pastorate, 31 December, 1859. Signed, Elsenhans." Thus John Philip Doster I reached the principal station in his town, held it 17 years until his death, he was probably a man of fair means, he was 31 and his wife 28 at the time of their marriage, he was married for 21 years, he died at the age of only 52 on his wife's birthday, his widow survived him by 27 years and died at the age of 76. He did not emigrate but died in Württemberg. From the fact that we have a record of his 7th and 8th sons, we gather that he had at least 8 sons and perhaps some daughters. The only two sons copied from the record were Dr. Daniel Doster, 1763-1830, who became the head of Branch No. 6, and John Philip Doster II, 1765-1828, whose 3 sons headed the branches which we designate as No. 7, No. 8 and No. 9. Accompanying the certificate is a note of William Emil Doster in 1859 that *several brothers* of these two had settled in Klein Gardach (Little Gardach) nearby; and that nobody named Doster survived in Niederhofen in 1859.

The two brothers referred to as seventh and eighth sons were the two who set forth to try their fortunes in the new world, in 1817. One of the circumstances leading to the assumption that their father had comfortable means was that, whereas the earlier emigrants almost invariably indentured themselves for a period of years after arrival to pay for ocean passage, these two did not. One set up practice as a physician in Philadelphia and the other immediately bought a farm in Lancaster County.

DR. DANIEL DOSTER, 1763-1830

Birth certificate obtained by his grandson W. E. Doster: "Kingdom of Württemberg, Oberamt Brackenheim, Congregation Niederhofen. Daniel Doster (7th son of John Philip) born February 13th, 1763 and died April 19th, 1830; married Oct. 17th, 1786 to Magdalen, born Keppler, of Klein Gardach, who was born there January 8th, 1765 and died at Niederhofen March 11th, 1843. Extracted from the Church books, Niederhofen

Evangelical Pastorate, 31 December, 1859. Signed, Elsenhans". Studious by nature and despite ridicule from his brothers he became one of the most learned physicians in his part of Württemberg. By tradition in 1859 he was the great man the village had produced, and the old people never tired of telling of the crowds who thronged the streets on foot and in carriages to avail themselves of his skill. Many noblemen and noblewomen were his patients. The chair in which he used to sit was pointed out. But he was unable to obtain a medical diploma and became an object of persecution by the licensed practitioners, which finally drove him to America. He had married at 21 and had 3 children, Margaret, Jacob Ludwig (Lewis) and Elizabeth. He left Niederhofen June 11, 1817 and emigrated with 2 of his children. Daughter Margaret remained home with her mother to follow later, but because of the unhappiness of a friend who did not enjoy America, the trip kept being postponed and she never saw her husband again. Daniel sailed from Amsterdam on July 11, 1817 in the ship *Bambres* with his 2 children, his widowed brother John Philip Doster II and the latter's 3 boys. He established a good practice at Philadelphia (33 Coates St., Patton's Directory of 1819), but later moved to Lancaster, Pa. near his brother, and died there in 1830 at the age of 67, having lived in the United States 13 years. His wife Magdalen survived him by 13 years and died in Württemberg March 11, 1843. She was a kind lady, affectionately remembered as "Aunt Maggie". Dr. Daniel is buried at Lancaster, Pa. He is usually regarded as the founder of the Northampton County Branch of Pennsylvania, in contrast to his brother John Philip Doster II whose sons headed the Lancaster County Branches.

A mantel clock brought by Dr. Daniel Doster from his home in Württemberg in 1817 was bequeathed to his daughter Elizabeth Doster Oertel of Philadelphia, who on her death left it to her brother Lewis Doster of Bethlehem, Pa., but her husband declined to give it up and remarried. When he also died, it was purchased from his widow by the widow of Lewis Doster, and left by her to William Emil Doster. It next passed to Mrs. Elizabeth Doster Lyman of Bethlehem, who recently presented it to Alexis Doster of Litchfield, Conn., great-grandson of Dr. Daniel Doster.

ELIZABETH DOSTER, 1800-1843

Born in Niederhofen, Oberamt Brackenheim, Württemberg, the younger daughter of Dr. Daniel Doster, 1763-1830, and his wife Magdalena Keppler. In 1817 she took leave of her mother and her sister Margaret and emigrated to America in the ship *Bambres* with her father, her brother Lewis Doster and her uncle John Philip Doster II and his 3 boys. She married Charles Oertel, a jeweler, 2d street near Coates Street, Philadelphia and became prosperous. She was tall, handsome and personable but contracted tuberculosis and spent much of her declining years visiting her brother Lewis Doster at Bethlehem, reading and searching for plants said to be good for her ailment. During this period she became interested in the Dunkards or Anabaptists. It was through a friend of hers, Mrs. Hoffstadt, that the Dosters in Bethlehem met Mrs. Hoffstadt's nephew George L. Baum of Philadelphia, who later married Lewis' daughter Louisa. Elizabeth Doster Oertel died in 1843 and was buried in the cemetery attached to Demme's Church in Philadelphia. The clock brought to America by her father and bequeathed to her, and a large portrait of herself in oil, easily supporting claims of her stature and beauty, passed to the possession of her grandniece and namesake, Mrs. Elizabeth Doster Lyman, 60 Ea. Church St.,

Bethlehem, Pa. and have lately been presented to Alexis Doster of Litchfield, Conn. She had no children.

MARGARET DOSTER

Born about 1797 in Niederhofen, Oberamt Brackenheim, Württemberg, was the eldest daughter of Dr. Daniel Doster, 1763-1830, and his wife Magdalena Keppler. In 1817 when her father emigrated to America with her brother Lewis and her sister Elizabeth, she stayed in Niederhofen with her mother. She became the third wife of a farmer named Schilling. The son of this Schilling by a former wife, John Schilling, was educated by her brother Lewis Doster at Heilbronn and then brought to America where Lewis placed him in partnership with his son Lewis L. Doster, in the lumber business at Bethlehem, Pa. Margaret Doster Schilling died young, leaving one daughter Margaret Schilling, who married a farmer named Gutbrod. When William Emil Doster of this branch visited Niederhofen in 1859 she was living there with two daughters, Christine Gutbrod, engaged to a schoolmaster, and Wilhelmina Gutbrod. These were the only blood relatives of Dosters remaining in Niederhofen in 1859, although some brothers of Margaret's father Daniel Doster had moved to nearby Klein Gardach. Margaret's brother Lewis Doster, as he prospered in America sent them presents of American gold and an oil sketch of himself at the age of 25 in Philadelphia. Elizabeth Doster Oertel of Philadelphia also sent her sister Margaret a miniature of herself, set in a locket with chain.

In 1923 during inflation following World War I, a letter was received by the Trustees of the Estate of William Emil Doster of Bethlehem Pa. from one Heinrich Goldner, Niederhofen, describing the dire straits of German families, and also recording:

My mother Christine Goldner, daughter of Margaret Gutbrod whose mother was a Doster, is still alive. I have been reading the letters you once wrote to my parents Johannes Goldner and his wife Christine Goldner, born Gutbrod. In those days at your request we had a photographer make pictures of your old home, the village of Niederhofen, and sent you as well an iron plate with the coat-of-arms of the Doster family in which you were greatly interested.

LEWIS DOSTER (born Jacob Ludwig Doster), 1796-1860

Birth Certificate obtained by William Emil Doster: "Kingdom of Württemberg, Oberamt Brackenheim, Congregation Niederhofen. Jacob Ludwig Doster (son of Daniel), born July 26th, 1796 at Niederhofen and emigrated to America July 11th, 1817. Extracted from the Church books, Niederhofen Evangelical Pastorate, 31 December, 1859. Signed, Elsenhans."

Lewis (who thus Americanized his name), son of Dr. Daniel Doster and his wife Magdalena Keppler, was born and confirmed in the Lutheran Church at Niederhofen. Of his school life little is known except that he disliked the medical profession of his father, and that he was at home in reading, writing and arithmetic. At the age of 16 or about 1812 he was indentured to Gottlieb Gerock, Master Dyer of Heilbronn and thoroughly learned his craft. July 8, 1815 he received the official certificate of the City of Heilbronn as Master Dyer.

Just as this apprenticeship was concluded, Napoleon returned from the Island of

Elbe and invaded Belgium, and as the German Army under Blücher concentrated upon Sanbref, the allies hurried to relieve him. Lewis was conscripted from Württemberg, in the 46th List, 6th Class, of the levy from the Lower Neckar and marched as far as Alsace, only to learn on the day after it happened of the Battle of Waterloo and Napoleon's defeat, June 17, 1815. On July 5, 1815 he obtained a deferment to the mustery of the year 1816, and was never called to service thereafter.

According to custom, after Lewis mastered his trade he was sent on his "wanderings" and kept a "Wander Book" of over 90 cities and towns which he visited in travels through Württemberg, Hesse, Baden, Westphalia, Switzerland, Belgium and Prussia. The journey lasted exactly 2 years, from July 8, 1815 to July 8, 1817, Lewis being 20 years old at its finish. While in Westphalia he received a letter from his father, Dr. Daniel Doster in Niederhofen, asking him to join a pilgrimage to America. Lewis was not eager but consented and journeyed to Amsterdam to meet his father and his sister Elizabeth, also his uncle John Philip Doster II and the latter's 3 boys. (For a sketch of the trip to America, see a previous heading, Ocean Voyages.) They arrived at Philadelphia early in October, 1817, where they had friends.

From the passport of Lewis Doster it appears that his height was 5 ft. 7½ inches, complexion fresh, hair brown, forehead open, eyebrows brown, eyes blue, nose middling, cheeks full, mouth middling, teeth good, chin round and legs straight.

A Philadelphia friend sent Lewis to Bethlehem, Pa. where he obtained employment as a dyer in the fulling-and-dyeing mill of the Moravian Society; but being anxious to get ahead, which was not easy in the "community" of the Moravians, he took a job as master dyer at the Burlington Factory of Peter Parker, Burlington, N. J. about June of 1820. He stayed about a year and a half but his employer failed and he lost all his earnings. On August 18, 1822 we find him in business for himself as a silk dyer at 49 N. 7th St., Philadelphia, between Market and Arch Streets, and we have his printed card soliciting business. He did well for several years, seeing much of his sister Elizabeth (then Mrs. Oertel) and his cousin Michael (Branch No. 9) who had come from Lancaster County to enter the jewelry business, and who shortly married the daughter of the eminent Stephen Girard.

He had left a reputation in Bethlehem and was now invited to return there, this time in full charge of the fulling-and-dyeing plant, because of the illness of Manager Matthew Eggert, and he accepted. The mill had been losing money but Lewis soon showed profits. On Sept. 21, 1826 he was married to Matthew Eggert's daughter, Pauline Louise Eggert, he being 30 and she not quite 18, taking up residence in a stone house on the north side of Water Street, adjoining the plant and close to the huge spring which was the entire water supply for Bethlehem (see Plan of Bethlehem, Abraham Huebner, 1841, at Moravian Historical Society Bethlehem). He was naturalized July 22, 1829. He was a member of Bethlehem Guards, attached to Morgan Rifle Battalion, Capt. C. W. Luch, from July 4, 1831 to July 4, 1838. He lived on Water Street until 1837 and his first 7 children were born there.

In 1836 he leased the Moravian Saw Mill on Sand Island, Bethlehem, and in 1837 built his homestead near it, connected by a footbridge over the Lehigh Canal and Monocacy Creek. He also moved the fulling-and-dyeing mill to the same acreage and leased

it from the Society, but a record flood of the Lehigh River in 1841 cost him "half his fortune". In 1843 he bought the entire property from the Moravians, including $6\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land, built additions to the dyeing and fulling departments, added carding and weaving machinery to make it a complete woolen mill, and supplemented the saw mill and lumber business with a sash factory, for which he bought logs at Easton, Pa. He enlarged the homestead, a 3-story structure of masonry with thick walls and mansard roof, had 9 more children and lived there until his death.

By 1850 he had enough capital to set up the Sand Island establishment as a lumber business exclusively, in charge of a partnership composed of his son Lewis L. Doster and John Schilling, a stepson of his sister Margaret in Niederhofen. He moved the woolen business to a brand new 4-story factory which he built north of the Lehigh Canal, just above the Bethlehem lock, in charge of his son Edmund Doster, whom he had been training from the age of 14.

For a description of the Moravian Woolen Mills, Lewis Doster, Proprietor, see *The Moravian* (Weekly), issue of March 27, 1862:

Main building 115 ft. long and 45 ft. depth, lower story of stone, 3 others frame; and a wing on the east side 50 ft. long and 3 stories high. Powered by a water wheel with a sluice from the canal of Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co. Lighted by gas, heated by steam pipes, dyeing and drying by steam power. Painted white. It was both the largest and most complete woolen factory in Pennsylvania. Its goods had a reputation and the principal product was brown lindsey, much worn by miners in the Pennsylvania coal regions. There were other woolen goods, mittens, yarns and various cloths. Number of employees, 100. Enduring quality and honest dealings were the motto.

Lewis encouraged his sons according to their bent. Thus he had Edmund managing the woolen business, Lewis L. in the lumber business, Albert as a dyer and a salesman, Herman and Henry in office and accounting work, and he sent Emil to college. He opened New Street, farmed all land between the Lehigh River and Church Street, built many dwellings, laid out roads to his mills, bought and cleared wood lands along the Allentown and Philadelphia roads, and presided over a sort of community.

He had always been a Whig and joined the Republicans when they ceased. In 1845 he was elected a member of Bethlehem Town Council. He had joined the Moravian Society when he came to Bethlehem and his children were all baptized in that faith. By 1859 he had stabilized his interests and before retiring was planning a visit to his native country where his mother had died but his sister Margaret still lived; in fact when his son Emil went to the University of Heidelberg in 1859 it was his hope to bring him back personally in the next year, but this was not to be. He had suffered attacks of "a bilious fever" (probably gall stones), one of which brought his death on May 27, 1860, at his homestead in Bethlehem, in the presence of all his children (except Emil who was abroad), aged 63 years, 11 months and 1 day.

Lewis was domestic by nature, a strong Union man, spent his evenings reading, was known for his industry and honesty, a keen judge of human nature, humorous, laconic in speech and kindly in disposition, although severe on occasion. He built a considerable

fortune for the day (largely dissipated after his death) and was one of the first citizens of his town, influential in the history of Bethlehem, a respected man. He is buried in the old Moravian Burying Ground, Bethlehem, Pa.

For more details, cf. Biography of Lewis Doster by his son William Emil Doster, 1881, not published, in possession of Alexis Doster, Litchfield, Conn.

Note: Sand Island in Bethlehem at the confluence of the Monocacy Creek and the Lehigh River, is not really an island. The first site of the saw mill and other enterprises of Lewis Doster, just below the present New Street Bridge, is now Franklin Park of the City of Bethlehem.

PAULINE LOUISE EGGERT, 1808-1879

Wife of Lewis Doster, 1796-1860, was born at Bethlehem, Pa. Sept. 27, 1808 and died there July 25, 1879, aged 70 years, 9 months and 8 days.

Her father Matthew Eggert, 1763-1831, was a prominent Moravian and Bethlehemite of his day and an esteemed man. He served variously as shoemaker, teacher, principal of schools, superintendent of several institutions, manager of The Moravian Woolen Mills, tax assessor, member of building committee of the famous Moravian Church at Bethlehem, and in other capacities. His father was Christian Eggert I, 1714-1780, who was born in the Ukkermark, Germany, went to Holland, became manager of a Dutch plantation at Berbice, Dutch Guiana, South America, near the Moravian settlement at Pilgerhuth, joined the latter, went to Bethlehem, Pa. in 1749 and for 23 years had charge of the cellarge of the Moravian Society there.

Her mother Maria (Polly) Ruppert, 1777-1854, was married to Matthew Eggert in 1802. Polly's father was Adam Ruppert of Lancaster, Pa., a Revolutionary soldier who enlisted in 1776 or 1777 as a private in the 10th Regiment of Pennsylvania Line commanded by Col. Hampton and Lt. Col. Hubley, joining at Lancaster and serving throughout the War. He died at Baltimore, Md., Dec. 6, 1805. Polly's mother was born Anna Johanna Thomas, 1753-1803, daughter of the Thomases of Lancaster, and one of her two brothers was Francis, the well-remembered "Daddy" Thomas of Bethlehem, cicerone of the Moravian Girls' Seminary and a colorful character in Moravian annals.

Pauline Louise Eggert and Lewis Doster were married in the Moravian Church on Oct. 21, 1826 when she was 18 years old and shortly after Lewis entered the employ of the Moravian Woolen Mills of which her father was the manager. The couple lived in a house adjoining the plant on the north side of Water Street, where 7 children were born: Daniel, Charles Edmund, Lewis Lebrecht, Herman Augustus (and stillborn twin), Albert Theodore, and William Emil. In 1837, when the Moravian Society began to relinquish its communal existence and Lewis Doster had become the Manager and lessee of the woolen mill and lumber yard formerly operated by it, they built a substantial masonry home near the new site of the mill properties, connected to them by a footbridge across the Lehigh Canal and the Monocacy Creek, which became the family Homestead. It was here that the following children were born: Benjamin Matthew, Maria Elizabeth, Louisa Magdalen, Henry Edward, Samuel Frederick, Cornelia Henrietta, Sophia A., Ellen Augusta, and John. Thus she had 16 children altogether.

She was a beloved person. Her amiable character survived many tragedies—7 of her

children died in infancy, her husband died in 1860, 3 of her sons entered the Civil War, 12-year-old Ellen died in 1863, eldest son Edmund died in 1864, and in 1875 she lost her daughter Louisa, almost her sole companion. Despite these and economic tribulations, her serenity remained undisturbed. She was always assisting at births or illnesses of neighboring children, she knew the traditional specifics for human ills, she used her visits to Philadelphia to find imported toys and colored picture books and little presents of every kind, and her memory is treasured to this day. She lies in the Old Moravian Burying Ground at Bethlehem, Pa.

Members of this branch have no Revolutionary ancestor bearing the name of Doster, but are descended from Adam Ruppert (grandfather of Pauline Louise Eggert Doster) whose service is given above. For a documentation, *Pennsylvania in The Revolution*, published by the State at Harrisburg, Pa., Vol. I, p. 370, contains his name in the list of enlisted personnel of Col. Brodhead's Regiment, 10th Penna. Line, January 1, 1783, except that his name is spelled Rupert.

Also, in 1807 Gov. McKean of Pennsylvania patented a tract of land to the heirs of Adam Ruppert who had died in 1805. The original document is on file in the Surveyor General's Office, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pa. A copy, certified Nov. 19, 1812 by Andrew J. Porter, Surveyor General, has been presented to the Moravian Archives, Bethlehem, Pa. It is marked Survey No. 876, Dist. No. 5, Donation Lands, 200 acres, patd. &c. 5th May, 1807 to the Heirs of Adam Ruppert, Dec'd, and is addressed to "Alexr. Scott, for the Heirs of Adam Ruppert". It bears a map of the property and surroundings, and reads:

In pursuance of an Act, of General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania, passed the 24th day of February, 1785, entitled An Act for directing the mode of distributing the Donation Lands promised the Troops of this Commonwealth, and by order of the Surveyor General with the approbation of the Honble. the Executive Council, I have surveyed on the 27th day of September, 1785 the above described tract of 200 acres of ground and allowance of six per cent for roads &c., No. DCCCLXXVI, situate in District No. 5 on the West side of the Allegheny in the County of Westmoreland (now Mercer County). Signed Benj. Lodge, D. S. Donation Lands. To John Lukens, Esq., Surveyor Gen.

But the heirs did not acquire title immediately because on Oct. 23, 1791 Adam Ruppert had assigned his rights to one Jasper Heines (this is the same as the well-known Pennsylvania name Heintz) and when descendants later tried to re-acquire the land, it was found to have been sold for non-payment of taxes and it became necessary to reimburse the owners for taxes and other costs. One such claim was satisfied by the payment of "one horse creature". The land was not rich and was soon allowed to be sold for taxes again.

Of interest only to members of Branch No. 6, there is appended a table No. 6-A, The Eggert Family, and a table No. 6-B, The Ruppert Family, ancestors of Pauline Louise Eggert Doster. They show Revolutionary ancestry in this case, and relationships with other well-known families in Bethlehem, Pa.

CHARLES EDMUND DOSTER, 1829-1864

Born at Bethlehem, Pa. July 8, 1829, baptized July 26, 1829 in the Moravian Church, died in Bethlehem April 18, 1864, aged 34 years, 9 months and 10 days.

Eldest son of Lewis Doster, 1796-1860, and his wife Pauline Louise Eggert, he was born in his parents' first home in a stone house on the north side of Water Street, Bethlehem, adjoining what was then the site of the dyeing-and-fulling mill of the Moravian Society where his father was the manager. He became the businessman of his family.

In 1843 when his father Lewis bought the Sand Island property of the Society, 6½ acres containing a Saw Mill plant and also the fulling mill which he had transferred to that location just before, he added a sash factory to the lumber business and expanded the textile plant by increasing the dyeing and fulling capacity and adding a carding and woolen mill, and Edmund was taken into this business at the age of 14.

His aptitude was such that in 1850 when he was 21 and his father erected a modern 4-story woolen mill north of the Lehigh Canal and just above the Bethlehem Lock, it was largely Edmund who had planned every detail. Born executive that he was, he had full charge of the woolen business while his brother Lewis L. operated the lumber establishment, his younger brothers were still learning their trades and his father Lewis was supervising his farms and exercising a general control.

The woolen mill went through bad business years in the 1850s, making it hard to pay off the construction debts, but Edmund's boundless energy kept things gaining until Government orders of the Civil War pushed the plant to capacity.

In 1860 he contracted a severe cold, followed by a lung hemorrhage. He was obliged to rally from his sick bed to attend his father's funeral. His condition was so critical that it may have hastened his father's demise. While still a convalescent he was obliged as the eldest son to take over all of his late father's responsibilities. He became an Executor of the estate with brothers Lewis L. and Herman but to distribute the duties Lewis L. resigned to handle the lumber business, Edmund withdrew to look after the woolen interests and Herman was left sole Executor. Then Edmund formed a partnership with his brother Albert T., under the name of Lewis Doster's Sons and rented the textile business from the estate, while Lewis L. rented the lumber plant in the same way. Orders for uniform cloth soon filled the plant to capacity.

On March 22, 1862 the factory was destroyed by the most disastrous fire in the history of Bethlehem. It was estimated to be worth not less than \$60,000, and in addition it contained, because of price advances, more valuable stock than ever before and the inventory was extra large. Among other losses were 10,000 lbs. of wool of choicest selected fleece raised in Washington and Greene Counties. In finished goods the loss included a great amount of cashmeres and woolen yarns, and over 5000 yards of Government goods, for the plant had been on war work for months. Insurance of \$40,500 was recovered and the Executor commenced rebuilding on the same site, but before the new plant was finished, the freshet of 1862 tore it down again. It was then resolved to re-open the old abandoned plant on the Sand Island, which was enlarged and run by steam.

Edmund was distressed as the Civil War advanced that his health barred him from service in the field like that of his friends and relatives. In June 1863 when Gen. Robert

E. Lee invaded Pennsylvania and the government at Harrisburg telegraphed for men he disregarded advice, placed himself at the head of his workmen and was commissioned a 1st Lieutenant and Quartermaster in the 34th Pennsylvania Volunteers, Col. Charles Albright of Mauch Chunk commanding. While serving in this capacity at Reading, Pa., supplying and clothing five regiments, he suffered another attack. He was mustered out on August 24, 1863 and taken home.

By advice of physician he left on October 1, 1863 for a visit to Capt. Oliver Tombler at Wyoming, Minn. and later at St. Paul. With the bracing northern climate, good medical care and hunting and fishing he improved but when winter kept him indoors his worst symptoms returned and early in 1864 he resolved to risk the 1000-mile journey home to die in the bosom of his family. More than half of it was by horse and buggy. Sunday, April 11th, he knew that his hours were limited, arranged his temporal affairs, took affectionate leave of his family and quietly passed away the next day.

Although his years were only 34, Edmund's reputation survives to this day. None had any but a kind word as well as respect and admiration for him. He has been called a business genius, but it resulted directly from his courage, his industry and his rugged personal honesty. He had a sense of humor and a twinkle in his eye, and was never without a funny story. He never purchased any but the finest raw materials and, being trusted, was able to get them. The same virtues made him a successful salesman. He usually drove two horses, of which animal he was a great fancier, in his journeys through the coal regions of Pennsylvania. He knew his business thoroughly but in later years delegated the manufacturing to his younger brothers and others. He was 5 feet, 7 inches tall, broad-shouldered and inclined to some weight. During his excellent health up to 1860 he had a ruddy complexion. In later years as travelling grew irksome and dangerous to his condition, he maintained a city office at 61 N. Third St., Philadelphia. He left his property to his firm, in trust for his brothers and sisters. He had never married.

From 1860 to 1864 Edmund was the acting father of the family and so much the master spirit of the family business that as soon as he died it began to languish and it finally came to an end in 1869. He is buried in the Old Moravian Burying Ground, Bethlehem, Pa.

LEWIS LEBRECHT DOSTER, 1831-1893

Second son of Lewis Doster, 1796-1860, and Pauline Louise Eggert, was born Jan. 8, 1831, on the same day of the month as his paternal grandmother Magdalena Keppler and as his later brother William Emil Doster, in his parents' first home in a stone house on the north side of Water Street, Bethlehem, Pa. adjoining what was then the site of the fulling-and-dyeing mill of the Moravian Society supervised by his father.

He had a love and a talent for anything connected with wood and lumber and his entire life from boyhood to later years was devoted with measurable success to that field.

He was educated in the Moravian School at Bethlehem, learned the carpenter and cabinetmaking trade under Reuben O. Luckenbach of Bethlehem and later mastered also the turning trade under William Winsch of Coopersburg, Pa.

In 1850 his father, who had purchased several enterprises from the Moravian Society and established them on Sand Island at Bethlehem, had prospered sufficiently to move

his large woolen business to a new plant at another site; and turned the entire Sand Island property over to the field of lumber. He enlarged the saw mill, installed new machines for lumber of every kind and built a sash factory, for which he purchased the logs at Easton, Pa. He set this business up as a separate unit and leased it to a partnership composed of Lewis L. Doster and John Schilling, a stepson of his sister Margaret in Württemberg. The partnership was later dissolved but Lewis L. had a flair for lumber and continued the establishment alone through good times and bad.

In the division of his father's estate in 1860, he first rented and ultimately inherited the entire lumber business as his share. During this period he became a substantial citizen, occupying positions of importance, Trustee of the Moravian Congregation, member of Town Council of Bethlehem, director in Farmers and Mechanics (later First National) Bank of Easton, and other responsible posts.

In the year 1862, a disastrous one in this family, when fire destroyed the large new plant of the family woolen business, the same ruinous flood of the Lehigh River which tore down the partly re-built woolen mill also caused him a serious loss, when his age was only 31, in his lumber business. The estimate of losses in the *Friedensbote* (3-County newspaper) of June 18, 1862 included: Lewis L. Doster, \$8,000.

He was married on October 4, 1856, at the age of 25, to Miss Emma Augusta Luckenbach, born April 2, 1835, daughter of Jacob Luckenbach and sister of David O., Andrew and Jacob Luckenbach, Jr. and of Tillie Luckenbach Knauss. Four children were born to them in Bethlehem; Edgar Jan. 18, 1858, Herbert, Feb. 1, 1860; Robert, Feb. 23, 1862; and Minnie, April 21, 1864.

In 1865 he moved to Philadelphia and engaged in the lumber business there in partnership with S. Warner Young. He lived on South Broad Street, at 1955 Camac street and later at Ridley Park, a suburb. 3 more children were born here: Ella Augusta, July 15, 1866; Lewis, Feb. 5, 1869 and Anna Estella, May 5, 1877.

In 1870 he extended his lumber operations to Glen Union, Clinton County, Pa. His son Lewis Doster III was his right-hand man in the lumber business, was known all over the country in that field and was for years Secretary of the American Lumbermen's Association.

Lewis L. Doster died at Philadelphia March 15, 1893, aged 62. He is buried in Nisky Hill Cemetery, Bethlehem, Pa., in a plot standing in the name of Lewis Doster, Jr.

HERMAN AUGUSTUS DOSTER, 1833-1927

Third son of Lewis Doster, 1796-1860, and Pauline Louise Eggert, was born Feb. 27, 1833 in his parents' first home in a stone house on the north side of Water Street, Bethlehem, Pa., adjoining what was then the site of the fulling-and-dyeing mill of the Moravian Society supervised by his father.

After being educated at the Moravian School at Bethlehem, he learned the cabinet-making trade, along with his brother Lewis L. Doster, under Reuben O. Luckenbach of Bethlehem but did not follow that business thereafter.

For some years he engaged as a bookkeeper and in other manufacturing positions under his brother Lewis L. Doster in the Moravian Saw Mill, and under his brother

Edmund Doster in The Moravian Woolen Mills, both of which had been expanded by his father and put in charge of the older brothers.

About 1856 he invented and perfected a successful cornhusking machine, of which we have a description, but in seeking a patent he found that several other applicants had slightly preceded him on virtually the same design, and he went no further with it.

From 1860 to 1864 he served as Executor of the diverse estate of his father, which had been renting the enterprises to the older sons, and farms, dwellings and other properties to various people.

In 1864 he was largely instrumental, with his brother William Emil Doster and others, in obtaining a charter for the New Street Bridge Co. of Bethlehem, supervised the erection of the structure over the Lehigh River, Monocacy Creek and Lehigh Canal and passing through 2 counties, and remained Secretary and Treasurer of the corporation for 63 years until his death in 1927.

In May 1864 he was married to Miss Emily Detwiller, born Jan. 24, 1846 at Friedensville, Pa., daughter of Dr. Charles H. Detwiller and granddaughter of Jacob Correl, a pioneer in the zinc business, and of Dr. Henry Detwiller of Easton; the latter a famous man, who came from Switzerland with the eminent Dr. Hahnemann and is sometimes called the first homeopath in America. They were married at the home of Mr. Correl in Friedensville, Pa. and spent their honeymoon in Washington, D. C.

From 1868 to 1881 Herman entered the slate business, during the heyday of that industry, as superintendent of the True Blue Quarry, near Bangor, Pa., and also looked after his wife's interests which were considerable.

During his whole life he was a respected man and entrusted with positions of confidential nature: member of the Board of Almoners of the Moravian Church many years, Trustee of Nazareth Hall Military Academy, Trustee of the Moravian Widows' Society, Treasurer of Bethlehem Water Dept., Treasurer of Borough of Bethlehem, and an officer of other Moravian organizations. For years he had charge, with Charles Eggert, Sr., of the famous decorations of the Moravian Church at Bethlehem.

Herman Doster was quiet by nature in his later years, but had a good sense of humor, in fact his brothers referred to his boyhood letters as "merry". He was a great walker almost to the year of his death, which accounted for his hale complexion and iron constitution; when past 90 and practically without eyesight he still insisted on being conducted on walks of 3 or 4 miles. He wore a flourishing beard, which with the clerical collar and vest of his regular garb (nobody knows why) made him an unforgettable figure. He had a kindly personality, as did his wife Emily, and both were widely beloved and mourned.

He had 3 children: Charles Detwiller Doster, Feb. 9, 1866; Pauline Detwiller Doster, Dec. 11, 1867; and Elizabeth Detwiller Doster, Sept. 9, 1869. He died at his home, 60 Ea. Church St., Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 11, 1927, at the age of 94, and is buried in Nisky Hill Cemetery there.

ALBERT THEODORE DOSTER, 1835-1912

Born March 25, 1835, sixth son and fourth of the sons that survived infancy, of Lewis Doster, 1796-1860 and his wife Pauline Louise Eggert, at the first home of his parents in a stone house on the North side of Water Street, Bethlehem, Pa. adjoining

what was then the site of the fulling-and-dyeing mill of the Moravian Society, operated by his father.

He got his education in the Moravian School at Bethlehem under the tutelage of Matthew Christ and Rev. Francis Wolle. Leaving school, he was sent to Philadelphia to learn the trade of master dyer, like his father before him.

After 1850, when his father erected his modern textile mill, The Moravian Woolen Mills, Albert was employed in it in various capacities, his elder brother Edmund being in charge. When his father died in 1860 and Albert was 25 years old, he formed a partnership with brother Edmund, called Lewis Doster's Sons, and rented the woolen business from his father's estate.

He suffered an unbelievable succession of misfortunes; in 1862 the practically new plant was totally destroyed by fire; in the same year the rebuilt mill was again torn apart by a record flood of the Lehigh River; the brothers then refitted the abandoned and older woolen mill buildings adjoining the Moravian Saw Mill operated by brother Lewis L. Doster on Sand Island, Bethlehem; in 1863 Edmund felt it his duty to enter the Army Quartermaster Department, leaving young Albert to carry on; Edmund's illness was so aggravated that in 1864 he died; and in the troublesome years and chaotic business conditions following the Civil War the younger brothers were unequal, as were many business men at the time, to handle the discouraging task without the genius and greater experience of Edmund; so that in 1869 the enterprise finally came to an end.

Albert T. Doster was married in November 1862 to Mary Hannah Harris, born August 10, 1846, daughter of Abraham Ezra Harris of Summit Hill, Carbon County, Pa.

In 1870 he became an officer of Bethlehem Brownstone Co., engaged in the business of quarrying limestone. Later he was a salesman and for about 25 years he conducted the business of the Black Diamond Coal Co. as Manager. About a year before his death he retired from ill health.

He was a lifelong Moravian, had been a member of West Bethlehem Town Council and had also served as a Justice of the Peace.

He had five children, all of whom survived him as did his widow: Clara Louise, b. 1863; Mary Isabelle, b. Mar. 16, 1864; Ezra Abraham, b. Sept. 19, 1866, who married Sallie Elizabeth Romig; Cora Elizabeth, b. 1868, died about 1913, married Rev. (now Bishop) W. Vivian Moses; and Modesta Helene, b. 1882, married Myles Standish Smith, a direct descendant of Myles Standish.

He died on Sunday, Jan. 14, 1912 at his home, 605 W. Market St., Bethlehem, Pa., aged 76 years, 9 months and 20 days. He is buried in Nisky Hill Cemetery in Bethlehem.

Ezra Abraham Doster, only son of Albert T., now retired, has spent his business life in charge of the printing plant of Times Publishing Co., Bethlehem. He is also an accomplished musician, on the flute and piccolo, and has played in many orchestras.

Albert Stephen Doster, son of Ezra A., is an official in the Treasurer's Dept. of Bethlehem Steel Co. He lives at 2101 Eaton Avenue, Bethlehem, Pa. He inherits his musical talent and is sometimes called the best string-bass player in the Lehigh Valley, having played in the Philadelphia Orchestra and other exacting roles.

GEN. WILLIAM E. DOSTER, 1837-1919

Born at Bethlehem, Pa. January 8, 1837, the year of Queen Victoria's accession to the British throne; died at Bethlehem July 2, 1919, aged 82.

He was the seventh son of Lewis Doster, 1796-1860, and his wife Pauline Louise Eggert and was born in his parents' first home in a stone house on the north side of Water Street, Bethlehem, adjoining what was then the site of the dyeing-and-fulling mill of the Moravian Society where his father was the manager. When he was 7 weeks old his parents moved to their new homestead near Nisky Hill, Bethlehem, connected by a foot-bridge to the Moravian Saw Mill which his father Lewis soon purchased.

At the age of 5 he attended the Infant School of Miss Weiss at Bethlehem, and later the Moravian Day School there. During most of 1851 when he was 14 he was afflicted with "rheumatism" (it may have been a sacro-iliac sprain) and took water treatments at Dr. Oppelt's Hydropathic Institute, Bethlehem, a well-known institution at the time, where he met so many cultured people from other sections that he resolved on an elaborate education. He entered Bleck's School (afterwards called the Bethlehem Institute and many years later the Bethlehem Preparatory School) and was prepared for college by the principal, Prof. Benjamin Van Kirk. He graduated from Yale College in 1857, winning a Dissertation and the Linonian Valedictory; attended Yale Law School until January of 1858; entered Dane Law School of Harvard University and graduated L.L.B. in 1859; and from 1859 to 1860 studied civil law at the University of Heidelberg and the Code Napoleon at Paris. During this period he visited Heilbronn and Niederhofen in nearby Württemberg, seeking the records of his forefathers which are included in this book. His father died during his absence from America, and in November 1860 he returned, reading law in the office of S. Van Sant, Mercantile Library, Philadelphia.

When the Civil War broke out he recruited a troop of cavalry in Charmann's Rangers, which was declined by the Government because there had been no call for such troops and it was turned over to Col. Baker's infantry regiment. After the Battle of Bull Run the situation changed and he raised another troop so rapidly, outfitting it and drilling it in a camp on Sand Island, Bethlehem, that on August 15, 1861 it was mustered 116 strong as A Company of Harlan's Light Cavalry, and in September it was transferred to the 4th Pennsylvania Cavalry, W. E. Doster, Captain. Oct. 18, 1861 he was promoted to Major and in November commanded the mounted bodyguard of General Keyes of the Infantry. In February 1862 he was placed in command of the mounted provost guard of Washington City, and in March 1862 when Gen. James S. Wadsworth became Military Governor of the District, Maj. Doster was made Provost Marshal of Washington, in command of one cavalry and four infantry regiments and the Chesapeake Flotilla under Commodore Harwood. In October 1862 he was promoted to Lieut. Colonel. In February 1863 he was granted permission to rejoin his regiment in the field and led it through the Chancellorsville and Gettysburg campaigns, had his horse shot under him at Ely's Ford, and was taken prisoner briefly at Upperville but escaped. At Gettysburg he was attached to Gen. Meade's Headquarters in several engagements and was ordered into the cavalry pursuit of Gen. Robert E. Lee in his famous retreat. He was also in the campaign of Fredericksburg, at times commanded the 2d Brigade of the 2d Division, Cavalry Corps

and served variously in commands under Generals Gregg, Kilpatrick, Stoneman, Averill, Pleasanton and others.

At Amissville, Virginia, on the Rappahannock he contracted typhoid fever and resigned his commission in October, 1863. He was appointed Colonel of the 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry but declined the commission. Later President Lincoln commissioned him Brigadier General by brevet, for which he had been recommended in 1863.

In 1864 he was admitted to the Bar at Easton, Pa., and set up a law office at Washington, D. C. During the Conspiracy Trial following the assassination of President Lincoln in 1865 he was appointed by Judge Advocate Generals Holt and Bingham to defend two of the several defendants, Payne and Atzerodt. At close of the War he returned to Northampton County, Pa., resuming the practice of law there, and in 1867 became Registrar in Bankruptcy in the 11th Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

On August 15, 1867 he was married at Easton, Pa. to Miss Evelyn Augusta Depew, daughter of Edward A. and Kate Depew of Easton. They had 3 children, Edward Depew Doster, William Emil Doster, Jr. and Marguerite Doster, all of whom have died. In 1870 he built a large house in Bethlehem on land inherited from his father, and moved there.

He practised law in Northampton County for 55 years, declining several opportunities for judgeships and acting as counsel for important interests such as the Moravian Church, Lehigh University, Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co., Lehigh & Susquehanna Railroad, Philadelphia & Reading Railway and prominent families connected with these and the Lehigh Valley Railroad. He was a lifelong friend and counsel of John Fritz, "The Ironmaster", in the affairs of the old Bethlehem Iron Company, and when Bethlehem Steel Company was formed by the late Charles M. Schwab he singlehandedly prepared the title abstracts on which were founded the original purchase-money bonds.

For years he was chairman of the Republican Committee of Northampton County, Pa. He was solicitor for the boroughs of Bethlehem and South Bethlehem. 7 students who read law in his office became successful attorneys. In 1866 with D. J. Godschalk he founded the *Bethlehem Daily Times*. He was active in many directions and at his death was President of the Lehigh Valley National Bank of Bethlehem.

In 1864 he obtained, with his brother Herman A. Doster, a charter for the New Street Bridge Company of Bethlehem, remaining President from its original construction until his death. At one time or another he was a large stockholder or director in all the Bethlehem bridges.

On June 28, 1888 he was married at New York City to Miss Ruth Porter, who was born October 8, 1869 at Manhattanville, N. Y. and died in New York City July 25, 1917, daughter of Gen. Josiah Porter (attorney, Harvard University, son of Zachariah B. Porter) and Caroline Rice (daughter of Hamilcar W. Rice) of Cambridge, Mass. Her father became Adjutant-General of the State of New York and is sometimes known as the father of the New York National Guard. She was educated in schools in Switzerland and France, spent some time at the Royal Court of Rumania, was an accomplished musician, occasionally appeared as piano soloist (not professionally) with symphony orchestras, and founded the original Bach Choir at Bethlehem which later had many counterparts through the country. 4 children were born to this marriage, Wadsworth Doster,

Alexis Doster, Dorothy Doster and Beatrice Doster, all of whom are living and have children. Their mother is buried, with her parents and her sister, in Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Mass.

Gen. Doster had a great love of farms, accumulating a number surrounding Bethlehem, some of which became valuable as the city grew. It was his custom, retaining his cavalry habits, to ride horseback to these properties and he was so well-known in the adjacent countryside that when Bethlehem Steel Co. decided to double its (then) size and erect its new Saucon Plant, Gen. Doster was commissioned to secure options on the real estate, and did so. In christening his farms he avoided his own name but introduced historical titles from William Penn and elsewhere, some of which remain to this day in Bethlehem streets, corporations, bridges and suburbs—Melrose, Fermor, Stoke Park, Upland, Nethercourt, Minsi Trail, Eaton, St. Giles, Dorset, Oxford, Pembroke, and others.

All his life he was a student of the classics, he could speak, read and write fluently in French, German, Spanish and even Italian, he collected a large personal library in addition to his law library and he devoted every summer of his life to extensive travels abroad. The only years not devoted to European trips were those when he went to Mexico or Canada or the West Indies. From boyhood, when he had excellent tutelage and made quite fair pencil sketches and even portraits, he was interested in art, sketching in water colors anything that caught his fancy in his travels. He developed an interest in tapestries and his collection from many countries was one of the largest in private galleries.

He was a lifelong Moravian, Republican, member of Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity and had many club memberships. His portrait hangs in the Northampton County Courthouse at Easton, Pa. He was a lecturer at Lehigh University and was widely sought as a speaker. His book, *Lincoln and Episodes of the Civil War*, (G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1916), is now out of print but on file in many libraries and in most collections of Lincolniana because Gen. Doster had personal contacts with the late President and during his Provost Marshal service received many scribbled messages with the signature "A. Lincoln". The book has been quoted by eminent Lincoln historians including Carl Sandburg.

Gen. Doster died July 2, 1919 and was buried from his home, 51 Lehigh St., Bethlehem, in Nisky Hill Cemetery at Bethlehem.

His name appears on the monument of his regiment on the battlefield at Gettysburg, Pa. near the large Pennsylvania Monument and not far from the spot of his assignment to Gen. Meade's Headquarters, inscribed "4th Pennsylvania Cavalry, 3d Brigade, Cavalry Corps, 2d Division, Army of the Potomac". Likewise on a bronze tablet on the Pennsylvania Monument, heading the complete roll of regimental personnel.

HENRY EDWARD DOSTER, 1844-1887

Son of Lewis Doster 1796-1860 and his wife Pauline Louise Eggert. Born July 13, 1844 in the large masonry homestead of his parents near Nisky Hill, Bethlehem, Pa. adjoining his father's lumber and woolen enterprises on Sand Island, and connected to them by footbridges over the Lehigh Canal and Monocacy Creek.

There were six sons of Lewis Doster who survived infancy: Edmund 1829, Lewis L. 1831, Herman 1833, Albert 1835, Emil 1837 and Henry 1844. The latter was therefore the youngest, with a considerable spread of years between his brothers and himself.

In childhood he attended the Moravian School at Bethlehem, and when his parents decided to send him to boarding school he finished his education at Beck's Academy for Boys, Lititz, Pa., graduating about 17 years of age.

In 1861 he went to work in the Moravian Woolen Mills founded by his late father and operated by his older brothers, but only a year later when but 18 he enlisted in the Civil War at Bethlehem, joining Company C, 129th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, Capt. J. K. Taylor commanding (after whom the Bethlehem G. A. R. Post was later named) for a period of 9 months. In November of 1862, after the Battle of Antietam, he was taken sick at Harper's Ferry, either as a result of a wound or from strain and exposure and was sent to a hospital at Philadelphia. Thereafter by order of General Halleck he was detailed, while his regiment was at Bolivar Heights, to the Provost Marshal's office at Washington, D. C., then in command of his older brother (Lieut. Col.) W. E. Doster, and served there to the end of his term.

Returning to Bethlehem, he opened a grocery business and conducted it for some years with his brother-in-law George L. Baum who had married his sister Louisa. He later held several positions with the old Bethlehem Iron Company.

He was married on Jan. 10, 1871 to Miss Mary Mahala Ripple, daughter of Cyrus Ripple of Hyde Park and a sister of Col. Ezra A. Ripple, Mayor of Scranton, Pa. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Edmund DeSchweinitz in the Moravian Church at Bethlehem.

The young people set up housekeeping in Bethlehem until October 12, 1882 when Henry accepted a position as auditor with Connel & Co., coal shippers and miners, of Scranton, and moved his family there.

Four children were born at Bethlehem: Clarence Hoyt 1872 who died at the age of 9, of infantile paralysis, Frederick Ripple 1875 who also died at the age of 9 shortly after the family moved to Scranton, Joy Elizabeth 1878 and Mary Hoyt (May) 1881. Two children were born at Scranton, Bess Pauline 1885 who married Welton R. Kinney, and Henry Edward, Jr. 1887 who married May Davies.

Henry Edward Doster died at Scranton on Feb. 23, 1887, aged only 43. Since two sons had died previously, and he himself was cut down at this early age, in fact his death even preceded the birth of his youngest son by some months, great sadness and hardships faced his widow and the surviving children, but with the aid of her brother Ezra H. Ripple who was practically a father to the children for some years they have overcome their obstacles and today are well known and held in esteem and affection in Scranton.

Henry Edward Doster is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Scranton, Pa.

His son Henry Edward Doster, Jr. lives at Forty Fort, Luzerne County, Pa. and is an inspector of the Bell Telephone Co. at Wilkesbarre, Pa. His grandson Lawrence Howell Doster became a corporal in 1943 in 78th Cav. Rcn. Troop, U. S. Army, Camp Butner, N. C. and in 1945 took part in the fiercest fighting in Germany. Mary Hoyt Doster (May) has served many years as an official of the U. S. Post Office at Scranton and has hosts of friends. Her sister Joy Elizabeth Doster keeps house for the two at 1730

Monroe Avenue, Dunmore, Scranton, Pa. Bess Pauline Doster is married to Welton R. Kinney and resides at Rush, Pa. and Clearwater, Fla.

WADSWORTH DOSTER

Editor of this book, son of Gen. W. E. Doster, 1837-1919, and his wife Ruth Porter, was born at Bethlehem, Pa. May 7, 1889. He received his education at the Moravian School in Bethlehem, Moravian College, Yale College and University of Pennsylvania Law School. He served briefly in World War I and was commissioned a 2d Lieutenant of Field Artillery. He spent many years in the manufacture of rolling mill machinery and was successively Treasurer, The Torrington Mfg. Co., Torrington, Conn., Vice-President, Sundh Engineering & Machine Co., Philadelphia, Pa., Manager, The Blake & Johnson Co., Waterbury, Conn., Asst. Sales Mgr., Mackintosh Hemphill Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. and Sales Mgr., United Engineering & Foundry Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. On June 19, 1915 he was married at Trinity Episcopal Church, Torrington, Conn. to Miss Alice Mason Turner, a graduate of Miss Bennett's School, Millbrook, N. Y., daughter of Luther Guiteau Turner of Torrington and formerly of New London, Conn. and his wife Mary L. Stearns, formerly of Brooklyn, N. Y. They had one daughter Dorothy Turner Doster who graduated from the Madeira School and Smith College, and is married to John Sharp Ferguson of Middlebury, Conn., employed by Colonial Trust Co., Waterbury, Conn., now Staff Sergeant in a bomber squadron of the 8th Air Force; and one grandson, William Wadsworth Ferguson. In 1934 he joined a firm of investment counsel with offices at 90 Broad St., New York City. In 1931 he was appointed successor trustee of his father's estate and in the course of straightening business affairs of the family it was a logical step to put the genealogical records in order, which led to a meeting with the family of the late Mrs. Ben Hill Doster of Washington, D. C. and receiving permission to carry to reality her ambitions on the history of the Doster family, to which she had devoted years of preliminary work. The combination of her notes with the editor's own collection and those of other people (and fortunately there was little overlapping), after her work had been halted by death, has resulted in a larger and more complete record than anyone had conceived. The editor has several hobbies, one of which is the composing of popular music. He is the author of a Yale football march, "Old Eli", and also published a patriotic number, "First Call". The family home is at 151 Middlebury Road, Watertown, Conn.

ALEXIS DOSTER

Son of Gen. W. E. Doster, 1837-1919, and his wife Ruth Porter, was born at Bethlehem, Pa. on July 17, 1890. He was baptized in the Moravian Church and one of his sponsors was John Fritz, often called the founder of Bethlehem Steel Co. Educated at The Moravian School, Bethlehem and Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa. where he had many activities including all athletic teams and varsity football (quarterback). Spent 3 years in U. S. Navy, Petty Officer, 1st Class. World War I, 1st Lieutenant, A. E. F., assigned as pilot to H. Q., 2d American Corps, later with 22d Wing, Royal Air Force until end of war, participated in offensives of Amiens, Cambrai, Dickebusch Sector, Guillemont Farm, Hindenburg Line, LaSelle River, Le Catelet, Montdidier, Noyon,

Somme, Ypres and Lys. Received citation. Has been Asst. Treas. Union Hardware Co., Torrington, Conn.; Vice Pres. and Secy., The Torrington Mfg. Co., Torrington, Conn.; Director in National Screw Machine Products Assn.; Oil Burner Institute, Chairman Accessory Manufacturers' Div.; Industrial Advertising & Marketing Council, Director New England Div.; Oil-Heat Institute of America, Director and member Executive Committee; President, Litchfield Country Club; Secretary, Litchfield Horse Show Assn.; and active in other directions. On July 7, 1917 at Litchfield, Conn. he was married to Cecil Cunningham, daughter of Seymour Cunningham and his wife Stephanie Whitney, in St. Michael's Episcopal Church. Their children were Alexis Doster, Jr., who lost his life as a 1st Lieutenant in World War II (see separate sketch); David Cunningham Doster who was educated at Springhill School, Litchfield and Avon Old Farms School at Avon, Conn. and became a pilot in the Royal Air Force in World War II; and Stephanie Doster who attended Fox Hollow School, Lenox, Mass. and Pine Manor Junior College, Wellesley, Mass. Address of Alexis Doster, Litchfield, Conn.

ALEXIS DOSTER, JR.

Son of Alexis Doster and his wife Cecil Cunningham of Litchfield, Connecticut, was born April 30, 1918 at New York City. He received his education first at schools in Paris, France and later at Fay School, Southborough, Mass., Avon Old Farms School, Avon, Conn. and in special courses at Columbia University. During the latter he met Miss Barbara Benson, who had attended St. Margaret's School previously, and to whom he was later married, daughter of Reynolds and Sally Benson of New York City, the latter assistant book reviewer of *The New Yorker* magazine and author of the book, play and radio program *Junior Miss*. From earliest boyhood he evinced an aptitude for arms and ammunition which he followed in a serious way throughout his life. He was constantly engaged in research, made a study of ballistics, accumulated collections of weapons and became a firearms expert, doing experimental work at Colt's Patent Fire Arms Co., Hartford, Conn. and elsewhere. He designed a unique trigger mechanism and is also the inventor of a pack harness for paratroop packs, both in use today and so highly prized that details are not disclosed. A few years ago he made an extensive trip, on his own, all over Europe and the Middle East, acquiring languages and information in his chosen field. He could think and write lucidly, did journalistic work and had acquaintance with prominent newspaper correspondents everywhere. He was a born soldier and may have inherited his traits—his father had a long career as an aviator in World War I, one of his forbears was a General in the Civil War and another was an artillery Captain in the Union Army who later became Adjutant General of the New York National Guard. In 1940 he enlisted in the 101st Cavalry, Squadron A, New York National Guard and was inducted into the regular Army with it early in 1941 as a mechanized unit, mastered every gear and bolt and nut in it, received the Good Conduct Medal, took a series of medals for marksmanship, also a medal for passing through every grade of rank, was summoned for duty with the Office of Strategic Service in Washington, won a commission as 2d Lieutenant, was sent to the Paratroop School at Fort Benning, Ga., promoted to 1st Lieut., awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, played an important part in experi-

ments at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, and commanded a special Paratroop Battalion in several missions over enemy territory. On one of these in the Middle East area he contracted an ailment designated by the War Dept. as poliomyelitis and although immediately flown to Egypt, he died within a few days, Oct. 1, 1943. He was buried with full military honors in the American Cemetery at Heliopolis, a suburb of Cairo, Egypt. During the ceremony, which was attended by high ranking officers of the U. S. Army and Navy, as well as the British Royal Air Force, a Spitfire plane patrolled overhead as a tribute to his contribution to aviation. The commandant of the R.A.F. airborne troops was quoted as saying, "In our business Lieut. Doster was a great man". High tribute was paid to him in letters which his parents received from officers of the Army and Navy, including General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff and General (Fighting Bill) Donovan, who was his commanding officer. He had been recommended for the rank of Captain shortly before his death.

His most publicized exploit was his part in, and personally volunteering for, tests of a device which made him the first man ever picked up from the ground by an airplane in full flight. The accomplishment has been valued by Army authorities, who withheld information for a long time. In December, 1944 it was described at length in *The New York Times*, *New York Herald-Tribune*, *Time Magazine*, *The March Of Time*, several newsreels, *Collier's* and elsewhere, and in an illustrated article "Human Pickup" by Paul Gallico in *The Saturday Evening Post* of December 23, 1944.

The newsreel released by the Army shows in slow motion the picking up from the ground of Lieut. Doster by a plane at a speed of 125 miles per hour and subsequently by a twin-motored Army bomber at high speed.

From *The New York Times*, Dec. 20, 1944:

The first human pickup was accomplished on Sept. 5, 1943, and there have been three since. The technique is an adaptation of the original air-mail pick-up system. The human subject wears a special harness to which a nylon loop is attached. The subject huddles on the ground between two poles which fall away when the low-flying plane makes contact. The plane is equipped with a reel containing 185 feet of half-inch nylon rope. A hook at the free end of the rope is held by a release mechanism at the end of a long wooden guide pole. The first experiments were conducted with weighted dummies and containers, and later with sheep. The first "guinea pig" was 1st Lieut. Alexis Doster, a paratrooper. Protected by heavy clothing and a crash helmet he was lifted off the ground, trailed a few minutes and then pulled into a Stinson monoplane piloted by Capt. Norman Rintoul, a veteran air-mail pickup pilot.

From *The Saturday Evening Post*, by permission:

Many a stranded flyer will live to bless brave Alex Doster and the gadgeteers of Wright Field, who found a way to snatch him back from death. Posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the highest decoration within the power of the Air Forces to bestow, he was the victim of an ironic tragedy. For the young paratrooper who came safely through one of the most dangerous experiments ever

made, contracted polio many months later, and died of it. If the men at Wright Field had had their way, Alex Doster, Jr. would have received the Medal of Honor, for to them he was and always will be one of the bravest men in the whole Army. The first sheep on which the experiment was conducted was killed. The harness twisted and the rope strangled it. Doster, however, remained cool, unfrightened and unconvinced. The next candidate had a fine ride. The next experiment they tried was trailing Doster at the end of a rope out of the airplane. Swinging at the end of the rope didn't bother Doster but when he signalled to be hauled back into the plane a hitch developed in the harness which put the boy in immediate and shocking peril of his life. A pole hung down from the plane and when Doster reached that pole he went up it and into the plane, hand over hand. The faulty harness was corrected and the next day Doster was trailed again. The final trial saw as tense and nervous a group of men as ever gathered on one spot come to the proving ground, with the sole exception of Alex Doster, who had got there early and was curled up on the ground fast asleep when the others arrived. And then—it worked. A roaring engine, the diving flash of a plane, a figure leaping smoothly and effortlessly into the air and it was all over. . . . Enshrined in the heart of every man who flies will be the name and memory of that first boy, that kid with the body of leather and steel, and the great heart and courage of the fearless pioneer, Paratroop Lt. Alex Doster, DFC.

He is survived by his wife and one son, Alexis Doster III. Their permanent address is Litchfield, Conn.

BRANCH NO. 6-A—THE EGGERT FAMILY

Ancesters and relatives of PAULINE LOUISE EGGERT, 1808-1879, who married Lewis Doster, 1796-1860, of Branch No. 6.

- I. Christian Eggert, b. Ap. 14, 1714, The Ukkermark, Ger. d. Ap. 15, 1780 Bethlehem, Pa., age 66. On Aug. 25, 1755 m. Maria Appolonia Grosch (b. Sept. 18, 1729 Schönsheim, Palatinate, d. Aug. 17, 1809 Bethlehem, Pa., age 80). Linen weaver and gardener. Plantation manager in Dutch Guiana. 1749 went to Bethlehem, Pa., became cellarer of the Moravian Society. 6 chil.
- A. Christian Eggert II, b. Ap. 7, 1760 Bethlehem, Pa. d. same Oct. 20, 1827, age 67. m. Anna Maria Suess (b. Feb. 12, 1768 Graccham, Md. d. July 30, 1832 Bethlehem, Pa., age 64). Glue mfr. r. Water St., Bethlehem, Pa. 4 chil.
 - i. Benjamin Eggert, b. Aug. 2, 1792 Bethlehem, Pa. d. same July 20, 1860, age 68. On Oct. 25, 1819 m. Eliza Freitag (Daughter of Dr. E. Freitag, b. Sept. 3, 1796, d. Sept. 23, 1882, age 86). Cabinetmaker. On first Board of Bethlehem Town Council. Columbia Band of 97th Penna. Militia. r. Bethlehem, Pa. 6 chil.
 - a. Olivia Cecilia Eggert, b. Ap. 6, 1820 Bethlehem, Pa. d. same Oct. 19, 1820, age 6 mos.
 - b. Adeline Amanda Eggert, b. July 23, 1821 Bethlehem, Pa. d. same June 13, 1867, 46. Voice teacher. m. Matthew Krause (Treas., the Moravian Society). r. Bethlehem, Pa. 2 chil.

1. Samuel J. Krause, b. Feb. 22, 1850 Bethlehem, Pa. d. same. m. Frances E. Luckenbach (b. Feb. 22, 1851). Hardware merchant. r. Bethlehem, Pa. 3 daughters.
 - a. Adeline Krause.
 - b. Margaret Krause.
 - c. Helen Krause.
 2. Mary Elizabeth Krause, b. Ap. 4, 1844 Bethlehem, Pa. m. Granville Henry (of Bolton, near Nazareth, Pa.) 1 daughter.
 - a. Mary Elizabeth Henry.
 - c. Frances Pamela Eggert, b. Mar. 2, 1823 Bethlehem, Pa. d. same Mar. 29, 1892, age 69. Single. r. Sisters' House, Bethlehem, Pa.
 - d. Josiah Oliver Eggert, b. June 20, 1825 Bethlehem, Pa. d. same July 3, 1827, age 2.
 - e. Robert Cornelius Eggert, b. Ap. 25, 1828 Bethlehem, Pa. d. same Ap. 23, 1829, age 1.
 - f. Charles Eggert, b. May 2, 1831 Bethlehem, Pa. d. same 1907, age 76. m. Wilhelmina Eisenhauer (d. Sept. 19, 1901). r. High St., Bethlehem, Pa. 2 chil.
 1. Harry B. Eggert, b. about 1855 Bethlehem, Pa. In 1886 m. Caroline Knauss. Photographer. r. Church St., Bethlehem, Pa. 1 daughter.
 - a. Louise Eggert, b. 1889 Bethlehem, Pa. m. John Clewell.
 2. Fanny Eggert, b. and d. Bethlehem, Pa. Single.
 2. Christian Eggert III, b. Ap. 19, 1795 Bethlehem, Pa. d. Aug. 15, 1879 Williamsville, near Buffalo, N. Y. On Mar. 2, 1818 m. Ann Berschley (b. Lancaster, Pa.). Left 10 chil. in vicinity of Williamsville, near Buffalo, N. Y.
 3. Anna Appolonia Eggert (Amy), b. Aug. 19, 1801 Bethlehem, Pa. d. same. m. William Woehler. r. Water St., Bethlehem, Pa. No natural chil.
 - a. Louisa Woehler (adopted). m. Zimmerman. r. Hope, Ind.
 4. Eliza (Lizel) Eggert, b. around 1805 Bethlehem, Pa., d. same Jan. 1886. m. Tobias Rothrock. r. Walnut St., Easton, Pa.
- B. Matthew Eggert, b. July 2, 1763 Bethlehem, Pa. d. same Sept. 22, 1831, of dropsy, age 68. In 1802 m. Maria Ruppert (Polly, b. Sept. 3, 1777 Lancaster, Pa. d. Dec. 31, 1854 Bethlehem, Pa., age 77, daught. of Adam Ruppert, Revolutionary soldier, and Anna Johanna Thomas of Branch No. 6-B). Mgr. The Moravian Woolen Mills, officer of many Moravian institutions, Ch. Building Committee of famous Moravian Church at Bethlehem. 4 chil.
1. Samuel Renatus Eggert, b. Ap. 28, 1803 Bethlehem, Pa. d. Feb. 23, 1873 Applebachsville, Bucks Cy., Pa. m. 1st Margueret Grub (b. Oct. 1, 1804, 5 chil.). Name of 2d wife (no chil.) unknown. Nazareth Hall Military Acad. Accountant, penman, musician. Columbia Band of 97th Penna. Militia. Recorder of Deeds, Doylestown, Pa. 5 chil.
 - a. William Wallace Eggert, b. Nov. 12, 1827 Bethlehem, Pa. Went to California.

- b. Robert Bruce Eggert, b. May 18, 1829 Bethlehem, Pa. d. inf.
 - c. Josiah Dennis Eggert, b. May 9, 1831 Bethlehem, Pa. d. inf.
 - d. Francis Thomas Eggert, b. June 7, 1833 Bethlehem, Pa. d. July 5, 1889 Frenchtown, N. J. Dentist.
 - e. Aurora Cynthia Eggert, b. Mar. 13, 1835 Bethlehem, Pa. Reared by Mr. Frederici of Philadelphia. m. Brittain, Telulah, Ill.
2. Sophia Theresa Eggert, b. Mar. 26, 1806 Bethlehem, Pa. d. same Aug. 2, 1872, age 66. m. 1st Weir. m. 2d Sylfis. 4 chil.
- a. Robert Weir. Moved West.
 - b. Mary Weir, d. age 6.
 - c. William Wallace Weir.
 - d. Amanda M. Sylfis, b. Feb. 3, 1836 Mauch Chunk, Pa. m. James Werner. r. Bethlehem, Pa. No chil.
3. PAULINE LOUISE EGGERT, b. Sept. 27, 1808 Bethlehem, Pa. d. same July 5, 1879, age 71. In 1826 m. Lewis Doster (b. 1796 Niederhofen, Württemberg, d. 1860 Bethlehem, Pa., woolen mfr., see sketch, Branch No. 6). r. Bethlehem, Pa. 16 chil., names listed in Branch No. 6.
4. Aurora Cornelia Eggert, b. June 16, 1813 Bethlehem, Pa. d. Aug. 8, 1848, age 35. m. Henry Gabriel (b. May 2, 1814 in the Duchy of Nassau, woolen mfr.). r. Macungie, Pa. 3 chil.
- a. Mary Cornelia Gabriel, b. Feb. 12, 1842. d. in childhood.
 - b. William Henry Gabriel, b. Mar. 27, 1844.
 - c. Ellen Theresa Gabriel, b. Aug. 11, 1846.
- C. Daughter Eggert, b. around 1765 Bethlehem, Pa. d. before 1809.
- D. Son Eggert, b. around 1765 Bethlehem, Pa. d. before 1809.
- E. Son Eggert, b. around 1765 Bethlehem, Pa. d. before 1809.
- F. Son Eggert, b. around 1765 Bethlehem, Pa. d. before 1809.
- G. Mary Eggert, b. July 6, 1768 Bethlehem, Pa. d. same, single.

BRANCH NO. 6-B—THE RUPPERT FAMILY

Ancestors of PAULINE LOUISE EGGERT, 1808-1879, who married Lewis Doster, 1796-1860, of Branch No. 6.

- I. Johann Adam Ruppert, b. around 1725 Kluellingen, Württemberg. Emig. in the ship "*Britannia*" of London, Michael Franklyn, Master, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, arriving Philadelphia Sept. 21, 1731 (269 souls)—see *Colonial Records* III, p. 414, and *30,000 Names of Pennsylvania Immigrants*, p. 70, The Free Library of Philadelphia. Settled at Lancaster, Pa. Only one son known.

- A. Adam Ruppert, b. about 1750 Lancaster, Pa., d. Dec. 6, 1805 Baltimore, Md. m. Anna Johanna Thomas (b. June 13, 1753 Lancaster, Pa., d. same May 11, 1803, age 50, bur. same, daughter of Philip Thomas of Lancaster and niece of Maria Margaret Thomas, b. Ap. 4, 1723 Kluellingen, Württemberg who married Daniel LeCron in 1741 and Peter Ricksecker in 1767. Sister of Francis "Daddy" Thomas of Bethlehem who had no children, and of Philip Thomas, Jr. of Lancaster whose son George made affidavit to these facts). American Revolution, enlisted from Lancaster, Pa., see life sketch of his granddaughter Pauline Louise Eggert who married Lewis Doster of Branch No. 6. Employed in sugar mill, Baltimore, Md. 3 chil.
1. Maria (Polly) Ruppert, b. Sept. 3, 1777 Lancaster, Pa. d. Dec. 31, 1854 Bethlehem, Pa., age 77. In 1802 m. Matthew Eggert (Woolen mfr. and prominent Moravian, Bethlehem, Pa., see Branch No. 6-A). r. in later years Gemein House, Bethlehem, Pa. Custodian of Keys, Moravian Church. 4 chil. listed under name of her husband in Branch No. 6-A, including Pauline Louise Eggert who married Lewis Doster, 1796-1860, Branch No. 6.
 2. Catherine Thomas Ruppert, b. about 1778 Lancaster, Pa. d. same. Single.
 3. Elizabeth Ruppert, b. Aug. 4, 1785 Lancaster, Pa. d. same. m. John Smith (carpenter). r. Lancaster, Pa.

XI: Branches in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Descended from the three sons of JOHN PHILIP DOSTER II, 1765-1829, who was a son of John Philip Doster I (1729-1781), and was ancestor of three branches in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. All from Niederhofen, in Württemberg, an emigration in 1817.

THESE THREE BRANCHES should strictly be treated as one, all being descended from John Philip Doster II, but because each contains a good many names, each has cherished its own family history and each of the three sons of John Philip Doster II had a distinct character and occupation, it is more logical to list them separately.

The three were a part of the same emigration as Branch No. 6, Northampton County, Pennsylvania in 1817, 100 years after the 1717 arrival of Thomas Doster, Emigrant, the first Doster in America. Therefore this sketch is partly a repetition of the general history attached to Branch No. 6. All these branches originated in Niederhofen, Oberamt Brackenheim, Württemberg.

The place is a farming village about 12 miles from Heilbronn, close to the Neckar River. Heilbronn is the commercial center of the district, now an engineering city. Niederhofen is named to distinguish it from Oberhofen (Upper Court), situated on the hill above it, the former seat of a noble family long extinct. The village lies in a narrow valley bordered with meadows fringed with willows. The houses are all built along one street, painted in light tints. When the late Gen. W. E. Doster of Branch No. 6 visited there in 1859 he reported that all the villagers were engaged in agriculture except the preacher, the schoolmaster and the innkeeper. There was one church, Lutheran, and one inn. On a later visit in 1881 no Dosters remained in Niederhofen but some survived in Klein Gardach, Gross Gardach and nearby villages. The native towns of other Doster branches are all within 40 miles and many even nearer.

The record of Branches No. 7, No. 8 and No. 9, along with that of Branch No. 6 of Northampton County, Pa., has been traced farther than any others. But though copied from the books of the Lutheran Church at Niederhofen and authenticated by the pastor, it has not been extended to collateral lines. Its ancestors may have had brothers and sisters with names in the same church books who were forbears of other Doster branches in America, but no copy was made. Until world conditions make these ancient writings available, a final connecting of family links must wait.

The Dosters of these branches lived in Niederhofen for some generations until John Philip Doster I, 1729-1781, who was a prominent figure in his village, apparently well off, and served as Chief Burgess (Schuldheis) for 17 years. We have no record of his

children except his seventh and eighth sons. The seventh son was Dr. Daniel Doster who founded Branch No. 6.

The eighth son of John Philip Doster I was John Philip Doster II, 1765-1829, a farmer whose wife had died in Niederhofen leaving him 3 sons: John Philip Doster III, 1796-1854, head of Branch No. 7; Daniel Doster, 1802-1874, head of Branch No. 8; and Philip Michael Doster (known as Michael), 1804-1885, head of Branch No. 9.

John Philip Doster II, with these three sons, and his brother Dr. Daniel Doster of Branch No. 6, sailed from Amsterdam on July 11, 1817 in the ship *Bambres*. His reasons for leaving the land of his fathers are given in his sketch.

The two brothers separated on arrival. Dr. Daniel Doster settled in Philadelphia. John Philip Doster II proceeded with his three boys (their ages were 21, 15 and 13 at the time) by stage-coach over the route established a century earlier as the Great Road, westward to Lancaster, Pa., already a good-sized town, in the center of one of the richest farming districts in America. He purchased a farm at Middle Creek, Lancaster County, Pa.

Virtually all of his neighbors in that abundant farming country were of Upper Rhine extraction, but mostly Pennsylvania Dutch from the Palatinate. Only a few were from Switzerland or Württemberg.

The three sons followed different vocations and all were successful. Son John Philip Doster III became a prosperous farmer and headed Branch No. 7. Son Daniel Doster established a distillery and headed Branch No. 8. Son Michael Doster became a successful Philadelphia jeweler and headed Branch No. 9.

Branches No. 7, No. 8 and No. 9
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

ANCESTORS OF ALL THREE BRANCHES

MARTIN DOSTER, about 1650-1720

The sole documentation is a Lutheran certificate of birth of his son (below): "Kingdom of Württemberg, Oberamt Brackenheim, Congregation Niederhofen. (1) Martin Doster. Extracted from the Church Books, Niederhofen Evangelical Pastorate, 31 December, 1859. Signed, Elsenhans." The dates of birth and death above are only estimated and may be slightly wrong. We have no record of the father of Martin Doster, nor of any brothers and sisters, and the name of only one son was copied from the records, which probably contain other names to this day.

JOHN VALENTINE DOSTER, 1687-1749

Birth certificate obtained by William Emil Doster in a personal visit: "Kingdom of Württemberg, Oberamt Brackenheim, Congregation Niederhofen. John Valentine Doster (son of Martin), born 1687 and died September 13th, 1749. Married on February 10th, 1711 to Susan, daughter of Hans Stoll of Trüchtelfingen, Oberamt Balingen, died April

3d, 1759. Extracted from the Church Books, Niederhofen Evangelical Pastorate, 31 December, 1859. Signed, Elsenhans." Undoubtedly John Valentine had brothers and sisters. We believe that one was Thomas Doster, Emigrant, about 1695-1748 (see Key Chart, page ix) but the latter could have been a cousin. All we can deduce is that John Valentine Doster married at 24, his married life was 38 years, he lived to the age of 62 and his wife survived him 10 years. He did not emigrate, his death being recorded in Württemberg. In this case also, only one son was copied from the Church Books, leaving the possibility of other names uncopied, which could easily connect branches of descendants in America.

JOHN PHILIP DOSTER I, 1729-1781

Birth certificate obtained by William Emil Doster in a personal visit: "Kingdom of Württemberg, Oberamt Brackenheim, Congregation Niederhofen. John Philip Doster (son of Valentine), born February 24th, 1729; Chief Burgess (Schuldheis) from 1764 to 1781; died January 13th, 1781; married November 26th, 1750 to Rosina, born Maisenhölder, born January 13th, 1732, died Nov. 11th, 1808. Extracted from the Church Books Niederhofen Evangelical Pastorate, 31 December, 1859. Signed, Elsenhans." Thus John Philip Doster I reached the principal station in his town, held it 17 years until his death, he was probably a man of fair means, he was 31 and his wife 28 at the time of their marriage, he was married for 21 years, he died at the age of only 52 on his wife's birthday, his widow survived him by 27 years and died at the age of 76. He did not emigrate but died in Württemberg. From the fact that we have a record of his 7th and 8th sons, we gather that he had at least 8 sons and perhaps some daughters. The only two sons copied from the record were Dr. Daniel Doster, 1763-1830, who became the head of Branch No. 6, and John Philip Doster II, 1765-1828, whose 3 sons headed the branches which we designate as No. 7, No. 8 and No. 9. Accompanying the certificate is a note of William Emil Doster in 1859 that *several brothers* of these two had settled in Klein Gardach (Little Gardach) nearby; and that nobody named Doster survived in Niederhofen in 1859.

The two brothers referred to as seventh and eighth sons were the two who set forth to try their fortunes in the new world, in 1817. One of the circumstances leading to the assumption that their father had comfortable means was that, whereas the earlier emigrants invariably indentured themselves for a period of years after arrival to pay for ocean passage, these two did not. One set up practice as a physician in Philadelphia and the other bought a farm in Lancaster County, Pa.

JOHN PHILIP DOSTER II, 1765-1829

Birth certificate obtained by himself, and taken with him to America: "Niederhofen, 29 April, 1817. Here on January 22, 1765 John Philip Doster was born in lawful wedlock and baptized on the following day. His parents were John Philip Doster, Village Burgess and his wife Rosina, born Maisenhoelder. Sponsors were Philip Thomas Haintz, shepherd in Klein Gardach, Joseph Schilling and Margreth, Daniel Schaefer's wife. That this extract from the Baptismal Book of this place, page 7, is in entire agreement with the same is attested by (signed) M. Schandt, Pastor."

John Philip Doster II also obtained a birth certificate for his 3 sons: "Niederhofen, 29, April, 1817. Children of the above named Johan Philip Doster by his first marriage are the following: 1. Johannes, born January 1st, 1796 and baptized on January 3d, 1796. 2. Daniel, born May 24th, 1802 and baptized on May 26th, 1802. 3. Philip Michael, born Oct. 22d, 1804 and baptized on October 24th, 1804. Sponsors for all three children were: Michael Reumelin, carpenter in Staedtchen, John Keppler, citizen and farmer of Aarch and Christine Hagenbuch, single, of Niederhofen. (Signed) M. Schandt, Pastor."

The first wife of John Philip Doster II was Elizabeth Frederika Haintz, doubtless a relative of the above sponsor Haintz of Klein Gardach, and mother of the above 3 sons. Some time after 1804 she died in Niederhofen.

John Philip Doster II, widowed, sailed from Amsterdam on July 11, 1817 (about 10 weeks after these birth certificates were issued) in the ship *Bambres*, together with his 3 sons, aged 21, 15 and 13, and with his brother Dr. Daniel Doster who founded Branch No. 6 and the latter's son and daughter. The journey is described in a previous chapter, Ocean Voyages. They arrived at the port of Philadelphia early in October of 1817.

The reasons for the emigration, aside from brother Daniel's inability to practise the medical profession at home, were that European conditions were disturbed, taxes were high, times were hard and conscription was the rule. Added to these for John Philip Doster II was his bereavement in the loss of his wife. The brothers had friends who had preceded them to America, and if the theory is correct that Thomas Doster, Emigrant who had crossed in 1717 was their great-uncle, there must have been family talk of the opportunities opened in America ever since the invitations of William Penn.

On arrival in America, the brothers separated. Brother Daniel entered the practice of medicine in Philadelphia, but John Philip Doster II travelled inland with his 3 boys. He took the stage-coach route established a century earlier as the Great Road, westward to Lancaster, Pa., a good-sized town by this time, in the center of one of the most prolific farming counties in America.

He bought a farm at Middle Creek, not far from Lititz and Ephrata, Pa., some 12 miles north of Lancaster, a beautiful section, with soil of unbelievable richness. The region is, in fact, a northern continuation of the famed Shenandoah Valley in which were settled the earliest Doster pioneers of many years before.

At Middle Creek he married a second time but had no more children. His wife's name was Rosina Gruber (Rosena on her headstone), born February 20, 1787, died December 17, 1850. Considerably younger than her husband, she was a woman of small stature but attractive and capable, alert and energetic, devoted to her stepsons, and when she died after surviving her husband by 21 years, she left cash bequests to each of them (Lancaster Cy., Pa., Will Book U, Vol. 1, p. 979, 1850, Rosina Doster, wife of Philip Doster, in German). It is said of her that during her husband's last illness when medicine was urgently needed and the entire countryside was absent at some function, she walked the full 12 miles to Lancaster to return with the doctor and the remedies.

John Philip Doster II died on his farm at Middle Creek Sept. 26, 1829, only 12 years after his arrival in America and only about 7 months before the death of brother Daniel Doster who had come over with him. He was 64 years old, and his boys had reached the ages of 33, 27 and 25. We have no record of his acreage or other assets but he provided

for his widow and, judging by the sons' careers, he evidently left them substantial property. No will was recorded.

Both he and his wife are buried in the Old Cemetery adjoining the historic Middle Creek Meeting House, Lancaster County, Pa. Their graves are marked by aging brown headstones, and his epitaph has his birth date given incorrectly as June 22, 1776, probably from someone's faulty memory, instead of January 22, 1765 as given in the birth certificate of his home church.

It is likely that he joined the Brethren's Church because his wife was affiliated with it.

Sketches of later descendants are given in the pages following, under Branches No. 7, No. 8 and No. 9.

XII: Branch No. 7, Lancaster County, Pa.

Descendants of JOHN PHILIP DOSTER III, 1796-1854, eldest son of John Philip Doster II, (1765-1829). Emigrated from Niederhofen, Württemberg in 1817 and became head of one of the three branches in Lancaster County, Pa.

THE EARLY HISTORY of this branch is narrated with that of branches No. 8 and No. 9 in the preceding introduction to the three Lancaster County Branches, the story of John Philip Doster II and his three sons who emigrated to America in 1817 from Niederhofen, Oberamt Brackenheim, Württemberg and settled on a farm at Middle Creek, near Lititz and Ephrata, Lancaster County, Pa. (See Chapter XI).

John Philip Doster III, the eldest of these sons, remained single until his father's death, and then married into the prominent Royer family, his wife being Nancy Royer, a beloved person, not only in her youth but to the day of her death.

They had only 3 children, two sons and a daughter, but all three had large families and a great many descendants have come down. The majority of the early ones stuck to the heritage of the pioneers, tilling the soil of fertile Lancaster County, with magnificent farms.

Many of later generations have moved to other sections and occupations, but their native grounds are in the vicinity of Lititz, Ephrata, Lincoln, Middle Creek, Springville, Brunnerville and nearby localities of Lancaster County, Pa.

All of the earlier generation are buried in the old cemetery of the historic Middle Creek Meeting House of the Brethren's Church, in Lancaster County, near Lititz.

For possible connection with other branches, see Key Chart, page ix.

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- I. Martin Doster, about 1650-1720, Niederhofen, Brackenheim, Württemberg, Bros. and sisters unknown.
 - A. Thomas Doster, Emigrant, about 1695-1748, believed son of Martin. Sketch in Chapter IV. Ancestor of Branches 1, 2, 3 and 4.
 - B. Unknown Dosters, chil. of Martin, probably ancestors of other branches in America.
 - C. John Valentine Doster, b. Niederhofen 1687, d. same Sept. 13, 1749. On Feb. 10, 1711 m. Susan Stoll, (daught. of Hans Stoll of Truechtelfingen, d. Ap. 3, 1759). See sketch.
 1. Christiana Doster, b. around 1712. No details.
 2. Unknown Dosters, chil. of John Valentine, possibly ancestors of other branches.
 3. John Philip Doster I, b. Feb. 24, 1729 Niederhofen, d. same Jan. 13, 1781. On Nov. 26, 1760 m. Rosina Maisenhoelder (b. Jan. 13, 1732 Niederhofen, d. same Nov. 11, 1808). Chief Burgess of Village. At least 8 chil. See sketch.

- a. to f. Unknown Dosters, chil. of John Philip Doster I, possibly ancestors of other branches in America.
- g. Dr. Daniel Doster, b. Feb. 13, 1763 Niederhofen, d. Ap. 19, 1830 Lancaster, Pa. On Oct. 17, 1786 m. Magdalena Keppler (b. Jan. 18, 1765 Niederhofen, d. same Mar. 11, 1843), Emig. 1817, 7th son of John Philip Doster I and founder of Branch No. 6, Northampton County, Pa. 3 chil.
- h. John Philip Doster II, b. Jan 22, 1765 Niederhofen (headstone marked wrong), d. Sept. 26, 1829 Middle Creek, Lancaster County, Pa., age 64. m. 1st Elizabeth Frederika Haintz (d. Niederhofen between 1804 and 1817). m. 2d Rosina Gruber (b. Feb. 20, 1787, d. Dec. 17, 1850 Middle Creek, Lancaster County, Pa. No chil.). 8th son of John Philip Doster I. Emig. 1817 with 3 sons, with brother Daniel and latter's 2 children. Farmer. See sketch.
1. JOHN PHILIP DOSTER III, 1796-1854, head of Branch No. 7, below.
 2. Daniel Doster, 1802-1874, head of Branch No. 8.
 3. Philip Michael Doster, 1804-1885, head of Branch No. 9.

- i. JOHN PHILIP DOSTER III (from above), b. Jan. 1, 1796 Niederhofen. d. Feb. 18, 1854 Middle Creek, Lancaster County, Pa., age 58. Emig. 1817. In 1829 at Middle Creek m. Anna (Nancy) Royer (b. Nov. 11, 1803, d. Oct. 9, 1891, age 87, daught. of Joseph Royer of Warwick Twp., d. Aug. 7, 1847, and his wife Catharina, d. Nov. 10, 1844). Both bur. Middle Creek. Wealthy farmer. Lincoln P. O., Pa. 3 chil. See sketch.
- a. Joseph Doster, b. Nov. 13, 1830 Middle Creek, d. same Aug. 25, 1910, age 80. Educated at John Beck School. On Oct. 23, 1851 m. Elizabeth Habecker (b. Nov. 25, 1830, d. daught. of David Habecker). Prosperous farmer on 70 acres inher. from father plus additions purchased, 110 acres total, Middle Creek, Lancaster County, Pa. Both bur. Middle Creek. 9 chil. See sketch.
- (1) Ellen H. Doster, b. Feb. 11, 1852 Middle Creek, d. Dec. 6, 1927 near Reading, Pa., age 75. m. Samuel Brubaker (b. Mar. 3, 1846, d. Feb. 22, 1881, age 86, produce dealer). r. Denver, Pa. 4 chil.
- (a) Edmund G. Shirk, Jr. b. Mar. 22, 1881. Married. r. Thorofare, N. J. 4 chil.
- (1) Milton R. Shirk, b. June 5, 1904. 1944 U. S. Army. Married.
 - (2) Edmund G. Shirk III, b. June 20, 1906. 1944 U. S. Army. Married.
 - (3) Joseph E. Shirk, b. Oct. 8, 1909. Married.
 - (4) Grace Shirk, b. Jan. 24, 1916. m. Walker (1944 U. S. Army).
- (b) Mabel Brubaker, b. Feb. 5, 1885, d. May 5, 1937. Single. Librarian at Wyomissing, Reading, Pa.
- (c) John Brubaker, b. Jan. 8, 1884. On Nov. 27, 1919 m. Alice Libson. Auditor. r. 2601 Parkway, Philadelphia, Pa. No chil.
- (d) Joseph Brubaker, b. Dec. 21, 1888. On Dec. 31, 1919 m. Lucile Hodges. AEF, World War I. 2 chil. Emp. in banking. r. Reading, Pa.
- (1) Bettinia Jane Brubaker, b. Feb. 4, 1921. Graduated Kutztown Normal

- School. Teacher at Refton, Pa. On Oct. 13, 1943 at Army Air Base, Great Bend, Kan. m. Sergeant Norman Dresher. r. 427 Eisenbrown Ave., Hyde Crest, Reading, Pa.
- (2) Lois Anne Brubaker, b. May 15, 1922. Married in 1944. r. 427 Eisenbrown Ave., Hyde Crest, Reading, Pa.
- (2) Annie H. Doster, b. Mar. 28, 1854 Middle Creek, d. Jan. 23, 1933, age 79. m. 1st Israel Hess (b. 1853, d. 1877, age 24, 3 chil.). m. 2d Henry Souders (b. 1857, 2 chil.). 5 chil. total.
- (a) Alvin D. Hess, b. July 15, 1875. m. Anna Furlow. Foundry business. r. Manheim, Pa. No chil.
- (b) Joseph Walter Hess, b. Aug. 22, 1876, d. May 5, 1930, age 55. Bookkeeper. r. Trenton, N. J.
- (c) Martha Hess, b. Oct. 21, 1877. On June 2, 1903 m. William B. Buch (b. Sept. 4, 1876, merchant and banker). r. Akron, Ohio. 2 chil.
- (1) Elizabeth Buch, d. inf.
- (2) Anna Mary Buch, b. Oct. 1, 1907. Teacher, Quarryville High School, Lancaster County, Pa. m. Rev. Walter Sinclair.
- (d) Mabel May Souders, b. Ap. 10, 1886. On Nov. 5, 1904 m. Charles Daniel Zell (b. Dec. 12, 1883, accountant). r. Philadelphia, Pa. 2 chil.
- (1) Olga Dorothy Zell, b. 1906. m. McQuise. r. Philadelphia, Pa. 4 chil.
- (2) Marion Elizabeth Zell, b. 1908. Accountant at Smith, Kline & French, Philadelphia, Pa.
- (e) Elizabeth Doster Souders, b. Nov. 15, 1888. On Aug. 19, 1909 m. Dr. Ralph W. Schlosser (Preacher, Church of The Brethren, President Emeritus of Elizabethtown College, well-known lecturer, active in civic and historical societies. Brother of Lemon Schlosser who married her cousin Fannie S. Doster, below). r. Elizabethtown, Pa. 6 chil.
- (1) Ernestine Floy Schlosser, b. June 19, 1910. Teacher in Junior High School. On June 19, 1910 m. Richard O. Hiestand. r. Lititz, Pa. No chil.
- (2) Galen Henry Schlosser, b. Feb. 28, 1912. m. Isabel Osley Jones (of Philadelphia). Registered architect. r. Philadelphia, Pa.
- (a) Barbara Sue Schlosser, b. Aug. 19, 1941.
- (3) Henry Schlosser.
- (4) Mary Elizabeth Schlosser, b. Feb. 19, 1915. d. inf.
- (5) Dr. David Eugene Schlosser, b. Mar. 16, 1917. On Mar. 21, 1943 m. Jennie Ream. Interne, Lancaster General Hospital. No chil.
- (6) Nancy Joan Schlosser, b. June 21, 1925, r. Elizabethtown, Pa. Single.
- (3) Lizzie H. Doster, b. Aug. 17, 1855 Middle Creek, d. same Jan. 5, 1911, age 56. On Sept. 14, 1879 m. Martin H. Miller (b. May 6, 1858, d. 1939, age 81, farmer, Church of the Brethren). r. Lincoln, Pa. 3 chil.

- (a) David Miller, b. Sept. 5, 1889 Lincoln, Pa. m. Lizzie Mohler. Farmer. No chil.
- (b) Harry Miller, b. Dec. 7, 1883, d. Sept. 4, 1886, age 3.
- (c) John D. Miller, b. July 29, 1887, d. Sept. 4, 1887, age 1 month.
- (4) John H. Doster, b. Ap. 8, 1857 Middle Creek, d. Nov. 15, 1921 Ephrata, Pa. age 64. Hotel Clerk. Single. r. Ephrata, Pa.
- (5) Daniel H. Doster, b. Sept. 21, 1859 Middle Creek, d. Jan. 3, 1937 San Fernando, Cal., age 76. On Nov. 2, 1884 m. Susanna Baker (of Kansas, b. Jan. 5, 1866 McKeesport, Pa., d. Aug. 9, 1940 San Fernando, Cal., age 74). Went to California in January, 1894 with wife and 3 chil. Painting contractor. r. San Fernando, Cal. 6 chil. total.
- (a) Joseph Doster, b. July 18, 1885 Sebetha, Kan., d. same July 10, 1886, age 1.
- (b) George Anderson Doster, b. Jan. 31, 1887 Bern, Kansas. On Dec. 6, 1910 m. Ella Hodgeson. City electrician. r. Los Angeles, Cal. No chil.
- (c) Lillian Maye Doster, b. June 24, 1889 Bern, Kan. On Dec. 27, 1910 at San Diego, Cal. m. 1st Dr. Frederick H. dePencier (d. June 29, 1916, physician). On Sept. 1, 1920 m. 2d Sidney G. Waite (d. May 19, 1942, proprietor of furniture store). r. formerly San Fernando, Cal. r. now with sister Verna (below), Los Alamitos, Cal. 1 son.
- (1) Frederick H. dePencier, Jr., b. Sept. 30, 1912 Los Angeles, Cal. 1944 U. S. Army, Alaska.
- (d) Francis Earl Doster, b. June 15, 1893 Bern, Kan. In July 1926 m. Lois Feemster. Mail carrier. r. San Fernando, Cal. 2 chil.
- (1) Virlin Earl Doster, b. Feb. 14, 1929, San Fernando, Cal.
- (2) Darrell Dean Doster, b. Aug. 18, 1932 Burbank, Cal.
- (e) Clarence Eugene Doster, b. Nov. 7, 1895 Chino, Cal. On Sept. 22, 1920 at Albuquerque, N. M. m. Margaret Ryan. U. S. Govt. Agric. Institute (Indians). r. now Fontana, Cal. 1 son.
- (1) Eugene Edward Doster, b. Aug. 7, 1941 Albuquerque, N. M. r. Fontana, Cal.
- (f) Verna Bernice Doster, b. Dec. 6, 1899 in Cal. Steno. Single. r. Los Alamitos, Cal.
- (6) Henry H. Doster, b. July 21, 1861 Middle Creek, d. same Aug. 27, 1891, age 30. On Sept. 10, 1885 m. Katie H. Kurtz (b. Dec. 17, 1863, d. 1932, age 69). Farmer on homestead property of his father. r. Lincoln P. O., Pa. 1 son.
- (a) Harry Reuben Doster, b. Jan. 10, 1892 Middle Creek, posthumous. Mgr. shirt factory. r. Lincoln, Pa. Single.
- (7) Jacob H. Doster, b. June 1, 1864 Middle Creek, d. Mar. 29, 1909, age 45. On Sept. 12, 1886 m. Annie Snyder (b. Aug. 11, 1865, d. July 16, 1939, age 74). Prosperous farmer at Springville, Lancaster County, Pa. Had Bible records. Both bur. Middle Creek, Lancaster County, Pa. 9 chil.

- (a) Mary S. Doster, b. June 20, 1889 Ephrata Twp., Pa. On Sept. 17, 1911 m. Hiram B. Bollinger (farmer, b. July 30, 1890, son of Adam Bollinger). r. Clay Twp., Lancaster County, Pa. 4 chil.
- (r) Anna Elizabeth Bollinger, b. Mar. 2, 1913 Clay Twp., Lancaster County, Pa. On Mar. 19, 1933 m. Irvin Snader. 1 daughter.
- (a) Nancy Lou Snader, b. Mar. 14, 1943.
- (2) John Henry Bollinger, b. May 6, 1916 Clay Twp., Lancaster County, Pa. m. on June 26, 1937 by Elder Harvey B. Markley at Lexington, Pa. to Mary Emma ——— (b. June 27, 1918 Lancaster, Pa.). r. Ephrata, Pa. 1 daughter.
- (a) Hilda Elaine Bollinger, b. Jan. 27, 1940 Ephrata, Pa.
- (3) Hiram B. Bollinger, Jr., b. Mar. 26, 1921 Clay Twp., Lancaster County, Pa. On Aug. 9, 1941 m. Florence D. Zimmerman (b. June 16, 1922). Farmer on homestead of his great grandfather Joseph Doster. r. Lincoln P. O., Pa. 1 daughter.
- (a) Janet Marie Bollinger, b. Ap. 15, 1943.
- (4) Melvin Doster Bollinger, b. Jan. 11, 1927 Clay Twp., Lancaster County, Pa. 1944 U. S. Army, Medical Corps.
- (b) Elizabeth S. Doster, b. Oct. 7, 1891 Ephrata Twp., Lancaster County, Pa. d. Oct. 10, 1915, age 24. On June 11, 1914 m. Aldus Myers (farmer, b. June 24, 1892). r. Springville, Lancaster County, Pa. No chil.
- (c) Fannie S. Doster, b. July 30, 1893 Ephrata Twp., Lancaster County, Pa. On Nov. 7, 1913 at Ephrata, Pa. m. Lemon Schlosser (farmer, brother of Dr. Ralph W. Schlosser who married her cousin Elizabeth Doster Souders). r. near Ephrata, Pa. 2 chil.
- (1) Dr. Woodrow Wilson Schlosser, b. June 13, 1916 Ephrata, Pa. Johns Hopkins Univ. On Sept. 19, 1942 m. June Louise Steigleman (b. Sept. 4, 1921). 1944 U. S. Navy, Johns Hopkins Hospital Unit, Iceland. No chil.
- (2) John Luther Schlosser, b. Jan. 7, 1920 Ephrata, Pa. Emp. Animal Trap Corp. of Amer. r. Ephrata, Pa. Single.
- (d) Anna S. Doster, b. June 29, 1895 Ephrata Twp., Lancaster County, Pa. m. Prof. Chester Royer (High School Principal). r. Manchester, York County, Pa. Has family records. No chil.
- (e) John Snyder Doster, b. Nov. 13, 1896 Ephrata Twp., Lancaster County, Pa. m. Alta Frankfort (b. Ap. 16, 1897). Wholesale egg and produce dealer. r. 344 W. Main St., Ephrata, Pa. 3 chil.
- (1) Donald Lee Doster, b. July 26, 1917. Springville, Pa. On Feb. 3, 1940 m. Helen Naomi Meyers (b. Aug. 9, 1918). Wholesale produce. Spends 3 days per week at store in N. Y. City. r. New Holland, Pa. 1 son.
- (a) Larry Lee Doster, b. Sept. 13, 1940.

- (2) Theda Lucille Doster, b. Aug. 1, 1920 Springville, Pa. 1944 U. S. Army, Nurse, North Africa. Single.
- (3) Nelson Reed Doster, b. Feb. 3, 1924 Springville, Pa. r. Lititz, Pa.
- (f) Catharine S. Doster, b. Sept. 3, 1898 Ephrata Twp., Lancaster County, Pa. m. Rev. Isaac Wenger (b. Mar. 21, 1886, d. Oct. 20, 1926, killed by auto). r. Ephrata, Pa. No chil.
- (g) Mabel S. Doster, b. Aug. 16, 1900 Ephrata Twp., Lancaster County, Pa. m. Samuel L. Greenly (b. Jan. 5, 1898, wholesale poultry and farm, specializing in fancy eggs, operates stores in N. Y. City). r. R. D. No. 1, Ephrata, Pa. 2 chil.
- (r) Orvilla Greenly, b. June 5, 1921 Ephrata, Pa. m. Randolph S. Bechtel (b. May 1, 1915). 1 son.
- (a) Dennis R. Bechtel, b. June 25, 1941.
- (2) Betty Jean Greenly, b. Ap. 17, 1927.
- (h) Ella S. Doster, b. Mar. 9, 1902, Ephrata Twp., Lancaster County, Pa. d. same July 31, 1920, age 18. Single.
- (i) Laura S. Doster, b. Nov. 24, 1905 Ephrata Twp., Lancaster County, Pa. On Jan. 27, 1924 m. Raymond H. Seiverling (b. Aug. 25, 1904. Egg business). 2 chil.
- (r) Dorothy Romaine Seiverling, b. Oct. 5, 1926.
- (2) Ella Mae Seiverling, b. July 4, 1924. On July 11, 1942 m. Lloyd H. Behner (b. Ap. 1, 1923. 1944 U. S. Army). 1 son.
- (a) Nelson Behner, b. Jan. 6, 1943.
- (8) Israel H. Doster, b. Feb. 22, 1867 Middle Creek. On Ap. 6, 1892 m. Millie Shelley Breneman (teacher, b. July 28, 1866, daught. of Amos Breneman and a direct descendant of poet Percy Bysshe Shelley). Moravian Church. Retired merchant. r. 52 East Main St., Lititz, Pa. 4 chil. See sketch.
- (a) Vera B. Doster, b. Oct. 8, 1899 Lititz, Pa. On Dec. 28, 1937 m. William J. Stenen (b. Dec. 20, 1896 Hillsboro, N. D. Emp. Griffith Construction Co., Los Angeles). Musical education. Teacher, City School, Los Angeles, r. 5735 Woodman Ave., Van Nuys, Cal. No chil.
- (b) Joseph Breneman Doster, b. Oct. 29, 1901 Lititz, Pa. On Nov. 26, 1925 m. in Moravian Chapel, Bethlehem, Pa. by Bishop Ernest S. Hagen to Mary Louise Sheehan (b. July 9, 1906 Lancaster, Pa. daught. of John Michael Sheehan, mechanical engineer, b. Dec. 12, 1865 Milford, Mass. and his wife Marie May Ebersole, b. Elizabethtown, Pa.). Wesleyan Univ. Technician (adhesives, C. B. Hewitt & Bros., N. Y. City). r. 26 Wellington Road, Ardmore, Pa. 3 chil.
- (r) Joseph Breneman Doster, Jr., b. Nov. 17, 1926. 1945 U. S. Navy, Gunner's Mate 2/c, Pacific area.

- (2) Mary Louise Doster, b. Nov. 17, 1929.
 (3) Betsy Anne Doster, b. Sept. 2, 1934.
- (c) Paul Amos Doster, b. Sept. 22, 1904 Lititz, Pa. On Jan. 27, 1936 in the Moravian Church, Lititz, m. Mary Eshleman (b. May 24, 1912 Penryn, Pa., daught. of Noah B. Eshleman, painting contractor, b. Feb. 22, 1881, d. Jan. 17, 1916 and his wife Mazie Bomberger, b. Ap. 26, 1887.) Merchant. r. Lititz, Pa. 2 chil.
- (1) Paul Robert Doster, b. Ap. 25, 1939, Lititz, Pa.
 (2) John Henry Doster, b. June 2, 1941 Lititz, Pa.
- (d) Elmer Breneman Doster, b. June 27, 1908 Lititz, Pa., d. same July 1, 1920, age 12. Bur. Moravian Cemetery, Lititz, Pa.
- (g) Mary H. Doster, b. July 23, 1874 Middle Creek, d. same Nov. 8, 1876, age 2.
- b. Elizabeth Doster, b. Dec. 22, 1833 Middle Creek, d. June 6, 1884, age 51, near Chambersburg, Pa. In 1855 m. Jacob G. Zug (b. Sept. 7, 1830 Richland, Lebanon County, Pa. Farmer and Deacon, Church of The Brethren). r. near Chambersburg, Pa. 5 chil.
- (1) Retiza Zug, b. Mar. 10, 1856 near Chambersburg, Pa. d. Mar. 21, 1880, age 24. m. Jonathan D. Klopp (creamery operator, died). 2 chil.
- (a) David Jonathan Klopp, d. at age 3.
 (b) Infant Klopp, died.
- (2) Catharine D. Zug, b. Sept. 19, 1858 near Chambersburg, Pa. On Oct. 23, 1879 m. Levi D. Horst (b. Sept. 24, 1855, R. R. shopman at Waynesboro, Pa.). r. Chambersburg, Pa. 6 chil.
- (a) Harry Horst, b. July 15, 1880 Chambersburg, Pa. d. same Aug. 27, 1901, age 21.
 (b) Milton Horst, b. Oct. 4, 1881 Chambersburg, Pa. On Aug. 29, 1911 m. Olive Snader (of New Windsor, Md.). Church of The Brethren. Foreman pattern-maker, Landis Machine Tool Co. r. Waynesboro, Pa.
- (c) Jacob Horst, b. Sept. 30, 1882 Chambersburg, Pa. On Oct. 27, 1904 m. Rebecca Fitz (b. Sept. 17, 1884). R. R. Shopman. r. Waynesboro, Pa. 2 chil.
- (1) Margaret Fitz Horst, b. Aug. 1, 1907.
 (2) Helen Fitz Horst, b. Feb. 19, 1911.
- (d) Bertha Horst, b. Feb. 5, 1884 Chambersburg, Pa. On May 30, 1910 m. John Pifer (R.R. Engineer). r. Waynesboro, Pa. 1 daughter.
- (1) Helen Pifer, b. Nov. 24, 1910.
- (e) Elsie May Horst, b. Jan. 5, 1886 Chambersburg, Pa. m. Frederick Fenninger (b. July 17, 1883, formerly R. R. agent, now in bread business). r. formerly Waynesboro, Pa. r. now Ephrata, Pa. 4 chil.
- (1) Ruth Fenninger, b. Mar. 24, 1906, d. Dec. 17, 1909, age 3½.
 (2) Paul Fenninger, b. June 22, 1908.
 (3) Chester Fenninger, b. Nov. 12, 1909.
 (4) Milton Fenninger, b. Feb. 6, 1912.

- (f) Annie Elizabeth Horst, b. Mar. 30, 1887 Chambersburg, Pa. On Dec. 23, 1908 m. Welden Bryan (b. Ap. 27, 1886, moulder). r. Waynesboro, Pa.
- (3) Anna Eliza Zug, b. Nov. 27, 1860 near Chambersburg, Pa., died same. On Dec. 18, 1883 m. Rev. Peter Shank Lehman (b. Nov. 23, 1856, son of Daniel Lehman. Implement Dealer. Elder, Church of The Brethren). r. Chambersburg, Pa. 3 chil.
- (a) Jacob Milton Lehman, b. Feb. 25, 1886 Chambersburg, Pa. On Jan. 16, 1913 m. Mary Plasterer. Repairman, Penna. R. R., Harrisburg, Pa. r. Harrisburg, Pa.
- (b) Anna Elizabeth Lehman, b. Dec. 20, 1887 Chambersburg, Pa. Single. r. with brother Jacob, Harrisburg, Pa.
- (c) Daniel Lester Lehman, b. Dec. 21, 1895 Chambersburg, Pa. d. same Sept. 18, 1896 age 9 mos.
- (4) Daniel D. Zug, b. July 2, 1863 near Chambersburg, Pa. Died. m. Mary Clipper. R. R. Engineer. r. LeMoyne, Pa. No chil.
- (5) Eli D. Zug, b. July 20, 1865 near Chambersburg, Pa. Died. On Dec. 16, 1890 m. Minnie Bonbrake (b. Jan. 25, 1865, daught. of Rev. Daniel H. Bonbrake, United Brethren). Hardware merchant. r. Chambersburg, Pa. 1 son.
- (a) Rev. Lester Bonbrake Zug, b. June 9, 1893 Chambersburg, Pa. Died.
- c. Philip Martin Doster, b. May 3, 1838 Middle Creek, d. Sept. 3, 1916 near Ephrata, Pa., age 78. m. Maria Bentz (b. Oct. 18, 1840 Meadow Valley, Pa., d. May 4, 1917 near Ephrata, Pa.). Farmer and cattle dealer. Spent most of his life on 68-acre land inherited from his father, replacing homestead with a new house where his mother spent her declining years, 2 mi. from Ephrata, Pa. r. Lincoln P. O., Pa. Bur. Middle Creek. 5 chil. See sketch.
- (1) Morris B. Doster, b. July 16, 1860 Middle Creek, d. May 24, 1930 Harrisburg, Pa., age 70. Millersville Normal School. Teacher and later clerk at Gimbel Bros., Phila., for many years. Single. Bur. Middle Creek.
- (2) Martin Doster, b. May 20, 1867 Middle Creek, d. 1935 Brunnerville, Pa. On Dec. 15, 1885 m. 1st Lydia Ann Kline (b. Ap. 28, 1868, d. 1902, 12 chil.) On Nov. 30, 1904 m. 2d Barbara Rettew (b. Nov. 1874, d. Oct. 15, 1913, 4 chil.). Farmer on the 68-acre homestead of his father and grandfather. r. Brunnerville and Lincoln P. O., Pa. Total 16 chil.
- (a) Norman K. Doster, b. May 8, 1886 Brunnerville, Pa. d. same 1941 (Or b. Oct. 1, 1886, d. Nov. 18, 1938). On Ap. 30, 1910 m. Emma H. Shirker (b. 1886). Drove with grandfather and successful cattle dealer. See sketch. r. 74 Park Ave., Ephrata, Pa. 4 chil.
- (r) Franklin Martin Doster, b. Aug. 13, 1911 Brunnerville, Pa. On Dec. 22, 1934 m. Elizabeth Long (b. May 12, 1914). Grocery Store. r. Rothville, Lancaster County, Pa. 2 chil.
- (a) Robert Franklin Doster, b. July 13, 1935.
- (b) Kenneth Darrell Doster, b. Jan. 28, 1938.

- (2) Roy Rufus Doster II, b. July 22, 1913 Brunnerville, Pa. m. Anna Kulp. Cattle dealer. r. R. D. No. 1, Ephrata, Pa. 2 chil.
- (a) Randolph Doster, b. Mar. 10, 1932.
- (b) Reginald Doster, b. Sept. 22, 1939.
- (3) Margaret Elizabeth Doster, b. Feb. 17, 1918 Brunnerville, Pa. On July 4, 1936 m. Frank Eckert. 1 daughter.
- (a) Peggy Lou Eckert, b. Oct. 7, 1936.
- (4) Paul Richard Doster, b. May 7, 1922 Brunnerville, Pa. On Feb. 19, 1943 m. Lorraine Gudikunst. 1944 U. S. Army. 1 son.
- (a) Paul Richard Doster, Jr.
- (b) Herbert Philip Doster, b. Sept. 18, 1887 Brunnerville, Pa. On Sept. 28, 1907 m. Lillie Zentmyer (b. Ap. 3, 1886). Emp. shoe factory. r. Lititz, Pa. No chil.
- (c) Roy Rufus Doster, b. Nov. 13, 1888 Brunnerville, Pa. m. a school teacher. Farmer. r. Brunnerville, Pa. No chil.
- (d) Virgin Mary Doster, b. Aug. 19, 1890 Brunnerville, Pa. On Aug. 21, 1909 m. John Eslinger (b. May 9, 1888. Emp. in defense plant, Lancaster, Pa.) 2 chil.
- (1) Doster Alvin Eslinger, b. Feb. 26, 1910.
- (2) Hazel Eslinger, b. July 4, 1913.
- (e) Martin Pharis Doster, b. Ap. 30, 1892 Brunnerville, Pa. Farmer and horse dealer. Single. r. near Sheridan, Lebanon County, Pa.
- (f) Wayne K. Doster, b. Aug. 11, 1893 Brunnerville, Pa. m. Bertha Lehman (b. July 16, 1893). Farmer. r. near Sheridan, Lebanon County, Pa. 3 chil.
- (1) Robert Eugene Doster, b. Ap. 22, 1925.
- (2) Earl Doster, b. Jan. 12, 1933.
- (3) Violet Virginia Doster, b. Jan. 22, 1935.
- (g) Gertrude Marie Doster, b. Oct. 7, 1894 Brunnerville, Pa. On Oct. 7, 1913 m. Adam B. Redcay (farmer). r. near Lititz, Pa. 3 chil., names not reported.
- (h) Clarence Doster, b. Oct. 5, 1895 Brunnerville, Pa. d. Dec. 8, 1895, same. inf.
- (i) Lida May Doster, b. Aug. 8, 1897 Brunnerville, Pa. d. Nov. 24, 1897 same, inf.
- (j) Elmer Newton Doster, b. Nov. 24, 1898 Brunnerville, Pa. On Nov. 27, 1919 m. Esther Long (b. Sept. 14, 1901). Large dairy and manager of several farms. r. R. F. D. No. 1, Jonestown, Pa. 9 chil. See sketch.
- (1) Elwood Adam Doster, b. Sept. 18, 1920. On July 14, 1940 m. Virginia Dare (b. June 24, 1924). Farmer. 2 chil.
- (a) Gail Grace Doster, b. Nov. 8, 1941.
- (b) Dennis Delwood Doster, b. Dec. 9, 1942.
- (2) Alverta Long Doster, b. Ap. 20, 1923.
- (3) Elmer Clarence Doster, b. Nov. 11, 1924, d. Ap. 1930, age 5½.
- (4) Ray Long Doster, b. Jan. 29, 1925, d. Jan. 19, 1926, age 1.

- (5) Richard Long Doster, b. Ap. 20, 1927.
- (6) Arlene Elizabeth Doster, b. Dec. 6, 1929.
- (7) Carl Howard Doster, b. Dec. 29, 1930.
- (8) Fay Long Doster, b. Mar. 5, 1931.
- (9) Harold Gene Doster, b. Jan. 14, 1933.
- (k) Ivan K. Doster, b. Jan. 14, 1900 Brunnerville, Pa. d. same Sept. 10, 1900, age 8 mos.
- (l) Alvin Kline Doster, b. Mar. 14, 1902 Brunnerville, Pa. m. Elsie Alice —— (b. Jan. 2, 1904). Miner, Bethlehem Steel Co., Minersville, Pa. r. R. D. No. 1, Sheridan, Pa. 10 chil.
 - (1) Cloyd Ober Doster, b. Feb. 13, 1925. 1944 U.S. Army, Eng. Corps.
 - (2) Hazel Marie Doster, b. Nov. 30, 1926.
 - (3) Jay Melvin Doster, b. Dec. 21, 1928.
 - (4) Fern Lorraine Doster, b. Jan. 13, 1930.
 - (5) Paul Eugene Doster, b. Feb. 24, 1931, d. May 3, 1931, age 2 mos.
 - (6) Harlan Jerome Doster, b. Feb. 10, 1932.
 - (7) Herbert Martin Doster, b. Sept. 28, 1933.
 - (8) Arnette Jean Doster, b. Sept. 23, 1934.
 - (9) Katie Lou Doster, b. May 20, 1937.
 - (10) Gerald Lee Doster, b. Feb. 25, 1940.

Second Marriage; Martin Doster and Barbara Rettew:

- (m) Robert Witwer Doster, b. May 23, 1905 Brunnerville, Pa. On July 20, 1929 m. Helen Adams (b. June 22, 1909). Papermaker, Morgan Paper Co. r. 27 N. Locust St., Lititz, Pa. 3 chil.
 - (1) Doris Jean Doster, b. Nov. 1, 1929.
 - (2) Robert Eugene Doster, b. Nov. 21, 1931.
 - (3) Dawn Elaine Doster, b. Feb. 5, 1937.
- (n) Elizabeth W. Doster, b. Dec. 31, 1906 Brunnerville, Pa. m. Koch. r. Lititz, Pa. 1 son.
 - (1) Nevin Koch, b. 1936.
- (o) Margie Evelyn Doster, b. Jan. 1, 1910. m. Norman Kulp, r. Mt. Joy, Pa. 1 son.
 - (1) Harold Kulp.
- (p) Anna Margarett Doster, b. Feb. 17, 1912. m. Roy Witwer. r. Ephrata, Pa. 1 son.
 - (1) Roy Witwer, Jr.
- (3) Harvey Doster, b. May 9, 1871 Middle Creek. d. Ap. 10, 1872, same. Age 1.
- (4) Philip Doster, b. Feb. 26, 1882 Middle Creek, d. Sept. 21, 1882 same, age 7 mos.
- (5) Annie Doster, b. 1872 Middle Creek. On Nov. 28, 1892 m. David Kemper (b. Jan. 13, 1874. Mail Clerk). r. Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa. 5 chil.
 - (a) Helen Kemper, b. June 5, 1894 Philadelphia, Pa. d. June 8, 1894 same, inf.

- (b) Vivian D. Kemper, b. Jan. 21, 1896 Philadelphia, Pa. On Aug. 11, 1920 m. Russell H. Rhoads (b. Nov. 12, 1896. Teacher. Head of Social Studies Dept., Williamsport High School). r. formerly Germantown. r. now 1147 Market St., Williamsport, Pa. 2 daughters.
- (1) Margaret Helen Rhoads, b. Oct. 14, 1921 Philadelphia, Pa. m. Ernest S. Race, Jr., r. Ernella Orchards, Belvidere, N. J.
- (2) Jane Elizabeth Rhoads, b. July 16, 1923.
- (c) Elizabeth D. Kemper, b. Nov. 21, 1897, Philadelphia, Pa.
- (d) David Elmer Kemper, b. Nov. 1, 1901 Philadelphia, Pa. Railway Mail Clerk, New York-Chicago. r. 5761 N. Front St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- (e) Marjorie Kemper, b. Jan. 11, 1905 Philadelphia.

JOHN PHILIP DOSTER III, 1796-1854

Eldest son of John Philip Doster II, 1765-1829 and his first wife Elizabeth Frederika Haintz, was born at Niederhofen, Oberamt Brackenheim, Niederhofen on New Year's Day, January 1, 1796 and baptized at the same place on January 3, 1796.

This is documented by the joint birth certificate of John Philip Doster III and his 2 brothers which was obtained by their father in 1817 just before emigrating to America (see the father's sketch, Chapter XI).

His mother died when he was still a boy. He had elementary schooling and learned something of farming in his home country. In 1817 when he was 21 years old, he sailed with his 2 brothers and his father, and also with his Uncle Daniel Doster and 2 cousins of Branch No. 6, in the ship *Bambres* from Amsterdam, arriving at the port of Philadelphia early in October of that year. Details are in a previous chapter, Ocean Voyages.

Continuing inland with his father and brothers, he went by stage coach to Lancaster, Pa. where his father arranged the purchase of a farm at Middle Creek, 12 miles north in Lancaster County.

In 1829, shortly after his father's death, he married Anna (Nancy) Royer who was born Nov. 11, 1803, the eldest of 4 daughters and 3 sons of Joseph Royer (born June 15, 1777, died Aug. 7, 1847 at Middle Creek, Pa.) and his wife Catharina Pfautz (born near Lititz, died Middle Creek, Pa., Nov. 10, 1844). She was a woman of unusual and strong personality, member of a prominent and prosperous family, brought up in a homestead which was a huge structure for the day, 3 stories of native limestone, and still standing; a strict member of the Brethren's Church, which her husband embraced thereafter. Her father donated the land on which remain the historic Middle Creek Meeting House and its adjoining cemetery.

For about 10 years the couple operated one of the Royer farms, and in 1839 John Philip Doster III bought it outright for cash from his father-in-law: Lancaster County, Pa., Deed Book I, Vol. 7, p. 532, to John Doster of Ephrata Twp., Yeoman, by Joseph Royer of Warwick Twp., Lancaster Cy., Yeoman and Catharine his wife, for \$7068.50, receipt of which is acknowledged, tract in Ephrata Twp., formerly Cocalico Twp. on east bank of Middle Creek, 88 acres and 3 perches, except for water rights "to the mill",

July 29, 1839, recorded Dec. 9, 1847. (The latter date was just after Joseph Royer's death).

He also accumulated other land, a total of 138 acres, some of which he may have inherited from his father whose farm was close by, although this is not certain. On this land in the rich soil of Lancaster County he not only farmed on a goodly scale but also became a linseed oil manufacturer with quite an establishment. He and his wife Nancy had only 3 children, Joseph, Elizabeth and Philip, but all of them had large families and many descendants.

John Philip Doster III died on this fine property at Middle Creek on Feb. 18, 1854 at the age of only 58. It was 37 years after his arrival in America and 4 years after the death of his stepmother.

He left his acreage to his 2 sons: 70 acres to Joseph and 68 acres to Philip. Both of them built new houses on the land. Mother Nancy went to live with Philip in the new house of his 68-acre property and remained there until she died on Oct. 9, 1891, aged 87, surviving her husband by 37 years.

Both are buried in the Old Cemetery of the Middle Creek Meeting House, Lancaster County, Pa.

He was a rather serious man, a good farmer by training and by talent, short and thickset and with a prominent nose which seems to run in the family, industrious, a thrifty and substantial citizen.

JOSEPH DOSTER, 1830-1910

The eldest of the three children of John Philip Doster III, 1796-1854, and his wife Nancy Royer.

He was born Nov. 13, 1830 on a farm at Middle Creek, Lancaster County, Pa. which was then a part of the acreage of his grandfather Joseph Royer, and operated by his father; and of the same 88 acres which his father purchased from Joseph Royer a few years later.

Although the custom was to start boys early in farm work, Joseph was given good schooling for the day and after leaving the country schoolhouse he finished his education at the John Beck Academy for Boys at Lititz, a day-school and boarding-school widely known and well regarded.

It should be realized that religious denominations in the neighborhood did not favor education beyond the fundamentals and contended that real knowledge was derived from the Bible and the soil. The fact that Joseph Doster had a paid education at a private school not only reflects the comfortable circumstances of his parents but also indicates that they recognized the limitations of the township schoolhouses maintained by taxes.

Joseph adhered to the farming tradition of his family and spent his life in it. In 1851, 3 years before his father's death, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Habecker (daughter of David Habecker) who was exactly his own age.

When his father died in 1854 and his land was divided into two farms, Joseph Doster inherited the 70 acre property which had a homestead and farm buildings on it; he later purchased an additional 26 acres adjoining, and in later life he acquired another 14 acres,

bringing the total to 110 acres, a large holding in that section and very rich land. The district is known as Middle Creek, also Ephrata Township and formerly Cocalico Township.

Joseph Doster and his wife Elizabeth had 9 children, and when the size of the family began to outgrow the capacity of the old log-and-plaster homestead, he replaced it by building a large brick house, where he lived with his family until he died on August 25, 1910, aged 80.

At the time of his death his holdings of 110 acres were divided by his executors into two separate farms and sold. One of these is occupied today by his great-grandson, Hiram Bollinger, Jr.

The nine children of Joseph Doster and his wife Elizabeth were 4 girls and 5 boys: Ellen H., Annie H., Lizzie H., John H., Daniel H., Henry H., Jacob H., Israel H., and Mary H. The H in all these names is for Habecker, his wife's maiden name. There are many descendants.

Joseph Doster was for many years School Director of Ephrata Township. He was a lifelong Republican (in contrast to his brother Philip) but took no part in politics. His wife was a member of the Brethren's Church but he remained unaffiliated.

Both he and his wife are buried in the old cemetery of the historic Middle Creek Meeting House, where most of the Lancaster County Dosters were laid to rest.

ISRAEL H. DOSTER

The only surviving son of Joseph Doster, 1830-1910, and his wife Elizabeth Habecker.

He was one of 9 children and was born February 22, 1867 on his father's farm at Middle Creek, Lancaster County, Pa. in the large brick homestead which his father built when the family outgrew their earlier home.

Although member of a farming family, he left home at the age of 16 to take a position as clerk in the general store at nearby Lititz. He continued in this for 10 years, during which he thoroughly learned the merchandising of dry goods, notions and groceries. In 1894 he entered business for himself with a partner, operating a store on South Broad St., Lititz. Five and a half years later he sold out to his partner, built a store of his own on East Main Street, bought a residence adjoining it, and continued as a leading merchant at that location for 37 years until 1936 when he sold the enterprise to his son Paul and retired.

He has long been a devotee and expert player of the game of roque, an advanced and highly scientific version of ordinary garden croquet, possessing a carefully built and always maintained court. He has had many opportunities to join leagues and enter matches with clubs in all parts of the country, but since the local players are unable to get away from their farming without difficulty, their contests are chiefly with opponents from nearby communities.

On April 6, 1892 he was married to Miss Millie Shelley Breneman, a former teacher, a member of the Breneman family which came from Switzerland (see the Breneman genealogy) and incidentally a descendant of poet Percy Bysshe Shelley.

He has owned for many years a 63-acre farm on the edge of Lititz, operating it through a tenant farmer. On the property he has a tall timber stand, a grove that he

reserves for his personal relaxation in the hot summer months, containing a cottage, a well, and a fine roque court.

Israel H. Doster is a lifelong Republican but not active in politics, a member of the Moravian Church, quiet by nature and a respected citizen of his town. Although he has had opportunities to connect himself with other enterprises he has preferred to maintain his independence and he is one of the substantial residents of Lititz.

He and his wife had 4 children of whom 3 are living: Vera B., Joseph B., and Paul Amos. All are married.

His address is 52 East Main St., Lititz, Pa.

PHILIP MARTIN DOSTER, 1838-1916

The third child and younger of the two sons of John Philip Doster III, 1796-1854, and his wife Nancy Royer.

He was born May 3, 1838 on a farm at Middle Creek, Lancaster County, Pa. which was at that time a part of the land of his grandfather Joseph Royer and operated by his father; the same 88 acres which his father later bought from Joseph Royer.

He was married in 1859 to Miss Maria Bentz who was born at Meadow Valley, Pa. on Oct. 18, 1840.

When his father died in 1854 and his land was divided into two farms, Philip Doster inherited the 68 acre property, which had on it the home of his father and the farm buildings. His mother, the remarkable Nancy, lived there with him until her death in 1891.

Like his older brother Joseph, Philip Doster likewise built a new house on his inherited land, which was about 2 miles from Ephrata, Pa.

He spent his life in farming but when he entered the cattle business on a big scale in later years he met with reverses and lost his farm.

He was a lifelong Democrat.

He had 5 children, 4 boys and 1 girl (two lost in infancy): Morris B., Martin, Harvey, Philip and Annie.

He died Sept. 3, 1916 and his wife Maria on May 4, 1917. Both are buried in the old cemetery of the Middle Creek Meeting House, Lancaster County, Pa.

NORMAN K. DOSTER, 1886-1941

Son of Martin Doster, 1867-1935, and his wife Lydia Ann Kline, was born May 8, 1886 at Brunnerville, Lancaster County, Pa.

His wife was Miss Emma H. Shirker who was born in 1886 and who bore 4 children.

Norman K. Doster entered business as a drover and cattle dealer under the guidance of his grandfather, Philip Martin Doster, and inherited from him a love of the business. Contrary to the experience of his grandfather who suffered financial reverses, he succeeded well. He became one of the largest cattle dealers in attendance at the Lancaster stockyards. He not only raised his own stock but was also an importer of first-class breeds and made buying trips to Canada and the far West for the purpose.

In addition, he operated an abattoir at Lebanon, Pa. which provided meats at wholesale to retail butcher shops in New York, Philadelphia and other cities.

He accumulated a stable of riding horses, as well as trotting and running horses which entered track competition at various meets. He also had a great love of hunting, especially for large game like deer, bear and moose.

When he died he left a sizeable estate. He is buried at Lincoln, Lancaster County, Pa.

ELMER NEWTON DOSTER

Born in 1898, son of Martin Doster, 1867-1935 and his first wife Lydia Ann Kline, near Brickerville, Lebanon County, Pa.

Like other members of the family, Elmer followed farming as his life work and became very successful. He manages a whole group of farms near Jonestown, Pa., between Harrisburg and Allentown. He started as a dairy farmer and gradually expanded his herd until he had as many as 100 head of dairy cattle or more, making large daily shipments of dairy products to the city markets.

He has also specialized in hog raising, being careful of quality and buying stock in Virginia, home of the famous Smithfield ham, Virginia ham, etc. He often has between 300 and 400 head of hogs. His market for these also is principally in New York and Philadelphia, and his location is convenient for both.

He married Miss Esther Long who was born in 1901 and who bore him 9 children.

He is a brother of the late Norman K. Doster, another successful dealer in livestock, whose sketch appears above.

XIII: Branch No. 8, Lancaster County, Pa.

Descendants of DANIEL DOSTER, 1802-1874, second son of John Philip Doster II, 1765-1829. Emigrated from Niederhofen, Württemberg in 1817 and became the head of one of the three branches in Lancaster County, Pa.

THE EARLY HISTORY of this branch is contained, with that of the other two Lancaster County Branches, in the general introduction to this group, the story of John Philip Doster II and his three sons who emigrated to America in 1817 from Niederhofen, Oberamt Brackenheim, Württemberg and settled on a farm at Middle Creek, near Lititz and Ephrata, Lancaster County, Pa. (see Chapter XI).

Daniel Doster, the second of these three sons, started life as a farmer but branched out and became a prominent distiller of his day.

He married twice and had an unusually large number of children, 17 in all. Their father became a successful man and left a considerable estate, but shortly before his death he shut down his distillery because of government regulations following the Civil War. His heirs, of widely variant ages, never got together to start it up again.

The family thereafter reverted to agriculture in the prolific soil of Lancaster County, and in later generations they have gone into a diversity of occupations.

The residence and distillery plant, and two of the farms, of Daniel Doster were at Pine Hill, aptly named and a beautiful spot, not far from Lititz and Ephrata, and only a short distance from the farms of his brother (John Philip Doster III, who headed Branch No. 7).

Daniel Doster and both his wives, and most of the earlier generation, were laid to rest in the old cemetery of the Middle Creek Meeting House, not far from Pine Hill.

Of the descendants who are living, the majority are in Lancaster County today.

For possible connection with other branches, see Key Chart, page ix.

I. MARTIN DOSTER, about 1650-1720, Niederhofen, Brackenheim, Württemberg. Bros. and sisters unknown.

A. Thomas Doster, Emigrant, about 1695-1748, believed son of Martin. Sketch in Chapter IV. Ancestor of Branches 1, 2, 3 and 4.

B. Unknown Dosters, children of Martin, probably ancestors of other branches in America.

C. John Valentine Doster, b. Niederhofen 1687, d. same Sept. 13, 1749. On Feb. 10, 1711 m. Susan Stoll, (daught. of Hans Stoll of Truchtelfingen, d. Ap. 3, 1759). See sketch.

1. Christiana Doster, b. around 1712.

2. Unknown Dosters, children of John Valentine, possibly ancestors of other branches.

3. John Philip Doster I, b. Feb. 24, 1729 and d. Jan. 13, 1781 Niederhofen. On Nov. 26, 1760 m. Rosina Maisenhoelder (b. Jan. 13, 1732, d. Nov. 11, 1808 Niederhofen). Chief Burgess of village for 17 years. At least 8 chil. See sketch.
- a. to f. Unknown Dosters, children of John Philip Doster I, possibly ancestors of other branches in America.
- g. Dr. Daniel Doster, b. Feb. 13, 1763 Niederhofen. d. Ap. 19, 1830 Lancaster, Pa. On Oct. 17, 1786 m. Magdalena Keppler (b. Jan. 18, 1765 Niederhofen, d. same Mar. 11, 1843). Emig. 1817. 7th son of John Philip Doster I, and founder of Branch No. 6, Northampton County, Pa. 3 chil.
- h. John Philip Doster II, b. Jan. 22, 1765 Niederhofen (headstone marked wrong), d. Sept. 26, 1829 Middle Creek, Lancaster Cy., Pa. m. 1st Elizabeth Frederika Haintz (d. Niederhofen before 1817). m. 2d. Rosina Gruber (b. Feb. 20, 1787, d. Dec. 17, 1850 Middle Creek, Lancaster Cy., Pa.). 8th son of John Philip Doster I. Emig. 1817 with 3 sons, with brother Daniel and latter's 2 children. Each of these 3 sons founded a branch in Lancaster County, Pa. See sketch.
1. John Philip Doster III, 1796-1854, head of Lancaster County Branch No 7.
 2. DANIEL DOSTER, 1802-1874, head of Lancaster Cy. Branch No. 8, below.
 3. Philip Michael Doster, 1804-1885, head of Lanc. Cy. Branch No. 9.

2. DANIEL DOSTER (from above), b. Niederhofen May 24, 1802. d. Pine Hill, Lancaster Cy., Pa. Feb. 6, 1874. Emig. 1817 with father. In 1826 m. 1st Mary Koch (b. 1805, d. 1850 Pine Hill, 10 chil.) In 1851 m. 2d Elizabeth Reisner (d. May 23, 1896 Pine Hill, 7 chil.) Large distillery and farms at Pine Hill, 3 miles from Lititz, Pa. and 2 mi. from farms of his brother John Philip Doster III. 17 chil. total. Bur. old cemetery of Middle Creek Meeting House, Lancaster County, Pa. See sketch.
- a. Ephraim Doster, b. Aug. 30, 1827, Pine Hill, Lancaster Cy., Pa. d. Aug. 4, 1909, age 82 m. Elizabeth Kyle (b. June 21, 1840, d. May 17, 1923). Assistant in father's business. Both buried at Longnecker's Church, near Lititz, Lancaster County, Pa. 2 chil.
- (1) Sarah Frances Doster, (Sadie), b. Nov. 15, 1864, d. Dec. 15, 1926, age 62. m. Thomas Jefferson Zartman (b. Nov. 4, 1860, d. June 24, 1909, age 49).
- (a) Charles Augustus Zartman, b. Nov. 13, 1887, d. Oct. 27, 1940, Lititz, Pa. Age 53.
 (b) Wayne Ammon Zartman, b. Mar. 3, 1889. r. Lititz, Pa.
 (c) Lottie Theresa Zartman, b. Oct. 7, 1891. m. Grimm.
- (2) Wayne F. Doster, b. 1866, d. 1932, age 66. m. Alice ———. No natural chil.
- (a) Adopted daughter Doster.
- b. Levi Doster, b. 1829, Pine Hill, Lancaster Cy., Pa., d. same 1887, age 58. Single.
- c. Reuben Doster, b. 1831, Pine Hill, Lancaster Cy., Pa. When very young, became discouraged by family disagreements and went to Ohio. Has not been traced since.
- d. Daniel Doster, Jr., b. Pine Hill 1835, died. m. Gross, 5 chil.
- (1) John Roth Doster, b. Aug. 23, 1867 at Wooster, Ohio, d. Ap. 28, 1930 age 63. On

- Dec. 1, 1887 m. Priscilla M. Frey at Lititz, Pa. (b. July 18, 1870 in Lebanon Cy., Pa., d. Dec. 26, 1937, age 67). 16 chil. r. 457 W. Vine St., Lancaster, Pa.
- (a) John F. Doster, b. Nov. 4, 1888. d. Nov. 4, 1888. inf.
- (b) Sarah Rebecca Doster, b. May 26, 1890, d. Dec. 24, 1904, Lititz, Pa. Age 14.
- (c) Emma Frances Doster, b. Nov. 1, 1891, d. about July 1940 Lititz, Pa. Age 49.
- (d) Minnie May Doster, b. July 5, 1893 Lititz, Pa. In 1913 m. John Paul Rill (b. 1888, emp. Frain-Slaymaker Jack Wks., Lancaster, Pa.). r. 36 College Ave., Lancaster, Pa. 7 chil.
- (1) Mildred Rill, b. 1913.
- (2) Helen Rill, b. 1915. In 1941 m. Robert Newcomer (b. 1910).
- (a) Robert Newcomer, Jr., b. 1943.
- (3) Jeanne Rill, b. 1917. In 1942 m. Joseph Cascio (b. 1914).
- (a) Jeanne R. Cascio, b. Oct. 20, 1943, d. Oct. 22, 1943. Inf.
- (4) John Paul Rill, Jr., b. 1912.
- (5) Robert Rill, b. 1921. In 1943 m. Beatrice Schmidt (b. 1921).
- (6) Mina Rill, b. 1923.
- (7) Nancy Rill, b. 1927.
- (e) Lottie Janet Doster, b. May 2, 1895, Lititz, Pa. m. Guy H. Eckman (Chief of Police, Lancaster, Pa.)
- (f) William Roy Doster, b. Dec. 4, 1896, d. June 7, 1937, Lititz, Pa. Age 41.
- (g) Carrie Irene Doster, b. July 26, 1898, d. May 21, 1899, Lititz, Pa. Inf.
- (h) Florence Lydia Doster, b. Sept. 11, 1900, d. Sept. 7, 1929, Lititz, Pa. Age 29.
- (i) Paul Lincoln Doster, b. July 5, 1902. Engr., Stehli Silk Mill, Lancaster, Pa. 1944 271st Ordn. Co., Camp McCoy, Wis. Honorable discharge.
- (j) Samuel Worrell Doster, b. Dec. 26, 1903, d. Jan. 5, 1904 Lititz, Pa. Inf.
- (k) Bertha Viola Doster, b. July 17, 1905. Emp. Hamilton Watch Co., Lanc., Pa.
- (l) Jacob Michael Doster, b. July 5, 1907. 1944 U.S.A.A.F. Buckley Field, Colo.
- (m) Charles Lester Doster, b. Mar. 29, 1909. m. Elizabeth Harnisch of Lancaster. Chevy Chase Dairy, Mt. Rainier, Md. 2 chil.
- (1) Dorothy Doster.
- (2) Patricia Doster.
- (n) Daniel Franklin Doster, b. May 26, 1911 Lancaster, Pa. On Mar. 18, 1938 m. Charlotte Louise Neff of Lancaster. Engr., Sprenger Brewing Co. r. 205 Hazel St., Lancaster, Pa. 3 chil.
- (1) Daniel Franklin Doster, Jr., b. Mar. 9, 1937.

- (2) Joanne Louise Doster, b. Jan. 4, 1939.
- (3) Yvonne Marie Doster, b. May 25, 1943.

(o) Mary Catherine Doster, b. Nov. 24, 1913, d. Jan. 7, 1914, Lanc., Pa. Inf.

(p) Dorothy Naomi Doster, b. Nov. 11, 1914 Lancaster, Pa. m. Richard E. Buck
(of Lancaster, 1944, U. S. Army, Sgt. Maj. 230 Stahl Ave., Walla Walla,
Wash.)

(2) Unknown Doster, m. Jacoby.

(3) Unknown Doster.

(4) Unknown Doster.

(5) Laura R. Doster, b. 1852. m. Remick, 2 chil.

(a) Boy Remick. Died.

(b) Anna Mae Remick, b. 1880. m. Walter Davis Stewart (b. 1880).

(1) Margaret R. Stewart, b. 1902. m. Charles E. Hoster (b. 1898). 2 chil.

(a) Charles E. Hoster, Jr., b. 1923. In 1944, U. S. Army.

(b) Anna Mae Hoster, b. 1924.

e. Michael Doster, b. 1837 Pine Hill, Lancaster County, Pa. d. same 1921, age 84. Farmer.
Inherited 39 acres from father. Single.

f. Jacob Doster, b. 1838 Pine Hill, Lancaster County, Pa. d. 1895, age 57. Clerk. Single.

g. Henry Doster, b. 1839 Pine Hill, Lancaster County, Pa., d. 1875, age 36. m. Lydia A.
Schriver (b. Aug. 1, 1844, d. Oct. 30, 1943, age 99, daught. of Andrew and Susanna
Schriver of York, Pa.) Farmer. 4 chil. r. 210 S. Broad St., Lititz, Pa.

(1) Mary Rose Doster, b. 1869 Ephrata Twp. m. Abraham R. Guiles (contractor and
builder, retired, died). No chil. r. 210 S. Broad St., Lititz, Pa.

(2) Gertrude Doster, b. 1870 Ephrata Twp. Died 1882, Lititz, Pa., age 12.

(3) Florence Doster, b. 1872 Ephrata Twp., Died 1912 Lititz, Pa., age 40. Single.

(4) Hayden Doster, b. 1874 Ephrata Twp. Died 1874 Lititz, Pa., age 4 mos.

h. Mary Ann Doster, b. 1842 Pine Hill, Lancaster County, Pa. d. same 1909, age 67. Single.

i. Lucy Doster, b. 1843 Pine Hill, Lancaster County, Pa. d. 1926 Lititz, Pa., age 83. m.
Emmanuel Grube (b. 1844, d. 1930, age 86. Salesman). r. Lititz, Pa. 1 son.

(1) Horace D. Grube, b. 1878 and d. 1926 Lititz, Pa., age 48. Associated Press Telegraph
Operator.

j. Elias Doster, b. 1846 Pine Hill, Lancaster County, Pa. d. same 1864, age 18. Single.

Second marriage, Daniel Doster and Elizabeth Reisner:

k. Ellen Doster, b. 1852 Pine Hill, Lancaster County, Pa. d. 1912 Brownstown, Pa., age 60.
m. Lemon R. Brown (merchant). r. Brownstown, Pa. 6 chil.

(1) Willard Brown, b. 1874, d. 1942, age 68. m. Ella Diebert. 2 chil.

- (a) Willard Brown, Jr., b. 1904.
 (b) Infant Brown.
- (2) Minerva Brown, b. 1876. m. Jerry G. Mumma. 1 daughter.
 (a) Ellen Mumma, b. 1901. m. Howard Murr. 1 son.
 (1) Richard Murr, b. 1921.
- (3) Charles Brown, b. 1878, d. 1920, age 42. m. Emma Filbert. 1 son.
 (a) Filbert Brown, b. 1907.
- (4) Harry Brown, b. 1881. m. 1st Mabel Seldonridge of Lancaster, Pa. m. 2d Zella Sipe.
 Moved to Washington, D. C. 1 son.
 (a) Robert Brown, b. and d. 1908, age 6 mos.
- (5) Daisy Brown, b. 1883. m. H. Clay Groff. 1 son.
 (a) Robert Groff, b. 1912. m. Gladys Millinger. 2 chil.
 (1) Marion Groff, b. 1934.
 (2) Robert Groff, Jr., b. 1937.
- (6) James Brown, b. 1885, d. 1888, age 3.
- l.* Charles Doster, b. 1853 Pine Hill, Lancaster County, Pa. Formerly school teacher. Farmer, Pine Hill on 40 acres inherited jointly with brother David. Retired. Single. r. with sister Adelaide, So. Broad St., Lititz, Pa.
- m.* David Doster, b. 1855 Pine Hill, Lancaster County, Pa. Farmer, Pine Hill, on 40 acres inherited jointly with brother Charles. d. 1913, age 58. Single.
- n.* Adelaide Doster, b. 1858 Pine Hill, Lancaster County, Pa. Keeps house for brother Charles, above. r. S. Broad St., Lititz, Pa. Single.
- o.* Alice E. Doster, b. 1860 Pine Hill, Lancaster County, Pa. d. same 1861, age 1.
- p.* Herman L. Doster, b. 1862 Pine Hill, Lancaster County, Pa. d. same 1863, age 1.
- q.* Frances Doster, b. 1865 Pine Hill, Lancaster County, d. 1938 Lancaster, Pa., age 73, m. Tobias M. Kreider. r. Lancaster, Pa. 1 daughter.
 (1) Luella Kreider, b. 1893. Office work, Lancaster, Pa. Single. r. Lititz, Pa.

DANIEL DOSTER, 1802-1874

Second son of John Philip Doster II, 1765-1829, and his first wife Elizabeth Fredrika Haintz, was born at Niederhofen, Oberamt Brackenheim, Württemberg on May 24th, 1802 and baptized in the Lutheran Church there 2 days later.

This is documented by a joint birth certificate obtained by his father from the books of the church at Niederhofen for himself and his three sons, just before emigrating to America. The certificate appears in his father's sketch, Chapter XI.

He was only 15 years old, and motherless, when he left his homeland in 1817 with his father and two brothers and also his uncle Daniel Doster and 2 cousins of Branch No.

6, in the ship *Bambres* from Amsterdam, Holland, arriving in Philadelphia early in October. The trip is described under a previous heading, Ocean Voyages.

His father took the three boys to Lancaster, Pa., by that time a good-sized town, where he soon bought and settled on a farm in Lancaster County at Middle Creek, about 12 miles north.

All of the brothers followed farming at first, but Daniel used this as a step to a bigger enterprise, specializing in rye and other grains in his farm at Pine Hill, about 2 miles from the farm of his brother John Philip Doster III at Middle Creek and about 2 miles from Lititz. The probability is that both boys inherited land when their father died in 1829 and they may have rented some acreage as well. In any case they both succeeded sufficiently to acquire property, Daniel ultimately accumulating over 130 acres.

On his farm at Pine Hill, a beautiful spot of 42 acres (and some of the pines remain to this day) he built a distillery which grew into quite a business. He not only raised his own raw material but also had to purchase rye from surrounding farms.

Daniel was known as an honest man and was scrupulous to keep the quality of his product up to a high standard which became known and he could sell all he could produce. Every Monday morning, in the later days of the business, his sons Ephraim and Daniel, Jr. would start for Philadelphia with a 6-horse team and a great wagon, laden with casks of bulk whiskey destined for the Philadelphia market, and for taverns along the famed Lancaster Pike which had become regular customers—the same route that his father and earlier Dosters had travelled from the seaboard, years before.

As a result of this steady growth Daniel became well-to-do, and while he had a large family, they lived on a comfortable scale and were considered wealthy. But although the business was started somewhere in the 1830s, no distilling was done at the plant after the Civil War because the Government laid a tax of \$2 a gallon on bulk whiskey. Daniel always maintained that this would compel him either to raise the price or else to market an inferior quality, and he was unwilling to do either—although plenty of others did. About 1866 he decided to concentrate on keeping what he had, and shut down the plant.

The family of Daniel Doster was unusually large. In 1826 he married Miss Mary Koch, who was born in 1805 and died in 1850 at Pine Hill. They had 10 children, 8 sons and 2 daughters. In 1851 he married a second time, his wife being Miss Elizabeth Reisner, who died in 1896 at Pine Hill and who bore 7 more children, 3 sons and 4 daughters. Thus the total offspring of Daniel Doster was 11 sons and 6 daughters, 17 children in all.

He died at his homestead at Pine Hill, Lancaster County, Pa. on February 6, 1874 at the age of 72. He and both of his wives, and those of his children who are not living today, are buried in the cemetery of the historic Middle Creek Meeting House of the Brethren's Church, 2 miles away.

His estate was a considerable one, but he had had disagreements with his family. His will, recorded in Will Book B, Vol. 2, p. 147, Daniel Doster of Warwick Township, Lancaster County, Pa. cut off his first 4 sons with \$5 each. The bulk of the estate consisted of three farms. The distillery property, consisting of about 39 acres with farm buildings and a considerable quantity of cattle, sheep, hogs, horses and implements, went to his son Michael who had been his father's right hand man at the plant; less \$2000 dower rights for his daughter Mary Ann.

An adjoining farm of about 42 acres, which was the site of Daniel Doster's homestead where he died, was left to his widow Elizabeth with buildings, livestock and implements, for her lifetime (she died in 1896) and thereafter jointly to son Charles, a school-teacher at the time, and son David, a farmer, both being sons of the second marriage, and neither married. David died in 1913 and sister Adelaide kept house for Charles on the property.

A third and larger property, 50 acres in Ephrata Township adjoining the farm of Joseph Doster and others, was required to be sold and the proceeds distributed to various heirs. Son Henry had expected to inherit this. He had been a sort of assistant to his older brother Michael in the distillery plant but when only 15 years old suffered severe injuries by burns received in an accident when employees carelessly turned hot mash into a vat where he was making repairs, and this later led to his death in his thirties. He did not inherit the 50-acre property but acquired it later by discharging the liens in favor of other heirs.

Daniel Doster was a little taller than his brother John. He was a man of decision and not apt to change a position after once making up his mind. His distillery never resumed operations. The buildings and land have passed into other hands, and in 1944 were occupied by Daniel D. Heisey, R. D. No. 1, Lititz, Pa. Most of the family engaged in farming in the fertile neighborhood.

Only two children of Daniel Doster are known to be living today. Charles Doster and his sister Adelaide have both retired from their farm and are living on South Broad Street, Lititz.

One of the 4 oldest sons, Reuben Doster, discouraged by family disagreements, left Lancaster County as a young man and went to some part of Ohio. If he had descendants they have not been traced.

Mrs. Mary Guiles, a daughter of Henry Doster and granddaughter of Daniel Doster, who has greatly helped the editor in collecting records of this branch, now lives at 210 S. Broad St., Lititz, Pa.

XIV: Branch No. 9, Lancaster County, Pa.

Descendants of PHILIP MICHAEL DOSTER, better known as MICHAEL DOSTER, 1804-1885, third and youngest son of John Philip Doster II, 1765-1829. Emigrated from Niederhofen, Württemberg in 1817 and became the head of one of the three branches of Lancaster County, Pa.

A GENERAL HISTORY of the beginnings of this branch will be found in the introductory sketch to all three Lancaster County branches, the story of John Philip Doster II and his three sons who emigrated to America in 1817 from Niederhofen, Oberamt Brackenheim, Württemberg and settled on a farm at Middle Creek, near Lititz and Ephrata, Lancaster County, Pa. (see Chapter XI).

Michael Doster (as he is known to his descendants), the youngest of the three sons, departed early from the farming traditions of his fathers, left home and by way of his occupation as a salesman of spectacles, worked himself up to the top position of McAllister & Co., a firm of leading jewelers and silversmiths in Philadelphia.

Since he spent his entire life thereafter in Philadelphia, aside from frequent visits to relatives in Lancaster County, and since his children in the main lived there as they grew up, it is not strictly accurate to term this a Lancaster County branch. It is only so called because of its origin and close relationship to the other branches in that county.

Descendants in Branch No. 9 have as their ancestors Michael Doster and his wife Anna, the adopted daughter of the great financier Stephen Girard.

Although Michael left an estate which was large for its day, there is a lack of details concerning his sons. It was only by consulting descendants on the distaff side that any information at all was obtained. Apparently the boys did not fare well.

The Doster name appears to have died out here, but may not have. There are two gaps in the tables. The first is eldest son Michael Doster, Jr., of whom it is only reported that he enlisted as a single man in the Mexican War, stayed in Mexico, married, and had a family. The other is a great-grandson of Michael Doster, named Albert William Doster, a salesman who disappeared from sight over 20 years ago. With these possible exceptions, survivors bear the names of families joined by intermarriages.

Most of the Michael Doster family were laid to rest in a fine plot, not far from the entrance, in Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Philadelphia, a Lutheran property on Ridge Avenue at Hunting Park Avenue, above the Schuylkill River. The office records are in excellent condition, giving both the death and burial dates, and the graves are marked by large granite stones, under perpetual care.

Fernwood Cemetery in Philadelphia is at 60th & Baltimore Avenue. The firm of McAllister & Co. is no longer in business.

For possible connection with other branches, see Key Chart, page ix.

- I. Martin Doster, about 1650-1720, Niederhofen, Brackenheim, Württemberg. Bros. and sisters unknown.
- A. Thomas Doster, Emigrant, about 1695-1748, believed son of Martin, sketch in Chapter IV. Ancestor of Branches 1, 2, 3 and 4.
- B. Unknown Dosters, chil. of Martin, prob. ancestors of other branches in America.
- C. John Valentine Doster, b. Niederhofen 1687, d. same Sept. 13, 1749. On Feb. 10, 1711 m. Susan Stoll (daught. of Hans Stoll of Truechtelfingen, d. Ap. 3, 1759). See sketch.
1. Christiana Doster, b. around 1712. No details.
 2. Unknown Dosters, chil. of John Valentine, possibly ancestors of other branches.
 3. John Philip Doster I, b. Feb. 24, 1729 Niederhofen, d. same Jan. 13, 1781. On Nov. 26, 1760 m. Rosina Maisenhoelder (b. Jan. 13, 1732 Niederhofen, d. same Nov. 11, 1808). Chief Burgess of village. At least 8 chil. See sketch.
 - a. to f. Unknown Dosters, chil. of John Philip Doster I, possibly ancestors of other branches in America.
 - g. Dr. Daniel Doster, b. Feb. 13, 1763 Niederhofen, d. Ap. 19, 1930 Lancaster, Pa. On Oct. 17, 1786 m. Magdalena Keppler (b. Jan. 18, 1765 Niederhofen, d. same Mar. 11, 1843). Emig. 1817. 7th son of John Philip Doster I and founder of Branch No. 6, Northampton County, Pa. 3 chil.
 - h. John Philip Doster II, b. Jan. 22, 1765 Niederhofen (headstone marked wrong), d. Sept. 26, 1829 Middle Creek, Lancaster County, Pa., age 64. m. 1st Elizabeth Frederika Haintz (d. Niederhofen between 1804 and 1817). m. 2d Rosina Gruber (b. Feb. 20, 1787, d. Dec. 17, 1850 Middle Creek, Lancaster County, Pa. No chil.) 8th son of John Philip Doster I. Emig. 1817 with 3 sons, with brother Daniel and latter's 2 children. Farmer. See sketch.
 1. John Philip Doster III, 1796-1854, head of Branch No. 7.
 2. Daniel Doster, 1802-1874, head of Branch No. 8.
 3. PHILIP MICHAEL DOSTER, 1804-1885, head of Branch No. 9, below.
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3. PHILIP MICHAEL DOSTER (from above), name from birth certificate but known as MICHAEL DOSTER, b. Oct. 22, 1804 Niederhofen, d. Ap. 20, 1885 Philadelphia, Pa., age 80. Emig. 1817 with father and brothers who settled at Middle Creek, Lancaster County, Pa. In 1823 m. Anna Maria Werner Girard (b. 1806 Württemberg, d. Feb. 26, 1897 Philadelphia, Pa., adopted daughter of philanthropist Stephen Girard, 1750-1831) when he was 19 and she was 17. Wealthy jeweler and silversmith. r. Brown St. near St. John St., Philadelphia. Both bur. Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Phila. 9 chil. See sketch.
- a. Michael Doster, Jr., b. about 1824, Philadelphia, Pa. In Mexican War, settled in Mexico, married, had family and is buried there. No further record.
 - b. John Doster, b. Ap. 9, 1825 Philadelphia, Pa., died same. m. Mary Jane Difer (bur. May 23, 1899). Police officer and later politician. Both bur. Fernwood Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa., Lot 54, Sec. 40. r. Philadelphia. 4 chil.
- (1) John Ellsworth Doster, b. 1864 Philadelphia, Pa., d. same 1864, age 10 mos.

- (2) William Henry Doster, b. Feb. 9, 1866 Philadelphia, Pa., d. same Mar. 27, 1910, age 44. m. Mattie Rawlins (b. Aug. 8, 1868). Street car conductor. r. of his widow now with her sister Anna Mary Doster St. Clair (below), 57 N. 62d St., Philadelphia, Pa. 1 son.
- (a) Albert William Doster, b. Feb. 25, 1887 Philadelphia, Pa. m. Ella McIntosh. Travelling salesman. Whereabouts unknown. Wife emp. Gimbel Bros., Philadelphia, Pa. 1 daughter.
- (1) Mary Jane Doster, b. June 8, 1913 Philadelphia, Pa. Combs Conservatory of Music, Philadelphia, Pa. Instructor in Yeadon Public School in Phila. suburb. m. Prof. Gilbert Phillipps, now professor at Hershey Junior College, Hershey, Pa., commuting there. r. 7260 Pine St., Philadelphia, Pa. No chil.
- (3) Anna Mary Doster, b. Aug. 12, 1870. Now blind. m. William G. St. Clair (b. Feb. 27, 1869 in Virginia, d. Dec. 19, 1941 Philadelphia, Pa. Son of George St. Clair, Cartoonist, newspaper owner Wytheville, Va. and large printing establishment at Phila.). r. with sister-in-law Mrs. William Henry Doster (above), 57 N. 62d St., Philadelphia, Pa. No chil.
- (4) Gertrude Ernestine Doster, b. Mar. 21, 1877 Philadelphia, Pa., d. Jan. 11, 1928, same, age 51. Single.
- c. Charles A. Doster, b. Nov. 4, 1827 Philadelphia, Pa. d. Nov. 14, 1886 same, age 59. m. a widow (1 stepdaughter). Union Army, Civil War. In comfortable circumstances from a large bequest but suffered reverses and had miscellaneous occupations. Died shortly after his father. Bur. Nov. 16, 1886 Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Phila., Pa.
- (1) Stepdaughter, married Andrew. 1 daughter.
- (a) Dorothy Andrew, bur. Nov. 30, 1910 Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa., premature birth, age 2 days.
- d. Caroline Doster, b. 1830 Philadelphia, Pa. d. 1920 Sellersville, Pa., age 90. m. William Foreman (Justice of Peace of Whitmarsh, Montgomery County, Pa., later successful farmer near Sellersville). Both bur. Sellersville, Pa. 3 chil.
- (1) Annie Foreman, b. around 1855. m. John Fox (Bank official) r. Kittanning, Pa. 12 chil. all born Kittanning, Pa.
- (a) John Fox, Jr. Emp. in bank. r. Kittanning, Pa.
(b) 11 other Fox children, names not reported.
- (2) William Foreman, Jr. Married. 2 chil.
- (a) Jane Foreman, m. Kirby Thornton. r. 4113 N. 8th St., Phila., Pa. 2 chil.
- (1) Kirby Thornton, Jr.
(2) William Thornton.
- (b) Caroline Foreman II, m. 1st Hay Abenschein (died). m. 2d Fred. Stringer. r. 418 Main St., Lansdale, Pa.
- (3) Caroline Foreman, m. John Zane. r. Lansdale, Pa. 6 chil.

- (a) Emily Zane. Died.
 - (b) Caroline Zane. r. Lansdale, Pa.
 - (c) John Zane, Jr. r. Lansdale, Pa.
 - (d) Josephine Zane. Married. r. Coopersburg, Pa.
 - (e) Mary Zane. r. Lansdale, Pa.
 - (f) William Zane. Married. r. Lansdale, Pa.
- e.* Annie Doster, b. Mar. 20, 1843 Philadelphia, Pa. d. Mar. 8, 1908, same, age 65. m. Philip Myers (b. Nov. 28, 1840 Philadelphia, Pa., d. July 5, 1903 same, age 63. Merchant at 13th & Wallace Sts., Phila.) r. Philadelphia, Pa. 3 chil.
- (1) Annie Myers, b. Jan. 15, 1870 Philadelphia, Pa. d. Oct. 13, 1928 same, age 58. m. Charles Joseph Wright (b. 1868, d. 1927, age 59. Architect for Reading R. R. and constructed many freight and passenger stations and other buildings). r. Philadelphia, Pa.
 - (a) Wright children, unknown.
 - (2) John Brunner Myers, b. Jan. 16, 1872, Philadelphia, Pa., d. same Dec. 8, 1931, age 59. m. Clara Burkle (b. 1870, d. 1922, age 52).
 - (a) Myers children, unknown.
 - (3) Helen Gertrude Myers, b. Nov. 20, 1874 Philadelphia, Pa. m. J. A. Brown (b. 1854 d. June 25, 1932 Philadelphia, age 78. Inspector, City Water Dept.). Has family records. r. 3642 Old York Road, Philadelphia, Pa. No chil.
- f.* Daniel Doster, b. Oct. 10, 1845 Philadelphia, Pa. d. same July 18, 1883, age 38, before his father's death. Union Army, Civil War, 91st Penna. Volunteers under Col. Gregory, later in Provost Marshal's Dept., Washington, D. C., 1862. Single. Bur. July 21, 1883 Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa.
- g.* William Henry Harrison Doster, b. 1848 Philadelphia, Pa., d. same Nov. 2, 1929, age 81. m. Ernestine ——— (d. Oct. 14, 1924). Hatter. r. 2058 E. Elkhart St., Philadelphia, Pa. Both bur. Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Philadelphia. No chil.
- h.* Henry Doster. No details, prob. d. inf.
- i.* Philip Doster. No details, prob. d. inf.

PHILIP MICHAEL DOSTER, 1804-1885

He shortened his name to plain MICHAEL DOSTER and is thus known to all his descendants. But he was christened by the full name as listed in this book.

He was the third and youngest son of John Philip Doster II, 1765-1829, and his wife Elizabeth Frederika Haintz. He was born at Niederhofen, Oberamt Brackenheim, Württemberg on October 22, 1804 and baptized there on October 24, 1804. His mother died soon after.

The dates are documented by a joint birth certificate obtained by his father, after his wife's death, from the Baptismal Record of the Lutheran Church at Niederhofen, for himself and his three sons, just before emigrating to America. The certificate is given in the sketch of his father's life, Chapter XI.

He was only a 13-year old boy when he left Württemberg in 1817 with his father and

two brothers and also with his uncle Daniel Doster and two cousins of Branch No. 6. They all embarked in the ship "Bambres" from Amsterdam, Holland, arriving at Philadelphia early in October of that year. An account of the trip appears in a previous chapter, *Ocean Voyages*.

The three motherless boys were taken by their father over the stage-coach route to Lancaster, Pa., at that time the largest inland city, where he invested in a farm at Middle Creek, about 12 miles north, near Lititz and Ephrata, and settled on it.

Michael Doster attended township schools in Lancaster County and did his share of farm labor, like his brothers. But before he was fully grown he took up different work. He became a travelling salesman, his product being spectacles, at a time when that article was in great demand in the rural sections. His territory was Pennsylvania, and he canvassed all of it.

The business was evidently close to his heart, for he was most successful at it. He is said to be the inventor of the spectacle hook, a great convenience for wearers in active work, replacing spectacles with straight arms over the ears, the earlier design which had served well enough for students and readers. Even in later years when he had retired, his comfortable residence had a rear room reserved for his personal workshop.

He did so well that he was taken into the Philadelphia office of McAllister & Co., a leading jewelry and silversmith establishment at 517 St. John St., which also dealt in optical supplies, and in time became the head man and active spirit of the firm.

He had fallen in love with a young girl by the name of Anna Maria Werner. One family tale is that she was on the same ship with him on his voyage to America when they were both in their early teens. At any rate she came from Württemberg. She was one of three orphan girls, and one of her sisters married a man named Zurbrick who lived at Lancaster, N. Y. and is said to have traded a horse for a plot of ground which today is the public square of Buffalo.

Anna Werner was legally adopted and brought up by the great financier Stephen Girard, who was born near Bordeaux, France May 24, 1750 and died at Philadelphia December 26, 1831. He became a wealthy shipowner, merchant, banker and philanthropist; he was reputed to be the richest man in the United States; and he is best known as the founder of Girard College, Philadelphia, an institution for poor, white, male orphans, for which he provided a huge trust fund. A clause of his will specified that "No ecclesiastic or minister of any sect shall be permitted to hold or exercise any station or duty in the College, or be admitted to the premises as a visitor", and the injunction was observed for a long time. Another clause specified that the walls around the college must be 20 feet, which of course would have made the college look like a prison; and this problem was ingeniously solved by the trustees by building them 10 feet below ground and 10 feet above.

Stephen Girard was opposed to Anna's betrothal. It was a not unreasonable position, for she was only 17 and her sweetheart only 19. But Michael Doster was an ardent and persistent suitor and in 1823 they were married. It is related that this barred her from becoming sole heir to the Girard fortune, and that her foster father had not planned his large college endowment until he became displeased with her. In any event, her inheritance was a small one.

Anna was a wonderful wife and mother, according to all accounts, a beautiful and agreeable person, and she and her husband were unusually congenial. Michael in his turn was very much the gentleman. He had an engaging manner, a great flow of humor and "some eccentricities". While not a tall man, he was known for his erect carriage. He could speak and write both German and English "beautifully", he wore well-tailored clothes and yellow gloves, and always kept horses and "conveyances" and the necessary servants. He owned several fine residential properties, but the place where he lived in Brown St. near St. John St. was not the best of them, because the others commanded such good rents. It was consistent with one of his traits; he disliked to spend money on things that he considered unessential, but in larger things he never hesitated to demand the best. His children were well brought up and benefited by all the concerts, lectures and other cultural affairs in the Philadelphia of that day.

A story is told of the early years of Michael Doster, when he had not been in Philadelphia very long but had already acquired some waterfront property. One day in the Spring while he was uptown buying a new hat, a flood of the Delaware River developed such a sudden rise that the whole district was under water and a messenger was sent hurriedly to summon him. He arrived at the premises just in time to see his wharf collapse while he watched without comment. Soon his tool shed floated away, and still he was speechless. Item after item yielded to the waters, with the owner gazing in stony silence. As a climax, when the wooden main building trembled gently and slid from its foundations into the stream, Michael strode to the edge, took off his brand-new beaver hat, shouted: "Here, you've got every other ——— thing I own, now finish the job!" and wish-sh-sh-sh, he heaved it high into a fine west wind that sailed it over the rushing torrent, and went home. But he was not ruined, and did quite well later.

Michael Doster and his wife Anna had nine children altogether, including several lost in infancy. They lived comfortably until their deaths, his in 1885 and hers in 1897. An estate of over \$200,000 was left, largely dispersed in later years.

The last resting place of the Michael Doster family is Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Philadelphia, described in the introduction to this branch.

XV: Branch No. 10, Near Philadelphia, Pa.

Descendants of CHRISTIAN DOSTER, about 1828-1870, who lived and died in Lauffen, Oberamt Balingen, Württemberg, and who had 8 children. 3 of these emigrated between 1860 and 1864. The others emigrated with their mother Agnes, widow of Christian, about 1871 to Philadelphia, Pa. Now scattered in Allentown, Bethlehem, Bristol and Philadelphia, Pa.; Trenton and Camden, N. J.; Baltimore, Md.; and LaSalle, Ill.

THIS BRANCH originates in the same general area of Württemberg as all the others.

Records in the United States go as far back as Christian Doster, who was born about 1828 in the city of Lauffen, Oberamt Balingen, Württemberg and died in the same place between 1862 and 1870. He was a Lutheran.

He has been presumed to be a farmer but may easily not have been, since Lauffen was a place of some size, in contrast to the hamlets where some of the other Doster ancestors originated. In fact, his descendants have all turned to trades and mercantile occupations, and perhaps they inherit such talents.

Christian Doster had 8 children, 4 boys and 4 girls. Three of them were sent to America in their teens, Lena (alone, in 1863, aged about 10) and Caroline and Christian, Jr. (together, about 1864, aged about 10 and 15 respectively), to Philadelphia, where presumably their parents had friends. Shortly after Christian's death in Lauffen, his widow Agnes followed them with her remaining 5 children, settling at Allentown, Pa.

All of these 8 children of Christian Doster settled in communities not far from Philadelphia, Pa. except one, son John Louis Doster, who prospered in LaSalle, Ill. but has left no male descendants.

Eldest son Christian Doster, Jr. is survived by his sons Charles Doster and Robert H. Doster at Bethlehem, Pa., and other descendants.

Son William Doster is survived by a son, Jacob Doster of Bristol, Pa., who in turn has 4 sons in the service of their country.

Son John Traugott Doster is survived by one of his own sons, William C. Doster of Baltimore, Md. who has 6 Doster sons, mostly in service.

The four daughters, who of course cannot perpetuate the family name, are listed with their respective husbands in the genealogical table.

Each of the 8 children of Christian Doster and his wife, upon emigrating to America, was presented by mother Agnes with a large handsome family Bible. It is not known how many family records were entered in these tomes or whether they all exist now. One of them, bequeathed a few years ago by Barbara Doster Bertsch (eldest daughter of Christian Doster) to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Rev. F. A. Posselt, Pastor, 302 Ridge Ave., Allentown, Pa., has been found to carry no entries of births and deaths.

Ancestry earlier than Christian Doster, head of this branch, can probably be estab-

lished only by access to baptismal records of the Lutheran churches at Lauffen, Oberamt Balingen, Württemberg. Such records may easily show relationships to other branches of the Doster family.

In the memory of the family there is no legend of the reasons for the emigration. Europe was in a turmoil at the time, but in America things were not normal either. Several of the children evidently came over during the Civil War. Mother Agnes arrived a few years later, during the so-called reconstruction period. A possibility is that Christian Doster may have been killed in the Franco-Prussian War in 1870. He would have been in the neighborhood of 42 years old, he lived not far from the border of embattled Alsace-Lorraine, and his widow emigrated to the United States about 1871. Beyond these scant facts, there is no evidence.

There is a possibility of confusion in the place of origin which has been reported as Lauffen, Oberamt Balingen. The City of Lauffen, spelled with two f's, is a well-known place, of some size, but considerably north of Balingen. Perhaps there was a smaller place, another Lauffen, close by Balingen and not appearing on the editor's old maps of the region.

For possible connection with other branches, see Key Chart, page ix.

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- I. CHRISTIAN DOSTER, b. around 1828 Lauffen, Württemberg, d. before 1870. May have been killed in Franco-Prussian War. In 1848 at Lauffen m. Agnes — (b. Lauffen, d. Allentown, Pa. Emig. about 1871 to Philadelphia with 5 children, following the three who had emig. previously, settled at Allentown, Pa.) 8 chil.
- A. Christian Doster, Jr., b. Ap. 21, 1849 Lauffen, Württemberg, d. 1923 South Bethlehem, Pa., age 74. On May 2, 1871 at Bethlehem, Pa. m. Lena Strausberger (b. 1853 So. Bethlehem, Pa., d. same). About 1864 emig. with sister Caroline (2d emig. in this family) to Philadelphia, Pa. Emp. iron mill, Allentown, Pa. and Boss Puddler, Bethlehem Steel Co., Bethlehem, Pa. r. (Billiardsville) R. F. D. No. 3, South Bethlehem, Pa. 8 chil.
1. Anna Doster, b. June 3, 1875 Bethlehem, Pa. d. same Aug. 3, 1875, age 1 mo. Twin.
 2. Wilhelm Doster, b. June 3, 1875 Bethlehem, Pa., d. same July 16, 1875, age 2 weeks. Twin.
 3. Charles Doster, (bapt. Karl Wilhelm), b. Oct. 29, 1876 Bethlehem, Pa. m. Bertha Mark. Caretaker. r. (Billiardsville) R. F. D. No. 3, South Bethlehem, Pa. 7 chil.
 - a. Edward Christian Alexander Doster, b. Feb. 25, 1909 Bethlehem, Pa. On Ap. 27, 1937 at Chevy Chase, Md. m. Hilda Clark Lightbown. 1943 deferred, U. S. Army, medical tests. No chil.
 - b. Karl Robert Doster, b. Oct. 14, 1911 Bethlehem, Pa. 1943 U. S. Army, Combat Engineers, European theatre. Single.
 - c. Paul Woodrow Wilson Doster, b. July 19, 1913 Bethlehem, Pa. On Dec. 11, 1933 m. Theresa Kovac at Bethlehem, Pa. Melter in open hearth furnaces. r. South Bethlehem, Pa. 3 chil.

1. Jeannette Cleo Doster, b. Mar. 27, 1934 Bethlehem, Pa.
2. Shirley Yvonne Doster, b. May 28, 1935 Bethlehem, Pa.
3. Robert Paul Doster, b. May 10, 1940 Bethlehem, Pa.
- d. Albert Franklin Doster, b. Ap. 11, 1914 Bethlehem, Pa. 1943-5 Sergeant, U. S. Army, Aleutian Islands.
- e. Mildred Anna Lena Doster, b. Dec. 31, 1915 Bethlehem, Pa. On May 1, 1943 at Bethlehem, Pa. m. Ernest H. Knoedler (special welder). r. Bethlehem, Pa. No chil.
- f. Dorothy Doster, b. 1918 Bethlehem, d. same, inf.
- g. Daisy Marie Doster, b. Aug. 21, 1920 Bethlehem, Pa. r. same. Single.
4. Daisy Doster (bapt. Anna Maria Theresa), b. July 24, 1879 South Bethlehem, Pa. Died same. r. same. Single.
5. John Christian Doster, b. Oct. 24, 1884 South Bethlehem, Pa. Died at Easton, Pa. Chief of Guards, Northampton County Penitentiary. r. Easton, Pa. Single.
6. Heinrich Wilhelm Doster, b. Oct. 7, 1887 South Bethlehem, Pa. d. same Ap. 3, 1888, age 6 mos.
7. Lillian Clare Doster, b. Ap. 6, 1890 South Bethlehem, Pa. m. 1st Dr. James Jackson (of Madison, Wis., 5 chil.) m. 2d Kimball Young (of New York City, no chil.) r. N. Y. City.
 - a. Clare Jackson.
 - b. James Jackson, Jr.
 - c. Jean Jackson, m. Samuel Nichols. r. Chicago, Ill.
 - d. Robert Jackson.
 - e. Ann Jackson.
8. Robert Herman Doster, b. June 29, 1893 South Bethlehem, Pa. On Aug. 16, 1919 at Bethlehem, Pa. m. Emma Jane Walper. Mexican Border, in Battery A, 1st Penna. Field Artillery. World War I, PFC 79th Div., A.E.F., Divisional M. P. Steel moulder, Bethlehem Steel Co. r. 632 8th Ave., Bethlehem, Pa. 3 sons.
 - a. Robert W. Doster, b. Oct. 18, 1920 Bethlehem, Pa. Lehigh Univ. Accountant. Emp. Bethlehem Steel Co. r. 632 8th Ave., Bethlehem, Pa. Single.
 - b. John Christian Doster II, b. Sept. 15, 1924 Bethlehem, Pa. Lehigh Univ. In engineering. 1945 U.S.N. Seaman 1/c, Gt. Lakes Naval Sta. r. 632 8th Ave., Bethlehem, Pa. Single.
 - c. Richard W. Doster, b. Nov. 17, 1926 Bethlehem, Pa. Lehigh Univ. Summer camp counselor. 1945 U.S.N. Apprentice Seaman, Bainbridge, Md. r. 632 8th Avenue, Bethlehem, Pa. Single.
- B. Barbara Doster, b. about 1850 Lauffen, Württemberg, d. 1940 Allentown, Pa., age 90. About 1871 emig. with mother, sister Anna and brothers John Louis, William and John Traugott, to Allentown, Pa. There m. ——— Bertsch (dairy business, died). r. Chew & 2d Sts., Allentown, Pa. 2 sons.

1. August Christian Bertsch, b. Allentown, Pa. Trucking bus. r. 332 N. 2d St., Allentown, Pa. Single.
 2. William H. Bertsch, b. Allentown, Pa. m. Anna Meitzler at same. Farmer, several hundred acres. r. Lanark Manor, Allentown, Pa. 5 chil.
 - a. William Bertsch, R. R. work.
 - b. Charles Bertsch.
 - c. Paul Bertsch.
 - d. Edith Bertsch.
 - e. Arline Bertsch.
- C. Anna Doster, b. about 1853 Lauffen, Württemberg, d. Allentown, Pa. About 1871 emig. with mother, sister Barbara and brothers John Louis, William and John Traugott, to Allentown, Pa. About 1874 at Allentown, Pa. m. Christian Gomber (Supt. Iron Foundry, died). Twin of Lena Doster, below. r. Allentown, Pa. 2 chil.
1. Charles Gomber, b. and d. Allentown, Pa. m. Agnes ———. Railroad Signalman. Former r. 27 E. Main St., Wescoesville, Pa. r. now with daughter Mrs. Paul Rau, below, Allentown, Pa.
 - a. Boy Gomber.
 - b. Girl Gomber, m. Paul Rau. r. Allentown, Pa.
 2. Mary Gomber, b. and d. Allentown, Pa. m. Frank Armstrong (d.). r. Allentown, Pa. 2 chil.
 - a. Anna Armstrong, b. Allentown, Pa.
 - b. Samuel Armstrong, b. Allentown, Pa. Last heard, in California.
- D. Lena Doster, b. about 1853 Lauffen, Württemberg, d. Trenton, N. J. About 1863 emig. (1st of her family) to Philadelphia, Pa. m. John Schmidt (wholesale tailor). Twin of Anna Doster, above. r. Trenton, N. J. 4 chil.
1. Caroline Schmidt, b. Trenton, N. J. Married, 1 son.
 - a. Name unknown.
 2. Anna Schmidt, b. Trenton, N. J. m. William Powell. r. Trenton, N. J. No chil.
 3. John Schmidt, b. Trenton, N. J. Married. r. Phila., Pa. 1 son.
 - a. Boy Schmidt.
 4. George Schmidt, b. Trenton, N. J. Married. r. Phila., Pa. 2 chil.
 - a. Boy Schmidt.
 - b. Girl Schmidt.
- E. Caroline Doster, b. about 1854 Lauffen, Württemberg, d. Camden, N. J. About 1864 emig. with brother Christian (2d emig. in this family) to Philadelphia, Pa. m. Jacob Neidheimer (Wines and liquors). r. Camden, N. J. No chil.
- F. John Louis Doster, b. about 1856 Lauffen, Württemberg, d. LaSalle, Ill. m. Rose Haigle (died). About 1871 emig. with mother, sisters Barbara and Anna, and brothers William and John Traugott, to Philadelphia, Pa. Settled in La Salle, Ill. Wholesale liquor bus. r. 640 First St., La Salle, Ill. 4 chil.

1. Albert Doster, b. La Salle, Ill., d. same, single.
 2. Emma Doster, b. La Salle, Ill. m. Lawrence McAtte (died). r. 415 W. 77th, Los Angeles, Cal.
 3. Edith Doster, b. La Salle, Ill. m. Meyer. r. 1613 Park Ave., Monroe, La. 1 child.
 - a. Child Meyer.
 4. Bertha Doster, b. LaSalle, Ill. d. same, single.
- G. William Doster, b. about 1858 Lauffen, Württemberg, d. around 1927 Philadelphia, Pa. About 1871 emig. with mother, sisters Barbara and Anna, and brothers John Louis and John Traugott, to Philadelphia, Pa. m. Louise ———. Occupation, butcher. r. Philadelphia, Pa. 5 chil.
1. Albert J. Doster, b. July 1890 Philadelphia, Pa., d. 1924 same, age 34. Single.
 2. Agnes Doster, b. 1891 Philadelphia, Pa. m. Slackway. r. 2304 Sepviva St., Philadelphia, Pa. No chil.
 3. Jacob Doster, b. July 19, 1893 Philadelphia, Pa. m. Clara Winkelman. Stat. Engineer, Superior Zinc Co. r. R. F. D. No. 1, Bristol, Pa. 4 sons.
 - a. William A. J. Doster, b. Jan. 30, 1918 Bristol, Pa. 1944 U.S.A.A.F.
 - b. John J. Doster, b. Oct. 21, 1919 Bristol, Pa. m. Lydia E. Wright. 1944 U. S. Army, infantry, wounded in Africa. No chil.
 - c. James Doster, b. Ap. 2, 1921 Bristol, Pa. 1944 U. S. M. C., South Pacific theatre.
 - d. Albert Doster, b. Mar. 15, 1922 Edgely, Pa. 1944 U. S. M. C.
 4. Carrie Doster, b. about 1895 Philadelphia, Pa. r. 2133 E. Huntington Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. Single.
 5. Ella Doster, b. about 1897 Philadelphia, Pa. r. 2670 Sepviva St., Philadelphia, Pa. Single.
- H. John Traugott Doster, b. 1862 Lauffen, Württemberg, d. 1940 Baltimore, Md., age 78. m. Exelmer (Ella) Applegate. About 1871 emig. with mother, sisters Barbara and Anna, and brothers William and John Louis, to Philadelphia, Pa. Settled at Burlington, N. J. Supt. Printing plant. r. 2918 Glenmore Ave., Baltimore, Md. 2 sons.
1. William C. Doster, b. 1885 Burlington, N. J. m. Mary Kornman at Baltimore, Md. Same business as father, printing. r. 1659 Darley Ave., Baltimore, Md. 8 chil.
 - a. William T. Doster, b. 1913 Baltimore, Md. m. Myrtle Diggs. Radio Engineer, Station WFBR. r. 1833 N. Washington St., Baltimore, Md. No chil.
 - b. Ruth M. Doster, b. 1915 Baltimore, Md. m. Loris Magavini. r. Baltimore, Md. 2 chil.
 1. Lois Magavini.
 2. Richard Magavini.
 - c. Louise E. Doster, b. 1918 Baltimore, Md. m. Joseph Krepp. r. Baltimore, Md. 1 son.
 1. Joseph Krepp, Jr.

- d. Howard E. Doster, b. 1920 Baltimore, Md. m. Rose Eder (b. Munich, Bavaria).
1943 in U.S.A.A.F. 1 son.
1. Howard E. Doster, Jr.
- e. Lloyd F. Doster, b. 1923 Baltimore, Md. 1943 U. S. Army, Med. Corps. Single.
- f. Robert L. Doster, b. 1924 Baltimore, Md. 1943, U. S. Army, M. P. Single.
- g. Carl R. Doster, b. 1928 Baltimore, Md. Single.
- h. John A. Doster, b. 1931 Baltimore, Md. At school.
2. Howard T. Doster, b. 1887 Burlington, N. J. d. 1931, age 44. m. Camille Cartier
(Boston, Mass.) No chil.

XVI: Branch No. 11, Bucks County, Pa.

Descendants of JOHN ADOLF DOSTER, born around 1835 in Gleibethingen, who did not emigrate but had 7 children of whom 5 and the widow of one other emigrated in 1883 and later to Philadelphia, Pa. Descendants now in three sections, Bucks County, Pa., Knierim, Ia. and North Dakota.

FEW DETAILS are available of the early history of this branch, and descendants have not been greatly interested in reporting them.

The line is descended from John Adolf Doster, a farmer of Gleibethingen in Württemberg, who lived and died there. The majority of his children appear to have emigrated about 1883 and to have settled in three different localities in the United States: in Bucks County, Pa., in Knierim, Ia. and in some unnamed community in North Dakota. One son died in Württemberg and one daughter stayed there until 1922 when her husband died and her property was confiscated by government order. Why these people emigrated, and what were the reasons for their choices of settling places, are facts that have not been disclosed.

The framework has been drawn as completely as possible and is available for the future addition of missing pieces of information.

For possible connection with other branches, see Key Chart, page ix.

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- I. JOHN ADOLF DOSTER, b. around 1835 Gleibethingen, Württemberg, d. same. Farmer. Name of wife unknown. 7 chil.
 - A. Gottlieb Doster, b. about 1859 Gleibethingen, Württemberg. Believed to have emigrated about 1883 to Philadelphia, settled in Knierim, Ia. Soldier in King's Guard of Württemberg. Farmer. Married. Children unknown. r. Knierim, Ia. (Is said to have not liked conditions in the U. S.—may have returned).
 - B. John Adolf Doster II, b. May 16, 1860 Gleibethingen, Württemberg. Married same, name of wife unknown. d. same. Farmer. 8 chil. Believed emigrated with wife in 1883 to Bucks County, Pa.
 1. George J. Doster, b. June 21, 1884 Ben Salem Twp., Bucks County, Pa. m. Marie Walton (of English parents, b. May 25, 1894 Bustleton, Pa.) Retired farmer and caretaker for large estate. Former r. R. D. No. 2, Bristol, Pa. r. now R. D. No. 1, Newtown, Pa. 4 chil.
 - a. George J. Doster, Jr., b. Aug. 11, 1925.
 - b. Mary Elizabeth Doster, b. Jan. 21, 1923. 1944 U. S. M. C.

- c. Grace Margaret Doster, b. May 31, 1928.
- d. Daughter Doster, b. Sept. 24, 1933, d. inf.
2. Mary Doster, b. Feb. 16, 1886 Ben Salem Twp., Bucks County, Pa. m. Morgan Fulton (of Chester County, Pa., railroader, now retired). Has family Bible, with records. r. Langhorne, Pa. 2 chil.
 - a. Morgan Fulton, Jr., b. Jan. 20, 1919. Twin of Catherine Fulton. r. Langhorne, Pa.
 - b. Catherine Fulton, b. Jan. 20, 1919. Twin of Morgan Fulton, Jr. m. Charles Clickner (emp. Kaiser-Cargo Aircraft Co.) r. Langhorne, Pa. 2 chil.
 1. John Charles Clickner, b. June 24, 1940.
 2. Wayne Morgan Clickner, b. Feb. 11, 1943.
3. Kathryn Doster, b. Feb. 18, 1888. Ben Salem Twp., Bucks County, Pa. m. Philip Farrley (b. 1890, Welder in Frankford, Phila.) r. 524 Widener Pl., Olney, Phila., Pa. 3 chil.
 - a. Anna Marie Farrley, b. Oct. 21, 1923. r. Olney, Phila., Pa.
 - b. Philip John Farrley, b. Feb. 28, 1926. 1943 U. S. Navy.
 - c. Peggy Catherine Farrley, b. May 24, 1928. At High School.
4. Margaret Doster, b. Ap. 21, 1891 Ben Salem Twp., Bucks County, Pa. m. John F. Scott (b. Jan. 26, 1891, hosiery knitter). r. Newtown, Pa. 5 chil.
 - a. Ruth Benson Scott, b. Feb. 16, 1918, adopted. m. Raymond Yantz (emp. Kaiser-Cargo Aircraft Co., Bristol, Pa.). r. Yardley, Pa.
 - b. Boy Scott, b. May 24, 1926, died.
 - c. John Scott, b. Nov. 15, 1927. Emp. misc. jobs.
 - d. William Joseph Scott, b. June 16, 1929. At school.
 - e. Mary Lillian Scott, b. Aug. 26, 1932. At school.
5. Emma Doster, b. Mar. 26, 1893 Ben Salem Twp., Bucks County, Pa. m. 1st Edward Cox (d. Jan. 18, 1924, 1 daughter). m. 2d James Parrish (no chil.) r. Oakford, Pa.
 - a. Emma Cox, b. Nov. 3, 1915. m. John Schumann (emp. Kaiser-Cargo Aircraft Co., Bristol, Pa.). r. Oakford, Pa. 2 chil.
 1. Daughter Schumann, died.
 2. John Ronald Schumann, b. Sept. 7, 1942.
6. John Adolf Doster III, b. Mar. 13, 1895 Ben Salem Twp., Bucks County, Pa. d. June 29, 1945 Newtown, Pa., age 50. Formerly had small hosiery plant, in phone book 5438 Ella St., Philadelphia, but later emp. in hosiery plant of brother Joseph at Milton, Del., below. Single.
7. Anna Doster, b. Nov. 16, 1898 Ben Salem Twp., Bucks County, Pa. m. Earl Kershaw (emp. Frankford Arsenal, Phila., Pa.). r. 5438 Ella St., Philadelphia, Pa. 1 son.
 - a. Joseph Kershaw, b. Nov. 29, 1924. 1943, U. S. Navy.
8. Joseph Applegate Doster, b. Ap. 19, 1901 Ben Salem Twp., Bucks County, Pa. m. Dorothy Lofton. President, Doster Hosiery Mill. r. Milton, Del. 3 chil.
 - a. Dorothy Doster.

- b. Joan Doster.
 - c. Joseph A. Doster, Jr., b. October 26, 1943.
- C. Mary Doster, b. about 1862 Gleibethingen, Württemberg. Emig. at unknown date, settled in Knierim, Ia. m. Martin Markert. Lived and died at Knierim, Ia. 2 chil.
- 1. Unknown Markert, r. Knierim, Ia.
 - 2. Unknown Markert, r. Knierim, Ia.
- D. Hanna Doster, b. about 1863 Gleibethingen, Württemberg. Emig. 1922, when government confiscated property in Europe, following World War I, to Knierim, Ia. At Gleibethingen m. August Judd (prop. of brass foundry, d. there). Has details of family history. Children unknown, if any. r. Knierim, Ia.
- E. Frederick Doster, b. about 1865 Gleibethingen, Württemberg. Emig. at unknown date to some place in North Dakota and died there in 1920. Unknown whether married or children.
- F. August Doster, b. around 1866 Gleibethingen, Württemberg. Emig. at unknown date, settled in Knierim, Ia. Farmer. Said to have details of family history. Unknown whether married or children.
- G. Philip Doster, born around 1868 Gleibethingen, Württemberg, d. same about 1918. Did not emigrate. No further details.

XVII: Branch No. 12, Chicago and Buffalo

Two lists from Oberamt Nürtingen, Württemberg, not connected with each other in the record, nor with any other branch.

THE EDITOR does not know what to do with the following tables, No. 12 and No. 12-A, other than to list the names, the relationships as far as they go and some straws of information on occupations and addresses.

The reason for grouping them together is that one has the names of Kohlberg, Nürtingen and Tischartt as places of origin, while the other has Nürtingen and Grafenberg. All of these are close together, in the Black Forest Country of Württemberg.

There are several Doster branches to which they might be related by the addition of a name or two. Most promising are the large lines of the Michigan families, Branch Nos. 16-17-18, and the editor rather believes that No. 18 is the one in question (they all originated in the Black Forest country). Branch No. 12-A is in the neighborhood of Buffalo, N. Y. and there are considerable numbers of Dosters in Buffalo, Gardenville, Sheldon, South Wales, East Aurora and other communities in that district who belong to Branches No. 16, 17, and 18, only a part of whom have been reported and listed. Other Buffalo names appear in the list of unidentified Dosters at the end of this book.

In Branch No. 12 there is a reference to one Johannes Doster who went to some place in the state of New York, where he left a widow and several children, and this seems to point to a relationship with Branch No. 15, Port Leyden, N. Y. But the pieces of the puzzle do not quite fit, and the recurrence of the same given names in separate branches makes the effort difficult.

Rather than risk the delay and expense of attempting to trace these lines before publication, the editor has put down what we have, to serve as a foundation to build upon in future.

For possible connection with other branches, see Key Chart, page ix.

I. JACOB DOSTER, b. about 1840 in Kohlberg, Oberamt Nürtingen, Württemberg. m. Magdalene Lutz (b. about 1850) in Tischartt. Farmer. 2 sons reported.

A. Johannes Doster, b. around 1865 Tischartt, Württemberg. Emig. about 1885 to N. Y. State, married, later made a trip to Württemberg and died there. Farmer. Widow survives and now lives somewhere in N. Y. State. 3 or 4 chil.

1. Unknown Doster, somewhere in New York State.
2. Unknown Doster " " " " "
3. Unknown Doster " " " " "

- B. August Doster, b. Sept. 1867 Tischar dt, Württemberg. m. Mary Lutz (b. 1874 Tischar dt, Württemberg). Farmer. Did not emigrate. 5 chil.
1. Johannes Doster II, b. 1894 Tischar dt, Württemberg. German Army, killed 1918, World War I.
 2. Frederike Doster, b. 1895 Tischar dt, Württemberg. Nurse, German Army. r. Tischar dt. Single.
 3. Pauline Doster, b. 1899 Tischar dt, Württemberg. r. same. Single.
 4. Christian Herman Doster, b. Dec. 5, 1901 Tischar dt, Württemberg. At same m. Pauline Grundler (b. Aug. 22, 1906 Tischar dt, Württemberg). Emig. Oct. 2, 1924, after World War I during German inflation, to Chicago, Ill. Supt. of Service, Fashion & Trade Bldg., 318 W. Adams St. r. formerly 2611 N. Magnolia St., r. now 1214 Montana, Chicago.
 - a. Lore (daughter) Doster, b. Mar. 14, 1929 Chicago, Ill. Attends St. Luke's Lutheran School. r. 1214 Montana, Chicago, Ill.
 5. August Doster, b. 1908 Tischar dt, Württemberg. r. same.

BRANCH NO. 12-A

Information sent to the author by Mrs. Margaret Doster Feil, Buffalo, N. Y. Present address unknown. Names believed to be in Buffalo, N. Y. except as otherwise listed. For possible connection with other branches, see Key Chart, page ix.

- I. PHILIP JACOB DOSTER, farmer in Oberamt Nürtingen, Württemberg. Born in Grafenberg, Württemberg. Married twice. Had 2 brothers and 2 sisters. 12 chil. (only 8 given, presumably those of 1st marriage).
- A. Margaret Doster, b. 1862. m. Feil. Gave this list of names. 4 chil.
1. Cathrine Feil. m. Fick (railroad engineer).
 2. Gertrude Feil. m. Rev. Funk (Baptist minister). r. Greenville, Pa. 2 chil.
 - a. Robert Funk.
 - b. Dorothy Funk.
 3. Margaret Feil, m. Idhe (businessman). r. Buffalo, N. Y.
 4. Alfred Feil. m. Edna Mohn. Mgr. Kulp Transportation Co. r. Buffalo, N. Y. 1 son.
 - a. Delmar Feil.
- B. Christian Doster. b. around 1865. Lived 28 years Bay City, Mich., then went to Lemon Grove, Cal. Never married. Died.
- C. Cathrine Doster. b. around 1865. m. Daniel Miller. Both died. 4 chil.
1. John Miller.
 2. Christian Miller.
 3. Margaret Miller.
 4. Caroline Miller.

- D. Lena Doster, b. around 1865. m. Munro. Both died. 6 chil.
1. Lena Munro.
 2. Rose Munro.
 3. Elizabeth Munro.
 4. Christian Munro.
 5. Nora Munro.
 6. Frank Munro.
- E. Caroline Doster. b. around 1865. m. 1st Wuster. m. 2d Pfeiffer. She and husbands all dead. 8 chil., unknown by which husband.
1. Elizabeth.
 2. John.
 3. Fred.
 4. Carrie.
 5. George.
 6. Henry.
 7. Elsie.
 8. Hattie.
- F. Frederick Doster, b. around 1870. No details.
- G. John Doster. b. around 1870. Married. 3 chil.
1. George Doster. Married. 2 chil.
 - a. Unknown Doster.
 - b. Unknown Doster.
 2. Bertha Doster. Married. 2 chil., names not reported.
 3. Charlotte Doster.
- H. George Doster. b. around 1870. m. Elizabeth ———. 5 chil.
1. Frederick Doster.
 2. Christian Doster.
 3. Bertha Doster.
 4. Kathrine Doster.
 5. Elizabeth Doster.

XVIII: Branch No. 13, Danville, Pa.

Descendants of JACOB DOSTER, who was born around 1840 in Strasbourg, and emigrated from there in 1865, at the close of the Civil War in America, to Danville, Pa.

LITTLE INFORMATION is presented on this branch.

Jacob Doster, of whose father and mother we have found no record in this country, left his homeland in 1865 and emigrated to America.

He was a puddler by trade and therefore spent his life in the iron business. Attracted by the iron ore mines which had been opened only a short time before in the vicinity of Danville, Pa., not far from the forks of the Susquehanna River, and having heard from friends of increasing opportunities in the neighborhood for any man of a skilled trade, he settled in Danville, pursuing his craft at the Montour Iron Mills. The plant was a tremendous one for the day, employing as many as 600 hands at times, it is said, during the great demand for iron products before the age of steel.

Owing to a misfortune in another family connected by marriage with this branch at an early date, the histories of the descendants have been mixed, and they are loath to go into detail. On that account the record is printed as simply as possible.

Originating in Strasbourg, Branch No. 13 is a slight exception to the uniformity of origins of all the others, in Württemberg; but only an apparent one, for Strasbourg is only a couple of dozen miles from the native villages of all the other Doster lines.

There is no known connection with Branch No. 14, also of Danville, Pa.

For possible connection with other branches, see Key Chart, page ix.

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- I. JACOB DOSTER, b. about 1840 Strasbourg, Ger. d. Aug. 26, 1890 Danville, Pa., age about 50. Emig. in April 1865 to Danville, Pa. Puddler in Montour Iron Mills, Danville, Pa. In 1865 m. Agnes Agatha Hauck (b. Nov. 1843, d. Mar. 29, 1913). Both bur. German Lutheran Cemetery, Danville, Pa. 7 chil.
- A. John H. Doster, b. Jan. 5, 1866 Danville, Pa., d. Ap. 13, 1923, same. In 1888 at Danville m. Margaret Elizabeth Laubaugh (b. Feb. 8, 1868 Danville, Pa.). Used middle initial H. to avoid banking confusion with Dosters in Branch No. 14, also of Danville. Puddler, Montour Iron Mills. r. Danville, Pa. 8 chil.
1. Raymond Adelbert Doster, b. Aug. 24, 1890 Danville, Pa. 1924 m. Margaret Crosley of near Danville. Retired, invalid. r. Danville, Pa. 1 son.
- a. John William Doster, b. June 2, 1925. Invalid. r. Danville, Pa.
2. John Wesley Doster, b. Oct. 10, 1893 Danville, Pa. m. Lulu Sears (b. July 16, 1896). Proprietor tinning business. r. 384 Water St., Northumberland, Pa. No chil.

3. Adelaide Doster, b. Mar. 29, 1896 Danville, Pa. m. John H. Ferguson. r. 10 Woodland Road, Abingdon, Philadelphia, Pa.
 4. Grace Doster, b. Oct. 18, 1899 Danville, Pa. Emp. and r. same. Single.
 5. Agatha Doster, b. June 27, 1901 Danville, Pa. m. Adam Craig (farmer). r. Benton, Pa., near Danville. Twin of Agnes Doster, below. No chil.
 6. Agnes Doster, b. June 27, 1901 Danville, Pa. d. same 1902, age 14 mos. Twin of Agatha Doster, above.
 7. Elizabeth Doster, b. Oct. 19, 1903 Danville, Pa. m. Albert Ketler. r. 1001 Fort Augusta, Sunbury, Pa. 2 chil.
 - a. Harriett Ketler.
 - b. Albert Ketler, Jr.
 8. Harriett Doster, b. Ap. 21, 1908 Danville, Pa. m. Russell Watkinson. r. 222 Buckins Ave., Abingdon, Philadelphia, Pa.
- B. William F. Doster, b. 1867 Danville, Pa. d. Jan. 1891 Wilkesbarre, Pa., age 24, accident, fall from a roof. Occupation, tinsmith. Married. 2 chil.
1. Helen Doster, b. around 1890. m. Cavan. r. Kidder St., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
 - a. Cavan children—7 or 8.
 2. Gerald Doster, b. around 1892 Wilkesbarre, Pa. Married. r. Dearborn St., Wilkesbarre, Pa. 3 chil. Has family information.
 - a. Gerald Doster, Jr., b. around 1918.
 - b. Madeline Doster, b. around 1918.
 - c. Girl Doster.
- C. Jacob Doster, Jr., b. about 1870 Danville, Pa. d. inf.
- D. Rose Doster, b. about 1873 Danville, Pa. Single. r. State Hospital, Danville, Pa.
- E. Elizabeth Doster, b. 1875 Danville, Pa. m. Otto Wagner. 2 chil. r. State Hospital, Danville, Pa.
1. John Wagner, married, 1 son.
 - a. James Wagner.
 2. Lillian Wagner, married, 1 daught.
 - a. Mary ———.
- F. Clara Doster, b. 1879 Danville, Pa. m. Frank Brunner (bank official). r. State Hospital, Danville and Bloomsburg, Pa. 2 chil.
1. Frank Brunner, Jr. r. Bloomsburg, Pa.
 2. Mary Brunner. r. Bloomsburg, Pa.
- G. Mary Doster, b. 1881 Danville, Pa. r. same. Single.

Godolf Henry Doster of Strasbourg visited this family in 1911, wearing the uniform of the German Army, and thereupon returned. He is believed to be a close relative.

Samuel Devoe, Esq., Mahoney St., Danville, Pa., an authority on Historical Society matters, is said to have records and burial dates of Danville citizens including both of the Doster branches there.

H. R. Von Dorster, 246 Arch St., Sunbury, Pa. is considered by this family to be related to it.

This branch has no known relationship to the other Doster branch in Danville (No. 14).

XIX: Branch No. 14, Danville, Pa.

Descendants of JOHN DOSTER, SR., 1823-1905, who was born at Stuttgart, the capital of Württemberg, married there and emigrated to the United States in 1848, settling in Danville, Pa. Descendants now scattered, at addresses shown.

SOME MEMBERS of this branch have been inclined to believe themselves of British ancestry because the lore handed down in the family recalled that the parents of John Doster, Sr. went from England to Stuttgart, the capital of Württemberg, and their son was born there.

It is easy to believe that they lived in England because there was at times a demand in industrial areas of the British isles for skilled artisans of all kinds. Great numbers were attracted there from the Continent. But whereas we have never found one Englishman named Doster, Württemberg turns out to have had quite a few families by that name and we are rather forced to a conclusion that the latter was their native ground. Whether they originated in the city of Stuttgart or in one of the score of villages and towns nearby that produced the ancestors of all the Doster branches, is something still to be learned.

As in the case of other branches, the table lists the descendants of John Doster, Sr. by himself, with no attention to brothers and sisters that he might have had. A family with only one son was a rarity at the time and there is a good possibility that brothers, if found, would provide a connection with other branches in America.

Our record concerns itself with John Doster, Sr., a cabinetmaker who emigrated to America with his wife in 1848 and settled at Danville, Pa. in the heyday of the iron business, shortly after ore mines in that neighborhood were opened, leading to the founding of the Montour Iron Mills. This caused great growth in the section, with resultant opportunities for any man of ability.

How he capitalized on them and guided his sons to become solid citizens of their community is a cross-section of what happened in every Doster emigration—typical, in fact, of American history in general.

Unfortunately from the standpoint of family name, many of the descendants were daughters, and the sons were without children, so that although the descendants are listed, they bear other surnames and no male Dosters now survive in this branch.

There is no known connection with Branch No. 13, also of Danville, Pa.

For possible connection with other branches, see Key Chart, page ix.

- I. JOHN DOSTER, SR., born April 9, 1823 in Stuttgart, Württemberg. d. Dec. 24, 1905 Danville, Montour County, Pa., age 82. m. Barbara von Reitzel (b. Mar. 4, 1826 in Alsace-Lorraine, supposedly of royal blood, d. June 9, 1876 Danville, Pa., age 50). Cabinetmaker, funeral director and founded furniture establishment. Emig. 1848 to Danville, Pa. Both bur. I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Danville, Pa. 6 chil. See sketch.
- A. John Doster, Jr., b. Dec. 28, 1856 Danville, Pa., d. same May 22, 1932, age 75. In 1881 m. 1st Sarah A. Bates (b. 1854 Danville, Pa., d. same Mar. 30, 1911, age 57, daught. of Richard Bates and Frances Hunt, English people, of Danville. Bur. I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Danville. 3 chil.) In 1915 m. 2d Florence B. Musgrave (b. Aug. 18, 1874, daught. of John Deitrick Musgrave of Hughesville, Lycoming County and Jane Amelia Artley of the Quaker community of Pennsdale, Lycoming County, Pa., who settled in Picture Rocks, Pa. No chil. r. now 612 14th St., Waynesboro, Va.) Large funeral establishment, furniture business, prominent resident. Bur. I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Danville, Pa. See sketch.
1. Augusta E. Doster, b. Mar. 17, 1883 Danville, Pa. m. 1st John Danner (Easton, Pa., son of Sen. Danner). m. 2d Neil Ginnivan (salesman). Conducts boarding house. r. 413 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. No chil.
 2. Estella Doster, b. Sept. 20, 1888 Danville, Pa., d. same Aug. 31, 1928. m. W. J. B. Smith (of Danville, broker). r. 50 E. New St., Lancaster, Pa. 3 chil.
 - a. Sarah Mary Smith, b. Ap. 7, 1915. On Feb. 3, 1939 m. Charles Martin (newspaper business). r. Lancaster, Pa. 2 chil.
 1. Timothy C. Martin, b. Aug. 24, 1940.
 2. Susan Malinda Martin, b. May 3, 1942.
 - b. Mary Elizabeth Smith, b. Oct. 27, 1919. On Feb. 14, 1942 m. Thomas McCaskey (McCaskeys are old-line family of educators. 1944 Lieut., U. S. Army). r. 525 N. Duke St., Lancaster, Pa. No chil.
 - c. Alice Virginia Smith, b. Dec. 23, 1921. On May 11, 1944 at Ft. Benning, Ga. m. Melvin H. Wainer (1944 U. S. Army). r. 50 E. New St., Lancaster, Pa. No chil.
 3. Ethel Doster, b. June 19, 1893 Danville, Pa. m. Robert L. Davis (of old Montour County family, undertaker, banker, mayor of Northumberland). r. Water St., Northumberland, Pa. 1 son.
 - a. Robert Doster Davis, b. Mar. 17, 1918 Northumberland, Pa. In August 1940 m. Ethel Frantz. 1944 U. S. Army. r. Northumberland, Pa. 2 chil.
 1. Susan Elliott Davis, b. July 24, 1942 Northumberland, Pa.
 2. Robert Lawrence Davis, b. Aug. 6, 1944 Northumberland, Pa.
- B. Jacob Doster, b. Feb. 21, 1859 Danville, Pa., d. same June 7, 1933, age 74. m. Mrs. Nell Keim (nee Neebler). Furniture business with brother Theodore, John Doster's Sons, 298-300 Mill St., Danville, later retired. Bur. I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Danville, Pa. r. 203 Bloom St., Danville, Pa. 1 stepson.
1. (Stepson) Donald Keim.
- C. Theodore Doster, b. Dec. 22, 1860 Danville, Pa., d. same Sept. 6, 1939, age 79. On Jan. 8, 1890 m. Agnes Johnson (b. 1859 Danville, Pa., d. same 1928, age 69.) Furniture busi-

ness with brother Jacob, John Doster's Sons, 298-300 Mill St., Danville, later retired. Both bur. I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Danville. r. 205 Bloom St., Danville, Pa. No chil.

D. Anna Doster, b. Dec. 1861 Danville, Pa., d. same Sept. 5, 1941, age 80. m. Harry Hollingshead (retired). Bur. I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Danville. r. 205 Bloom St., Danville, Pa. No chil.

E. Elizabeth Doster, b. 1863 Danville, Pa. m. Oliver R. Harris. r. Sunbury, Pa. 3 chil.

1. Jacob Harris, Minneapolis, Minn. Single.

2. Theodore Harris. Emp. Bond Dept., Mellon Nat. Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa. Married.

3. Marian Harris. m. Harry Purnell (Electrical business). r. Washington, D. C. 2 chil.

a. Harry Purnell, Jr.

b. Jay Purnell.

F. Margaret Doster, b. 1874 Danville, Pa. m. 1st Frank Sloan Brown (meat packer, Jersey City, N. J., d. 1926). m. 2d John Peters. r. Glen Rock, N. J. No chil.

Note: No male Dosters survive in this branch. cf. *History of Montour County, Pennsylvania*, 1915.

JOHN DOSTER, SR., 1823-1905

Born at Stuttgart, the capital of Württemberg, on April 9, 1823. According to the family legend his parents, whose names are not recorded, went there from England. This may be correct, but they probably did not originate there because every Doster branch in America stems from an ancestor born not far from Stuttgart.

He learned the cabinetmaker's trade and became exceptionally skilled at it. There is an interesting tale that when he was a handsome youth he met, fell in love with and secretly married a lady of the royal (Hohenzollern) family, but this was against the commoner-royalty regulations and the authorities intervened. Our record lists his wife as Barbara von Reitzel (or von Reutzel) who was born in 1826 in Alsace-Lorraine, but whether she was a second wife after an official annulment of his first marriage, or whether Barbara was herself the lady of royal antecedents, has never been verified. If the latter is correct and her lineage can ever be established, then all of the descendants in this table carry royal blood in their veins.

John Doster, Sr. had many acquaintances who had gone to America and written enthusiastically of the greater opportunities there, and at the age of 25, in 1848 he emigrated to Danville, Pa. where many had been attracted by the iron mines in the neighborhood and there were openings of many kinds. His expectations were fully realized. He was so expert at his trade that he soon had orders for fine cabinetmaking of every kind. In a growing territory before, during and after the Civil War, for years he was producing most of the burial caskets used in Danville and the whole surrounding district.

This led naturally to opening an undertaking establishment, which he did in 1865 at 510 Church St., Danville, an enterprise that grew so rapidly that he soon had to abandon his cabinet work and devote his entire time to it.

In 1878, with his eldest son who had learned the same trade, he founded another business as a still further expansion of cabinetwork, for the sale and repair of furniture, into which he took his younger sons also as they grew up. He continued as active head until 1899 when he retired and the three sons assumed it under the name of John Doster's Sons, 298-300 Mill St., Danville.

In 1914 he turned over the undertaking business, which had steadily increased to impressive volume, to his eldest son John Doster, Jr. who then withdrew from the furniture plant to give it his undivided attention.

He prospered by bringing to a developing country a combination of exceptional skill, industry and thrift. He provided for his children in a way that would not have been possible in his homeland, became a substantial citizen of his community and when he died was a respected man and widely known.

John Doster, Sr. had 6 children, 3 sons and 3 daughters, all born at Danville. All have passed away except daughter Margaret who now lives at Glen Rock, N. J. All of them, and their parents also, are buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery at Danville. John Doster, Sr. died at Danville Dec. 24, 1905, aged 82. Barbara von Reitzel Doster died there June 9, 1876, aged only 50.

No male Dosters have survived in this branch, and the name will therefore not be transmitted to future generations.

JOHN DOSTER, JR., 1856-1932

Born at Danville, Montour County, Pa. Dec. 28, 1856, the eldest of 6 children of John Doster, Sr., 1823-1905, and his wife Barbara von Reitzel, both of whom had emigrated to the United States in 1848 from Stuttgart, the capital of Württemberg.

He received his education at Danville, Pa. and spent his life there. Like his father before him, he learned the trade of cabinetmaking at an early age and became his father's assistant. In 1865 his father had entered the undertaking business at 510 Church St., Danville and young John, Jr. soon became his father's right hand in that also. In 1878 when he was 22 years old he opened, with the assistance of his father, a furniture business at 298-300 Mill St., Danville and as his two younger brothers Jacob and Theodore became old enough, they too were taken into the venture which succeeded well.

The three boys in 1899 took over the furniture business under the name of John Doster's Sons, their father retiring from it to devote his time entirely to his large funeral establishment.

In 1914 John Doster, Jr. also withdrew from the furniture business to spend his time exclusively as funeral director in the earlier business which by now had expanded to serve several hundred square miles of surrounding country. His brothers continued the firm of John Doster's Sons for some years and then brought it to a close, sold the property and retired for the rest of their lives.

John Doster, Jr. was married twice. In 1881 when he was already showing promise of a successful career he married Miss Sarah A. Bates, daughter of Richard Bates and Frances Hunt, people of English extraction. She died in Danville in 1911 after having had 3 children, all girls, Augusta E., Estella and Ethel. In 1915 he married Miss Florence

B. Musgrave, daughter of John D. Musgrave and Jane Amelia Artley, who survives him and now lives at 612 14th Street, Waynesboro, Va.

The death of John Doster, Jr. came suddenly May 22, 1932 at Danville, Pa., at the age of 76, from a heart attack after a short illness. He had become one of the prominent residents of his town, had all kinds of connections and was widely known and respected by his townsmen. For three decades he was a Vestryman of Christ Episcopal Church, Danville and he was a member of I.O.O.F. of many years' standing. He had an excellent mind, an eye on the future, was fond of travel, a successful man in several directions, provided well for his heirs, was very much a home person but loved by everyone, and the entire town mourned his passing.

He is buried, with his parents and brothers, in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery at Danville, Pa.

XX: Branch No. 15, Port Leyden, N. Y.

Descendants of WILLIAM DOSTER of Luxembourg who did not emigrate but in 1857 his daughter and also a son, John Doster I, went to Port Leyden, N. Y. The latter has left a considerable number of descendants in New York State.

SINCE THE FOUNDER hails from Luxembourg, this is one of two branches which are exceptions to the uniform origins of all the others, deriving from Württemberg.

However Luxembourg is not more than 100 American miles from the Württemberg line. Since other Doster branches reach a full century back of the earliest date on record here, it is entirely possible that a father or grandfather could have moved over to Luxembourg, relating the branch with others. But we have no proof.

William Doster was a large landowner, born, married and died in Luxembourg. His son John Doster I, who was born in 1833, was married in Tävern, Luxembourg in the year 1854 while he was a young officer in the Prussian Hussars. As soon as he received his discharge papers, which are in the possession of the family today, and to avoid being called in a later mustery, he emigrated with his wife and daughter, and also his sister Mary and her family, to Port Leyden, N. Y. where there was a sizeable group of people from his region and where he had friends. He settled on a farm, engaged in buying and selling of land, had six more children (three of whom died in infancy), spent his life and died there. His descendants describe him as Prussian and military by nature, never discussing family affairs with his children. A family dispute over the disposition of large tracts of land is believed to have contributed to his decision to emigrate, and he was loath to pass along the details to posterity.

Nothing is known of the brothers of William Doster. His son John Doster I had a brother Michael Doster who was born in 1837 in Luxembourg and died there; and some of the latter's descendants have moved to England and sent letters to people in this branch. But their family table has not been written down.

Part of the family once understood that John Doster I had another brother who came to America and went West, but others hold that there was no such brother. In Branch No. 12 there is reference to a Johannes Doster who returned to Württemberg, leaving a widow and children somewhere in New York State, but he was born later, emigrated later and would hardly have been a brother of John, the two names being the same.

For possible connection with other branches, see Key Chart, page ix.

- I. WILLIAM DOSTER, b. 1801 Wellen, Luxembourg, Kingdom of Prussia. Large landowner. Did not emigrate. Married, lived and died in Tävern, Luxembourg (near Cologne). 4 chil.
- A. John Doster I, b. 1826 Tävern, Luxembourg. d. 1893 Port Leyden, N. Y., age 66. In 1854 at Tävern, Luxembourg m. Elizabeth Hemmerling (b. 1833 at Tävern, Luxembourg). In 1857 emig. with wife and daughter Mary, and also with sister Mary and family, to Port Leyden, N. Y. Naturalized Dec. 15, 1863. Land buyer. r. Port Leyden, N. Y. 7 chil.
1. Mary Doster, b. 1855 Tävern, Luxembourg, d. around 1913 Syracuse, N. Y. In 1857, aged 2, emig. with parents to Port Leyden, N. Y. In 1874 m. Thomas Wiley (carriage maker, d. 1937). r. Syracuse, N. Y. 2 chil.
 - a. Elizabeth Wiley, b. Syracuse, N. Y. m. Alex Breazeau (retired). Has records. r. 835 Waverly Place, Utica, N. Y. 3 chil.
 1. Willoughby Breazeau.
 2. Marian Breazeau.
 3. Ruth Breazeau.
 - b. Matty Wiley (female), b. Syracuse, N. Y. Retired school teacher. Single. r. Atlantic City, N. J.
 2. Mathew Doster, b. about 1861 Port Leyden, N. Y. d. same 1927, age about 66. In 1890 m. Alice McPhilly of Constableville, N. Y. Occupation, meat cutter. r. Constableville, N. Y. 6 chil.
 - a. John Doster III (J. M. Doster), b. 1891 Constableville, N. Y. In 1917 m. 1st Elizabeth Humphrey (of Syracuse, N. Y., d. 1921, 1 daught.). In 1924 m. 2d Frances M. Sellin (4 chil.) Partner in Doster & Egan, electrical contractors. r. 217 McLennan Ave., Syracuse, N. Y. 5 chil. total.
 1. Margaret Doster, b. 1918 Syracuse, N. Y. In 1943 m. Lieut. Arthur Krisak. r. Waco, Tex. and Syracuse, N. Y. 1 daughter.
 - a. Diane Marie Krisak, b. Sept. 17, 1944.
- Second marriage, John Doster III and Frances M. Sellin:*
2. Patricia Doster, b. 1926 Syracuse, N. Y. r. 217 McLennan Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.
 3. John Doster IV, b. 1930 Syracuse, N. Y. r. 217 McLennan Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.
 4. Irene Doster, b. 1933 Syracuse, N. Y. r. 217 McLennan Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.
 5. Germaine Doster, b. 1935 Syracuse, N. Y. r. 217 McLennan Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.
- b. Irene Doster, b. 1895 Port Leyden, N. Y. In 1922 m. Charles Stevens (lumberman). r. Port Leyden, N. Y. 2 chil.
1. Eugene M. (Mack) Stevens, b. 1925 Port Leyden, N. Y., d. Sept. 16, 1944 Camp Campbell, Ky., age 19, killed in service, U. S. Army.
 2. Glenn Stevens, b. 1930 Port Leyden, N. Y.

- c. Anne Doster, b. 1897 Port Leyden, N. Y. In 1920 m. Hawley G. Kentner (of Port Leyden, cattle dealer). r. Port Leyden, N. Y. No chil.
- d. Clifford H. Doster, b. 1903 Port Leyden, N. Y. Broker. Single. Has records. r. 940 Westcott St., Syracuse, N. Y.
- e. Alice Doster, b. 1907 Port Leyden, N. Y. In 1930 m. Karl McCormick (electrician). r. Rome, N. Y. 2 daughters.
1. Mary Alice McCormick, b. 1933 Port Leyden, N. Y. r. Rome, N. Y.
 2. Johanna McCormick, b. 1941 Port Leyden, N. Y. r. Rome, N. Y.
- f. Agnes Doster, b. 1910 Port Leyden, N. Y. In 1931 m. Maynard Barrett (farmer). r. Rome, N. Y. 4 daughters.
1. Jeanne Barrett, b. 1933 Newburgh, N. Y. r. Oriskany, N. Y.
 2. Myrna Barrett, b. 1935 Newburgh, N. Y. r. Oriskany, N. Y.
 3. Beverly Barrett, b. 1937 Kingston, N. Y. r. Oriskany, N. Y.
 4. Sheila Barrett, b. 1942 Oriskany, N. Y. r. same.
3. Frank Doster, b. 1863 Port Leyden, N. Y. d. same, inf. Twin. Bur. Mohawk Hill, N. Y.
4. John Doster, b. 1863 Port Leyden, N. Y., d. same, inf. Twin. Bur. Mohawk Hill, N. Y. (see later son John who survived infancy, 7., below).
5. Elizabeth Doster, b. 1865 Port Leyden, N. Y. d. same, inf. Bur. Mohawk Hill, N. Y.
6. Anne Doster, b. about 1866 Port Leyden, N. Y. d. same around 1891, age 24. Single.
7. John Doster II, b. about 1870 Port Leyden, N. Y. d. same 1891, age 21. Single.
- B. Mary Doster, b. 1833 Tävern, Luxembourg. Married there, name of husband unknown. In 1857 emig. with her brother John Doster, her husband and 2 children, but she and both children died at sea. Her husband parted with brother John at New York City, lived in Buffalo in 1860, unheard of since.
1. Child, died at sea, 1857.
 2. Child, died at sea, 1857.
- C. Michael Doster, b. 1837 Tävern, Luxembourg, d. same. Married. Did not emigrate. Family has written to Port Leyden, N. Y. Some descendants now live in England.
- D. (Possibly) Boy Doster, brother of John Doster I, name unknown, born Tävern, Luxembourg around 1840. Supposed to have gone west, perhaps Kansas. See Branch No. 12.



XXI: All Michigan Branches

Records on the succeeding pages are founded on a brochure, "The Great Doster Family", compiled in 1927 by Raymond Alexander Doster of Chicago, on file at the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., and reproduced in revised form by permission of its author.

THE VILLAGE of Doster, Michigan, is situated in the southwestern part of that state, not far from its westerly edge on Lake Michigan. It is on the boundary line of Allegan County and adjacent Barry County, some 15 miles north of Kalamazoo, 26 miles northwest of Battle Creek and 40 miles south of Grand Rapids. It is close to Pine Lake and west of Crooked Lake Bird Sanctuary. It is reached from Plainwell on U. S. Route 13, from Richland on Michigan Route 89, or from Delton on Michigan Route 43. It has a post office and a population of several hundred. Its railroad station is Plainwell on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The community is believed to have been named in 1857 by Michael Doster, 1835-1912, of Branch No. 17 (son of John Doster and Margaretta Geiger) who settled there in that year. Also, in Branch No. 18, Stephen Doster, born 1826, went in 1856 to nearby Milo, Michigan but returned in 1863 to Gardenville, New York. A number of his children were either born near Doster, Michigan or moved there after it had been named. The earlier name of the place has not been reported, if it had one.

So many Dosters and related families now live in the village of Doster, Michigan and vicinity that for decades they have held a great reunion on the third Wednesday in August of each year. The attendance ranges from 100 to 150. There are entertainments, talks, a picnic spread and other diversions, and usually an official photograph of the group.

A natural topic in such gatherings is the matter of relationships and the ages, marriages, children, occupations and addresses of the members. In 1926 it began to be discovered that the family was farflung enough to raise doubts on such details, and in the interest of orderly records the group decided to have an official tabulation. They appointed Raymond Alexander Doster, Associate Editor of *Railway Age*, Chicago, a member of Branch No. 16, who thereupon set about the task, gathered hundreds of names, arranged them in their proper relationships, added biographical sketches and presented the total in a neatly bound brochure at the meeting in August, 1927.

The biographer's diligence traced the origins of Michigan Dosters to three separate families, all from Württemberg, all Lutherans, and not related in many generations. A complication ensued from the fact that a male Doster in Branch No. 16 married a female Doster of Branch No. 17, and thus a descendant of these two people is a member of both branches. In like manner, a male Doster of Branch No. 17 married a female Doster

of Branch No. 18, and any descendant is a member of both branches. But the survey has clarified such relationships, and the tables show origins at a glance.

All three Michigan Branches originate in Oberamt (Circuit) Urach, Württemberg. Branch No. 16 is from Riederich of that Oberamt while Branches No. 17 and No. 18 are from Grafenberg in the same circuit. The two are about 20 miles apart and both are adjacent to Urach itself which is in the central part of Württemberg in the Black Forest country. The district is a little south of other villages listed as Doster homelands, but not over 40 miles from any.

The Michigan historian reached the conclusion that Doster families in America can be traced to a common ancestor, and evidence in other parts of this book amply supports it. The editor's effort has been to arrange all branches in orderly form as a guide to future search in Lutheran churches of Württemberg villages. The original ancestor may be discovered around 1500 A. D. or a little earlier.

For purposes of this book there has been a re-arrangement of the Michigan surveys. Where a Doster of one branch married a Doster of another in an early marriage, the editor has followed the line of male succession, to be consistent with other branches in this book. This may cause surprise to Dosters familiar with the Michigan brochure, but the tables will make the relationships clear.

With minor exceptions the data has not been brought down to date. That would delay publication for a year, and since the effort is to provide a foundation which otherwise might be lost forever, the record since 1927 must be left to a future revision. In present form it will serve the average Doster who knows the names of his father and grandfather. The only gap is in relationships between cousins in the last generation or so.

It should be noted that, owing to occasional missing dates, the children of any given family in the tables are not always in serial order, and it is impossible to re-arrange them unless every single date is available. The eldest child may sometimes be the last one listed.

Dosters through the country are indebted to Raymond Alexander Doster for his monumental labor. The Michigan families have so many descendants, so many have reached responsible posts in life and they are scattered in so many states that anyone attempting to identify a Doster name in a news despatch or the like would be baffled if these records were missing.

Brief biographical data is attached to each name. Where fuller facts have been reported, a separate sketch is appended.

XXII: Branch No. 16, Michigan

Descendants of JOHN GEORGE DOSTER, 1818-1893, who emigrated in 1860 from Riederich, Oberamt Urach, Württemberg to Buffalo, N. Y. Now scattered in Illinois, Indiana, New York, Ohio and elsewhere.

THE BRANCH derives from an unknown Doster of Riederich, Württemberg, who was born in the neighborhood of 1795 and had 6 children.

The only one of them who emigrated to America was John George Doster, 1818-1893, a farmer by occupation who in 1860 took his wife and 6 children to Buffalo, N. Y., settling in Gardenville, now a suburb of that city, where he spent his life and died. Another child was born there, a total of 7. This is what became of the children:

1. George Frederick Doster, born 1857, emigrated with his parents in 1860 to Buffalo, N. Y. and settled in Chicago, Ill.

2. John Doster, born 1859, emigrated with his parents in 1860 to Buffalo, N. Y. and settled in Chicago, Ill.

3. Mary Doster, born 1856, emigrated with her parents in 1860 to Buffalo, N. Y., married Moritz Eberhardt and settled in Chicago, Ill.

4. Gottfried Doster, born 1855 emigrated with his parents in 1860 to Buffalo, N. Y. and settled in Gardenville, N. Y.

5. Rose E. Doster, born 1854 emigrated with her parents in 1860 to Buffalo, N. Y. married Charles L. Maurer and settled in Buffalo, N. Y.

6. Cathrine Elinor Doster, born 1852, emigrated with her parents in 1860 to Buffalo, N. Y., married Philip W. Stutzman and settled in Buffalo, New York.

7. Elizabeth Eleanora Doster, born 1864 at Gardenville, N. Y., married George Wandel, Jr. and stayed there.

Hence descendants of John George Doster have radiated from two principal centers, Gardenville or Buffalo, N. Y. and Chicago, Illinois.

It will be noticed that John George Doster married, as his first wife, a lady by the name of Eleanora Elizabeth Doster, not closely related and a member of Branch No. 17. This complicates some relationships, but an examination of the tables will show a descendant how he is related to both Branch 16 and Branch 17.

The official Michigan biographer, Raymond Alexander Doster of Chicago, is a member of this branch. While not strictly a Michigan branch, No. 16 is related by intermarriage with Branch No. 17, and the latter is related by intermarriage with Branch No. 18, members of all three are represented at the Annual Reunion at Doster, Michigan, and it is customary to speak of "the three Michigan Branches."

For possible connection with other branches, see Key Chart, page ix.

- I. Unknown Doster, b. about 1795 Riederich, Württemberg. Prob. farmer. 6 chil.
- A. Jacob Doster, b. around 1820 Riederich, Württemberg. d. same. Did not emigrate. Probably farmer. Married. 2 chil.
1. Boy Doster, b. about 1845 Riederich, Württemberg. d. about 1865 in German army, age about 20. Single.
 2. Boy Doster, b. about 1846 Riederich, Württemberg. d. same about 1866, stabbed on street, age 20. Single.
- B. George Doster, b. around 1821 Riederich, Württemberg. No details.
- C. Girl Doster, b. around 1822 Riederich, Württemberg. died. m. Hahn. 1 son.
1. Boy Hahn.
- D. Treschika Rosa Doster, b. around 1823 Riederich, Württemberg. d. same. No details.
- E. Girl Doster, b. around 1824 Riederich, Württemberg. m. Holwagner. r. Madison, Ind.
1. Several Holwagner children, probably with many descendants.
- F. JOHN GEORGE DOSTER, b. June 26, 1818 Riederich, Württemberg. d. Mar. 13, 1893 Gardenville, N. Y., age 75. On May 1, 1849 m. 1st Eleanora Elizabeth Doster (b. Mar. 11, 1824 Grafenberg, Oberamt Urach, Württemberg, d. May 28, 1866 Gardenville, N. Y., age 42, of childbirth. Member of Michigan Branch No. 17, 7 chil.) On Feb. 8, 1860 emig. with wife and 6 children to Buffalo, N. Y. where one more child was born. On Feb. 6, 1869 m. 2d Marguerite Rice (b. France, d. Feb. 15, 1891 Gardenville, N. Y. No chil.) 7 chil. total. Farmer. r. Gardenville, N. Y. See sketch.
1. George Frederick Doster, b. Sept. 6, 1857 Riederich, Württemberg. d. Jan. 31, 1919 Chicago, Ill., age 62. On Feb. 8, 1860, aged 3, emig. with parents to Buffalo, N. Y. On Sept. 6, 1885 m. Anna Maria Mesbauer (b. Ap. 1, 1865, daught. of Henry Mesbauer and Catherine Dimmers) at Chicago. Meat business. r. 2110 Arthur Ave. Chicago, Ill. 4 chil. See sketch.
 - a. Henry Albert Doster, b. June 27, 1886 Chicago, Ill. On Feb. 19, 1913 at Chicago m. Alice Belle Dopkins (b. Nov. 14, 1890 Dalton, Ill., daught. of Warren L. Dopkins and Mary Ganes Jones). R. R. official. r. 14904 Morgan St., Harvey, Ill. 1 son. See sketch.
 1. Howard Warren Doster, b. Feb. 1, 1914 Harvey, Ill. m. Vera May. Test Inspector, The Buda Co. r. Harvey, Ill. 2 chil.
 - a. Howard Doster, b. around 1940.
 - b. Robert Doster, b. around 1940.
 - b. Eleanor Caroline Doster, b. around 1893 Chicago, Ill. Columbia School of Music. Instructor in music and later stenography instructor. Single. r. formerly 2110 Arthur Ave., Chicago, Ill. r. Wadsworth, Ohio.
 - c. Raymond Alexander Doster, b. Oct. 5, 1895 Chicago, Ill. On June 5, 1930 m. Lucille Carla Schroeder (daught. of Conrad Schroeder and Wilhelmina Freundt). Associate Editor, *Railway Age*, Chicago. Official biographer of Michigan Doster branches. r. 619 Greenwood Ave., Glencoe, Ill. No chil. See sketch.

- d. Howard George Doster, b. Dec. 8, 1899 Chicago, Ill. On May 30, 1928 m. Edith Ratts (d. June 6, 1935). Production engineer and Vice Pres., Ohio Injector Co. r. 253 Broad St., Wadsworth, Ohio. 1 daughter. See sketch.
1. Kathryn Ann Doster, b. Mar. 21, 1932.
2. John Doster, b. Nov. 29, 1859 Riederich, Württemberg. Died. On Feb. 8, 1860, aged 2 months, emig. with parents to Buffalo, N. Y. On Nov. 19, 1890 at Ebenezer, N. Y. m. Louise Augusta Klose (daught. of Julius and Maria Klose, died). Retail meat business. r. 1936 W. 69th St., Chicago, Ill. 4 chil. See sketch.
- a. Amalia Marie Doster, b. Mar. 30, 1892 Chicago, Ill. On June 3, 1914 at Chicago m. Emil Herman Gustave Meier (b. Mar. 30, 1892 Chicago, son of Albert Meier and Matilda Klug). r. 1936 W. 69th St., Chicago, Ill. 5 chil.
1. Amalia Matilda Louise Meier, b. Mar. 11, 1915 Chicago, Ill. r. 1936 W. 69th St., Chicago, Ill.
2. Emil Albert John Meier, b. Mar. 24, 1917 Chicago, Ill. r. 1936 W. 69th St., Chicago, Ill.
3. Herman Gustave Carl Meier, b. Oct. 5, 1918 Chicago, Ill. Married. r. 1936 W. 69th St., Chicago, Ill.
4. Wilfred Lester Paul Meier, b. Oct. 10, 1920 Chicago, Ill. r. 1936 W. 69th St., Chicago, Ill.
5. Julius Elmer Arthur Meier, b. Oct. 30, 1922 Chicago, Ill. r. 1936 W. 69th St., Chicago, Ill.
- b. Louise Anna Doster, b. July 12, 1894 Chicago, Ill. On Sept. 20, 1916 m. Arthur Alfred Klemm at Chicago (b. May 27, 1887, electric welder, Standard Oil Co.). r. Whiting, Ind. 4 chil.
1. Louise Augusta Klemm, b. Feb. 26, 1918, Chicago, Ill. r. 9733 Avenue H, Chicago, Ill.
2. William Arthur Klemm, b. Dec. 11, 1919 Chicago, Ill. r. 9733 Avenue H, Chicago, Ill.
3. Robert Daniel Klemm, b. May 31, 1921 Chicago, Ill. r. 9733 Avenue H, Chicago, Ill.
4. Martin Gerhardt Klemm, b. Mar. 11, 1923 Chicago, Ill. r. 9733 Avenue H, Chicago, Ill.
- c. Eleanora Helene Doster, b. Dec. 27, 1901 Chicago, Ill. On Aug. 2, 1922 at Chicago m. William Frederick Ziegenhagen (pharmacist, son of August and Helena Ziegenhagen). r. 6952 Justine St., Chicago, Ill. 1 daughter.
- d. William Julius Doster, b. around 1902 Chicago, Ill. d. same Ap. 1, 1915, age about 13. Motorcycle accident.
3. Mary Doster, b. around 1856 Riederich, Württemberg. d. 1926 Chicago, Ill. On Feb. 8, 1860, aged about 6, emig. with parents to Buffalo, N. Y. m. Moritz Eberhardt (coppersmith, died Chicago, Ill.) r. Chicago, Ill. 6 chil.

- a. Henry Carl Antone Eberhardt, born, married & died Chicago, Ill.
 - b. George Frederick Eberhardt, b. Chicago, Ill. d. inf.
 - c. William George Eberhardt, b. Chicago, Ill.
 - d. Bertha Eberhardt, b. Chicago, Ill.
 - e. George Eberhardt, b. Chicago. Married. Sheet metal worker.
4. Gottfried Doster, b. Sept. 22, 1855 Riederich, Württemberg. On Feb. 8, 1860, aged 5, emig. with parents to Buffalo, N. Y. On July 19, 1883 m. Ernestine Klose (daught. of Julius and Maria Klose, her sister Louise married his brother John Doster, above). Butcher. Farmer. Excise Commissioner. r. Gardenville, N. Y. 11 chil. See sketch.
- a. George Doster, b. around 1885. r. Gardenville, N. Y.
 - b. Marie Doster, b. around 1885. r. Gardenville, N. Y.
 - c. Anna Doster, b. around 1885. r. Gardenville, N. Y.
 - d. Gottfried Doster, Jr., b. around 1890. m. Louise Schmidt. r. Gardenville, N. Y. 4 chil.
 1. Larrietta Doster, r. Gardenville, N. Y.
 2. Elma Doster, r. Gardenville, N. Y.
 3. Arthur Doster, r. Gardenville, N. Y.
 4. Arnold Doster, r. Gardenville, N. Y.
 - e. Henry Doster, b. around 1890. m. Louise Luble. r. Gardenville, N. Y. 1 son.
 1. Raymond Doster, b. Gardenville, N. Y. r. same.
 - f. Louisa Doster, b. around 1890. r. Gardenville, N. Y.
 - g. Carl Doster, b. around 1890. m. Louise Sager. r. Gardenville, N. Y. 1 daughter.
 1. Alma Doster, b. Gardenville, N. Y. r. same.
 - h. Julia Doster, b. around 1895. m. Harry Sager. r. Gardenville, N. Y. 1 daughter.
 1. Grace Sager, b. Gardenville, N. Y. r. same.
 - i. Albert Doster, b. around 1895. m. Edna Werning. r. Gardenville, N. Y.
 - j. Herman Doster, b. around 1895 m. Edna Kromphart. r. Gardenville, N. Y.
 - k. Wilfred Doster, b. around 1895 m. Isabel Kidder. r. Gardenville, N. Y.
5. Rose E. Doster, b. around 1854 Riederich, Ger. d. Oct. 6, 1926 Buffalo, N. Y., age 72. On Feb. 8, 1860 when very young emig. with parents to Buffalo, N. Y. m. Charles L. Maurer (d. Feb. 28, 1924). r. 27 Boyd St., Buffalo, N. Y. 6 chil.
- a. Louis Philip Maurer, m. Bessie Siegrist. r. Buffalo, N. Y. 6 chil.
 1. William Norman Maurer.
 2. Franklin Charles Maurer.
 3. Marjorie Carolyn Maurer.
 4. Robert Louis Maurer.
 5. Louis Philip Maurer, Jr.
 6. Eleanor Elizabeth Maurer.

- b. Rose Maurer. d. inf.
 - c. William George Maurer. m. Alice Garber. r. Buffalo, N. Y. 2 chil.
 - 1. Loretta Rose Maurer.
 - 2. Erma Mildred Maurer.
 - d. Carolyn Margaret Maurer, m. John H. Fox. r. Buffalo, N.Y.
 - e. Charles Louis Maurer, m. Grace Krankel.
 - f. Edward John Maurer, d. July 20, 1912.
6. Cathrine Elinor Doster, b. Ap. 6, 1852 Riederich, Württemberg. d. Jan. 19, 1900, Buffalo, N. Y., age 48. On Feb. 8, 1860, aged 8, emig. with parents to Buffalo, N. Y. On Mar. 11, 1883 at Buffalo m. Philip William Stutzman (b. Ap. 8, 1853 Buffalo, d. same Mar. 5, 1916, pneumonia, age 63, shipbuilder and contractor). r. Buffalo, N.Y. 3 chil. See sketch.
- a. Hattie Elizabeth Stutzman, b. Feb. 14, 1886 Buffalo, N. Y. Dept. store buyer. On Oct. 26, 1904 m. Marshall Ralph Knox (b. Feb. 19, 1884 Syracuse, N. Y. Tile setter. Mason. I.O.O.F.). r. South St., Ea. Aurora, N. Y. 1 daughter.
 - 1. Kathryn Jennie Knox, b. Oct. 2, 1905 Buffalo, N. Y. Costume designer. m. J. T. Trimble.
 - b. Elinor Rose Stutzman, b. June 23, 1884 Buffalo, N. Y. On June 2, 1914 m. Clarence Edward Cornell (b. July 14, 1884 Salt Lake City, Utah, son of Ezra Cornell and Ella Woodward, great grandson of founder of Cornell Univ. Univ. of Utah 1904. Elec. engr. and poultry farm). r. South St., Ea. Aurora, N. Y. See sketch.
 - c. George William Stutzman, b. June 22, 1888 Buffalo, N. Y. On Aug. 3, 1911 at Buffalo m. Margaret Christina Merkle (nurse). Machinist. Toolmaker. Farmer. r. North Boston, N. Y. 2 chil.
 - 1. Dewitt Valentine George Stutzman, b. Oct. 18, 1913 Buff., N.Y.
 - 2. Elizabeth Stella Stutzman, b. July 2, 1917 Springbrook, N.Y.
7. Elizabeth Eleanora Doster, b. 1864 Gardenville, N. Y., 4 years after parents had emig. from Riederich, Württemberg. In 1921 m. George Wandel, Jr., her 1st cousin (of Michigan Branch No. 17, his second marriage). No chil. r. Gardenville, N. Y.

HOWARD GEORGE DOSTER

Son of George Frederick Doster, 1857-1919, and Anna Marie Mesbauer, was born Dec. 8, 1899 at Chicago. He left high school in 1918 in his senior year to work on a farm during World War I but after two months enlisted in the aviation branch of the U. S. Navy, although not of age. In 1919 he entered Northwestern University and in 1921 transferred to Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering Administration in 1923. After graduating he entered the employ of the Hanna Engineering Works, Chicago, as a Junior Engineer, which position

he held until 1925 when he resigned to become connected with Fennel & Bradley Associates, Industrial Engineers. He was assigned to the Kramer Mfg. Co., Indianapolis, Ind., furniture manufacturers and later became Production Manager of that company. At present he is Vice President of Ohio Injector Co., Wadsworth, Ohio. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, Park Lodge No. 843, A. F. & A. M., Chicago, and the Society of Industrial Engineers. They had one daughter: Kathryn Ann.

JOHN DOSTER

Resident at 1936 W. 69th St., Chicago, Ill., son of John George Doster, 1818-1893, and Eleanora Elizabeth Doster, was born Nov. 29, 1859 in Riederich, Oberamt Urach, Württemberg. He came to the United States with his parents on Feb. 8, 1860 and settled in Buffalo, N. Y. In 1861 he went to Doster, Mich. and one year later moved to Gardenville, N. Y. where he attended grammar school and worked on his father's farm. In 1880 he moved to Buffalo, N. Y. and became a butcher which business he followed until 1882 when he moved to Chicago. Since 1882 he has been engaged in the retail selling of meats, associated with Darling & Co., Becker & Ryan Co. and several others. On Nov. 19, 1890 at Ebenezer, N. Y. he married Louise Augusta Klose, daughter of Julius Klose and Maria. Their children were: Amalie Marie, Louise Anna, Eleanora Helene and William Julius.

JOHN GEORGE DOSTER, 1818-1893

Born June 26, 1818 in Riederich, Oberamt Urach, Württemberg and died on March 13, 1893 at Gardenville, N. Y. He received a grammar school education in Württemberg, after which he became a farmer. He served in the army from 1842 to 1848. On Feb. 8, 1860 he came to the United States and settled in Buffalo, N. Y. where he worked as a laborer. In 1861 he went to Doster, Mich. and one year later moved to Gardenville, N. Y. where he settled on a farm of 70 acres. The rest of his life was spent there in farming and dealing in live stock. On May. 1, 1849 he married Eleanora Elizabeth Doster (of Branch No. 17) who was born Mar. 11, 1824 at Grafenberg, Oberamt Urach, Württemberg and died May 28, 1866 at Gardenville, N. Y. They had 7 children: George Frederick, John, Mary, Gottfried, Rose, Catherine Elinor and Elizabeth Eleanora. On Feb. 6, 1869 he married Marguerite Rice, who was born in France, bore no children and died Feb. 15, 1891 at Gardenville, N. Y.

RAYMOND ALEXANDER DOSTER

Resident at 619 Greenwood Ave., Glencoe, Ill., son of George Frederick Doster, 1857-1919 and Anna Marie Mesbauer, was born Oct. 5, 1895 at Chicago, Ill. In 1915 he entered Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill. where he studied a pre-medical course. On May 15, 1918 he entered the 4th Officers' Training Camp at Camp Custer and upon completing the course at Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Ky., was commissioned a 2d Lieutenant and assigned to the 67th Field Artillery at West Point, Ky. Later he was appointed regimental intelligence officer. In 1919 he entered the employ of the International Harvester Co. in the capacity of development engineer, working on development of the gas engine used in tractors. From 1920 to 1922 he was a telephone engineer with the Western Electric Co. In 1922 he became Associate Editor of *Railway Age*, Chicago,

which position he holds today. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, Park Lodge No. 843, A. F. & A. M. of Chicago, and the Traffic Club of Chicago. On June 5, 1930 he married Lucille Carla Schroeder, daughter of Conrad Schroeder and Wilhelmina Freundt. They have no children. In 1926 he was appointed Biographer of the three Michigan families of Dosters and compiled a thorough survey "The Great Doster Family" for the annual reunion at Doster, Mich., and it is this official tabulation upon which are founded, with his permission, the tables designated in this book as Branches No. 16, No. 17 and No. 18 (see Chapter XXI).

CATHERINE ELINOR DOSTER, 1852-1900

Daughter of John George Doster, 1818-1893 and Elinor Elizabeth Doster, was born on April 6, 1852 in Riederich, Oberamt Urach, Württemberg and died January 19, 1900 at Buffalo, New York of Bright's disease. She came to the United States on February 8, 1860, located in a log cabin in Doster, Mich. and later moved to Buffalo. She was educated in the public schools of Württemberg and Doster, Mich. and Buffalo, and lived on a farm in Gardenville, N. Y. until she was married. On March 11, 1883 at Buffalo she married Phillip William Stutzman. He was born April 8, 1853 in Buffalo and died on March 5, 1916 in the same city, from tuberculosis following pneumonia. He had a grammar school education, followed the sea until he was 25, then engaged in shipbuilding. At 35, he became a building contractor in Buffalo, which occupation he followed until his death. Their children were: Hattie Elizabeth, Elinor Rose and George William.

GEORGE FREDERICK DOSTER, 1857-1919

Resident at 2110 Arthur Ave., Chicago, Ill., son of John George Doster, 1818-1893 and Eleanora Elizabeth Doster, was born September 6, 1857 in Riederich, Oberamt Urach, Württemberg and died January 31, 1919 in Chicago. He came to the United States on February 8, 1860 and settled in Buffalo, N. Y. In 1861 he went to Doster, Mich. and one year later moved to Gardenville, N. Y. Here he attended grammar school and worked on his father's farm. Later he went to Buffalo to engage in the retail meat business and in 1881 moved to Chicago where he followed the same occupation. He operated a grocery and meat market in Chicago until 1901 when he moved to Kilbourn, Wis. He returned to Chicago in 1903 and followed the same occupation until 1910 when he moved to Columbus, Wis. In 1911 he returned to Chicago, engaging in the retail meat business and later in the dry goods business. On Sept. 6, 1885 at Chicago he married Anna Maria Mesbauer, daughter of Henry Mesbauer and Catherine Dimmers. Anna was born on Ap. 1, 1865 in Chicago, where she received a grammar school education. After leaving school she became a dressmaker until her marriage, and from 1915 to 1924 she also operated a retail dry-goods store in Chicago. Their children were: Henry Albert, Eleanor Caroline, Raymond Alexander and Howard George.

GOTTFRIED DOSTER

Son of John George Doster, 1818-1893, and Eleanora Elizabeth Doster, was born Sept. 22, 1855 in Riederich, Oberamt Urach, Württemberg and came to the United States with his parents on Feb. 8, 1860, settling in Buffalo, N. Y. In 1861 he went to

Doster, Mich. and one year later moved to Gardenville, N. Y. where he attended grammar school and worked on his father's farm. Later he became a butcher, following which he pursued farming at Gardenville. For a number of years he was Excise Commissioner of Gardenville. He married Ernestine Klose, daughter of Julius Klose and Marie, on July 19, 1883. Their children were: George, Marie, Anna, Gottfried, Henry, Louisa, Carl, Julia, Albert, Herman and Wilfred.

HENRY ALBERT DOSTER

Resident at 14904 Morgan St., Harvey, Ill., son of George Frederick Doster, 1857-1919, and Anna Marie Mesbauer, was born on June 27, 1886 in Chicago and educated in the public schools there. He then attended Bryant & Stratton Business College where he studied book-keeping, banking and law. From 1903 to 1905 he was employed by the Western Electric Co. at Chicago, and from March 1905 to May 1910 he was with the Chicago Telephone Co. In May 1910 he entered the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad Co. as a checker at Chicago, and in 1913 was promoted to foreman. In 1921 he was promoted to mechanical inspector. He is a Mason, member of Englewood Lodge No. 690, A. F. & A. M.; Englewood Chapter No. 176 R. A. M.; Imperial Council No. 85 R. S. M.; Englewood Commandery No. 59, K. T.; Medinah Temple A. A. O. N. M. S.; and Normal Park Chapter No. 211 O. E. S. at Chicago, Ill. On Feb. 19, 1914 at Crown Point, Ind. he married Alice Belle Dopkins, daughter of Warren L. Dopkins and Mary Ganes Jones. She was born Nov. 14, 1890 at Dalton, Ill. and educated in public schools there. They had one son: Howard Warren.

ELINOR ROSE STUTZMAN

Daughter of Catherine Elinor Doster, 1852-1900, and Philip George Stutzman, was born on June 23, 1884 in Buffalo, N. Y. and graduated from high school and business college there. She entered the employ of Holinstein Lumber Co. as a secretary and later the Pierce Arrow Motor Co. In 1912 she studied a course in poultry raising at Cornell Poultry School, Ithaca, N. Y., after which she developed a poultry farm, specializing in white Leghorns. She is a member of Eastern Star. On June 2, 1914 she married Clarence Edward Cornell of South St., East Aurora, N. Y., son of Ezra Cornell and Ella Woodward, and grandson of Ezra Cornell, founder of Cornell University. He was born July 14, 1884 at Salt Lake City, Utah, where he received a high school education. He received the degree of Electrical Engineer from the University of Utah in 1904, after which he engaged in that field in Salt Lake City. In 1912 he took a course at Cornell Poultry School and later entered a partnership in the raising of poultry with his wife. From 1918 to 1921 he was employed as a draftsman at Donner Steel Co., Buffalo. He later took a position with National Aniline & Chemical Co., Buffalo. He is a Master Mason.

XXIII: Branch No. 17, Michigan

Descendants of UNKNOWN DOSTER, born about 1775 in Grafenberg, Oberamt Urach, Württemberg, who had 6 children. Only one emigrated, Christiana Doster, who went to New York State in 1836 and married into another Doster Branch, (No. 18). But several grandchildren emigrated at different dates as shown to Buffalo, N. Y. and vicinity and settled in Michigan, where most of the descendants now live. Others in New York, Minnesota, Kansas, Ohio and elsewhere.

THE REASON why this branch is titled as descended from an unknown Doster is that we have several emigrations, one of a daughter and several of grandchildren, and since they are all related, it is desirable to arrange them in one branch as they belong, even though the name of the grandfather is unknown.

The unknown ancestor had 6 children, A-B-C-D-E-F in the table. The last three (D-E-F) have no descendants listed, one because she married into Branch 18 and her descendants are placed there under the name of her husband, and the other two because we have no details and they are not believed to have descendants in America.

The first three (A-B-C) did not emigrate but a number of their children did, as shown after their names:

A. Son George Frederick Doster, born 1800, did not emigrate but his daughter Eleanora Elizabeth Doster married John George Doster who headed Branch No. 16 and emigrated in 1860, and descendants settled chiefly in Gardenville, N. Y. and Chicago, Illinois; and his son, John Frederick Doster, born 1822, emigrated 1846, settled in New Ulm, Minnesota and had quite a family. New Ulm is named from Ulm in Württemberg, and is the historic site of the New Ulm Indian Massacre.

B. Son John Doster, born 1802, did not emigrate, but his son Michael Doster, born 1835, emigrated 1853 to Holland, N. Y., and in 1857 settled in and named Doster, Michigan; and his grandson, John Johannes Doster, born 1862, emigrated 1879 to Prairieville, Mich.

C. Daughter Dorothy Doster, born 1804, did not emigrate but married Martin Jacob Brudi and had eight children, four of whom emigrated between 1852 and 1855 to vicinity of Doster, Michigan, where they have many descendants.

This branch is related to both Branch No. 16 and Branch No. 18:

Eleanora Elizabeth Doster of Grafenberg, of this branch, born 1824, daughter of George Frederick Doster who did not emigrate, married John George Doster of Branch No. 16. Thus her descendants are members of both No. 16 and No. 17.

Another girl of this Branch, Christiana Doster of Grafenberg, born 1805, one of the daughters of the unknown Doster who heads it, married Johannes Doster, founder of Branch No. 18. Thus her descendants are members of both No. 17 and No. 18.

The tables will clear up what might easily seem confusing.

In general, virtually all the Dosters of this branch first emigrated to the vicinity of Buffalo, N. Y., then pushed on to Michigan and settled near Doster, Mich.; and one settled at New Ulm, Minn.

For possible connection with other branches, see Key Chart, page ix.

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- I. UNKNOWN DOSTER ancestor, b. about 1775 Grafenberg, Württemberg. Farmer. 6 chil. (A-B-C-D-E-F below). Did not emigrate.
- A. George Frederick Doster, b. around 1800 Grafenberg, Württemberg. m. Dorothea Geiger. Farmer. Did not emigrate. 6 chil.
1. Eleanora Elizabeth Doster, b. Mar. 11, 1824 Grafenberg, Württemberg. d. May 28, 1866 Gardenville, N.Y. of childbirth, age 42. On May 1, 1849 at Riederich, Württemberg. m. John George Doster (b. June 26, 1818 Riederich, Württemberg. d. Mar. 13, 1893 Gardenville, N. Y., of Branch No. 16). Emig. Feb. 8, 1860 with husband and 6 children to Buffalo, N. Y. For her descendants, insert here entire table of Branch No. 16. See sketch.
 2. Eva Margareta Doster, b. around 1820 Grafenberg, Württemberg. d. Gardenville, N. Y. Emigration date unknown, probably 1860 with sister Eleanora Elizabeth, above. m. 1st George Hass. m. 2d William Fritz (d. July 20, 1902 Gardenville, N. Y.). r. Gardenville, N. Y. No chil.
 3. Dorothy Doster, b. around 1820 Grafenberg, Württemberg. d. same. Did not emigrate. No details.
 4. Katharina Doster, b. around 1820 Grafenberg, Württemberg. d. same 1873. Did not emigrate. m. George Wandel. r. Grafenberg, Württemberg. 4 chil.
 - a. George Wandel, Jr., b. around 1850 Grafenberg, Württemberg. Emigration date unknown, to vicinity of Buffalo, N. Y. In 1897 m. 1st Amelia Hawling (d. May 1916, 1 daughter). In 1921 m. 2d his 1st cousin Elizabeth Eleanora Doster (b. 1864 Gardenville, N. Y., daught. of John George Doster and Eleanora Elizabeth Doster, Branch No. 16, no chil.)
 1. Girl Wandel, b. about 1898 Gardenville, N. Y.
 - b. Katherine Wandel, b. around 1850 Grafenberg, Württemberg. Emigrated to Buffalo vicinity, date unknown. d. 1891 Gardenville, N. Y. of worry. Single.
 - c. Gottlob Wandel, b. around 1850 Grafenberg, Württemberg. d. same. Single.
 - d. Fred Wandel, b. around 1850 Grafenberg, Württemberg. Emig. to U. S., date unknown. Disappeared 1898. Single.
 5. John Frederick Doster, b. Sept. 28, 1822 Grafenberg, Württemberg. d. New Ulm, (named after Ulm in Württemberg) Minn. Emig. 1846 to Buffalo, N. Y. On Jan. 6, 1852 m. Susanna Young (b. 1829 Gries, Rhenish Bavaria, emig. 1842 to New Orleans, La., settled in Buffalo, N. Y., d. New Ulm, Minn.). Mexican War. Stone cutter. r. New Ulm, Minn. 4 chil.

- a. Eleanora Doster, b. Dec. 24, 1854 on Genesee St., Buffalo, N. Y. On Nov. 5, 1881 at New Ulm, Minn. m. 1st Paul Herman (b. June 12, 1842 New Ulm, Minn., d. same Oct. 30, 1882, age 40, 1 daught.) On Mar. 14, 1895 m. 2d George John Leibold (b. Berlin, Ger., 1 son). r. 312 S. 1st St., Aberdeen, S. D.
1. Ida Herman, b. 1882 New Ulm, Minn. m. Taylor. r. 312 S. 1st St., Aberdeen, S. D.
 2. George John Leibold, b. March 21, 1896. r. 312 S. 1st St., Aberdeen, S. D.
- b. George Frederick Doster, b. Jan. 8, 1867 New Ulm, Minn. On July 30, 1900 at Redwood Falls, Minn. m. Anna Irene Struble (b. Aug. 27, 1873 Elk River, Minn., daught. of William T. Struble and Emma Jane Drake). Hdw. and furn. dealer. Mason. r. Morton, Minn. 1 son.
1. Bruce Doster, b. Dec. 16, 1901 Lamberton, Minn. Univ. of Minnesota. Mason. r. Morton, Minn.
- c. Mary Eva Doster, b. around 1868 New Ulm, Minn., d. same. m. Herman H. Nagel (Wood and coal dealer and dray line). r. New Ulm, Minn. 4 chil.
1. Alfred George Nagel, b. Sept. 1, 1881 New Ulm, Minn. On June 18, 1905 at Minneapolis m. Augusta Wilhelmina Wilkowsky (daught. of Herman and Bertha Wilkowsky). Buying and selling service stations. r. 6677 Venice Blvd., Culver City, Cal. 3 chil.
 - a. Cyrula Regnie Nagel, b. Dec. 12, 1906, d. May 7, 1907, inf.
 - b. Larem Mildred Nagel, r. 6677 Venice Blvd., Culver City, Cal. Ap. 4, 1908.
 - c. Kenneth Alfred Nagel, b. Aug. 13, 1911. r. ditto.
 2. Ada Susan Nagel, b. Jan. 7, 1884 New Ulm, Minn. On Nov. 9, 1910 at Mankato, Minn. m. George W. Leary (b. July 14, 1876, formerly rail-roader, now in firm of Nagel & McCleary).
 3. John Nagel, b. Mar. 1, 1886 New Ulm, Minn. On Aug. 6, 1910 at St. Paul m. Anna Lindmeyer (b. Feb. 15, 1891 Austria). Lumber & coal bus. r. 116 Center St., New Ulm, Minn. 4 chil.
 - a. Lucille Nagel, b. Oct. 26, 1911 New Ulm, Minn. r. same.
 - b. Marjorie Nagel, b. Feb. 27, 1913 New Ulm, Minn. Twin.
 - c. Myra Nagel, b. Feb. 27, 1913 New Ulm, Minn. Twin.
 - d. Clinton John Nagel, b. Nov. 19, 1921 New Ulm, Minn. r. same.
 4. Vera Mary Nagel, b. Sept. 28, 1888 New Ulm, Minn. On Sept. 28, 1913 at New Ulm m. Edward Lawrence Larson (b. Aug. 5, 1888 New Ulm, Minn. son of John Larson and Caroline Torkelson. Carleton College 1908. Gen. Supt. Blekie Tire & Rubber Co., St. Paul). r. 1817 Sargent St., St. Paul, Minn. 3 chil.
 - a. Evelyn Irene Marie Larson, r. 1817 Sargent St., St. Paul, Minn.
 - b. Elizabeth Ada Larson, r. 1817 Sargent St., St. Paul.
 - c. Carol June Larson, r. 1817 Sargent St., St. Paul.
- d. August Doster, b. around 1869 New Ulm, Minn. d. same 1889. Single.

6. Gottlob Doster, b. around 1825 Grafenberg, Württemberg. m. Miller. Did not emigrate. 4 chil.
 - a. Four Doster children, all of whom died.
- B. John Doster, b. around 1802 Grafenberg, Württemberg. m. Margaretta Geiger there. Farmer. Did not emigrate. 5 chil.
 1. Marguerite Doster, b. around 1830 Grafenberg, Württemberg. m. Fred Fisher. 3 chil.
 - a. Dorothy Fisher.
 - b. Louise Fisher.
 - c. Mary Fisher.
 2. Barbara Doster, b. around 1830 Grafenberg, Württemberg. m. George Fisher. 6 chil.
 - a. Johannes Fisher. r. Bempffingen, Württemberg.
 - b. Frederick Fisher.
 - c. Gotthilf Fisher.
 - d. Mary Fisher.
 - e. Sophia Fisher.
 - f. Karl Fisher.
 3. John Doster, Jr., b. around 1830 Raidwangen, Württemberg. d. same Dec. 5, 1902. In 1861 at Grafenberg, Ger. m. Louise Henzler. 8 chil.
 - a. John Johannes Doster, b. Jan. 26, 1862 Raidwangen, Württemberg. Emig 1879 to Prairieville, Mich. On Feb. 2, 1888 at Prairieville m. Mary Chamberlain. I.O.O.F. Register of Deeds, Barry County. Retired farmer, 82 acres. r. Milo, Mich. 3 chil.
 1. Frances Louise Doster, b. Dec. 19, 1887 Prairieville, Mich. Grad. Normal School. On June 2, 1910 at Kalamazoo, Mich. m. Marshall Boyd Norwood (b. July 26, 1887 Delton, Mich., son of Franklin James and Permalia Adelia Norwood, Bus. Mgr. of Aldrich Bros. Hdw. Co., Delton, Mich. 1 daughter.
 - a. LaVera Marie Norwood. r. Delton, Mich.
 2. LaVera Doster, b. Nov. 26, 1895 Prairieville Twp., Mich. Grad. State Normal School. Teacher 4½ years. On Feb. 12, 1919 at Ross Twp., Mich. m. Verne A. Quick (son of Ernest Quick and Minnie E. Ferris, farmer). r. Delton, Mich. 1 son.
 - a. Lawrence Melvin Quick, b. Nov. 24, 1921 Johnstown Twp. Barry Cy., Mich.
 3. Leon Doster, b. around 1897 Prarieville Twp., Mich. m. Julia Hughes. r. Delton, Mich.
 - b. Gottlob Doster, b. around 1865 Raidwangen, Württemberg. r. Bempffingen, Württemberg.
 - c. Frederick Doster, b. around 1870.
 - d. William Doster, b. around 1870.

- e. Katherin Doster, b. around 1870. m. Rich.
- f. Mary Doster, b. around 1870. m. Krirchen.
- g. Louise Doster, b. around 1870. m. Oscar Ehrman.
- h. Sophia Doster, b. around 1875. died, m. Louis Hoffman. 3 chil.
1. Blanche Hoffman.
 2. Donald Hoffman.
 3. Clarence Hoffman.
4. Michael Doster, b. Mar. 15, 1835 Grafenberg, Württemberg. d. June 25, 1912 Prairieville, Mich. age 77, arterio-sclerosis. Emig. 1853 with brother Gottlieb Doster and John and Mary Brandstetter to Holland, N. Y. First Doster to settle, in 1857, in what is now Doster, Mich. On Jan. 7, 1857 m. Mary Lovina Brandstetter (b. Grafenberg, Ger., d. Mar. 16, 1916 Prairieville, Mich. sister of Jacob Brandstetter who married Jane Christiana Doster of Branch No. 18). Farmer. r. Prairieville, Mich. 6 chil. See sketch.
- a. Mary Doster, b. May 23, 1858 Prairieville, Mich., d. same Aug. 10, 1861 of diphtheria, age 3.
- b. Caroline Doster, b. Mar. 27, 1860 Prairieville, Mich. d. same Mar. 7, 1904. age 44 m. Shedd. 2 chil.
1. Nettie Shedd. r. Kalamazoo, Mich.
 2. Donna Shedd, r. Richland, Mich.
- c. Louise Doster, b. Oct. 9, 1862 Prairieville, Mich. d. same June 15, 1912 of pneumonia, age 50. m. Williams. 3 chil.
1. Vere Williams. Married. r. Hickory Corners, Mich.
 - a. Daughter.
 2. George Williams, r. Kalamazoo, Mich.
 3. Hazel Williams, r. Kalamazoo, Mich.
- d. Sarah Doster, b. Jan. 13, 1865 Prairieville, Mich., d. Sept. 22, 1908 Orangeville Twp., Barry Cy., Mich., age 43. m. Lewis Mark Bugbee. 2 chil.
1. Wallace Jay Bugbee, b. July 20, 1889 Orangeville Twp., Barry Cy., Mich. Farmer, carpenter, rancher. r. Rexford, Kan.
 2. Pearl Bugbee.
- e. Frank Doster, b. July 13, 1867 Prairieville, Mich. r. Delton, Mich.
- f. John Doster, b. Ap. 13, 1872 Prairieville, Mich. On Ap. 14, 1904 m. Pauline Henzler (b. Aug. 31, 1876 Raidwangen, Württemberg. Emig. 1904 to Prairieville). Farmer. 3 daughters.
1. Helen Doster, b. May 21, 1905 Prairieville, Mich. School teacher. r. Prairieville, Mich.
 2. Frances Doster, b. May 12, 1908 Prairieville, Mich. r. same.
 3. Frieda Doster, b. Nov. 19, 1913 Prairieville, Mich. r. same.

5. Gottlieb Doster, b. around 1836 Grafenberg, Württemberg. Emig. 1853 in 57 days with brother Michael to Holland, N. Y. Returned 1856 to Württemberg. Tavern-keeper. r. Riederich, Württemberg, d. there.
- C. Dorothy Doster, b. around 1804 Grafenberg, Württemberg, m. Martin Jacob Brudi there. Did not emigrate. 8 chil.
1. John Jacob Brudi, b. Mar. 16, 1830 Tischartt, Württemberg. Emigration date unknown. d. Jan. 23, 1913 Wyoming, Mich., age 83. In April 1869 at Grand Rapids, Mich. m. Christina Braun (b. Schwarzwald, Württemberg, d. May 22, 1877 Wyoming, Mich.). Tailor before Civil War. Later farmer until retired 1888. r. Grand Rapids, Mich. Twin of Jacob Johann Brudi. 1 son.
 - a. Jacob Brudi, b. May 15, 1870 Wyoming, Mich. On Jan. 11, 1898 at Grand Rapids, Mich. m. Derkie De Kernp (b. May 18, 1880, daught. William De Kernp and Gyete Melkhuisen). I.O.O.F. Grandville, Mich. Farmer in Wyoming Twp. and Byron Twp. r. R. F. D. No. 8, Grand Rapids, Mich. 3 chil.
 1. Charles Henri Brudi, b. Nov. 5, 1902 Wyoming, Mich. Emp. Grand Rapids Refrigerator Co. r. R.F.D. No. 8, Grand Rapids.
 2. Gertrude Christiana Brudi, b. Ap. 6, 1900 Wyoming, Mich. Emp. Grand Rapids Refrigerator Co. r. R.F.D. No. 8, Grand Rapids.
 3. Leon Willis Brudi, b. Jan. 18, 1917 Wyoming, Mich. r. R.F.D. No. 8, Grand Rapids, Mich.
 2. Jacob Johann Brudi, b. Mar. 17, 1830 Tischartt, Württemberg. d. Jan. 10, 1914 Byron, Mich., age 84. Emig. 1852 in 90 days, shipwrecked off Rhode Island coast, with brothers. 2½ years in Union Army, Civil War. In 1875 in Byron Twp., Mich. m. Christiana Lombardy. Tailor. 1865 bought 40 acre farm in Byron Twp., Mich. d. there. Twin of John Jacob Brudi. No children reported.
 3. Frederick Brudi, b. Feb. 15, 1846 Tischartt, Württemberg. m. Sarah Chich. 6 chil.
 1. Six Brudi children, names not reported.
 4. Clara Brudi. b. around 1840 Tischartt, Württemberg. d. around 1862 at father's home there, age 22, Single.
 5. Charles Brudi, b. July 21, 1835 Tischartt, Württemberg. Emig. 1852 in 62 days to New York State. 1856-1859 Buffalo. 1859 Baton Rouge, La. and Canada. Occupation baker. 1861 bought 60 acres Byron Twp., Mich. 1892 Grand Rapids. 1922 settled in Byron Twp. Mich. On Aug. 30, 1862 m. Eva Feiling (b. Aug. 31, 1834 Hesse Darmstadt, Ger. d. Dec. 12, 1917 Grand Rapids, Mich., age 83). No chil. r. Byron Twp., Mich.
 6. Margarette Brudi, b. 1824 Tischartt, Württemberg, d. in adjacent Riederich. No details.
 7. Gottlieb Brudi, b. 1825 Tischartt, Württemberg, d. same 1843, age 18. Single.
 8. Johann Christian Brudi, Dec. 25, 1827 Tischartt, Württemberg. Emig. 1852 to N. Y. State d. Nov. 18, 1882 Byron, Mich. of Bright's disease, age 55. In 1855 m. Marie Cathrine Feiling (b. June 8, 1837 Hesse Darmstadt, Ger., d. April 1890 Byron

Twp., Mich of injuries from a fall, age 53). Farmer, 107 acres Byron Twp., Mich. 6 chil.

- a. Amelia Brudi, m. Dwinell. r. Lakeport, Cal.
- b. Melissa Brudi, m. Anderson. r. Marne, Mich.
- c. Anna Brudi, m. Foote. r. Norwalk, Ohio.
- d. Clara Kathrine Brudi, b. Byron Center, Mich., d. same. m. Marshall.
- e. Charles Henry Brudi, b. 1857 Byron, Mich., d. 1894 Grand Rapids, Mich., accident, age 37.
- f. Dorothy Eva Brudi, b. Mar. 1, 1859 Byron Center, Mich. On Oct. 31, 1876 m. June McKenney (b. 1854 Canada, son of Samuel McKenney and Elizabeth Norris) at Byron Center. Farm $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of Byron Center, Mich. 9 chil.
 - 1. Nine McKenney children, names not reported.

D. Christiana Doster, b. around 1800 Grafenberg, Württemberg, and there in 1819 m. Johannes Doster (b. around 1800 Grafenberg, head of Branch No. 18). Emig. 1836 with husband and 7 children to Sheldon, Wyoming Cy., N. Y. where one more child was born. Insert here entire table of Branch No. 18. Descendants are thus members of both Branch No. 17 and Branch No. 18. See sketch.

E. Fahile Doster, b. around 1806 Grafenberg, Württemberg. No details.

F. Christina Doster, b. around 1807 Grafenberg, Württemberg. No details.

CHRISTIANA DOSTER

Born around 1800 in Grafenberg, Oberamt Urach Württemberg, but the names of her parents are unknown to us. In 1819 she became the first wife of Johannes Doster, who was born in Grafenberg around 1800, not closely related, whose parents have not been recorded; the founder of Branch No. 18. She bore her husband 7 children in Grafenberg and in 1836 she and her husband took them to America, settling on a farm near Sheldon, Wyoming County, N. Y., where one more was born. She died after the birth of this child, and her husband later married again, but without further issue. Her children were: Dorothy Eliza, Philip, Christopher, Margareta, Jane Christiana, Frederick, Johannes Jr., and Stephen.

ELEANORA ELIZABETH DOSTER

Daughter of George Frederick Doster and Dorothea Geiger, was born on March 11, 1824 in Grafenberg, Oberamt Urach, Württemberg, and died on May 28, 1866 at Gardenville, N. Y., of childbirth, aged 42. She was educated in her homeland, came to the United States on Feb. 8, 1860 and settled in Doster, Mich. A year later she moved to Gardenville, N. Y. and located on a farm of 70 acres. On May 1, 1849 in Riederich, Oberamt Urach, Württemberg she was married to John George Doster, not closely related, founder of Branch No. 16, who was born June 26, 1818 in Riederich. She had 6 children in Grafenberg and brought them to America with her husband in 1860, where one more child was born, resulting in her death. Several years later her husband took a second wife, Mar-

guerite Rice, but had no more children. Children's names: George Frederick, John, Mary, Gottfried, Rose, Catherine Elinor and Elizabeth Eleanora.

MICHAEL DOSTER, 1835-1912

Son of John Doster and Margaretta Geiger, was born March 15, 1835 in Grafenberg, Oberamt Urach, Württemberg and died on June 25, 1912 at Prairieville, Mich., from arterio-sclerosis, aged 77. He came to the United States with his brother Gottlieb in May, 1853 and with John and Mary Brandstetter and settled at Holland, N. Y. He later moved to several farms near Doster, Michigan. He is supposed to be the one who gave the name to that community, either purposely or by public parlance. Late in life he re-visited his fatherland and noted that while the journey in 1853 took 57 days, in 1905 it was only 6 days. On Jan. 7, 1857 he was married at Prairieville, Mich. to Miss Mary Lovina Brandstetter, who had been one of his fellow-voyagers (above), born in Grafenberg and died March 16, 1916 at Prairieville, Mich., a sister of Jacob Brandstetter who married Jane Christiana Doster of Branch No. 18. Their children were: John, Frank, Sarah, Louise, Caroline, and Mary.



WÜRTTEMBERG VILLAGE

Old print of Grafenberg, Oberamt Urach, from which came the emigrations in Doster Branches No. 17 and No. 18. Not far from Riederich, Oberamt Urach, home village of Branch No. 16. Date unknown, believed about 1825. (Courtesy of Eli Edwin Doster, Cleveland Heights, Ohio).

XXIV: Branch No. 18, Michigan

Descendants of JOHANNES DOSTER, born around 1800 in Grafenberg, Oberamt Urach, Württemberg, who emigrated in 1836 to Sheldon, Wyoming County, N. Y. with his wife and 7 children. Descendants mostly in Michigan, Ohio and New York.

JOHANNES DOSTER, born around 1800, in the Black Forest country of Württemberg, a farmer, cattle dealer and contracting teamster, came to the United States in 1836 with his partner, a Mr. Hildebrand, both accompanied by their families and both intending to settle at a point in Illinois selected on a previous trip of Mr. Hildebrand.

The latter, however, was delayed by a snarl in customs regulations at New York City, over a consignment of pure-bred Holstein cattle he was importing to America. While waiting for him at Buffalo, N. Y., Johannes Doster became interested in a farm at Sheldon, 25 miles away in Wyoming County and decided to settle there instead.

He brought 7 children to Sheldon, and another was born there, making a total of 8. After his wife's death he married again but had no more children.

1. Son Stephen Doster, born 1826, went in 1856 to the neighborhood of Doster, Michigan, about the time that it was named (reportedly by Michael Doster of Branch No. 17) and had 9 children. His descendants are almost entirely in that vicinity.

2. Son Johannes Doster, Jr., born around 1825, single, met with a fatal accident while working on the Erie Canal, hence left no descendants.

3. Son Frederick Doster, born around 1826, died single in N. Y. State.

4. Daughter Margaretta Doster, born around 1820, married Silas Stone of Cleveland, Ohio and had no children.

5. Daughter Jane Christiana, born around 1834, married Jacob Frederick Brandstetter and has many descendants in Michigan, none of course with the Doster name.

6. Son Christopher Doster, born 1836, also settled at Doster, Michigan, having 11 children. Descendants are in many states but look to Doster, Michigan as their point of origin.

7. Son Philip Doster, born around 1835, stayed at Sheldon, N. Y. and numerous descendants are in the vicinity of South Wales, Ea. Aurora and Holland, N. Y.

8. Daughter Dorothy Eliza Doster, born around 1837, the only one born in the United States, married Peter Smith and her descendants are in Buffalo and vicinity.

This branch is related by intermarriage to Branch No. 17 because the founder Johannes Doster married Christiana Doster of Branch No. 17. Therefore his descendants are also hers, and are members of both No. 17 and No. 18 Branches.

For possible connection with other branches, see Key Chart, page ix.

- I. UNKNOWN DOSTER, b. around 1775 Grafenberg, Württemberg but not closely related to other Dosters from Grafenberg as shown in Branch No. 17. Lutheran. Farmer. Only three of his children have been traced, A-B-C below.
- A. Philip Doster, b. around 1800 Grafenberg, Württemberg. Married. Did not emigrate.
1. Six or seven children. No record whether they are connected with certain Doster branches whose early history is vague. A glance at the other branches in this book indicates several possibilities of connection.
- B. Christiana Doster, b. around 1800 Grafenberg, Württemberg. d. same. Single.
- C. JOHANNES DOSTER, b. around 1800 Grafenberg, Württemberg. There in 1819 m. 1st Christiana Doster, (not closely related, b. around 1800 Grafenberg, member of Branch No. 17. Had 7 chil. in Grafenberg and 1 in Sheldon, N.Y. where she died, date unknown. For her forbears and collateral relatives, descended from her brothers and sisters, see Branch No. 17 and insert this entire table below her name. Descendants are members of both Branch No. 17 and Branch No. 18.) In 1836 emig. with wife and 7 chil. to Sheldon, N. Y. m. 2d Miss ——— at Buffalo, N.Y. (no chil. Survived him 20 years. Name and dates unknown). Farmer and cattle importer. 8 chil. total. See sketch.
- I. Stephen Doster, b. Jan. 16, 1826 Grafenberg, Württemberg, d. Feb. 18, 1890 Cleveland, Ohio of pneumonia, age 64. Emig. 1836 with parents to Sheldon, Wyoming Cy., N. Y., aged 10. m. Elizabeth Merlan at Sheldon (b. Mar. 15, 1834 Darmstadt, Hesse, d. Nov. 1, 1911 Prairieville, Mich, age 77). Lived at Sheldon, Ea. Aurora, N. Y., Milo, Mich. and Gardenville, N. Y. 1885 retired to Cleveland, O. Bur. Plainwell, Mich. Farmer, cattle dealer and meat wholesaler. 9 chil. See sketch.
- a. Stephen Christopher Doster, b. Jan. 31, 1853 Sheldon, Wyoming Cy., N. Y. d. June 1943 at Doster, Mich., age 90. On June 13, 1875 at Plainwell Mich. m. Miss Philadelphia Burchett (b. Oct. 8, 1856 Gun Plain, Mich.) r. Sheldon, N. Y., Milo, Mich., Gardenville, N.Y. and Doster, Mich. Farmer and general store. 8 chil. See sketch.
1. Clarence Rozell Doster, b. Dec. 18, 1875 at Doster, Mich. d. same June 12, 1915, age 40. Hdw. merchant and postmaster. Maccabee. Single. r. Doster, Mich.
 2. Millard Doster, b. at Doster, Mich. m. Laura ———. r. Plainwell, Mich. Farmer. 3 chil., names not reported.
 3. Bernice Ann Doster, b. June 25, 1879 Prairieville Twp., Mich. On Mar. 27, 1901 m. Floyd Herbert Minar (b. Mar. 7, 1876, son of George Mason Minar and Alice Louise Mason, farmer) at Doster, Mich. r. same. 2 chil.
 - a. Mason Doster Minar, b. Sept. 2, 1906 at Doster, Mich.
 - b. Ruth Viola Minar, b. Dec. 14, 1909 at Doster, Mich.
 4. Mary Elizabeth Doster, b. Feb. 15, 1882 at Doster, Mich. On Sept. 20, 1903 at Kalamazoo, Mich. m. 1st Fred L. Moore (b. Mar. 18, 1880, son of Frank Moore and Maggie Mumaugh. 1 child, Irene). On Oct.

- 15, 1921 at Battle Creek, Mich. m. 2d William Joseph Trudell (b. Feb. 25, 1885 Thamesville, Ont., son of Henry C. Trudell and Mary. A. Reviatt. Automobile business. No. chil.) r. 234 Griggs St., Battle Creek, Mich.
- a. Irene Moore, b. Feb. 2, 1905 Toledo, Ohio.
5. Alice Mabel Doster, b. Nov. 1, 1885 at Doster, Mich. On Nov. 8, 1912 at Plainwell, Mich. m. Earl Clifton Bellingham (b. Sept. 28, 1890. son of Edgar Bellingham and Georgiana E. Killick, farmer, musician). r. 220 Woodhams St., Plainwell, Mich. 3 chil. See sketch.
- a. Elaine Louise Bellingham, b. Feb. 14, 1914, Plainwell, Mich. Twin.
- b. Erminie Rose Bellingham, b. Feb. 14, 1914, Plainwell, Mich. Twin.
- c. Earl Doster Bellingham, b. July 1, 1917, Plainwell, Mich.
6. Della Doster, b. May 16, 1888 at Doster, Mich. On Oct. 15, 1912 m. James William Brown (b. Aug. 20, 1892 Chicago, Ill., son of William Hill Brown and Mary James; dairy farmer, 4 mi. east of Plainwell). r. R.F.D. No. 1, Plainwell, Mich. 4 chil.
- a. Stephen William Brown, b. Ap. 16, 1914 Plainwell, Mich.
- b. Beverly Patricia Brown, b. Mar. 17, 1916 Plainwell, Mich.
- c. James Arnold Brown, b. Aug. 9, 1920 Plainwell, Mich.
- d. Paul Wesley Brown, b. Feb. 21, 1923 Plainwell, Mich.
7. Stephen James Doster, b. Dec. 9, 1892 at Doster, Mich. On May 24, 1915 at Allegan, Mich. m. Hazel H. Henry (b. May 15, 1893 Alama, Mich., daught. of Herbert F. Henry and Jennie G. Hurst). Form. postmaster. Hdw. and implement business. F. & A. M., R. A. M. r. Doster, Mich. 1 daughter. See sketch.
- a. Betty Jean Doster, b. July 6, 1922 Kalamazoo, Mich. r. Doster, Mich.
8. Burchett Doster, b. July 25, 1894 at Doster, Mich. On June 7, 1916 at Allegan, Mich. m. 1st Margaret Cecilia Brown (b. Sept. 23, 1890 Chicago, Ill., d. Aug. 25, 1916 at Kalamazoo, Mich. age 26, 2 months after marriage, daught. of William Hill Brown and Mary O'Brien). m. 2d Edna Mae Brown (b. May 26, 1894 Chicago, Ill., sister of 1st wife). General store with father at Doster, Mich. No chil. reported.
- b. John Doster, b. Feb. 13, 1856 Wyoming Cy., N. Y. On Oct. 29, 1876 at Plainwell, Mich. m. Ella Maria Wilson (b. Oct. 10, 1858 Prairieville, Mich.) Wholesale meats for city markets. r. R.F.D. No. 11, Kalamazoo, Mich. 8 chil. See sketch.
1. John David Doster, b. Dec. 19, 1877 at Doster, Mich. On Ap. 2, 1903 m. Nenah Lillie Huntley (b. Mar. 11, 1881 Cooper, Mich., daught. of Hollis Eugene Huntley and Mariette Lillie). Farmer, 160 acres. r. Cooper, Mich. 7 chil.
- a. Ellen Neenah Doster, b. May 15, 1904 Cooper, Mich. On July 28, 1923 at same m. Glenn Seth Foster (b. May 9, 1902 Berlamont, Van Buren Cy., Mich. Emp. paper mill). r. 1007 Hotop St., Kalamazoo, Mich.

- b.* Paul Irving Doster, b. Oct. 20, 1905 Cooper, Mich.
c. Lillie May Doster, b. Mar. 6, 1907 Cooper, Mich.
d. Dale A. Doster, b. July 10, 1908 Cooper, Mich.
e. Ruth Ella Doster, b. Mar. 29, 1910 Cooper, Mich.
f. Carl Arthur Doster, b. Oct. 3, 1912 Cooper, Mich.
g. Emma Jeane Doster, b. Mar. 31, 1923 Cooper, Mich.
2. Maude Elsie Doster, b. May 30, 1879 at Doster, Mich. d. Sept. 26, 1896, typhoid, age 27. Musician and organist. Single. r. Cooper, Mich.
3. Willard Elmer Doster, b. Mar. 7, 1881 at Doster, Mich. In Oct. 1906 at Cooper, Mich. m. Grace May Earle (daught. of Frederick George Earle and Ermina Estella Reed). Meat market until 1907. Farmer near Cooper, Mich. r. R.F.D. No. 1, Kalamazoo, Mich. 5 chil. See sketch.
- a.* Evelyn Lucille Doster, b. Aug. 18, 1909 Cooper, Mich.
b. Aileen May Doster, b. Oct. 9, 1910 Cooper, Mich.
c. Basil Earle Doster, b. Aug. 5, 1913 Cooper, Mich.
d. Leona Irene Doster, b. Sept. 13, 1917 Cooper, Mich.
e. Wilma Elaine Doster, b. Nov. 5, 1924 Cooper, Mich.
4. Frederick Ernest Doster, b. Feb. 27, 1883 Big Rapids, Mich., d. Feb. 9, 1922 Kalamazoo, Mich. On Oct. 4, 1906 m. Betsey Mary Munn (b. Mar. 19, 1888 Argenta, Mich., daught. of Eli B. Munn and Ida Luella Reed, Mgr. of Chas. D. Welborn Gen. Stores, Plainwell, Mich.) Farm and lumber business. r. 127 Scott St., Plainwell, Mich. 2 chil.
- a.* Dr. Mildred Elsie Doster, b. Oct. 22, 1908 at Doster, Mich. In 1935 m. Dr. Robert Vertue, but retains own name professionally. Form. interne at the Woman's Hospital, Cleveland, O. Physician and Asst. Supt. of Health, Denver Pub. School system. r. 2134 E. Iliff Ave., Denver, Colo. No chil.
- b.* Marguerite Ella Doster, b. Nov. 8, 1912 at Doster, Mich. Nurse. m. Robey. r. Ann Arbor, Mich.
5. James Irving Doster, b. Aug. 25, 1886 Big Rapids, Mich. On June 16, 1910 at Kalamazoo, Mich. m. Mary C. Price (daught. of William John Price and Mary Elizabeth Woodhams). Farmer. r. R.F.D. No. 1, Plainwell, Mich. 2 chil. See sketch.
- a.* Helen Elizabeth Doster, b. Feb. 16, 1914 Plainwell, Mich.
b. Edna June Doster.
6. Ella May Doster, b. May 8, 1868. On Sept. 16, 1914 m. Henry Nichols Dalenberg (b. Mar. 4, 1889 Three Oaks, Mich.) Mgr. building supply house. r. 1518 Lane Blvd., Kalamazoo, Mich. 2 chil.
- a.* Robert Howard Dalenberg, r. 1518 Lane Blvd. Kalamazoo.
b. Marion Ella Dalenberg, r. 1518 Lane Blvd., Kalamazoo.
7. Raymond Ellsworth Doster, b. June 15, 1890 at Doster, Mich. On Nov. 26, 1919 at Kalamazoo, Mich. m. Bertha Marie Jameson. 1917 enlisted World War I at Los Angeles, honorable discharge Ap. 26, 1919. Fruit

farm and poultry business. r. R.F.D. No. 1, Kalamazoo, Mich. 1 daughter. See sketch.

a. Maxine Edith Doster, b. Aug. 25, 1925. Same address.

8. Wilson August Doster, b. Aug. 23, 1897 Cooper Twp., Kalamazoo Cy., Mich. On Dec. 1, 1919 at Chicago, Ill. m. Evelyn Barbara Metzger (daughter of John Christian Metzger and Elizabeth Germain). r. R.F.D. No. 12, Kalamazoo, Mich. 1 son.

a. Harold E. Doster, b. Nov. 2, 1921 Cooper Twp., Mich.

c. Elizabeth Doster, b. around 1857 Sheldon, Wyoming Cy., N. Y. m. George Wilson. r. Doster, Mich. 2 chil.

1. Jessie Wilson, m. Raymond E. Morrel.

a. Wilson Morrel.

2. Bertha Wilson. m. 1st Kirk Bravard. m. 2d George Hickman. m. 3d Mard Getz. m. 4th Fred Cooper.

d. Dora Margaretta Doster, b. Mar. 1, 1858 Sheldon, Wyoming Cy., N. Y. d. 1927 at Doster, Mich., age 69. Grad. Ladies Seminary, Cleveland, Ohio. On Jan. 31, 1878 m. Frank William Minar (b. Sept. 17, 1856 Cooper, Mich., d. Feb. 12, 1913 at Doster, Mich., age 57). Farm $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles north of Doster, Mich. 2 chil.

1. Calla Ann Minar, b. May 17, 1882 at Doster, Mich., d. same July 9, 1922, childbirth, age 40. Musician. On Feb. 15, 1905 at Plainwell, Mich. m. Alvah William Honeysett (b. July 16, 1882 Plainwell, Mich.). r. Kalamazoo, Mich. 4 chil.

a. Vernon A. Honeysett, b. May 26, 1914.

b. Dora Olive Honeysett, b. June 26, 1915.

c. Alvah William Honeysett, Jr., b. Aug. 31, 1918 Cadillac, Mich.

d. Frank Edmund Honeysett, b. July 9, 1922 Doster, Mich.

2. Russell Frank Minar, b. Mar. 23, 1894 at Doster, Mich. On Mar. 14, 1917 at Silver Creek, Mich. m. Mabel Irene Bliss (daughter of Emmett Lagrand Bliss and Mary Bellingham). Farm $\frac{1}{4}$ mile north of Doster, Mich. 1 daughter.

a. Reeta Irene Minar, b. Oct. 1, 1920 Silver Creek, Mich.

e. Carrie Christine Doster, b. Dec. 12, 1859 Barry Cy., Mich. On Jan. 31, 1878 at Plainwell, Mich. m. Orson John Eldred (b. Ap. 4, 1856 Yates Cy., N.Y., farmer and merchant, Dowling, Mich. I.O.O.F. Maccabees). r. since 1888 Clarksville, Mich. 3 chil.

1. Royal John Eldred, b. June 8, 1887 Dowling, Mich. On Nov. 26, 1908 at Campbell, Mich. m. Bertha Elizabeth Mesicer (b. June 19, 1889 Campbell, Mich.) Salesman. Butter maker. Farmer. r. Clarksville, Mich. 1 son.

a. George Edward Eldred, b. Mar. 24, 1914 Clarksville, Mich.

2. Izola Mable Eldred, b. June 13, 1895 Clarksville, Mich. On Ap. 3, 1917 at Grand Rapids, Mich. m. Carlos Seese (salesman) r. 123 Hudson St., Ionia, Mich.
3. Clare Orson Eldred, b. June 16, 1900 Clarksville, Mich. On Dec. 18, 1920 at Ionia, Mich. m. Hazel Mae Hamilton. Auto repairer. r. 667 N. Jefferson St., Ionia, Mich. 2 chil.
 - a. Julia Carrie Eldred, b. Dec. 24, 1921 Ionia, Mich.
 - b. Izola Mae Eldred, b. Oct. 3, 1923 Ionia, Mich.
- f. George Julius Doster, b. Nov. 11, 1866 at Doster, Mich. Died. On Dec. 30, 1896 at same m. Edna Louise Earl (b. Jan. 2, 1878 at Doster, Mich., d. Jan. 13, 1911, of tuberculosis, age 33, at Mordhoff, Cal.). Lumber dealer and farmer. r. Doster, Mich. 4 chil.
 1. Dewey George Doster, b. at Doster, Mich. m. Gladys Bliss. Secretary of the Michigan Doster Reunions. r. Doster, Mich.
 - a. George Bliss Doster.
 2. Clare Olin Doster; b. at Doster, Mich. Died. m. Charlotte Chapman. r. Doster, Mich.
 - a. Kenneth Doster, r. DeQueen, Ark.
 3. Margaretta Edna Elizabeth Doster, b. Aug. 26, 1901 at Doster, Mich. d. Sept. 5, 1923 Kalamazoo, Mich., heart failure, age 22. Mich. Agricultural College. Hillsdale College. Instructor one year. Single. r. Doster, Mich.
 4. Frances Ann Doster, b. Sept. 27, 1903 at Doster, Mich. Hillsdale College and Univ. of Michigan. Pi Beta Phi Sorority. M. A. Univ. of Chicago. On Sept. 23, 1925 at Chicago, Ill. m. Roland D. Hinkle (Hillsdale College. Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. Insurance business). r. 51 Crescent Ave., Wilmette, Ill. 3 chil.
 - a. Three Hinkle children, names not reported.
- g. Lucinda Sarah Doster, b. Aug. 18, 1870 at Doster, Mich. On Sept. 18, 1893 at Kalamazoo, Mich. m. 1st Ezra Stephen Morehouse. On Dec. 27, 1909 at Windsor, Ont. m. 2d Herbert Vern Loomis (b. June 27, 1871 Orangeville, Mich., son of Orin D. Loomis and Fannie Chamberlain. Mason. Farmer. Garage owner). Grad. Cleveland School of Music. Taught piano, banjo and guitar. r. R.F.D. No. 5, Marshall, Mich. 2 chil.
 1. Floy Esther (Morehouse) Loomis, b. Nov. 19, 1901 Prairieville, Mich. Olivet College 1923. Sigma Beta Sorority. Teacher. 1909 took stepfather's name, Loomis. r. R.F.D. No. 5, Marshall, Mich.
 2. Pauline Agnes (Morehouse) Loomis, b. June 26, 1904 Delton, Mich. Albion College, majored in music. Prof. at Sherwood Music School, Battle Creek, Mich. Battle Creek Symphony Orchestra. 1909 took stepfather's name, Loomis. r. R.F.D. No. 5, Marshall, Mich.
- h. Silas Stone Doster, b. Feb. 1, 1876 at Doster, Mich. On May 25, 1898 at Richland, Mich. m. Marie De Crocker (b. Ap. 17, 1880 Prairieville, Mich.,

daught. of Joshua De Crocker and Aetena ———). Oberlin College. Director Delton State Bank. Farm 1 mile south of Prairieville, Mich. r. R.F.D. No. 4, Delton, Mich. 3 chil.

1. Cleo Doster, m. Robert Brown, r. 230 E. State St., Hastings, Mich.

2. Doris Doster, m. Rankin Hyde, r. Delton, Mich.

3. Gerald Silas Doster, b. May 19, 1909 Prairieville, Mich. r. Delton, Mich.

i. Margaretta Doster, b. probably 1877 at Doster, Mich. m. George Brownell. r. Plainwell, Mich. 8 chil.

1. Stewart Brownell.

2. Frances Brownell.

3. Irene Brownell.

4. Marion Brownell.

5. Robert Brownell.

6. Louis Brownell.

7. Julia Brownell.

8. George Brownell.

2. Johannes Doster, Jr., b. around 1825 Grafenberg, Württemberg. Emig. 1836 with parents to Sheldon, Wyoming Cy., N. Y. d. 1844 of a broken neck, accident while working on the Erie Canal, age about 19. Single. Bur. Akron, Ohio.

3. Frederick Doster, b. around 1826 Grafenberg, Württemberg. Emig. 1836 with parents to Sheldon, Wyoming Cy., N. Y. d. Warsaw, N. Y. of a fever while working on a farm. Single.

4. Margaretta Doster, b. Ap. 13, 1820 Grafenberg, Württemberg. Emig. 1836 with parents to Sheldon, Wyoming Cy., N. Y. d. Cleveland, Ohio Jan. 21, 1892, age 72. m. Silas Safford Stone (b. Feb. 13, 1815 Charlotte, Vt., d. Feb. 18, 1884, Cleveland, O. Lawyer and capitalist). No chil. r. Cleveland, O. See sketch.

5. Jane Christiana Doster, b. around 1834 Grafenberg, Württemberg, Emig. 1836 with parents to Sheldon, Wyoming Cy., N. Y. m. Jacob Frederick Brandstetter (b. Grafenberg, d. May 23, 1901 Middleville, Mich., bro. of Mary Lovina Brandstetter who m. Michael Doster of Branch No. 17). Farm, Middleville, Mich. 9 chil. See sketch.

a. Nellie Brandstetter, m. 1st Van Tyne. m. 2d Locher.

b. John Brandstetter, m. Ada Hughes.

c. Louise Brandstetter, m. Hoyt.

d. Charles Brandstetter, m. Martha Sisler.

e. Stephen P. Brandstetter, m. Sarah Roberts.

f. Sarah Brandstetter, m. John James Wadd.

g. Eliza Brandstetter, m. George W. Geiger.

h. Fred Brandstetter.

i. Frank Brandstetter, m. Margaret McPeck.

6. Christopher Doster, b. Ap. 16, 1836 Grafenberg, Württemberg, d. Nov. 17, 1900 Cleveland, Ohio of paralysis, age 64. In 1836, less than a year old, emig. with parents to Sheldon, Wyoming Cy., N. Y. On Dec. 4, 1854 at Buffalo, N. Y. m.

- Augusta Enzian (b. Nov. 25, 1838 Saxony, Ger., d. June 19, 1906 at Doster, Mich., of heart trouble, age 68). Farmer. 11 chil. See sketch.
- a. Emma Eleanor Doster, b. Mar. 26, 1865 at Doster, Mich. Single. r. on farm, Doster, Mich.
 - b. Victor Allen Doster, b. at Doster Mich. d. Los Angeles, Cal. m. Ella Brownell (d. Feb. 1943 Los Angeles, Cal.) r. 1260 W. 39th Place, Los Angeles, Cal. 2 chil.
 1. Allen Doster.
 2. Fern Doster, m. Bascom. r. 1186 W. 39th Place, Los Angeles, 37, Cal.
 - c. Hattie Dorothy Doster, b. Sept. 1, 1866 at Doster, Mich. Single. r. on farm, Doster, Mich.
 - d. Augusta Amanda Doster, b. Dec. 1, 1868 at Doster, Mich. Went to Eden Valley, Minn. in 1889. 1903-1912 Los Angeles and Pasadena, Cal. On June 5, 1888 at Millette, S. D. m. Austin Jay Becker. r. 1261 Leighton Ave., Los Angeles, Cal. 4 chil.
 1. Bessie Blanche Becker, b. June 6, 1889 Northville, N. D. On June 6, 1910 at Pasadena, Cal. m. Robert Hazen Dorman (b. July 23, 1889 Ashtabula, O. r. 125 Roberts St., Pasadena, Cal. 2 chil.
 - a. Jean Louise Dorman, b. Mar. 6, 1914 Pasadena, Cal. Twin.
 - b. William Robert Dorman, b. Mar. 6, 1914, Pasadena, Cal. Twin.
 2. Shirley Harriett Becker, b. Sept. 10, 1890 Eden Valley, Minn. On Feb. 28, 1910 at Pasadena, Cal. m. Maxfield Herries (b. Ap. 6, 1890 Midland, Mich.) r. 3833 Herbert St., San Diego, Cal.
 3. Madge Therese Becker, b. Mar. 15, 1894 Eden Valley, Minn. On Mar. 7, 1922 at Los Angeles, Cal. m. Elbert Whitney Quimby (b. Sept. 8, 1893 Ashton, S. D.). r. 1261 Leighton Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.
 4. Jack Donald Becker, b. at Eden Valley, Minn. r. 1261 Leighton Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.
 - e. Eli Edwin Doster, b. June 13, 1872 at Doster, Mich. On June 5, 1928 m. Margaret E. Walther (widow, born Margaret Elizabeth Curtis, June 5, 1900 Cleveland, Ohio, daught. of Ira Curtis, Jr. and his wife Anna). Attorney-at-law, See sketch. r. 1655 Cumberland Rd., Cleveland Heights 18, O. 1 son.
 1. Robert Curtis Doster, b. Ap. 8, 1929 Cleveland, Ohio.
 - f. Minnie Elfin Doster, b. March 9, 1876 at Doster, Mich. d. same Sept. 26, 1892, age 16. Single.
 - g. Jennie Doster, b. around 1880. Doster, Mich. m. Giles Brownell.
 - h. Cornelia Doster, b. around 1880. Doster, Mich. In 1880 at Hastings, Mich. m. 1st Jerry Eisenhood (b. Carlton Center, Minn.). In 1907 at Groton, S. D. m. 2d Hugh D. Brown (b. Philadelphia, Pa.). r. Groton, S. D.
 1. Arthur Eisenhood. Died.

- i. Albert Doster, b. around 1880, Doster, Mich. m. Bessie Hargar. 1 daught.
 1. Mildred Doster, b. around 1905, Doster, Mich. r. 2541 Sheridan Road, Norwood, Ohio.
- j. Christopher Doster, b. around 1880 Doster, Mich. m. Margaret Ream. 3 chil. form. r. London, O. and Gates Mills, O. r. now Doster, Mich.
 1. Donald Doster, b. around 1910 at Doster, Mich. Married. r. Seneca Rd., Cleveland, O. 2 chil.
 a. Harold Doster, r. Gates Mills, O.
 b. Nancy Doster.
 2. Harold Doster, b. around 1910, r. London, O. Married. 4 chil.
 a. Polly Doster.
 b. Donald Doster, II.
 c. Margaret Doster.
 d. Herbert Doster.
 3. Albert Doster, b. around 1910. r. Doster, Mich.
 a. Gardner Doster. r. Doster, Mich.
 (1) Charles Doster.
 (2) Alberta Doster.
- k. Clara Doster, b. Feb. 21, 1874 Prairieville, Mich. On June 8, 1904 at Los Angeles, Cal. m. Carl Oscar Olson (b. June 29, 1871 Dayton, Ia. A.B. Bethany College. M.D. Rush Medical College, Chicago. Son of John Peter and Christine Olson. Surgeon.) r. Groton, S. D.
7. Philip Doster, b. around 1835 Grafenberg, Württemberg. d. Ap. 14, 1910 South Wales, N. Y. Emig. 1836 with parents to Sheldon, Wyoming Cy., N. Y. m. 1st Mary Margaret Auer (d. Aug. 13, 1884, 10 chil.) m. 2d Mary Weinheimer (1 child, John Christopher). Farmer, r. South Wales, N. Y. 11 chil. total.
 a. Mary Doster, m. George Mohr.
 b. Caroline Doster, d. inf.
 c. Elizabeth Doster, m. James Rickettson.
 d. John Philip Doster, m. Jennett ———.
 e. Charles Doster, m. Dora Buckman.
 f. Sarah Doster, m. Gilbert Tobias, r. 246 Dodge St., Buffalo, N. Y.
 g. Dorothy Doster, m. 1st Holmes. m. 2d William Weber.
 h. Henry Doster, b. 1867 South Wales, N. Y. m. Nellie Hines.
 1. Nelson Doster b. about 1900 S. Wales, N. Y. r. 535 Main St., Ea. Aurora, N. Y.
 i. George Doster, m. Clara Hines.
 j. Hattie Doster, m. George Kundtz.
Second marriage, Philip Doster and Mary Weinheimer:
 k. John Christopher Doster.

Note: see additional names at bottom of this table.

8. Dorothy Eliza Doster, b. around 1837 near Sheldon, Wyoming Cy., N. Y. just after parents' emigration from Grafenberg, Württemberg. m. Peter Smith. 8 chil.
- a. Dorothy Smith, m. Lewis Arndt.
 1. Edward J. Arndt.
 2. Emma Arndt.
 3. Albert Arndt.
 - b. Martin Smith, m. Josephine Wasser.
 1. Frank Smith.
 - c. John W. Smith. Married. r. 2005 Clinton St., Buffalo, N. Y.
 1. John Smith.
 2. George Smith.
 - d. Peter Smith, Jr. m. Elizabeth Messmer. r. 1769 Seneca St., Buffalo, N. Y.
 - e. Henry Smith, m. Caroline Pear. r. 108 Birch Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.
 1. Frank Smith.
 2. Caroline Smith.
 3. Elizabeth Smith.
 - f. Veronica Smith. r. 1769 Seneca St., Buffalo, N. Y.
 - g. Elizabeth Smith.
 - h. George Smith, b. Mar. 30, 1863 Buffalo, N. Y. d. Jan. 17, 1907 same, heart trouble, age 44. On Ap. 7, 1892 at Ebenezer, N. Y. m. Matilda Swab (b. there May 6, 1872). Farmer. 2 sons.
 1. Charles Peter Smith.
 2. William George Smith.

Added names:

1. J. H. (Jack) Doster, and wife Alys. Prob. grandson of Philip Doster (7., above). r. 1241 Belle Ave., Lakewood, Cleveland, Ohio. 3 daughters.
 - a. Eileen Doster, b. Nov. 2, 1918. Grad. St. Augustine's Academy and College. Emp. Traffic Dept., Werner G. Smith Co., Cleveland. r. 1241 Belle Ave., Lakewood, Cleveland, O.
 - b. Dorothy A. Doster, b. Oct. 19, 1923. Grad. St. Augustine's Academy and College. Emp. Am. Telephone & Telegraph Co., Cleveland. r. 1241 Belle Ave., Lakewood, Cleveland, O.
 - c. Jacklyn A. Doster, b. Ap. 6, 1929. At school. r. 1241 Belle Ave., Lakewood, Cleveland, O.
2. Agnes Doster. r. Champaign, Ill. Single. Prob. granddaughter of Philip Doster (7., above).

JOHANNES DOSTER

Born around 1800 in Grafenberg, Württemberg. There he became a contractor and teamster on highways in contract work with a Mr. Hildebrand. The latter made a trip to the United States and located a home in Illinois, so upon his return Johannes decided to emigrate with him, which he did, in March, 1836. Upon arriving in New York he decided to go to Buffalo where there was a group of his fellow-countrymen and there to await the arrival of Mr. Hildebrand who was having difficulty with the New York customs authorities over some of his belongings. While in Buffalo he was persuaded to settle on a farm near Sheldon in Wyoming County, 25 miles southeast of Buffalo, where he remained until his death, spending his life in farming and cattle business. In 1819 he was married in Grafenberg to Miss Christiana Doster, who was born around 1800 in Grafenberg, not closely related (a member of Branch No. 17) who bore him 7 children, all of whom came to America with their parents in 1836, and 1 more after arrival, or a total of eight. She predeceased her husband, although the date is not known exactly. After her death her husband married again, without further children. The name of his second wife is not known, although she is said to have survived her husband by 20 years. Children: Dorothy Eliza, Philip, Christopher, Margaretta, Jane Christiana, Frederick, Johannes Jr. and Stephen.

ALICE MABEL DOSTER

Resident at 220 Woodhams St., Plainwell, Mich., daughter of Stephen Christopher Doster (1853-1943) and Philadelphia Burchett, was born on Nov. 1, 1885 at Doster, Mich. Her education consisted of grammar school, 2 years of high school and 5 years of piano. She graduated from Battle Creek Conservatory of Music in 1908. Before marriage she taught piano. She was married on Nov. 8, 1912 at Plainwell, Mich. to Earl Clifton Bellingham, son of Edgar Bellingham and Georgiana E. Killick, who was born Sept. 28, 1890 at Plainwell in the house built by his grandfather in 1864, and still resides there. He graduated from Parsons Business College, Kalamazoo, Mich. but spent most of his life in farming. He became an accomplished cornet player. He became a member of Plainwell Lodge No. 235, A. F. & A. M. and Plainwell Chapter No. 373 O. E. S., and his wife likewise a member of Eastern Star. Their children were Earl, Elaine Louise and Bernie Rose.

CHRISTOPHER DOSTER, 1836-1900

Son of Johannes Doster and Christiana Doster, was born Ap. 16, 1836 in Grafenberg, Württemberg, and died Nov. 17, 1900 at Cleveland, of paralysis. He came to the United States in 1836 with his parents, when he was less than 1 year old. He spent some years in farming near Doster, Mich. and later retired to Cleveland, Ohio. On Dec. 4, 1854 at Buffalo, N. Y. he married Augusta Enzian, who was born Nov. 25, 1838 in Saxony and died June 1906 at Doster, Mich. of a heart attack, aged 68. Their children were: Emma Eleanor, Victor, Hattie Dorothy, Augusta Amanda, Eli Edwin, Annie Elfin, Jennie, Cornelia, Albert, Christopher and Clara—a total of 11.

ELI EDWIN DOSTER

Resident at 1655 Cumberland Road, Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio, son of Christopher Doster and Augusta Enzian, was born on June 13, 1872 at Doster, Mich. After graduating from high school he attended normal school, business college and Dennison University at Granville, Ohio, and he received the degree of L.L.B. at Western Reserve University at Cleveland. He was a teacher in public schools at Doster, Mich. until 1892 when he moved to Cleveland. After admission to the bar he practised law in Cleveland. During his college life he was a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. He is a member of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, the City Club, Cleveland Yacht Club and the Cleveland Real Estate Board and is active in various prominent directions. He was married on June 5, 1928 at Cleveland to Mrs. Margaret E. Walther, nee Margaret Elizabeth Curtis, daughter of Ira Curtis, Jr. and his wife Anna, born June 5, 1900. They have a son, Robert Curtis Doster. Mr. and Mrs. Eli E. Doster have frequently attended the official reunions of the family at Doster, Mich., and have co-operated with Mr. Raymond Alexander Doster in his genealogical work on the Michigan Doster branches, and with the author of this book. They have also aided the editor and extended him many kindnesses.

JAMES IRVING DOSTER

Resident at Plainwell, Mich., R.F.D. No. 1, son of John Doster and Ella Maria Wilson, was born on Aug. 25, 1886 at Big Rapids, Mich., and attended the public schools of Kalamazoo County and Parson Business College at Kalamazoo. He left Big Rapids when only a few months old and grew up on his father's farm, north of Doster, Mich. They later moved to a larger farm near Cooper, Mich. where he remained until his marriage on June 16, 1910 to Mary C. Price, daughter of William John Price and Mary Elizabeth Woodhams. She was a graduate of Western State Normal School, a teacher in Michigan schools, interested in music, a member of the Chaminade Club and the Choral Society at Normal School, and composed several songs, one of which was published in 1913, "In The Twilight Dreaming". She is a great-granddaughter of a Minute Man of '76. In 1910 James Irving Doster moved to his mother's old home of 232 acres, south of Doster, Mich. In May 1921 he purchased 79 acres on the Holland-Battle Creek road $4\frac{3}{4}$ miles east of Plainwell, Mich. and spent his later years there. Their children were Helen Elizabeth and Edna June.

JANE CHRISTIANA DOSTER

Daughter of Johannes Doster and Christiana Doster, was born in Grafenberg, Oberamt Urach, Württemberg, and died in Middleville, Mich. She came to United States with her parents in 1836, settling with them near Sheldon, N. Y. For some years she lived on a farm south of Prairieville, Mich. with her husband Jacob Brandstetter, to whom she was married on Feb. 6, 1850 at Sheldon, N. Y. He was born in Grafenberg and died May 23, 1901 at Middleville, Mich. He was a brother of Mary Lovina Brandstetter who married Michael Doster of Branch No. 17. Their children were Nellie, John, Louise, Charles, Stephen P., Sarah, Eliza, Fred and Frank.

STEPHEN DOSTER, 1826-1890

Son of Johannes Doster and Christiana Doster, was born Jan. 16, 1826 in Grafenberg, Oberamt Urach, Württemberg, and died Feb. 18, 1890 at Cleveland, Ohio, of pneumonia, aged 64. He came to the United States with his parents in 1836 when he was 10 years old and located on a farm near Sheldon, N. Y. He later became a farmer near East Aurora, N. Y., worked for a time on boats on the Erie Canal, in 1856 moved to Milo, Mich. to farm, buy and raise stock, went to Gardenville, N. Y. in 1863 where he raised meat for the Buffalo markets, went back to a farm near Doster, Mich. in 1864 and remained there until 1885 when he retired to Cleveland, Ohio. He is buried at Plainwell, Mich. In 1857 in Wyoming County, N. Y. he was married to Miss Elizabeth Merlan who was born Mar. 15, 1834 in Darmstadt, Germany and died Nov. 1, 1911 at Prairieville, Mich., aged 77. Their children were: Stephen Christopher, Dora Margaretta, John, Elizabeth, Carrie Christina, Lucinda Sarah, George Julius, Silas Stone and Margaretta.

RAYMOND ELLSWORTH DOSTER

Son of John Doster and Ella Maria Wilson, was born June 15, 1890 at Doster, Mich. He attended Maher's Business College. He enlisted in the U. S. Army on Oct. 3, 1917 at Los Angeles, Cal., participated in the battles of St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne and Ypres-Lys, and was honorably discharged on Ap. 26, 1919. He is engaged in fruit and poultry farming 6 miles north of Kalamazoo (R.F.D. No. 1). On Nov. 26, 1919 at Kalamazoo he was married to Miss Bertha Marie Jameson. Their daughter was named Maxine Edith.

WILLARD ELMER DOSTER

Son of John Doster and Ella Maria Wilson, was born March 7, 1881 at Doster, Mich. In 1906 he purchased a meat market and operated it until 1907 when he sold out and bought a farm near Cooper, Mich. He was married in October, 1906 at Cooper, Mich. to Miss Grace May Earle, daughter of Fred George Earle and Ermina Estella Reed. Their children were Evelyn Lucille, Aileen May, Basil Earle, Leona Irene and Wilma Elaine.

STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER DOSTER

Son of Stephen Doster and Elizabeth Merlan, was born Jan. 31, 1853 in Sheldon, Wyoming County, N. Y. His principal occupation was selling meats to the retail trade. He lived in Sheldon, N. Y., Milo, Mich., Gardenville, N. Y. and in 1864 he moved to Doster, Mich. where he farmed, bought, raised and sold live stock. In 1884 he opened a general store at Doster, Mich. and lived there until his death in June, 1943 at the age of 90. He was married on June 13, 1875 at Plainwell, Mich. to Miss Philadelphia Burchett, daughter of James Burchett and Mary Hafendon, who was born Oct. 28, 1856 at Gun Plain, Mich., a member of the Congregational Church. Their children: Clarence Rozell, Millard, Mary Elizabeth, Alice Mabel, Bernice Ann, Della, Stephen James and Burchett.

STEPHEN JAMES DOSTER

Son of Stephen Christopher Doster and Philadelphia Burchett, was born Dec. 9, 1892 at Doster, Mich. He attended public schools and business college. Entered the hardware and implement business. In 1915 he was appointed Postmaster of Doster, Mich. He was a member of Plainwell Blue Lodge No. 235, F. & A. M. and Plainwell Chapter No. 149 R. A. M. He was married on May 24, 1915 at Allegan, Mich. to Miss Hazel H. Henry, daughter of Herbert F. Henry and Jennie G. Hirst, who was born May 15, 1893 at Alama, Mich. Their daughter was named Betty Jean.

MARGARETTA DOSTER, 1820-1892

Daughter of Johannes Doster and Christiana Doster, was born April 13, 1820 in Grafenberg, Oberamt Urach, Württemberg. In 1836 she emigrated with her parents to Sheldon, Wyoming County, N. Y. She died at Cleveland, Ohio on Jan. 21, 1892, aged 72. She was married to Silas Safford Stone, who was born Feb. 13, 1815 at Charlotte, Vt., and died Feb. 18, 1884 at Cleveland, Ohio. They had no children. He was a member of the bar, capitalist and large real estate operator, and left a considerable estate. He not only provided well for his wife during his lifetime and after, but also enabled her to help other members of her family, for which her gratitude was so profound that after his death in 1884 she erected a massive monument to his memory in Lake View Cemetery, Cleveland, topped by a heroic figure in her husband's likeness. The inscription reads: "Erected by his wife, in memory of Silas Safford Stone, born in Charlotte, Vermont Feb. 13, 1815, died in Cleveland, Ohio Feb. 18, 1884." On the reverse: "Margaretta Doster, wife of Silas Safford Stone, born in Wurtemberg April 13, 1820, died in Cleveland, Ohio, January 21, 1892." The plot adjoins the John D. Rockefeller monument and is close to the memorial tomb of martyred President Garfield.

APPENDIX

BUFFALO NAMES

Believed members of Branches No. 16, 17 and 18. Probably duplications in many cases. For another list of Buffalo names, see Branch No. 12-A.

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| Charles Doster, 41 Nevada Ave. | George Doster, 169 Selkirk |
| George A. Doster, 41 Nevada Ave. | George A. Doster, 55 McKinley Pkwy. |
| Loretta Doster, 41 Nevada Ave. | Gottfried W. Doster, 1908 Union Rd., Garden- |
| Norman Doster, 41 Nevada Ave. | ville. |
| Oliver G. Doster, 41 Nevada Ave. | Gottlob Doster, 110 Pomona Pl. |
| Charles A. Doster, 41 Nevada Ave. | Jane Doster, 52 Kane. |
| Elma A. Doster, 41 Nevada Ave. | John Doster, 30 Jones. |
| Florence Doster, nurse, 41 Nevada Ave. | John C. Doster, Abbott Rd. & Lake Ave., |
| Gottlieb Doster, 41 Nevada Ave. | Lackawanna. |
| Augusta Doster, 413 Delaware Ave. | John G. Doster, 907 Clinton Ave. |
| Christopher Doster, 271 Glenwood Ave. | John G. Doster, meats, 711 Kensington Ave. |
| Eleanor K. Doster, Abbott Rd. & Lake Ave., | Henry Doster, 80 Birch Ave. |
| Lackawanna. | Laura Doster, 165. E. Parade Ave. |
| Frederick Doster, 40 Lilac. | Mable Doster (widow of Geo.), 107 Wilken. |
| | Marie E. Doster, 71 Olean Ave., Winchester. |

LITIGATION

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| W.T. Doster vs. J. Conklin Brown & J.B.Y. Warner, 52 Ga. 543, 1874, Greene County. | Doster vs. Manistee Nat. Bank, 67 Ark. 325. |
| Doster vs. State of Ga., 25 Ga. App. 723, 1920. | Doster & McKibben vs. Mich. Cent. R.R., 196 Ill. App. 49. |
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| Doster vs. Charlotte St. Ry. Co., 117 N. C. 651. | |

UNIDENTIFIED NAMES

From telephone and city directories, newspapers and miscellaneous sources, at various times.

New York

Mrs. Augusta Matilda Doster, 3000 Kingsbridge Ave., N. Y. City. Mother of Lt. Paul Doster, U.S.M.C. Father lives 1901 Grand Concourse, N. Y. City, name not reported. Paul born N. Y. City, parents from Georgia.

Paul Doster, 1715 Townsend, the Bronx, N. Y. City.

Mrs. May Doster, 410 E. 65th St., New York City.

Doster-Wright Beauty Salon, 255 W. 144th St., N. Y. City.

C. Doster, 374 Broadway, N. Y. City.

Mrs. A. Doster, 326 or 329 Carroll St., Brooklyn.

Frank Doster, 130 75th St., Brooklyn.

Henry J. Doster, 977 Brooklyn Ave., Brooklyn.

James B. Doster, roomed at 231 W. 230th St., Brooklyn.

See table of Buffalo names preceding.

Maryland and District of Columbia

Charles E. Doster, Sr., 1213 W. 41st St., Baltimore.

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Mrs. Marie Doster, 1401 Morling Ave., Baltimore.

Morgan E. Doster, Bentley Springs, Md.

Walter C. Doster, Ridge Rd. near Putty Hill, Baltimore.

William B. Doster, 409 Auburn St., Tacoma Park, Md.

C. L. Doster, 401 C. St. N.E., Washington.

Charlotte Doster, 430 4th St. N.E., Washington.

Edw. C. Doster and wife Hilda, 2114 18th St. N.W., Washington.

Florence E. Doster, 200 Rhode Island Ave. N.E., Apt. 325, Washington.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Doster, 2016 D. St. N.E., Washington.

Robert Doster, 221 K St. N.E., Washington.

William B. Doster, 516 Edgewood N.E., Washington.

Ohio

M. J. Doster, 1509 Multnoma, Akron.

Mrs. H. M. Doster, Beltsville.

Mrs. Ann H. Doster, University Hospital, Cleveland.

Eugene P. Doster, 1496 Elmwood, Lakewood, Cleveland, Mgr. Kroger Grocery Co.

Isaac W. Doster, 1904 E. 79th, Apt. 6 and 2060 E. 83d Apt. 308, Cleveland.

William T. Doster, 1868 E. 55th Cleveland. Went to Hawaii to live.

Capt. G. L. Doster, 56 W. Northwood, Columbus.

O. W. Doster, 636 Plymouth, Columbus.

Miss Urla Doster, 210 9th Ave., Columbus, c/o Stewart Furniture Co.

Miss Kate Doster, 17 N. Hickory St., Chilicothe.

Miss Margaret B. Doster, 17 N. Hickory St., Chilicothe.

Miss Mary B. Doster, 17 N. Hickory St., Chilicothe.

Halley F. Doster, R. D. No. 2, Latty.

Miss Betty Doster, 824 Hawley St., Toledo.

Miss Nora Doster, 824 Hawley St., Toledo.

Glenn Edgar Doster, Toledo, enlisted Aug. 25, 1942 in U.S. Marine Corps.

Michigan

- Earl Doster, 1308 Livingston, Detroit.
 Jack Doster, 12311 Lincoln, Detroit.
 Lewis Doster, 3160 2d St., Glendale, Detroit.
 Paul Doster and wife Jane, 403 Geneva Ave.
 Apt. 11, Detroit.
 Richard A. Doster, 1372 Applewood, Detroit,
 and Benzol Stations, Inc., Royal Oak.

California

- Mrs. Ella Doster, 1260 W. 39th Pl., Los
 Angeles.
 H. H. Doster, 1405 S. Berendo, Los Angeles.
 L. I. Doster, 892 E. 56th, Los Angeles.
 Willard Doster, 4104 Charlene Drive, Los
 Angeles.

New Jersey

- Edward J. Doster, 800 Washington St., Ho-
 boken, son of Ludwig C. Doster. Reported
 missing in action, U.S. Navy, Sept. 19, 1943.
 E. L. Doster, 26 Fournier Crescent, Paterson.
 Fred J. Doster, 29 Charles St., Jersey City,
 died. Wife Viola A. Doster. Their son PFC
 Fred J. Doster, Jr., reported Feb. 26, 1945
 killed in action, U.S. Army, European area.

Alabama (see also names at end of Branch
 No. 3)

- David Doster, 57th & Flying Field, Birming-
 ham.
 Essie Doster, 724 N. 6th Ave., Birmingham.
 George L. Doster, 1209 N. 25th St., Birming-
 ham.
 James F. Doster, 4332 Greenwood, Birming-
 ham.

- Jerry Doster, 2010 Avenue T, Birmingham.
 Maggie Doster, 1013 N. 5th Pl., Birmingham.
 Roy Doster, 1209 N. 25th St., Birmingham.

Miscellaneous

- Dosters at Hot Springs, Ark.
 Mrs. Grace Doster, 739 W. 12th St., Dallas,
 Tex.
 Guy L. Doster, 1611 S. Henderson Ave.,
 Dallas, Tex.
 Roy S. Doster, 5416 Roscoe St., Dallas, Tex.
 Mrs. Ella R. Childers Doster, U.S.V.B. Hospi-
 tal, Whiffle, Ariz. Nurse.
 Lula Doster, 124 S. Brook St., Louisville, Ky.
 Mrs. Louis Doster, Rt. 1, Comstock, Wis.
 Martha Doster, 784 Linwood Pl., St. Paul,
 Minn.
 Clement M. Doster, 1516 Queen St., Ports-
 mouth, Va.
 Capt. Martin or Harry M. Doster, Tampa,
 Fla. 1943 Pub. Relations Officer, Drew Field.
 Emory H. Doster, Hartford City, Ind. Plumb-
 ing supplies.
 Mrs. Ben Doster, Admire, Kan.
 Grover Cleveland Doster, Jr., address un-
 known, 1945 officer in U. S. Marine Corps.
 Ernest Sylvester Doster, address unknown,
 1945 officer in U. S. Marine Corps.
 Odie Doster, address unknown, 1945 officer in
 U. S. Marine Corps.

From the Genealogy of the Starr-Edwards family
 (not traced by the editor)

- James Doster married Roxie Ann Starr.
 John Doster married Jonnie Edwards, had 3
 chil., Edie, Doris and Johnye.

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