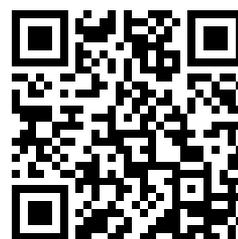

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He was a member of lodge, chapter, council, commandery and shrine of the Masonic order; was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and in politics was a Democrat. Wilson F. Jordan married, in 1882, Jennie L. Stephens, daughter of John L. and Eliza (Walters) Stephens. Children: Oscar Wallace, died in 1912, aged twenty-three years; John Miller, died in 1888; Willis R., of further mention.

(VI) Willis R. Jordan, only living son of Wilson F. and Jennie L. (Stephens) Jordan, was born in Coopersburg, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, September 24, 1882. He prepared in the graded and high schools for admission to college, and later pursued the civil engineering course at Lehigh University, whence he was graduated, class of 1903. For two years he was in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and the year following was with the Pennsylvania railroad engineering corps, then retired from that branch of activity to accept the position of treasurer of the Gabriel Hosiery Company of Coopersburg. He remained in Coopersburg with that company for six years, then, in 1912, located in Bangor, Pennsylvania, as superintendent of the Sterling Silk Glove Company, a business established by his father. He has continued in charge of that prosperous concern until the present, 1919, and has succeeded to all of the business interests formerly held by Wilson F. Jordan, his father. He is a good business man, self-reliant and progressive, interested in all that interests his community as a whole.

Mr. Jordan is a member of Saucon Lodge No. 469, Free and Accepted Masons; Allen Chapter No. 117, Royal Arch Masons; Pomp Council, Royal and Select Masters; Hugh De Payen Commandery, Knights Templar; and Rajah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Bangor Lodge No. 1106, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and of Coopersburg Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In religious faith he is affiliated with St. John's Reformed Church of Bangor.

Mr. Jordan married, September 28, 1904, Louise G. Speer daughter of Emery and Sarah (Reimer) Speer, of Bangor, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan are the parents of two children: Robert S., born November 25, 1905; and Gertrude Louise, born March 6, 1910.

JAMES WHITFIELD WOOD—The Wood association with the city of Easton began when James Washington Wood matriculated at Lafayette College, December 11, 1833. The bond was strengthened when, on October 9, 1839, the same James W. Wood married Elizabeth Caroline Able, of Easton. James W. Wood became an ordained minister of the Presbyterian church, and duty led him away from Easton until October, 1862, when he returned, but in broken health. After a trip abroad he again came to Easton, and on April 23, 1865, accepted a call from the Presbyterian church at Allentown, and continued pastor of that church until his sudden death, May 5, 1884. Then he was again brought to Easton, and laid at rest in the Able plot in Easton's beautiful cemetery, where his wife rests by his side.

The second generation children of Rev. James W. and Elizabeth C. (Able) Wood bore a much more intimate relation to the city of Easton, and to one of these, James Whitfield Wood, now too gathered to his reward, this review is dedicated. He, too, was a graduate of Lafayette College, and he also followed duty's call away from Easton, but in 1869 he returned and became a dominant factor in business life, as president of the Free Press Publishing Company, and as partner and vice-president of Tippet & Wood, a firm which became nationally and internationally known as manufacturers of boilers, water towers, stand pipes, tanks, stacks and kindred products of iron and steel. This intimate relation with Easton's business life continued until he, too, was gathered to his fathers, and a third generation, F. Raymond Wood, secretary of Tippet & Wood, reigns in his stead as head of this branch of the Wood family in Easton.

(I) The ancestry of James Whitfield Wood is traced in the United States

to Timothy Wood, who came from Yorkshire, England, and joined his brother, Jonas Wood, at Huntington, Long Island. In 1727 he was found dead, his body pierced by seven poisoned Indian arrows. He left sons: Timothy, Daniel and Andrew.

(II) This branch descends through Daniel Wood, who in 1728 settled near Florida, in Orange county, New York. In 1733 he bought the Wood farm there, which for twelve years remained in the family. By his second wife he had sons, Daniel and Andrew Wood. Daniel (2) Wood was a surgeon in the Revolutionary army, and his son, John Wood, founded the city of Quincy, Illinois, and later was governor of that State.

(III) Andrew Wood, son of Daniel (1) Wood, resided upon the homestead at Florida, and there married his cousin, Elizabeth, daughter of John Wood, of Longford, Ireland.

(IV) James Wood, son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Wood) Wood, was born at the homestead, April 18, 1778, there grew to manhood, and resided many years, becoming its owner by purchase. He married, March 9, 1799, Mary Armstrong, daughter of William Armstrong, son of William Armstrong, son of Francis Armstrong, who came from the County of Ulster, Ireland, and settled at Florida, New York, where he was an elder of the Presbyterian church. With this marriage of James and Mary (Armstrong) Wood, Presbyterianism came into the Wood family. Their first son, Daniel T., was for thirty years pastor of the Presbyterian church in Middletown, New York; their second son, William, was an elder of the Presbyterian church at Galesburg, Illinois; their daughter, Jane, was for many years engaged in missionary and pastoral work in Elmira, New York, as assistant to Rev. Thomas T. Beecher; James Washington, the third son, was an eminent divine of the church, and will have further mention.

(V) James Washington Wood, son of James and Mary (Armstrong) Wood, was born at the homestead, near Florida, New York, October 15, 1813, died in Allentown, Pennsylvania, May 5, 1884. He spent the first nineteen years of his life at the home farm, later studied under his brother, Rev. Daniel T. Wood, of Middletown, and at Goshen Academy. He was graduated from Lafayette College, September 20, 1837, and was both Latin and English salutatorian. He studied theology at Union Theological Seminary, New York City, on December 29, 1839, was ordained pastor of the Presbyterian church in Deckertown, New Jersey, there remaining until September, 1845. For a short time he was in the service of the American Board of Christian Foreign Missions, but on November 1, 1845, he was installed pastor of the Presbyterian church in Chester, New York, where he remained seventeen years. He then retired for a rest, came to Easton, and later, in the month of October, sailed for Europe. He returned to Easton, and on April 23, 1865, accepted a call as pastor of the Allentown Presbyterian Church, the installation services being held October 25, following. He continued in Allentown until his death, nineteen years later, in 1884. Lafayette College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity, and he was everywhere known as a man of high scholarly attainments. Dr. James W. Wood married, in Easton, October 9, 1839, Elizabeth Caroline Able, daughter of Jacob (2) Able, son of Jacob (1) Able, who was brought from Germany to Pennsylvania, in 1750. She was a lady of superior education and culture, and was her husband's able and loving assistant in his pastoral duties. They were the parents of four children: James Winslow, of Allentown, Pennsylvania, married Jennie Albright; James Whitfield, of further mention; Elizabeth Able, married H. G. Harrison, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, their daughter Helen, wife of Russell Bennett, of Minneapolis; Daniel Burton, of Forsyth, Missouri.

(VI) Such were the forebears of James Whitfield Wood, born in Deckertown, New Jersey, January 17, 1845, his father, Rev. James Washington Wood, being then pastor of the Presbyterian church there. He died in the city of Easton, Pennsylvania, June 24, 1917, having been a resident of that

city since 1879. After due preparation he entered Lafayette College, whence he was graduated A.B., class of 1863. His college course was interrupted in 1863 by his enlistment in the Thirty-eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserve Infantry, to repel General Lee's invasion of Pennsylvania, but after the latter's disastrous defeat at Gettysburg he was mustered out with that regiment. He returned to college, completed the course, and was graduated with his class.

He chose journalism as his profession, and after leaving college went to Chicago, where he was a member of the *Tribune* reportorial staff. He returned to Easton in September, 1867, and in partnership with Henry L. Burnstein purchased the Easton *Free Press*, which they conducted until 1870 under the firm name, Wood & Burnstein. On April 1, 1868, they moved the office of the paper to the south side of Northampton street, and on February 28, 1870, Mr. Burnstein retired from the firm. On August 1, 1871, Mr. Wood, who had continued the publication of both the weekly and daily *Free Press*, sold his interests to James K. Dawes, one of the founders of the paper, and retired from all connection therewith.

Mr. Wood then formed a connection with the Delaware Rolling Mills, of Phillipsburg, New Jersey, but in 1873 he entered into a partnership with Jacob A. Tippet, and as Tippet & Wood founded the Easton Boiler Works. They conducted the boiler works as a partnership until the death of Mr. Tippet, October 26, 1886, when the business was incorporated as the Tippet & Wood Company, James Whitfield Wood, president. He continued executive head of the company until 1903, when he practically retired from active business cares, accepting the office of vice-president, but turning over the management to others, his son being secretary of the company. These years, 1873-1903, had been years of wonderful expansion for the company, the reputation gained for its product being very high. With the increase in business, Mr. Wood kept pace, and there was no time in his history when he was not in full control of the situation in his business and able to make it follow his will. He grew very strong as a business man, and gave to the company management a high tone of efficiency which equalled the mechanical perfection of the iron and steel products manufactured at the plant. He was an untiring worker, and in addition to the control exercised over the affairs of Tippet & Wood, was president of the Henderson Water Company, and Henderson Light & Power Company of Henderson, North Carolina; was the first treasurer of the Stewart Silk Company of Easton; director of the Easton Trust Company; and had other business interests, among which was the Easton *Free Press*, which Mr. Wood bought again in 1878, and of which for seven years his brother was editor. He again sold his interests in the paper, but in 1903 again became its chief owner as stockholder in the newly organized Free Press Publishing Company, of which he was treasurer, then president until his death, the *Free Press* being his first independent business venture, and it may be said that it was also his last. Had he not gone into business, Mr. Wood would have been a great journalist, for he loved it, and there were few periods of his life when he did not have a property interest in the *Free Press*.

Mr. Wood was not slavish in his devotion to business, but gave freely of his time and talents to civic advancement. He was a Republican in politics, an ardent advocate of temperance, and one of the most helpful of charitable workers. He was one of the founders of Easton Charity Society, a founder of Easton's first Board of Trade, and its president for many years. From 1887 until 1895 he was a member of Easton Common Council, serving during the period of sewer construction and early brick paving of streets. In Council he supported all public improvement of the better sort, and contributed a great deal along lines of material improvement and moral progress. In later years, when the European War brought new problems to the front, he was a firm friend of the government, was especially interested in the loans and the American Red Cross. He died before his own country was fairly at war, but

he earnestly desired the success of the Allied cause. He was a Republican in politics, and a devoted member of Brainerd-Union Presbyterian Church, with which he was long connected, serving as chairman of the board of trustees, and at one time as superintendent of the Williamsport Mission Sunday school. As a man of wealth, Mr. Wood realized the responsibility it involved, and made the widest possible use of his opportunities. He was most unostentatious in his charities, but responded readily and generously to every genuine call. Truth and honor characterized his life, and the success he won was all his own and not gained at the expense of another nor by the sacrifice of honor nor principle. His career in Common Council demonstrated his firmness in defence of a principle he believed to be right, and despite the bitter opposition, both with that body and among business men, he forced the fight for sewers and paved streets, and won a great victory for progress and the public health.

Mr. Wood married, in Easton, September 18, 1873, Emily Drake, born December 1, 1844, at the old homestead on Fourth street, Easton, daughter of John and Margaret (Stewart) Drake. John Drake, whose career is traced at length elsewhere in this work, was born in Warren county, New Jersey, December 19, 1803, and died at Easton, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1873. His wife, Margaret (Stewart) Drake, was born September 21, 1809, died June 6, 1877, and both are at rest in the Drake family plot in Easton Cemetery. Margaret (Stewart) Drake was a daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Carpenter) Stewart, and granddaughter of Thomas and Rachel (Deweese) Stewart. The Drakes are of English-Scotch-Irish blood, the Stewarts of Scotch ancestry. John and Margaret (Stewart) Drake were the parents of four daughters and six sons: Catherine Stewart, died unmarried; Samuel, married Sarah B. Arndt, and died June 29, 1893; Thomas Stewart, married Mary Ann Pyle, died July 16, 1899; Ellen, married William B. Semple, who died June 29, 1868; Sarah Stewart, died July 2, 1884, unmarried; Lewis Clewell, died November 10, 1883, unmarried; Emily, of further mention; Howard, married Annie L. Shouse, and died July 7, 1899; Frank, died May 3, 1894, unmarried; John (2), died January 6, 1880. These sons were all connected with the Drake wholesale grocery founded by their father and yet conducted by their descendants.

Emily Drake, the seventh child, was educated at San Souci Seminary, Ballston Spa, Saratoga county, New York. She married, as stated, James Whitfield Wood, whom she survives, a resident of Easton. They are the parents of three children: 1. Margaret Drake, born May 5, 1877, died February 19, 1879. 2. Frederick Raymond, born January 19, 1880; educated in Easton preparatory schools, Lafayette College, A.B., 1901, and in Berlin and Paris in violin, music and languages; he became associated with his father in business, and is now secretary of the Tippet & Wood Company. 3. Emily, born August 19, 1884, died January 13, 1890.

So the busy, useful life of James W. Wood was spent, every talent confided to him having been used and made to return an increase. He gave freely of himself to every just demand, and leaves with his son the wealth he accumulated and the business he founded, a record of an honorable life much given to good works. His death was a distinct loss to the community in which the greater part of his life was passed, and there, where best known and best appreciated, he is the most deeply mourned.

JACOB FATZINGER—A native son of Northampton county, Jacob Fatzinger was not only a civil engineer and surveyor of high reputation, but a citizen of merit and work, well read and fully informed on all questions of public importance. He was particularly well informed on matters of county history, his knowledge of the Indians of the county, their lives, customs and habits, being unusual in a business man. The family is found in Allen township, Northampton county, Pennsylvania, as early as 1772, George Fatzinger, his wife, and three children living there in that year.