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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

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DANIEL HULSHIZER

The Hulshizer family is one of the old substantial families of Warren County. Martin Hulshizer came from Germany between the years 1750 and 1760, bringing his family, consisting of a wife and several children, with him. He was a brick-mason by trade, and first located at Phillipsburg, N. J. He subsequently resided at various points along the Musconetcong Creek. His sons were Christopher, Jacob, Valentine, and John Martin. A daughter married and went South; another married a Mr. Robbins and removed to Pennsylvania.

John Martin Hulshizer was born on Jan. 18, 1747. He learned the trade of a blacksmith, and carried on that occupation for many years near Bloomsbury, N. J. He also engaged in farming at the same point. He subsequently became the owner of five hundred and seventy-five acres of land within the present township of Greenwich. Upon this, however, he never resided; but at his death it was divided among his children. This was about the year 1811. His wife was Mary Margaret Melick, born Aug. 20, 1757, who bore him eleven children, -viz., Catharine, Godfrey, Martin, Margaret, William, Hannah, John, Mary, Daniel, Andrew, and James.

Daniel Hulshizer was born near Bloomsbury, Hunterdon Co., on Feb. 15, 1797. He grew up at home, enjoying the benefits of a common-school education. When about fourteen years of age his father died. He remained on the home farm with his mother and an elder brother, and when in his twentieth year commenced farming near Stewartsville, N. J., on a farm which he had derived from his father's estate, and which he still owns. In 1833 he removed to the farm which he now occupies at Stewartsville. On these two tracts of land Mr. Hulshizer has passed a long life of industry and toil engaged in agricultural pursuits. By habits of economy and thrift he has accumulated a large estate, and he enjoys a commanding influence in the township. Aside from his farming pursuits he has entered somewhat into outside business operations. He has engaged largely in selling wood to railroad corporations; was in the mercantile business for several years at Stewartsville, and until a few years ago was interested, with others, in the Phillipsburg Iron-Rolling Mill. He retired from this enterprise after having suffered heavy losses. He was at one time a stockholder and director in the Phillipsburg Saving Institution, filling the position of president for about two years. He is a stockholder in the Phillipsburg National Bank. All his business relations have been characterized by the strictest integrity, and he justly enjoys the respect and esteem of all. He is a liberal contributor to church and kindred interests, and is a friend to the cause of education. He has been an elder in the Presbyterian Church of Stewartsville since its organization, in 1850; previous to that time he was connected with the Presbyterian Church of Greenwich, where he was also an elder. At the ripe old age of eighty-three he now lives in retirement at Stewartsville, and is in the full possession of all his faculties.

His wife was Margaret, daughter of Abraham and Ann (Noyes) Carpenter, formerly of Carpentersville, N. J. The children have been Andrew, born June 22, 1822; George, born Dec. 8, 1824; Abraham Carpenter, born May 5, 1826; Philip Fine, born Feb. 11, 1828; Theodore, born Sept. 27, 1830; Henry Furman, born Jan. 15, 1833; Ann Elizabeth and Zeruah, born Jan. 18, 1844. Of these all are living, save George, who died March 11, 1825. Ann Elizabeth is the wife of Abraham Baker, and resides at Mount Bethel, Pa.; Zeruah is the wife of Nicodemus Warne, of Broadway, N. J.; Andrew is a retired farmer, and resides in New Village, N. J.; Philip F. is a prominent physician at Stewartsville; Theodore resides at Stewartsville, and is cultivating the home farm; Henry F. resides with his parents at Stewartsville.

Abraham Hulshizer, son of Jacob and Margaret (Lunger) Hulshizer, was born in the township of Franklin, Warren Co., N. J., Feb. 9, 1781.

Jacob Hulshizer was of German birth, and is said to have emigrated to this country with his parents at the age of six years. Abraham in early life became inured to work on the farm, and assisted in clearing off the forest and preparing the land for crops. Like most of the men of his time, his opportunities for an education in boyhood were very limited. He possessed rare perceptive faculties and had a very retentive memory, which enabled him in after-years, by reading, to be well versed in local matters, and in all questions of interest tending to promote the prosperity of the country and to secure the well-being of society. He was known as a man of practical ideas and sound judgment, and his counsel was adhered to in the vicinity where he spent his life. By his own industry and perseverance he secured a good property, and at his death was the possessor of some two hundred acres of very productive land, besides owning village property at Asbury. The farm upon which he resided is now owned by his son, William S., to which he has made other additions, and who ranks among the representative farmers of his township.

Mr. Hulshizer was a supporter of church and school interests, and lent his aid to all worthy objects. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Asbury for many years, and prominent in the councils of that body of Christians. In politics he affiliated with the Democratic party, and was often selected by his fellow-townsmen to fill positions of trust and responsibility in his township. He was in all respects a man who depended upon himself for everything he had, and, self-reliant, prudent, and unselfish, he was esteemed by all who knew him. He died July 24, 1870.

His wife was Rebecca Thompson, of Hunterdon County, whom he married Oct. 18, 1803. She was a member of the church, a pious woman, and died in 1849. Of this union were born the following children: John T., born July 29, 1804; Jacob, born Dec. 8, 1806; Margaret, born Sept. 3, 1808; Rachel, born April 22, 1810; Abraham, born Aug. 20, 1812; Rebecca A., born Oct. 21, 1814; Mary, born July 21, 1818; Joseph W., born July 23, 1821; William S., born March 24, 1824; Hetty Jane, born Dec. 18, 1827. Of these children only William S. and Rebecca A., wife of Christopher Insley, are living in 1880. Among those who remember him kindly are his granddaughter, Mrs. R. A. Apgar, and his son, William S., who deem it fitting to place his portrait and this sketch in the history of the township where he spent his life, and to the interests of which he contributed so much.