## SHERIFF'S SALES.

By virtue of sundry writs of Ven. Ex., Fi. Fa., Lev. Fa., &c. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Butler county, Pa., and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, in the borough of Butler, on

### Friday, the 4th day of Dec.,

A. D. 1896, at 1 o'clock P.M., the following described property, to-wit:

E D No. 117, Dec Term, 1896. McJunkin & Galbreath, Att'y's.

All the right, title, interest and claim of J W Gibson of, in and to 42 acres and 79 perches of land, more or less, situated in Clay twp, Butler Co., Pa., bounded as follows, to-wit: On the north by lands of Robert Thompson, east by John Sutton, south by other lands of J W Gibson and on the west by lands of Jacob Brown. Recorded in Mortgage Book 36, page 467.

ALSO—Of, in and to 28 acres and 25 perches of land, more or less, situated in Clay twp, Butler Co, Pa. bounded as follows, to-wit: On the north by lands of J W Gibson, east by lands now or formerly owned by John Gibson, south by lands of John Brown's heirs and Rosann Brown and on the west by lands of Jacob Brown; having thereon a log dwelling house, frame barn and outbuildings. Recorded in Mortgage Book 35, page 605.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of J W Gibson at the suit of John I. Shannon.

E D No. 111 and 112 Dec Term, 1896. McJunkin & Galbreath, Att'ys.

All the right, title, interest and claim of J A Eberhart of, in and to the undivided two-third interest in 42 acres of land, more or less, situated in Fairview twp., Butler Co, Pa, bounded as follows, to-wit: On the north by lands of Jacob Beshore, east by lands of P J Slippy-Barnhart et al, east by lands of P J Slippy-Barnhart and Joseph S Barnhart, south by lands of Simon Barnhart's heirs, Samuel Stewart's heirs and Daniel Andrews' heirs, and on the west by lands of Daniel Andrews' heirs and Simon Barnhart; with a dwelling house, barn and outbuildings erected thereon. Seized and taken in execution as the property of J A Eberhart at the suit of David Beshore now for use of Jacob Besh.

E D No. 88 Dec T. 1896. W D Brandon, Att'y

All the right, title, interest and claim of John H Montgomery of, in and to 68 acres and 11 6-10 perches of land, situated in Clinton twp Butler Co, Pa. bounded as follows, to-wit: On the north by lands of Mrs. Campbell, east by land of F Roenick, south by lands of John H Love et al and on the west by lands of heirs of J B McLaughlin, dec'd. Beginning at a post on the northwest corner on the west side of Pittsburg and Saxonburg road, thence along lands of J B McLaughlin's heirs south 1° west 67 9-10 perches to a post on corner of lands of W W Armstrong; thence along same south 89¾° east 122 5-10 perches to a post on line of lands of heirs of Mary Ann Heckert, dec'd; thence along same north ¼ west 46 5-10 perches to a post; thence along same south 89¾ east 20 5-10 perches to corner of lands of J H Love; thence along same south 89¾° east 81 perches to a post on line of F Roenick's land; thence along same north 1° west 26 6-10 perches to a post on corner of Mrs. Campbell's lands; thence along same north 81¾ west 29 7-10 perches to the place of beginning, containing 68 acres and 11 6-10 perches, having a two-story frame dwelling house, farm barn, orchard and outbuildings erected thereon. Recorded in Mortgage Book 30, page 149. Seized and taken in execution as the property of John H Montgomery at the suit of W D Brandon, ex'r of the last will of George Welsh, dec'd.

E D No, 119 Dec Term, 1896. Williams & Mitchell, Att'ys.

All the right, title, interest and claim of Leonard J McQuistion and Reuben H McQuistion of, in and to 111 acres and 26 perches of land more or less, situated in Brady twp. Butler Co, Pa, bounded as follows to-wit: On the north by Slippery rock creek and lands of Charles McCracken, east by lands of Charles McCracken and C Duffy, south by lands of the heirs of John Coovert and Lewis Lilly and on the west by lands of A G Croll and the said creek. Being the same land formerly owned by John J Croll, now deceased. Having about 30 acres cleared and a board house Seized and taken in execution as the property of Leonard J McQuistion and Reuben H McQuistion at the suit of John C Grohman.

E D. No 118 Dec Term, 1896. Stephen Cummings, Atty.

All the right, title, interest and claim of James S Fleeger and Mahala Fleeger of, in and to 53 acres and 63 perches of land, more or less, situated in Oakland twp, Butler Co Pa., bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at the southeast corner at a stone; thence south 2° west 101 perches to a post; thence north 89¼° east 80 perches to a post; thence north ¼° east 101 perches to a post; thence south 89¼° east 101 perches to a post; thence south 89¼° east 86 perches to a post the place of beginning said land being mostly wood land.

ALSO—of, in and two 89 acres of land, more or less situated in Oakland twp, Butler Co Pa, bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at a post at the southeast corner; thence west 88¾ 126 7-10 perches by lands of Thomas Whitmire to a post; thence north 1¼° west 101 perches to a post by lands of John Andre north 88¼ east 126 7-10 perches to a chestnut by lands of heirs of James Hamilton; south 1¼° west 101 perches by lands of Jacob Whitmire to the place of beginning; having thereon a frame dwelling house, log barn and other outbuildings, good apple orchard and in a fair state of cultivation. Seized and taken in execution as the property of James S Fleeger and Mahala Fleeger at the suit of Barbara Geibel and Joseph Geibel Exr's of Charles Geibel, dec'd

E D No 105 Dec Term, 1896. W H Lusk, Att'y.

All the right, title, interest and claim of J D Williams of, in and to 50 acres of land, more or less, situated in Forward twp, Butler Co Pa, bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stone thence by lands of John Miller north 1¼ west 29 perches to a stone; thence by lands of J W Boggs 89° east 70 7-10 perches to a stone thence by lands of Mathew Williams, now or formerly, south 1¼ east 97 perches to a white oak tree; thence by lands of George Lotz south 89¼° west 87 5-10 per to a stone; thence by lands of now or formerly Mathew williams north 1¼° west 68 perches to a stone; thence by lands of John Miller south 88° east 16 8-10 perches to the place of beginning; recorded in Deed Book 146 page 360 having thereon a two-story frame dwelling house, frame bank barn good orchard mostly cleared, well watered and in a state of fair cultivation. Seized and taken in execution as the property of J D Williams at the suit of D L Dunbar for use A J Smathers now for use of John Rohner.

E D No 87 Dec Term, 1896. W D Brandon, Att'y

All the right, title, interest and claim of Frank Markwell of, in and to all that certain lot of ground in the village of Renfrew Penn twp Butler Co Pa, bounded as follows, to wit: On the north by Rail Road street; east by lot No 101 in the plan of said village; south by Main street and on the west by Bridge street said lot being 32 feet on Rail Road street and on Main street, and 100 feet deep and being lot No 8 in the plan of lots laid out by DH Renfrew, having thereon a two story fra me building used as a store-room, ware-room and dwelling house. Seized and taken in execution as the property of Frank Markwell at the suit of Stephen Markwell.

E D No 61 Dec Term, 1896, Ralston & Greer, Att'y's.

All the right, title, interest and claim of William E Lawrence and Clara A Lawrence of, in and to 1½ acres of land, more or less, situated in Centreville boro, Butler Co Pa, bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at a post on Water street, running north 2¾° east 26 rods along lands of Perry Coovert's heirs to corner of J M Leighner's lot; thence 86¼° east along said Leighner's lot, 12 9-10 rods to a post on Grove City road; thence south 2¼° west 14 rods along Grove City road to post; thence south 47° west 13 3-10 rods to place of beginning, recorded in Mortgage Book 48 page 213. Seized and taken in execution as the property of Williams E Lawrence and Clara A Lawrence at the suit of Elizabeth Gilkey.

E D No. 106, Dec Term, 1896. Ralston & Greer, Att'y.

All the right, title, interest and claim of Charles A Abrams, administrator "de bonus non cum testamento annexo" of Samuel Grinder, dec'd, and Isaac Kuhn and Mary Kuhn (nee Grinder), John Protsman and Mary Protsman (nee Tolly), Perry Bricker and Harnest Bricker (nee Tolly), Stanley Tolly, Margaret Grinder, widow of Samuel Grinder, Jr., dec'd, also Frank Grinder, Edward Grinder, Harry Grinder and Vinnie Grinder, children of Samuel Grinder, dec'd, heirs-at-law of Samuel Grinder, dec'd, of, in and to 75 acres of land, more or less, situated in Clinton twp, Butler Co., Pa., bounded as follows, to-wit: On the north by lands of Charles Reddick, east by lands of Herman Koch, et al, south by lands of George Bohme's heirs and C J Smith and on the west by the Bull Creek road, a public or county road; having thereon a log dwelling house, frame barn and orchard. Seized and taken in execution as the property of Charles A Abrams, et al at the suit of Jonathan Grinder, adm'r of Amelia J Smith.

E D Nos. 3, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 Dec T., 1896. A H C McFarland, Frank Kohler and Clarence Walker, Att'ys.

All the right, title, interest and claim of J H Faubel of, in and to all that certain piece or parcel of ground, situated in Butler borough, Butler Co, Pa, bounded as follows, to-wit: On the north by an alley, east by Main St, south by Wm Aland's heirs and west by an alley; having thereon one brick house used as a hotel and known as the Hotel Butler, one barn and other outbuildings. Seized and taken in execution as the property of J H Faubel at the suit of McCafferty & McCrea, now for use of Miss Libbie Fitzpatrick et al.

E D No 128 Dec Term, 1896, Ralston & Greer Att'ys.

All the right, title, interest and claim of Charles W Eisenstein and Catharine E Eisenrath of, in and to 56 acres of land, more or less, situated in Clinton twp, Butler Co Pa, bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at the northwest corner of said tract; thence by lands of Martin Thompson and public road south 87° east 30 perches to a post; thence south 6° west 15 perches to a post by land of Thompson and public road; thence south 89¼ east 62 5-10 perches by land of Sarah J Love to a post; thence south ¼° west 84 2-10 perches by land of Wm Walters et al to a post; thence north 89¼° west 109 8-10 perches by lands of Charles Eisenrath to a post or white oak; thence north ¼° east 80 5-10 perches by lands of Wm Potts and Jas Harvey to a post the place of beginning. Seized and taken in execution as the property of Charles W Eisenrath and Catharine E Eisenrath at the suit of Herman Muder.

E D No 137 Dec Term, 1896, W A & F J Forquer Att'y.

All the right, title, interest and claim of J C Hovis of, in and to the undivided one half interest in all that certain lot of ground, situated in Butler boro, Butler Co Pa, bounded as follows, to wit: On the north by lot and office building of John E Byres; on the east by lot formerly of Jas Sellers, now F S Clark; on the south by lot and building of Mrs Catharine Carson, dec'd; on the west by Main or High street and having a frontage on Main or High street of 25 feet 10 inches, and extending east same width 60 feet more or less to lot of said F S Clark, and having thereon erected a two story brick building and basement, used now as the Butler Post office building, store room in basement, second floor occupied by Post Office, the second story office rooms. Seized and taken in execution as the property of J C Hovis at the suit of F J Forquer, trustee.

ED 136 Dec Term, 1896, Frank Kohler, Att'y.

All the right, title, interest and claim of M S Adams of, in and to all that certain tract of land, situated in Allegheny twp, Butler Co Pa, bounded as follows, to wit: On the north by lands of Alfred Hollings et al; east by lands of Samuel black et al; south by lands of Mrs John M Turner et al and west by lands of John B Campbell containing 84 acres, more or less, having a one story frame cottage house, frame barn, grist mill, two stables and other outbuildings erected thereon. Seized and taken in execution as the property of M S Adams at the suit of George H Graham for use of Butler Savings Bank and Geo H Bemis now for use of now Jo Thompson and R F Scott, Esq.

E D No 127 Dec Term, 1896, Andrew G Wilhams Att'y.

All the right, title, interest and claim of James W Dobson of, in and to 1 acre of land more or less, situated at Wick Station in Slippery rock twp, Butler Co Pa, bounded as follows, to wit: On the north by lands of Wm McKisson; on the east by lands of Christopher Perry; on the south by a public highway known as the Scrubgrass road, on the west by lands of Calvin Mcaill, and having thereon erected a two story frame dwelling house and other outbuildings, recorded in Mortgage Book 42, page 381. Seized and taken in execution as the property of James W Dobson at the suit of Alex Mitchell now for use of John Forcht.

E D No 116 Dec Term, 1896, McJunkin & Galbreath, Att'ys.

All the right, title, interest and claim of Jos H Alexander and Sarah Alexander of, in and to 2 acres of land, situated in Franklin twp, Butler Co Pa, bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at the northeast corner thence by lands of Joseph Thompson north 89¼° east 14 rods; thence by lands of Oliver Piper south 2° east 22 6-7 perches to a post; thence by same south 22 1-2 west of fourteen perches; thence by lanus of Stoughton and Thompson north 2° west 22 6-10 perches to the place of beginning, recorded in Mortage Book 28 page 129; having a two story frame dwelling house, log stable and other outbuildings erected thereon.

ALSO—Of in and to 7 acres and 40 perches of land more or less, situated in Franklin twp, Butler Co, Pa, bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a hickory tree thence by lands of John Stoughton north 2° west 80 5-10 perches; thence by other lands of Jos H Alexander et ux north 88¼° east 15 8-10 perches; thence by same north 2 1-4° west 50 5-10 rods; thence by lands of Joseph Thompson north 88¼° east 26 1-10 perches to the public road; thence by said road the following courses and distances south ¼° east 40 rods, south ¾° west 45 5-10 perches, south 26 1-2° west 29 3-10 rods to the place of beginning. Recorded in Mortgage book 28, page 129.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Joseph H Alexander and Sarah Alexander at the suit of Charles S Shannon.

E D No 102 Dec Term, 1896, Clarence Walker, Att'y.

All the right, title, interest and claim of Thomas Donaghy administrator of George Zeigler, dec'd of, in and to 197 acres of land, more or less, situated in Brady twp, Butler Co Pa, bounded as follows, to wit: On the North by land now or formerly owned by Daniel K Graham; east by lands now or formerly of Samuel C Turk; south by lands now or formerly of Phillip Hack et al; west by lands now or formerly of Hugh Grossman, recorded in Mortgage Book 26, page 359. Seized and taken in execution as the property of Thomas Donaghy administrator of George Zeigler, dec'd at the suit of Thomas W Phillips.

E D No 135 Dec Term, 1896. Frank Kohler Att'y.

All the right, title, interest and claim of George H Graham and Clara G McKee administrator of Eleanor J Graham, dec'd of, in and to all that certain piece of land, situated in Fairview boro, Butler Co Pa, bounded as follows, to wit: On the north by an alley; on the east by an alley, on the south by lot formerly of W E Proctor, known as the foundry lot and on the west by Chestnut street, fronting 100 feet on Chestnut street, and running east from Chestnut street 189 feet, and being the same lot conveyed by J J Maxwel and wife to Eleanor J Graham one of the grantors herself by deed dated the 14th day of Aug. 1875 and recorded in Deed Book No 44, page 119 and having erected thereon a two story frame dwelling house and outbuildings. Seized and taken in execution as the property of George H Graham and Clara G McKee administrator of Eleanor J Graham, dec'd at the suit of Alice Thompson for use of Howard Thompson.

TERMS OF SALE—The following must be strictly complied with when property is stricken down.

1. When the plaintiff or other lien creditor becomes the purchaser, the costs on the writ must be paid, and a list of the liens, including mortgage searches on the property sold, together with such lien creditor's receipt* for the amount of the proceeds of the sale or such portion thereof as he may claim, must be furnished the Sheriff.

2. All bids must be paid in full.

3. All sales not settled immediately will be continued until 1 o'clock p. m. of the next day at which time all property not settled for will again be put up and sold at the expense and risk of the person to whom first sold.

*See Purdon's Digest, 9th edition, page 446 and Smith's Forms page 384.

ANDREW G. CAMPBELL, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Butler, Pa., Nov. 16, 1896.

### Register's Notice.

The Register hereby gives notice that the following accounts of executors, administrators and guardians have been filed in this office according to law, and will be presented to Court for confirmation and allowance on Saturday, the 12th day of Dec, 1896, at 9 o'clock A. M. of said day:

1. Partial account of J M Lawrence, executor of Anna Cooper, dec'd, late of Centerville borough.
2. Partial account of Robert Allen, executor of Effie Allen, dec'd, late of Brady township.
3. Final account of Elizabeth Burry administratrix of Fredrick Burry, dec'd, late of Franklin township.
4. Supplemental account of Thomas Watson, executor of James Watson, dec'd, late of Clinton township.
5. Final account of J D McJunkin, guardian of Joseph Cowan, minor child of Robert Cowan, dec'd, late of Middlesex township.
6. First partial account of John Berg, Henry A. Berg and Mary E Berg, executors of John Berg, dec'd, late of Butler borough.
7. Final account of Robert S. Harbison and Mary H Harbison, executors of Robert Harbison, dec'd, late of Middlesex township.
8. Final and distribution account of Margaret Weckbecker, administratrix of George Weckbecker, dec'd, late of Harmony borough.
9. Final account of David Newell, guardian of Blanche Crooks, minor child of John Crooks, dec'd, late of Middlesex township.
10. Final account of Philip Daubenspeck guardian of Minnie V Walley, minor child of Martha L Walley, dec'd, late of Parker township.
11. Partial account of J J Smith and John Kline, executors of Jacob Kline, dec'd, late of Adams township.
12. Partial account of M H Byerly and Adam Byerly administrators of John Byerly, dec'd, late of Buffalo township.
13. Final account of John G Bippus, executor of John G Bippus Jr, dec'd, late of Butler borough.
14. Final account of Rachel A Koch, administratrix of Jacob Koch, dec'd, late of Brady township.
15. Final account of Lavina H Kiester, administratrix of Jeremiah Kiester, dec'd, late of Muddycreek township.
16. Final account of Frank W Cashdollar, guardian of Frank W Gilleland, minor child of John C Gilleland, dec'd, late of Adams township.
17. Final account of John W Brown guardian of Bertha McElhaney, minor child of James McElhaney, dec'd, late of Butler borough.
18. Final and distribution accounts of Samuel H Cooper and Winfield S Dixon, executors of James L Dixon dec'd, late of Penn township.
19. Final account of R P Scott, administrator of Thomas K. Cannon, dec'd late of Parker township
20. Final account of E W Kidd, guardian of of John M Vandivort, minor child of John Vandivort, dec'd, late of Cranberry township.
21. Final account of Francis Byers administrator of William Byers, dec'd, late of Concord township
22. Final account of O K Waldron, administrator of Cornelius Snodgrass, dec'd, late of Butler borough.
23. Final account of Mary M Hardman and O W Hardman, executors of W V Hardman, dec'd, late of Butler borough.
24. First partial account of David Porter Williams, administrator of Rev Samuel Williams, dec'd, late of Brady township
25. Final account of Catharine Rimp administratrix of John Rimp, dec'd, late of Summit township.
26. Final account of John Bickel guardian of Charles Rimp, minor child of John Rimp, dec'd, late of Summit township.
27. Final account of John Bickel guardian of Minnie Rimp, minor child of John Rimp, dec'd, late of Summit township.
28. Final and distribution account of Agnes S Lusk, administratrix of Amos Lusk, dec'd, late of Zelienople borough.
29. Final account of W C Hawn, guardian of Florence E Black, minor child of H C Black, dec'd, late of Harrisville borough.
30. Final account of Donald M Ward, executor of Tabitha J Kestor, dec'd, late of Butler borough.
31. Final account of W S Moore administrator of S C Telley, dec'd, late of Muddy creek township.

JOHN S. WICK, Register.

### Widows' Appraisements.

The following widows' appraisements of personal property and real estate set apart for the benefit of the widows of decedents have been filed in the office of the Clerk of Orphans' Court of Butler county, viz.

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| Widow of William Kegley | (realty and pers nalty) | $300 00 |
| " | Samuel S Hunt | 300 00 |
| " | Miles Coovert | 300 00 |
| " | John W Wagner | 300 00 |
| " | John D Kamerer | 290 10 |
| " | John Gephart | 300 00 |
| " | R C Yates | 300 00 |

All persons interested in the above appraisements will take notice that they will be presented for confirmation to the Orphans' Court of Butler county, Pa., on Saturday the 12th day of Dec 1896, and if no exceptions are filed they will be confirmed also absolutely.

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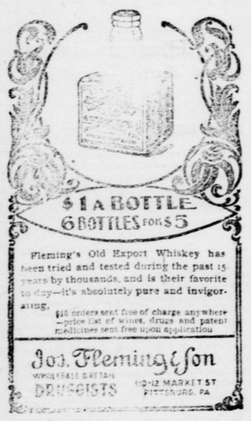


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I have one in my mind at this moment from which the skillful threader of romance could weave a tale that would well employ talent more gifted than this halting pen.

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In 1847 I was a school lad of old Tom Berry's school in Butler. I can recall a score or more of the boys and girls, most of whom sat, in the long summer days, barelegged and barefooted, on the inner row of benches set apart for the kids' use. The larger or older "scholars" (save the mark), of whom I was one, sat at desks around the wall, boys and girls "promiscus," and as it now seems to me as bright and happy a lot as were ever birched and hooked by that old time Scotch-Irish schoolmaster,

Two children of my years sat together in one form in front of mine; they were petite, pretty, and precocious—brother and Sister, George and Sis Smith.

* * *

Tom Berry's little school in time became too small for these children of wealthy parents, and in due season George became a man, then an officer of the 13th United States Infantry. Later the cruel Apache of Arizona carried his scalp-lock at his belt, while his poor bones lay bleaching in the desert sun; And that is about all George has to do with this history.

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The sister, who was the pet of Tom Berry's school, and admired of all the boys, grew handsomer than I could ever attempt to describe, and was sent to Kittanning Seminary under the care of a supposed uncle, Judge Buffington, of the Armstrong Bench.

Meanwhile the putative parents of these bright children had removed to the far west, the father being a high government official appointed by the President to the territory of Kansas; later elected by the people to the Lieutenant Governorship—the Hon. Geo. W. Smith, friend and coadjutor of Ossawattomie Brown.

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The semiuary mail brought a letter one day for Sis Smith. It was of current date and written from one of the hotets of the town, and ran thus:

"MY DEAR CHILD: Your mother, whom you never knew, is breaking her heart to see you at this hotel," (Signed.)

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There was consternation in the house of Judge B., of Kittaning, when his pretty niece failed to appear at supper that evening. The seminary people were wild at the disappearance of the most interesting of all its young ladies.

In time people spoke of a mysterious "person" in black who had frequently been seen in the town in the vicinity of the seminary. Putting that and that together— Well, suffice it to say, the tale was tabu, and "poor Miss Smith" became only a memory at that brilliant institution.

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What has Mercer to do with all this? Wait till the stage comes in.

That is exactly what I was doing one evening, late in the fifties, when the "coach and four" from Enon, the nearest railway station, came up Erie street to the sound of horn. It pulled up all the residence of Mr. J. P. Garrett, one of the notables of our town—the aristocrat— the Whig leader— the Warwick of hfs day in county and State. I can see him now, his grand form, graceful poise, leonine air, a veritable king among men, handsome withal as a picture. He was a story teller like Scott, a violinist like Old Bull, with the voice of Sim Reeves; the courage of a hero, yet gentle and kind as a woman. His quaint cottage still stands where he lived his long and lonely life, his friends and correspondents throughout the world taking all his time. I have seen him looking over his unopened mail. Taking the letters up singly he would say: "Here is one from Simon, and here another from Salmon, one from Theil, Andy, Fess," and so on through the list. His distinguished correspondents were the elder Cameron, Chase' Stephens, Curtin, Fessenden and others of equal note in this and the older world.

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Whenever "the stage" stopped at the Garrett home in that day, or even much earlier in the reign of his mother (the aristocratic old Philadelphia Quakeress, who lived alone and mstate with her Pearson dignity for more years than I can now say—except we count for company her brother Tommy who kept a hunter and rode to hounds) some person of note and distincton was known to have come to Mercer.

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Looking up the street I saw the portly dignity of Mr. Garrett approach the coach door, which the driver held open for some one to alight, and raising his high silk hat he extended his hand to that someone, who in an instant stood in front of him, trimly clad, neat of figure, and looked into his face with an anxious, inquiring look, as though she were saying, "This is Mr. Garret, I believe?" I could not hear the words.

Without any effuson of greeting, but politely the lady was "waved" to the open gate, as one would say, "walk in, please," Mr. Garrett stopped to see about the trunks, etc., for an instant, and immediately followed his guest within. While I stood wondering who this might be who had come to the old man's solitary home, they both quickly reappeared, the driver had not yet closed the cosch door, so brief was the time. The lady with downcast head and uncertain step was assisted to re-mount, by Mr. Garrett, who formally raised his hat again and again, and retreating with a backward step toward his still open gate; and as if to emphasize the movement of his headgear I heard him, though almost a square away, shouting, "Not by a—sight, marian; not by a—sight." and was again lost to view. At this point in a rather unintelligible scene, the coach and team under the whip turned around the corner and was lost to view.

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What could all this exhibition of politeness and choler simultaneously on the part of this Admirable Chrichton mean? But I "forgot the incident almost while thinking about it,

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One Jim Jones at that day kept the old brick inn on the square. Jones came to me about dusk of that same summer evening with a note which ran thus: I quote from memory:

"MY DEAR OLD——: I find myself in your town under most distressing circumstances. May I ask you to come and see me. I am sadly in need of someone to whom I can communicate my trouble. You will remember me as your old school-fellow at Berry's, Sis Smith."

[Signed]

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When this sees the light, if it ever should, the principals will long since have been dead, no doubt, so I use right names, from beginning to end, Whatever I do I would not offend the living or wrong the dead.

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In response to the note referred to, I was soon at the hotel, and Jones—not the Colonel, but another Jones, Jim—showed me into the ladies' parlor, then at the foot of the stairway, first floor. I was met with two open hands—Sis Smith of more than ten years ago. The sweet little girl had grown into a lovely woman but the same high breeding and gentle nature still shown through her eyes bathed though they were in tears. It was moments after asking me to be seated before she could command her voice to speak.

"I must tell you how and why I am in Mercer," she began, "and O, it is so humiliating I scarcely think I can get through it; but I must explain to someone, and your are the only one whom I know in the p ace, where I have never been before. You must know the story of my disappearance from school at Kittanning with my real mother; that the Smiths of Butler were not my parents; but I doubt if you ever knew until this moment that my father is one of the best known citizens of this place. It i true that my childhood was a most happy one Mr. and Mrs. Smith were kind and indulgent, giving me every advantage of wealth and education, that their only daughter as I supposed myself to be, could enjoy. I never knew a thought or care beyond loving and pleasing them till one day at the seminary I received a note telling the cruel truth that I was not the Sis Smith my friends and playmates believed me; that these dear ones in Butler whom I called father, mother, brother were not mine; I was not their's O, it was a hard awakening from a most lovely, Heavenly dream. What was I if not their daughter? Whose sister was I if not dear George's? Cut off as if at one blow from all that I had hitherto known as my own, buried alive, as I might say, from all that I had believed my own, I at once resolved in the hunger of affection which is so strong in my nature that I would go to this woman who claimed me as her child. I did so. Natural instinct at once told me she was, as she claimed, my mother I threw myself into her arms and said, Mother of mine I know you are, whatever else you are or have been. My duty is with you, and with you I will go to your home whatever or however humble it may be good or bad. She placed me at school near Philadelphia. At the close of school age, I married the man of my choice. We have children, and are so happy.

"For several years my mother advised me that my father might come some day to see me: that he lived at Mercer, was a gent-eman; that I was his picture in miniature. I never at any time felt interest in or affection for him who had done my mother such irreparable wrong nor did I wish to see him. But some months ago my mother hearing that Mr. W. Garvin was in the city, called on him at his hotel, and on inquiry learned from him that Mr. Garrett was childless, alone, and in pitiable old age, with small estate; having lived past most of his friends. This did not commiserate my feelin gs toward him; for my poor mother wrongs were uppermost in my thoughts, Late one day, and not long since Mr. Garvin wrote my mother that Mr. Garretts condition needed the affectionate care and companionship of his daughter (myself); that I owed it to him to come on and care for him in the distress of his old age and its infirmities. My husband whose slightest thought I would wish to obey, at last consented to my coming for a few weeks at longest; and having his and the children's pictures taken, I had brought them in my pride, thinking he might be glad to see them—his son-in-law and grand children.

"And so I came, in pity, to see my father, as Mr. Garvin said he needed me.

"Told that he was a gentleman, and fondly believing it, I came from a good home, a kind husband and loving sweet children, to be spurned from his door as he spurned my poor mother, whom he wronged years ago. Your have heard all I have to say. I wish you who know him to learn from her how he treated his daughter who came in his old age to give him the comfort she was told he so much needed. And now indulge me further while I say the sad thing about it is that I will go home to my dear husband to tell him that my father is not a gentleman after all."

I bade her good-night and promised myself to call and see her in the morning.

At the hotel next day I said good-bye to my old school fellow, and saw her comfortably off on her long journey, as it then was, to Harrisburg. Her eyes were very bright; not a tear had left its mark on her pretty face. She held out her soft jeweled hand through the coach door, and with a warm pressure said: "Good-bye,—— Don't waste any regrets on me, I am only sorry my father is not a gentleman, after all, though he does look it, doesn't he. Pity! isn't it? Good-bye."

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And there may have been some mistake about it, after all, for "'tis a wise child that knows its own father."

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