

HISTORIC HOMES AND INSTITUTIONS
AND
GENEALOGICAL AND PERSONAL
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"Knowledge of kindred and the genealogies of the ancient families deserveth the highest praise. Herein consisteth a part of the knowledge of a man's own self. It is a great spur to virtue to look back on the worth of our line."—LORD BACON.

"There is no heroic poem in the world but is at the bottom the life of a man."—SIR WALTER SCOTT.

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maining with that company for nine years, during which time his faithfulness and capability won him promotion on many different occasions.

In 1892 Mr. Powell came to Lansdowne, where he embarked in merchandising on his own account, establishing a small hardware and house furnishing store. He remained at his first location for five years, and in the meantime his trade increased in volume and importance so that it was necessary for him to seek larger quarters, and he removed to the new granite store which he now occupies, and in which he is carrying a complete line of everything pertaining to house furnishing, to building, and to the hardware trade. His store would be a credit to a city of much greater size than Lansdowne. He carries a large, new and complete stock; his store is neat and attractive in its appointments and equipments; and his business methods are honorable, being such as neither seek nor require disguise, but will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny. Mr. Powell is recognized as a man of excellent business ability and executive force, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, and brooking no obstacle that can be overcome by strong purpose, honorable effort and unflinching determination.

On the 15th of October, 1892, was celebrated the marriage of Walter C. Powell and Margaret E. Hallowell, of Maryland. Unto them have been born four children, namely: Helen Elizabeth, born November 4, 1893; Charles Hallowell, born November 27, 1895; Margaret Elgar, born May 4, 1897; and Edward Townsend, born September 9, 1901. The family is well known in Lansdowne and the household is celebrated for its gracious and pleasing hospitality, while in business circles Mr. Powell sustains an unassailable reputation as a self-made and trustworthy man who well merits the prosperity that has come to him.

MRS. ANNA M. SHOEMAKER. In the year 1696 Edward and Eleanor Foulke came to the new world, and making their way to Pennsylvania they secured as a homestead a tract of land which they purchased from William Penn. This remained in the family through successive generations, and at length was sold by the father of Mrs. Shoemaker to Clarke Wharton. It now belongs to his estate and is occupied by the Country Club.

From Edward and Eleanor Foulke the line of descent is traced down through Thomas (first), William, Levi, William (second) and William (third) to Mrs. Shoemaker. Her father, William Foulke, was united in marriage to Susanna Conard, a daughter of Jonathan Conard and a granddaughter of Dennis Conard. The faith of

the Foulke family from the establishment of the family in America down to the present time has been that of the Society of Friends.

Anna M. Foulke, after arriving at years of maturity, gave her hand in marriage to Charles Bird Shoemaker, and to them were born the following children: Charles Frances, who was born October 1, 1856, and died in March, 1876, at the age of twenty years; William Foulke, who was born February 1, 1858, and died August 13, 1885, at the age of twenty-seven years; Amelia Bird, who was born April 20, 1861, and died October 26, 1862; Benjamin H., born November 30, 1865; Lewis Foulke, who was born July 1, 1868, and married Lucretia McIlvain, by whom he has two children, Helen and Lewis, Jr.; and Ella Foulke Shoemaker, who was born July 11, 1874, and is the wife of Thomas C. Satterthwait, a son of George and Sarah Satterthwait, by whom she has one son, Charles Shoemaker Satterthwait.

GEORGE DAVIS EVANS. No name is better or more favorably known in Lansdowne and vicinity than that of the Evans family. For generations, even before the Revolutionary war, their old homestead has stood, a monument of solidity and strength as a historical landmark in the township of Upper Darby, about a mile from Lansdowne. Few such structures remain to remind us of the grandeur of the old colonial days, and it may be interesting to our readers to know that this old country residence was built about the year 1693; the exact date is unknown, the records being somewhat obscure on this point. It has been occupied for five generations continuously from 1723 to the present time, embracing a period of 182 years, by the ancestors and descendants of the Evans family, the same now being occupied by the surviving children of Jonathan Evans, to whom the property descended in direct line as follows:

The original patent was granted by William Penn, July 30, 1684, to Joshua Fearn, for two hundred acres. Joshua Fearn, by deed dated December 12, 1692, conveyed to his brother, Josiah Fearn, one hundred acres, part of the two hundred and ninety acres recorded at Chester, Pennsylvania, Book A, Volume 1, page 69. Josiah Fearn, by deed dated December 27, 1717, conveyed the said one hundred acres with other land to Samuel Garrett in fee. Samuel Garrett, by deed dated September 5, 1723, conveyed to Joseph Kirk and Ann (Hood) Kirk, his wife, eighty-six acres, being part of the said one hundred acres. Joseph Kirk by will dated November 6, 1771, devised to his son-in-law Jonathan Evans, and his daughter Sarah (wife of Jonathan) forty acres, being part of said eighty-six acres. On the death of Sarah, her surviving hus-