

History Of Dallas Continued From Last Week

Of Jacob I. Bogardus, a conspicuous and for many years a leading citizen of Dallas (now Lehman) township, I glean the following from the letters of his son above quoted.

He was born in the City of New York 1783, his father being a merchant in that city. He married the only daughter of Jonathan O. Moseley, of East Haddam, Conn. He engaged for a time in the mercantile business at Katskill, N. Y., and not being successful, removed to Pennsylvania and settled in Bradford township, afterwards a part of Dallas, and now of Lehman township. He settled there about 1812 in the midst of the forest. His nearest neighbor on the south was Thomas Case, two miles; on the east Amos Brown, three miles; on the north, John Whitman, two and a half miles. There Case, no public roads to any of the neighbors. Mr. Bogardus and his wife were both well educated, and Mr. Bogardus wrote a large portion of the early deeds, mortgages and other papers needed in that time.

He was appointed by the Governor Justice of the Peace soon after coming to Pennsylvania, which office he held until he resigned many years after. He was at one time the only Justice of the Peace within the present territory of Lehman, Dallas and opinions were considered by most people about there in those days as final; but few of them were carried to higher courts, and but few were reversed.

Abram S. Honeywell was the standing Constable. Esquire Bogardus married most of the young people about there in those days. "I well remember," says the letter of Evert Bogardus, "the marriage of A. S. Honeywell. He and his bride came on horseback, followed by most of the young folks of Dallas. They had a jolly time and returned happy."

"Uncle Peter Ryman," continues the letter "and afterwards his son, Joseph Ryman, were the people's lawyers that practised at this court. They would lay down the law to the court, sometimes rather crudely, but the court would listen to them respectfully, and when they got through, decide. Peter and Joseph were often engaged to represent opposite sides in the same law suit. Peter spoke with a decided Ger-

man accent. He was also the owner of a copy of Purdon's Digest, and usually prepared his cases by studying this book, and recognized no other authority. On one occasion when they were thus opposing each other, Joseph stated a legal proposition which did not suit Peter very well. It was good law and good sense, as Peter seemed to feel, but some reply had to be made to break its force and leave some ground for him to stand on before his client. This Peter did with all the force at his command, by saying: "Yoseph, dat may be good law, put you can't find it in Purton."

"John Ryman another son of Peter Ryman, had also a taste for the law. He went west at an early day and was for twenty years, up to the time of his death in 1856, a conspicuous and leading lawyer in the states of Indiana and Ohio, as the early volumes of the Supreme Court Reports will abundantly show. He was a man of great physical strength, and, as Smaton Holman recently remarked of him, 'he had courage equal to his strength, and probably never knew what fear was.'"

"Esquire Bogardus was a tall, athletic man. He had but few equals in strength, yet was good natured and never quarrelsome; always full of fun. Militia training was a great institution in those days. Once a year there was a general training day, when the brigade inspector was to inspect the arms of the patriots. They were all armed. Some with old muskets, broomsticks, corn-stalks, canes, etc. Some time about 1820 general training was held at Shawnee. Esquire Bogardus was a private in (I think) Captain Oliver Davenport's Company, who for some reason, whether just or unjust, I cannot say, put Esquire Bogardus and some others from over the mountain under guard, which made them feel very indignant. While walking home they resolved to raise a volunteer company which was to be called 'The Dallas and Plymouth Rifle Company.' Esquire Bogardus was elected captain. I have not a distinct recollection as to the other officers. I think Joseph Worthington and William Fuller were lieutenants. It was said to be the finest looking company in the regiment and the best drilled. Almost every man stood six foot high. The uniform was green round-about coats, trimmed with gold lace and round brass buttons. A high white feather tipped red. Otis Allen, a tall, muscular man was the file leader. When the company wished to pass over a fence Uncle Otis would

-Orange-

Marie Snyder has entered Syracuse University summer school after spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Snyder.

Mrs. Martin Wintz, who has been ill at her home here, is much improved.

Margaret Snyder of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting at the home of her parents Harry Tripp has moved his family to Ransom, where he is erecting a new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dymond and family of West Pittston and Mr. and Mrs. A. Dymond and family of Harris Hill called Sunday at the home of David Emmanuel.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Dymond and daughter Jane of West Pittston called Sunday at the home of the former's brother, Wesley Dymond.

Mary Sickler has returned from a two weeks' motor trip through Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia and Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ferry of Philadelphia spent the week-end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Ferry.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ferry and daughters, Evaline and Isabelle, of Newark, N. J., recently visited the former's brother, G. M. Ferry.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howell and daughters, of Dallas, are visiting at the home of David Emanuel.

The Boy Scouts held their regular weekly meeting Tuesday night.

The young people are practicing for a play which will be given in the near future.

The church services Sunday are: Sunday school at 1:30 p. m. and church at 2:30 p. m.

get down on all fours and the company would use him as a step to vault over the fence. A few evolutions would bring him to the head again. Many a time have I looked on these evolutions with pride while getting outside of a 'penny-bit's worth of gingerbread.'

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