

**Chapter I**  
**Ann Espy's Pedigree: Stewart & Espy Lines**  
**Scotland to Ireland to Pennsylvania**

**George Espy**  
 b. 1623 Scotland

son:

**Hugh Espy**

b. 1647 Scotland  
 son:

**Josiah Espy**  
 b. 1663 Ireland  
 md. 1690  
 Priscilla Mitchell

→

**George Espy**  
 b. 1695 Ireland  
 md. 1714  
 Jean Taylor

→

**Josiah Espy**  
 b. 1719 Ireland

**George Espy**  
 b. 1749 Pennsylvania

md. 1740

William Crain  
 md. 1756  
 Jean

→

Elizabeth Crain

md. 1776

→

**Ann Espy**  
 b. 1777  
**John Espy**  
 b. 1779  
**Mary Ann Espy**  
 b. 1781  
**George Espy**  
 b. 1784  
**Nancy Espy**  
 b. 1785

**John Stewart**  
 md. 1739  
 Frances

→

**Mary Stewart**  
 b. 1755 Pennsylvania

**Lazarus Stewart**  
 ↗  
 b. ~1690

Margaret Stewart →

Lazarus Stewart  
 b. 1734 Pennsylvania  
 md. 1767  
 Martha Espy  
 b. 1747 Pennsylvania

↖  
**Stewart**  
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↖  
 Scotland ↘

md. 1731

James Stewart

→

James Stewart  
 b. 1737 Pennsylvania  
 md. 1780  
 Priscilla Espy

Charles Stewart →  
 b. Scotland

## Ambrose Telle / Ann Espy

### Ambrose Telle

Birth: 1779 Saxony, Germany

Death: ~1818 of Kingston Township, Luzerne, PA

Marriage: Abt. 1803 perhaps Hanover, Lancaster, PA

### Ann Espy\*

Daughter of **George Espy / Mary Stewart\***

Birth: 5 April 1777 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Death: likely in Hanover, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Children:

### George Espy Telle\*

Birth: 8 Aug 1804 Kingston, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Death: 14 April 1868 Salem, Washington, Indiana

Burial: Crown Hill Cemetery, Salem

### Josiah Lewis Telle\*

Birth: 3 May 1806 Kingston, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Death: 1 Jan 1856 near Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois

Burial: Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois

### Edward Tracy Telle\*

Birth: 1809 Kingston, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Death: 26 Jan 1881 Salem, Washington, Indiana

Burial: Crown Hill Cemetery, Salem

### Ambrose Telle\*

Birth: 29 Jun 1811 Kingston, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Death: 21 Jul 1882 Salem, Washington, Indiana

Burial: Crown Hill Cemetery, Salem

### Sources:

1800 Census: Nescopeck, Luzerne, Pennsylvania. Ambrose Telly is named, a white male between 26-45 living alone.

1810 Census: Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, Kingston Township. Ambrose Telle is named, a white male between 26 -45. His wife and three sons are living with him.

1880 Census: Franklin, Johnson, Indiana. Edwin Tully shown living with married daughter Sarena. The enumerator recorded that Edwin's father was born in Switzerland.

1880 Census: Salem, Washington, Indiana. The enumerator recorded that Ambrose Telle's (Jr) father was born in Germany.

Land Records: Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. In 1810 Ambrose Telle of Kingston agreed to pay \$562 for 159 acres in eastern Luzerne County. Payment was received in full and the deed was recorded in 1814. In a very difficult to read deed recorded in Land Records, Ambrose Telle of Luzerne County entered into an agreement with Robert Patton of Columbia to purchase whiskey in three installments valued at \$2,030.65. The amount was paid in full and the deed was recorded on October 14, 1806. George Espy was a witness to the recording of the deed.

Orphan's Court, Luzerne, Pennsylvania: Son George E. appeared before the court in 1818 to receive a guardian, indicating Ambrose had died by this time. Court records show that Ann Telle was not yet married to Ephraim White by 10th of April 1820, when Colonel Edward Inman was appointed guardian of Ann's sons, specifically named Josiah Lewis Telle and Edward Tracy Telle.

Cannon, Martha Telle, The Espy Family in Pennsylvania, Martha Telle recorded that Ann died in Hanover.

Egle, William Henry, Espy Family, An Excerpt from Pennsylvania Genealogies and Espy, Florence Mercy, History and Genealogy of the Espy Family in America, both give pedigrees of Ann Espy's family and state that she married Ambrose Tilly.

Letter from George Q. Cannon, Washington D.C. to Sarah Ann Telle King, New York, dated 29 Mar 1880, [in response to her inquiry] refers to his wife Martha Telle, "She has had a very great desire to obtain all the knowledge concerning her Father's kindred. Some of her children have reached an age when they are inquisitive upon these and other subjects but she can give them but little information respecting her Father's family, their connections or origin. It was with great delight she made the acquaintance, which spending the Winter of 1876-7 in Southern Utah for her health, of a family by the name of Everett or Averett, who had known her Father and Grandmother Telle. She has met a few persons who knew her Father; but with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. Averett, I do not think she has met any person who knew his parents or brothers, etc."

Letter from Sarah Ann Telle King to Martha Telle Cannon dated 19 Apr 1880, "And now let me tell you what I know about our father and his parents and kindred. He was born in Pennsylvania. His father, Ambrose, was a German professor or scientist, a man of considerable learning, but of no practical ability: so near as I can make out, a shiftless eccentric fellow of very little use to his family or any one else. His wife was, 'Anne Espy,' our grandmother, the daughter of a well-to-do Dutch farmer. (I will say here that the Espy's are among the best families in the state of Penn.); She was a remarkably handsome and intelligent woman. (I remember her well.) She had all the energy and force of character her husband Ambrose lacked. She brought up her six sons by her own unaided exertions giving them all trades and fitting them to make their way in the world."

Jim Reynolds' papers state, "Ambrose Telle was born in 1779 in Saxony, Germany. He married Ann Espy." His source, unfortunately, is unknown.

## Ephraim White / Ann Espy

### Ephraim White\*

Son of **William White / Elizabeth**

Birth: 4 Oct 1763 Stafford Twp., Tolland, Connecticut

Death: Abt Sep 1832 Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

Marriage: abt 1820 Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

### Ann Espy\*

Daughter of **George Espy / Mary Stewart\***

Birth: 5 Apr 1777 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Death: Hanover, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Children:

### Sidney H. Telle\*

Birth: Abt 1821 Huntington Twp, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Death: Before 1888

Spouse: **Clarissa\***

### Hamilton C. Telle\*

Birth: 1827 Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

Death: after June 1896

Spouse: **Jane\***

Sources:

Connecticut Vital Records Prior to 1850, Birth dates of Ephraim and siblings are shown, as are names of parents.

Luzerne County Register of Wills. Ambrose White's Will dated 25 Sep 1832. Ann White is named intestator. Her brother John Espy posted bond.

Luzerne County Land Records, Pennsylvania, Ephraim White and siblings Patience and Timothy are named, as is their mother Elizabeth. They were selling property inherited from William White.

1820 Census: Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, Hanover Township, Wilkes-Barre. Ambrose White's household shows one male and one female, both 45 years and upwards. I have not learned his first wife's name.

1830 Census: Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, Hanover Township, Wilkes-Barre. Ephraim White's house hold shows the head to be between 60-70, one female to be between 50-60, and one son between 10-15. This would be Ephraim, Ann Espy Telle White, and likely Sydney. I cannot guess where Hamilton would be, unless records are wrong and he was born after 1830.

Jim Reynolds' papers, (sources unknown) says Ann's second husband was named White, but that their two sons used the Telle surname.

Letter from Tabitha Telle Sykes to Martha Telle Cannon dated 18 Jul 1893. Tabitha wrote, "The other brother's name was Sydney; he was the youngest of the family next to Uncle Hamilton. He died a good many years ago. I never saw him, but have heard Aunt Jane say that at one time he lived in New York. He did not die there. I have heard my mother's people say that our Grandmother Telle married the second time and Uncles Hamilton and Sydney were the children of that second marriage, but Uncle Hamilton would never acknowledge it, and as he was always Telle, I have thought that it was a mistake -- especially as my family had no way of knowing much about my father or his people."

Annals of Luzerne County to 1866, by Stewart Pearce; published in Philadelphia by J. B. Lippincott & Co., 1866; pp 536-8. William White was an early settler of the Wyoming Valley in 1769. Ensign William White was among those who died in the massacre of 1778.

Orphan's Court, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania: Court records show that Ann Telle was not yet married to Ephraim White by 10th of April 1820, when Colonel Edward Inman was appointed guardian of Ann's sons Edward Tracy Telle and Josiah Lewis Telle. The petition before the court specifically states her name to be Ann Telle. In 1826, her son Ambrose petitioned the court to have his step-father Ephraim White appointed his guardian.

## William White / Elizabeth

### William White

Birth: 21 Jul 1727 Stafford Twp., Tolland, Connecticut

Death: 3 Jul 1778

Burial: Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

Marriage: Abt 1760 Stafford Twp., Tolland, Connecticut

### Elizabeth

Birth: abt 1735

Children

### Ephraim White\*

Birth: 4 Oct 1763 Stafford Township, Tolland, Connecticut

Death: Abt Sept 1832 Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

First Spouse: unknown

Second Spouse: **Ann Espy\***

### Patience White

Birth: 31 May 1766

Spouse: **Harris**

### Timothy White

Birth: 9 Oct 1769 Stafford Twp., Tolland, Connecticut

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, International Genealogical Index. Extracted birth records.

## Espy Ancestry

### George Espy

Birth: 1623 Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland

Death: County Antrim, Northern Ireland

Son:

### Hugh Espy

Birth: 1647 Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland

Son:

### Josiah Espy\*

Birth: abt 1663 County Antrim, Ulster Province, Northern Ireland

Death: Harrisburg, Dauphin, Pennsylvania

Burial: Paxton Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Spouse: **Priscilla Mitchell\***

There are numerous Internet and International Genealogy Index records of families for Hugh Espy and George Espy. I have spent many hours – well, years, actually – trying to verify any of this, without much luck at all. In emailing those who have posted lineages for Josiah Espy, I was continually referred to those who had copied posts from others, a happy-go-lucky undocumented chain in the world of Internet Genealogy. Some claim to have sources but then can't provide the sources. One insisted his work came from a three volume book on the Espy's. After lengthy exchanges, he felt sure his source was the Kuhbander/Espy book, one I have used, one that doesn't have that information in at all. However, serious researchers have tried to verify the lineages.

Rita Espy Kuhbander and William Espy, authors of The Espy-Espey Genealogy Book written in 1987, concluded that the expert Espy researcher was Florence Mercy Espy, who wrote, History and Genealogy of the Espy Family in America, Fort Madison, Iowa: Espy, 1905. Miss Espy wrote letters and found information that can no longer be verified, as sources died and records fade. Quoting (p. v) from Kuhbander and Espy, they concluded, "Florence Mercy Espy . . . was the author of the first known book on the genealogy of Espys and Espeys written on a comprehensive scale. More than eighty years have elapsed since Miss Espy's book . . . was first published in 1905. Her book is now out of print and is considered a rarity. . . . [Her book is on film in the Salt Lake City Family History Library.] In her 1905 book, Florence Mercy Espy says, 'We know little of this worthy couple (Josiah and Priscilla Mitchell Espy) except the fact that they lived, married, begat sons and daughters and passed on. One thing we do know is that they handed down to their children and children's children, honestly and industry, together with the firm conviction that the Presbyterian form was the only way in which a Christian could worship. This Josiah was the son of Hugh and grandson of George Espy who came to the 'Plantations' in Ireland from Scotland, as early as 1610. Their descendants are scattered over the north of Ireland . . . while many of

them have emigrated to America and Australia. . . . Josiah and Priscilla Mitchell Espy were married in Ireland, it is supposed, but no record can be found, neither can any proof be found that they crossed the ocean, nor can we find any record of death of either.' At the present time we are unaware of any documented proof that supposed the chronology and relationship of the three generations – George, Hugh, and Josiah – referred to above. Florence Mercy Espy's old book is all we can quote as to the Scotland - Ireland connection. Her working papers and supporting documents, done in Fort Madison, Iowa, at the end of the eighteenth century have long since been lost." I actually tried to do original research at the Salt Lake City Family History Library to see what I could verify. I looked at a few films of vital records from appropriate time periods in Edinburgh. I quickly became very discouraged when I realized that reading Scottish is not like reading English at all. I had no idea if I was looking at marriage or birth records, although I could pick out a few names.

I have in front of me numerous photo copies of pages from many volumes of research that are mentioned concerning the Espy families. These include the Kuhbander/Espy book and Florence Mercy Espy's book. Appropriate excerpts are used through this work. I also have studied:

William Henry Egle, Espy Family, An Excerpt from Pennsylvania Genealogies, Reprint of 1886 book printed by L.S. Hart, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Plumb, Henry Blackman, History of Hanover Township, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 1885.

Martha Telle Cannon, The Espy Family in Pennsylvania, microfilm of handwritten manuscript circa 1920?, Family History Library film #1036809. Martha's manuscript seems to be a compilation of resources available to her at the time, likely Egle's book and possibly Plumb's book. Of course her own research is included.

Some Irish history is relevant here. In 1603 King James I of England (formerly James IV of Scotland) hoped to control Catholic Ireland with help from devoutly Protestant Scotland. In 1607 the British Crown seized all non-church lands in the Province of Ulster in the north of Ireland and opened up these "Plantations" to settlers from Scotland. Thousands of settlers left Scotland and settled in Ulster. Many of the subsequent generations of these Scottish immigrants, unhappy with changing conditions, emigrated to North America where they settled the American frontier (which at the time was Pennsylvania and other colonies not far from the East Coast). It appears that George and Hugh Espy and their families emigrated from Scotland to Ireland as part of this "Plantation" migration, with Josiah Espy completing the generational process of emigration when he settled in Pennsylvania with his sons.

## Josiah Espy / Priscilla Mitchell

### Josiah Espy\*

Son of **Hugh Espy**

Birth: about 1663 County Antrim, Ulster, Ireland

Death: Harrisburg, Dauphin, Pennsylvania

Marriage: 1690 County Antrim, Ulster, Ireland

### Priscilla Mitchell

Birth: 1670 County Antrim, Ulster, Ireland

Death: Paxtang, Dauphin, Pennsylvania

Children:

### Samuel Espy

Birth: 1693 County Antrim, Ulster, Ireland

Spouse: **Martha Hay** m. 1715

### George Espy\*

Birth: 17 May 1695

Death: 19, 21 Mar 1761 Derry Township, Lancaster, PA

Burial: Old Derry Churchyard, New Hersey, Dauphin, Pennsylvania

Spouse: **Jean Taylor\*** m. 1714

### Martha Espy

Birth: 1697 County Antrim, Ulster, Ireland

Spouse: **Humphrey Fullerton** m. 1717

### Elizabeth Espy

Birth: 1700 County Antrim, Ulster, Ireland

Spouse: **Lytle** m. 1720

### Mary Espy

Birth: 1702 County Antrim, Ulster, Ireland

Spouse: **Montgomery** m. 1722

### John Espy

Birth: 1704 County Antrim, Ulster, Ireland

Spouse: **Jean Morehead** m. 1724

### William Espy

Birth: 1704 County Antrim, Ulster, Ireland

### Jean Espy

Birth: 1706 County Antrim, Ulster, Ireland

Spouse: **Gilchrist**

### Priscilla Espy

Birth: 1708 County Antrim, Ulster, Ireland

Spouse: **John Patterson**

Sources:

William Henry Egle, Espy Family, An Excerpt from Pennsylvania Genealogies, Reprint of 1886 book printed by L.S. Hart, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania., page 214, FHL 974.8 D2e. "George Espy, son of Josiah Espy, d. in March, 1761, in Derry township, Lancaster county, Pa., where he was a settler as early as 1729, an emigrant from the north of Ireland. He m. In Ireland, Jean Taylor. . . ."

Plumb, Henry Blackman, History of Hanover Township, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 1885.

"Josiah Espy, the first whose name is known, lived in Scotland or Ireland. They had, among others unknown: George Espy. George Espy resided in Scotland or Ireland, which country is unknown, the family being originally Scotch. They had, among others unknown: Josiah Espy. Josiah Espy immigrated to Lancaster County (now Dauphin) married, lived and died there. They had, George Espy, b. 1749, d. 1814, m. Mary Stewart; Martha Espy, m. Lazarus Stewart; Priscilla Espy, m. 1st James Stewart, 2nd Captain Andrew Lee."

Espy, Florence Mercy, History and Genealogy of the Espy Family in America, Fort Madison, Iowa: Espy, 1905, p. 11-12., FHL film # 1033721 item 11. "We know little of this worthy couple except the fact that they lived, married, begat sons and daughters and passed on. One thing we do know is that they handed down to their children and children's children, honesty and industry, together with the firm conviction that the Presbyterian form was the only way in which a Christian could worship. This Josiah was the son of Hugh and Grandson of George Espy, who came to the 'Plantations' in Ireland from Scotland, as early as 1610."

In doing this research I have learned that the Ulster-Scots (known as Scotch-Irish in the USA) were Presbyterians who settled along the Eastern seaboard in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century fleeing English persecution and seeking religious freedom. Knowing that Josiah and Priscilla Espy were devout Presbyterian is an indication they fell into this group of immigrants. The first family group sheets I saw for Josiah Espy and Priscilla Mitchell had "Covenanters" in the birth place, alongside County Antrim. A knowledgeable Librarian in the Salt Lake City Family History Library told me this was not a location, but she added that it placed an authenticate stamp on the data. "Covenanters" were Presbyterians who rejected the Crown's attempts to interfere with religious doctrine. They signed a treaty to impose the Presbyterian religion on England and Ireland in the midst of a Civil War with religious overtones between the Church of England and the Presbyterians. The religious persecutions in the British Isles during the 17<sup>th</sup> Century were bloody and very depressing for me to read. The Espy's, along with the Stewart's, were among perhaps as many as 250,000 Presbyterians who fled to North America before the Revolution. Many settled in Pennsylvania with hopes of worshiping without political interference. They were great allies in the rebellion, having no desire to support the British Crown.

Note: Dauphin County was created from Lancaster County in 1785. County Antrim is in the country now known as Northern Ireland.

## George Espy / Jean Taylor

### George Espy\*

Birth: 17 May 1695 Antrim, Ulster, Ireland  
Death: 21 Mar 1761 Derry Township, Lancaster, PA  
Burial: Derry Churchyard, New Hersey, Lancaster, PA  
Son of **Josiah Espy / Priscilla Mitchell\***

Marriage: 1714 Antrim, Ulster, Ireland

### Jean Taylor

Birth: 7 May 1699 County Tyrone, Ireland  
Death: 5 Jun 1781 Carlisle, Cumberland, Pennsylvania  
Children:

### William Espy

Birth: 1716 County Antrim, Ulster Province, Ireland  
Death: 23 Jul 1761 Derry Township, Lancaster, PA  
Spouse: **Margaret Brading** m. 22 Mar 1735 Philadelphia

### Josiah or Joseph Espy\*

Birth: 1718 Ireland  
Death: 1762 Hanover Township, Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
Spouse: **Elizabeth Crain\*** m. 1740

### Mary Espy

Birth: 1722 County Antrim, Ulster Province, Ireland  
Spouse: **John Woods** m. 1742 [son of **Andrew Woods**]

### Jean Espy

Birth: 1725 County Antrim, Ulster Province, Ireland  
Spouse: **Robert Crain** m. 23 Sep 1751

### Elizabeth Espy

Birth: 1725 County Antrim, Ulster Province, Ireland  
Spouse: **James Forster** m. 1745

### James or Josiah Espy

Birth: 1727 Ireland or Derry, Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
Death: 1801 Mt. Sterling, Green, Ohio  
Burial: Lexington, Lexington, Kentucky  
Spouse: **Elizabeth Patterson** m. 1758

### David Espy

Birth: 1730 Derry, Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
Death: 13 Jun 1795  
Spouse: **Jane Woods** m. 1775 [dau of **Andrew Woods**]

### George Espy

Birth: 1732 Derry, Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
Spouse: **Elizabeth Crain** m. 1755

### Abigail Espy

Birth: 1738 Derry, Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
Death: 5 Mar 1804  
Spouse: **Anthony McCreight**, m. 1758

### Anna Espy

Birth: 1739 Derry, Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
Death: 12 Dec 1802 Derry, Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
Spouse: **William Crain\*** m. 1756 [son of **William Crain**]

## Sources:

Cannon, Martha Telle, [The Espy Family in Pennsylvania](#), microfilm of handwritten manuscript, FHL #1036809.

Espy, Florence Mercy, [The Espy Family in America](#), Fort Madison, Iowa: 1905, "George Espy, second son of Josiah and Priscilla Mitchell Espy, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1695, where he was married in the year 1714, to Jean Taylor, who was born in County Tyrone, May 7, 1699. They came to America with their young family in 1725 and settled finally on the Swatara River in what was then Derry Township, Lancaster, County, Pennsylvania. He had land warrants for two hundred acres in Derry Township, 1738, and 150 acres May 14, 1750. George was a staunch Presbyterian and a member of the Donegal Presbytery in 1735. Jean Taylor Espy died at the home of her son, Josiah, June 5, 1781, near Carlisle, Pa. George Espy died in Derry Township, March, 1761, and is buried in the old Derry church-yard."

William Henry Egle, [Espy Family, An Excerpt from Pennsylvania Genealogies](#), Reprint of 1886 book printed by L.S. Hart, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania., page 214, "George Espy, son of Josiah Espy, died in March, 1761, in Derry township, Lancaster county, Pa., where he was a settler as early as 1729, an emigrant from the North of Ireland. He m. in Ireland, Jean Taylor. They had issue: John, b. 1716; m. and had a daughter Jean; Josiah b. 1718; m Elizabeth [Crain.]; William, b. 1720; d. in August, 1761, leaving his estate. . . to his brothers and sisters. ; Mary, b. 1722; m. John Woods; Jean, b. 1725; Elizabeth (twin) b. 1725; m. James Forster; James, b. 1727; m. and left issue; David, b. 1780; m. Jane Woods; George, b. 1732; m. [\_\_\_\_\_].

There is confusion as to which son in this family was James and which was Josiah. I haven't been able to clear this up through the old genealogy books or other sources. Records are abundant that Josiah Espy, b. 1718, son of George Espy and Jean Taylor, was married to Elizabeth Crain and they had a large family between 1742 and 1757. Egle's Pennsylvania Genealogies confirms this. There are also many records that say that Josiah Espy, son of George Espy and Jean Taylor, was married to Elizabeth Patterson and they had a large family during 1759 to 1786. Fewer genealogies say his name was James. There are death dates for each man and no evidence that these Josiah Espy's were the same person. Henry Egle wrote, "James Espy, b. 1727, in the north of Ireland; was a small child when his father emigrated to America and settled on the Swatara [River]. . . [emigrated] to Kentucky, where he lived and died." I have shown Josiah b. 1718, and the seventh child to be James or Josiah. One Internet source shows Josiah b. 1718 to be Joseph.

## William Crain / Jean

### William Crain

Birth: 1704 Ulster Province, County Down, Ireland  
Death: 1780 Hanover, Dauphin, Pennsylvania  
Burial: Old Hanover Church Graveyard, Dauphin, PA  
Marriage: abt 1718 County Down, Ireland

### Jean

Birth: perhaps 1695, Ulster County Down, Ireland  
Death: 15 Feb 1754 Hanover, Dauphin, Pennsylvania  
Burial: Old Hanover Church Graveyard, Dauphin, PA

Children:

### Elizabeth Crain\*

Birth: 1719 Ulster Province, County Down, Ireland  
Spouse: **Josiah Espy\*** b. 1718 m. 1740  
Spouse: **Robert Ewing** m. ~1764 d. 1787

### Ambrose Crain

Birth: 1734 Hanover, Dauphin, Pennsylvania  
Death: after 1794 Loudoun County, Virginia

### George Crain

Birth: 1739 Hanover, Dauphin, Pennsylvania  
Death: 12 May 1796

Spouse: **Jean Sturgeon** m. 1760

### Joseph Crain

Birth: 1741 Hanover, Dauphin, Pennsylvania  
Death: February 1789 West Hanover, Dauphin, PA  
Spouse: **Mary Moore** b. 1744 d. 1789

### William Crain

Birth: 1742 Hanover, Dauphin, Pennsylvania  
Death: 8 Jan 1802 Hanover, Dauphin, Pennsylvania  
Spouse: **Anna Espy\*** b. 1802 [Dau. of **George Espy**]

### Richard Crain

Birth: 1745 Hanover, Dauphin, Pennsylvania  
Death: Before 1790 Middleton, Cumberland, Pennsylvania

Sources:

Espy, Florence Mercy, History and Genealogy of the Espy Family in America, Fort Madison, Iowa: Espy, 1905, page 81, FHL film # 1033721 item 11. "Josiah Espy...m. 1740 Elizabeth Crain, who came to America with her brothers, William and Joseph in 1732. She was b. 1719, in County Down, Ireland, and after the death of Josiah Espy, she m. secondly, Robert Ewing, by whom she had no children." This source also named William, her brother, as the husband of Anna Espy.

William Henry Egle, Pennsylvania Genealogies, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1969, reproduction of 1896 edition. "William Crain, and Jean, his wife, natives of county Down, Province of Ulster, Ireland, came to America in 1732, and located on the Manada, a branch of the Swatara creek, in, now, Hanover township, Dauphin county, Pa. William Crain, b. 1704; d. in 1780; his wife Jean, b. 1795 [sic -- likely 1695 was intended;] d. February 15, 1754, and are buried in old Hanover Church graveyard. They had issue, among others: [five children, all sons, Ambrose,

George, Joseph, William and Richard are named.]” Elizabeth is not named in this history, but her brothers William and Joseph are.

Continuing with Egle, "Ambrose, b. 1734; received a good English education, and was brought up a farmer. At the outset of the Revolution, he enlisted as a private in Captain John Marshal's company, March 25, 1776, and was promoted quartermaster sergeant, Colonel Samuel Miles' battalion of the Pennsylvania Line, July 15, 1776. At the expiration of his term of service, he returned home, and was on subsequent duty during the inroads of the British, Tories, and their Indian allies, in the closing years of the war for independence. Captain Crain removed to Loudoun county, in the Valley of Virginia, in 1793 or 1794, and died there. "George Crain, b. 1739; d. May 12, 1796; was twice married; m., first, in 1790, Jean Sturgeon. [They had six children. . . . George Crain, m. secondly, January 22, 1778, by Rev. John Elder; but we have no information as to her name. There [were no children.]

“Joseph Crain b. 1741; d. February, 1789; in the struggle for independence he served as first lieutenant in col Green's battalion of Lancaster county associators in service in the Jersey's, August 1776; captain in the sixth battalion in 1777, and in the ninth battalion, Lancaster county militia, in 1789. He m. about 1764, Mary Moore, b. 1744; d. April 8, 1789, daughter of Andrew and Sarah Moore. They [had ten children.]

“William, b. 1742; d. January 8, 1802; was a private in Captain William Brown's company of Lancaster county associators in 1776; m. Ann Espy . . .

“Richard Crain b. about 1745, in Hanover township, Lancaster, now Dauphin county, Pa; d. prior to 1790, in Middletona township, Cumberland county, Pa; he located west of the Susquehanna previous to the Revolution, and during the struggle for independence was an officer in one of the associated battalions; was at the battle of Long Island under Colonel Frederick Watts, and captured there, but paroled soon after on account of wounds received in the engagement. We have no knowledge to whom he was married, [but he left children.]”

Notes: It is probable that the family of William and Jean Crain had more children than what is shown. However, records are very sparse.

Dauphin County was created in 1785 from part of Lancaster County. For this reason some old records will show Hanover to be in Lancaster County, but today it is in Dauphin.

The Crain's, along with the Espy's and the Stewart's, were certainly part of a huge multi-generational migration of Presbyterian exiles who fled the British Isles in search of religious freedom.

**Josiah [or James Espy] / Elizabeth Crain**

**Josiah [or James] Espy**

Son of **George Espy / Jean Taylor\***

Birth: 1718 North of Ireland

Death: 1762 Hanover Township, Lancaster, PA

Marriage: 1740 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

**Elizabeth Crain**

Daughter of **William Crain / Jean\***

Birth: 1719 County Down, Ireland

Children:

**Josiah Espy**

Birth: 10 Mar 1742 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Death: 22 Jul 1813

Burial: Old Paxtang, Dauphin, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Spouse: **Anna Kirkpatrick** b. 1750 m. 1 Aug 1769

**Susanna Espy**

Birth: 1743 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Burial: Paxtang, Dauphin, Pennsylvania

Spouse: **John Patton** b. ~1740 m. 1760

**Mary Espy**

Birth: 12 Jan 1745 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Death: 1818 Columbia County, Pennsylvania

Spouse: **James McClure** b. 1733 m. 23 Dec 1760

**Martha Espy\***

Birth: 12 Jan 1747 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Death: 1804 Hanover Township, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Spouse: **Lazarus Stewart\*** [Captain] m. 1765

**George Espy\***

Birth: 1749 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Death: Ap 1814 Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

Burial: Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

Spouse: **Mary Stewart\*** b. 1755 m. 1776

**John Espy**

Birth: 1751 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Death: 1770 Lancaster, Pennsylvania

**Samuel Espy**

Birth: 1753 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Spouse: **Martha Chambers** m. 6 Nov 1778

**Robert Espy**

Birth: 1755 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

**Priscilla Espy**

Birth: 1757 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Death: 9 Mar 1815 Nanticoke, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Spouse: **James Stewart\*** b. 1737 m. 1780

Spouse: **Andrew Lee** [Captain] b. 1739 m. 1784

The Espy-Espey Genealogy Book, by Rita Espy Kuhbander, [1987], "Josiah Espy . . . married in 1740 Elizabeth Crain who came to America with her brothers, William and Joseph, in 1732. . . Josiah settled in Hanover Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., buying land from the Proprietaries 25 May 1745. In addition to his farm, he carried on a blacksmith shop and was highly respected and esteemed; he grew to be the wealthiest man of the locality. When he died in 1760 (1762) [sic] he left considerable property— two shares of which went to Josiah, eldest son and heir-at-law."

History of Hanover Township, Henry Blackman Plumb, [1885] page 752, "Josiah Espy . . . was born in the North of Ireland in 1718, and came to Pennsylvania with his parents. He was married about 1740 to Elizabeth, daughter of William Crain of Hanover, and they settled on a farm in Hanover. Josiah died in Hanover in 1762, and was survived by his wife Elizabeth and nine children."

Commemorative Biographical Encyclopedia of Dauphin Co., Pa., J. M. Runk [1896] "Josiah Espy . . . was born in north of Ireland in 1718; came to America in 1729, died 1762 age 44; married Miss Buell and Mrs. Elizabeth Crain."

Annals of Luzerne County to 1866, by Stewart Pearce, [1866] page 6, Josiah Espy fought with Captain Lazarus Stewart and others against Governor Penn. He was also involved with skirmishes against the British in 1769.

A History of Lodge #61 F. & A. M. Willes-Barre, Pennsylvania, by Oscar Jewell Harvey, [Wilkes-Barre, 1897] "Captain Stewart married Martha Espy, who was born in 1747, and was the fourth child of Josiah and Elizabeth (Crain) Espy. Josiah Espy . . . immigrated to America with his parents George and Jean (Taylor) Espy prior to 1729; settling in Derry, Lancaster county, Penn'a." On page 376, "Captain Lee was married in 1785 to Priscilla (Espy) Stewart, the widow of James Stewart of Hanover, Lancaster county, Penn'a, who was a younger brother of Capt. Lazarus Stewart. . . . Priscilla Espy was the seventh (sic) child of Josiah and Elizabeth (Crain) Espy, of Hanover, Lancaster county, and was born in 1751 (sic). Her sister Martha married Capt. Lazarus Stewart."

Pennsylvania Genealogies, by William Henry Egle, [Reproduction of 1869 edition.] page 214, "Josiah Espy . . . born 1718, in the north of Ireland; died 1762, in Hanover township . . . leaving a wife, Elizabeth [Crain] and issue. . . . "Mrs. Elizabeth Espy subsequently married Robert Ewing, who d. in 1787."

History and Genealogy of The Espy Family in America, by Florence Mercy Espy [1905], "Josiah Espy, son of Josiah and Elizabeth Crain Espy . . . served during the Revolution in Capt. Richard McQuon's Co., Col. William Green's battalion, of Lancaster County."



## George Espy / Mary Stewart

### George Espy\*

Birth: 1749 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
Death: Apr 1814 of Nanticoke, Luzerne, Pennsylvania  
Marriage: 1776 Derry Twp., Hanover, Pennsylvania  
Son of: **Josiah Espy / Elizabeth Crain \***

### Mary Stewart\*

Birth: 1755 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
Death: 1820 of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne, Pennsylvania  
Daughter of **John Stewart / Frances\***  
Children:

### Ann Espy\*

Birth: 5 April 1777 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
Death: after 1832 likely Hanover, Luzerne, Pennsylvania  
Spouse: **Ambrose Telle\*** md. ~ 1803  
Spouse: **Ephraim White\*** md. ~ 1820

### John Espy\*

Birth: 26 Jul 1779 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
Death: 25 Mar 1843 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
Spouse: **Lovina Inman\*** md. 1809

### Mary Ann [Polly] Espy

Birth: 29 Nov 1781 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
Death: 29 Apr 1820 Nanticoke, Luzerne, Pennsylvania  
Spouse: **Thomas Bennett** md. 1801

Son of: **Ismael Bennett / Abigail Adams**

Birth: 1765 Scituate, Providence, RI  
Death: Jan 1833 Hanover, Luzerne, PA  
Children:

**Allen Bennet** b. 1803

**Samuel Bennett** b. about 1805

**Mary Ann Bennett** b. 1810

**Thomas Bennett**

**Phineas Bennett**

### George Espy

Birth: 19 Dec 1784 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
Spouse: **Elizabeth Eicke** b. 1783 Lancaster County, PA  
Marriage: 1806 Hanover, Lancaster, PA  
Daughter: **Sarah Ann Espy** b. 9 May 1814

### Nancy Espy

Birth: 1785 Espy, Columbia, Pennsylvania

### Sources:

Egle, William Henry, Espy Family, An Excerpt from Pennsylvania Genealogies, reprint of 1886 book printed by L.S. Hart, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. "George Espy (Josiah, George, Josiah) born 1749, in Hanover township, Lancaster, now Dauphin, county, Pa; d April 1814, in Luzerne county, Pa. His father, in March, 1775, conveyed to him a tract of land granted him by the Proprietaries in then Northumberland county, Pa., to which he moved the same year. The tract of land was situated not far from the present borough of Nanticoke, upon which he built a log house. . . . George Espy married Mary Stewart, who died about the year 1820, daughter of John Stewart. They had issue: Ann, b April 5, 1777, m Ambrose Tilly; d in Hanover, Luzerne

county; John b July 26, 1779; m Lovina Inman. Mary [Polly] b November 29, 1781; m Thomas Bennett; resided in Nanticoke, Pa., in 1825. . . ."

Espy, Florence Mercy, History and Genealogy of the Espy Family in America, , Iowa, Fort Madison: Espy, 1905.

"George Espy, son of Josiah and Elizabeth Crain Espy . . . was an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre; was commissioned second Lieutenant, June 1776, of Capt. Robert Crawford's Company, Col. Samuel Hunter's Battalion of Northumberland County, and was in active service. Proof of this is found in the Archives of Pennsylvania. . . ."

Kulp, George B., Families of the Wyoming Valley, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, E. B. Yordy: 1885-1890, page 431-2, Vol 3, "George Espy...was born in Hanover township, Lancaster (now Dauphin) county, Pa., in 1749, and removed with the Paxton Rangers to Luzerne county prior to the massacre in 1778. He located on a tract of land not far from the present borough of Nanticoke, in Hanover township, and there built himself a log house, in which he and his family resided until his death in 1814. He was commissioned a justice of the peace of May 30, 1800, for the district of Hanover township and Wilkes-Barre. He was by trade a mason, and built the old stone jail which was located at the corner of Washington and East market streets. It was commenced in 1802 and completed, at a cost of five thousand eight hundred and forty-six dollars and forty-three cents. His wife was Mary Stewart, cousin of Captain Lazarus Stewart, who fell at the battle and massacre of Wyoming, and granddaughter of Lazarus Stewart, who settled on the Swatara, in Hanover, Lancaster county, in 1729."

Martha Telle Cannon, The Espy Family in Pennsylvania, microfilm of handwritten manuscript, film # 1036809. She wrote by this family, "perhaps other children."

Pearce, Stewart, Annals of Luzerne County to 1866, J. B. Lippincott and Co., 1866, "George Espy was elected to the Second District in 1790."

Plumb, Henry Blackman, History of Hanover Township, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 1885. George Espy was born in Lancaster County in 1749; came to Hanover previous to 1778; lived on the Middle Road back of Nanticoke; married Mary Stewart, sister of Lieut. Lazarus Stewart, Jr.; died in 1814. They had:  
Ann Espy b. 1777 m. -- Tilley  
John Espy b 1779 m. Lavina Inman  
Mary Ann Espy b 1781 m. Thomas Bennett  
George b. 1784; went away.

1806 Land Records of Luzerne County contain a deed witnessed by George Espy where his son-in-law Ambrose Telle purchased \$2069 of whiskey from Robert Patton.

**Edward Inman [Colonel] / Jerusha Dilley**

**Edward Inman** [Colonel]

Birth: 23 Nov 1763 Providence, Providence, Rhode Island  
Death: 21 Oct 1848 Inman's Hill, Hanover Township,  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Son of **Elijah Inman / Susannah**

Marriage: 1786 Killingly, Windham, Connecticut

**Jerusha Dilley**

Birth: 10 Feb 1766 Woodbridge, Middlesex, New Jersey  
Death: Oct 1846 Hanover, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Daughter of **Richard Dilley** of New Jersey

Children:

**Lovina Inman\***

Birth: 1787 Luzerne County, Pennsylvania  
Death: 1876 Hanover, Luzerne, Pennsylvania  
Burial: Hanover Green Cemetery, Luzerne, Pennsylvania  
Spouse: **John Espy\*** [brother of **Ann Espy**]

**Jemima Inman**

Birth: About 1789 likely Hanover Township, Luzerne, PA  
Spouse: **John Turner**

**Susan Inman**

Birth: About 1791 Hanover, Luzerne, Pennsylvania  
Spouse: **Asa C. Whitney** d. before 1848  
Marriage: 1815

**Jerusha Inman**

Birth: 1793 Hanover, Luzerne, Pennsylvania  
Spouse: **William Jackson** b. abt 1795  
Marriage: 1820

**David Inman**

Birth: 1795 Hanover, Luzerne, Pennsylvania  
Death: 23 Feb 1807

**John Edward Inman**

Birth: 23 May 1799 Hanover, Luzerne, Pennsylvania  
Death: 31 Jan 1876  
Spouse: **Mary or Polly Hannis** b. ~1798  
Marriage: 1818 Hanover, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

**Elizabeth Inman**

Birth: 1801 likely Hanover, Luzerne, Pennsylvania  
Death: 1851

Spouse: **Stephen Dodson Stiles** b. 1800  
Marriage: 1824 Buttonwood, Luzerne, PA

**Nathan Inman**

Birth: 14 Jul 1803 likely Hanover, Luzerne, PA  
Death: 2 Nov 1835 Hanover, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

**Edward Inman**

Birth: 1806 of Hanover, Luzerne, Pennsylvania  
Death: 23 Feb 1807

**Annie Inman**

Birth: 1807 likely Hanover, Luzerne, Pennsylvania  
Death: July 1817

**Jane Inman**

Birth: 1797 Hanover, Luzerne, Pennsylvania  
Death: 12 Jul 1818

Sources:

1820 Census: Hanover Township, Luzerne, Pennsylvania  
1830 Census: Hanover Township, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Plumb, Henry Blackman, History of Hanover Township, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 1885, page 435, "Edward Inman was born in Connecticut in 1763; came to Hanover with his father's family; married Jerusha Dilley; lived on Inman's Hill near Buttonwood, Hanover; died there in 1848. . . .Edward Inman of Warwick and Providence, Rhode Island, died before 17 Aug 1706. He married Barbara Phillips who died after 1706. They had a son Edward Inman (Jr) of Providence and Smithfield, Rhode Island, born 1654, and died June 1735 at Smithfield, R.I.

Edward Inman (Jr) married Elizabeth Bennett who died after 1721. They had a son Edward Inman (III) of Providence, Gloucester and Smithfield, R.I. . . . Edward Inman (III) died 11 June 1755 at Smithfield, R.I. He married Mary Malvaney who died 20 Nov 1744. They had a son Elijah Inman. . . . Elijah Inman was born in 1718 in Connecticut, and died in 1804, aged 86. He married 24 July 1740 Susannah \_\_\_ at Gloucester, R.I., by John Smith, Justice. They had Edward Inman, Colonel. . . . Colonel Edward Inman was born in 1763 in Providence, R.I., and died 21 Oct 1848. He married in 1786 Jerusha Dilley who was born 10 Feb 1766, died Oct 1848. They had a daughter Lovina Inman who married John Espy."

Will Records of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania 1787 -1894, Will probated April 3, 1848. Six children are named, John Inman, Lovina md to John Espy, now dead, Susan Whitney, now married to Asa C. Whitney, now dead, Jemima, md to John Turner, Jerusha, md to William Jackson, now dead, Elizabeth, md to Stephen Stiles. Land on the Susquehanna River is mentioned.

Martha Telle Cannon, The Espy Family in Pennsylvania, microfilm of handwritten manuscript, FHL film # 1036809.

Genealogy of Richard Dilley, Clan of Luzerne, Pennsylvania, by J. D. Andrews. [DAR]

"Richard Dilley born in NJ came to Hanover after the Revolutionary War, Settled in Buttonwood, died in Hanover in 1799. Ten children:

Richard Dilley died 1840 m Polly Volce

Susannah Dilley

Adam Dilley

Jerusha Dilley m Edward Inman

Prudence Dilley m Edward Edgerton

Jonathan Dilley m Polly Burritt

Mary Dilley m David Richards

John F. Dilley went South

Ruth Dilley m Joel Burritt

Nancy Dilley m Nathan Wade."

## John Espy / Lovina Inman

### John Espy\*

Son of **George Espy / Mary Stewart\***

Birth: 26 Jul 1779 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Death: 3 Feb 1843 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Burial: Hanover Green Cemetery, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Marriage: 5 Apr 1809 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

### Lovina Inman\*

Daughter of **Edward Inman /Jerusha Dilley\***

Birth: 1787 Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

Death 1876, likely Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Burial: Hanover Green Cemetery, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Children:

### James Espy

Birth: 11 Oct 1811 Nanticoke, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Death: 16 Jun 1872 of Standing Stone, Bradford, PA

Burial: Universalist Church Cemetery, Standing Stone

Spouse: **Mary A. Miller**<sup>1</sup> b. 26 Dec 1818 NJ m. 1841

### Frances [Fanny] Espy

Birth: 21 March 1813 Nanticoke, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Death: 1 Nov 1881 of Forty Fort, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Burial: Hanover Green Cemetery, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Spouse: **Abram Line** b. 1811 m. 1837

### Annis Espy

Birth: 1 Jan 1817 Hanover, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Death: 9 Feb 1855 Hanover, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Burial: Hanover Green Cemetery, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

### Lovina Espy

Birth: 1821 Nanticoke, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Spouse: **Peter D. Miller**<sup>2</sup> b. 1820 NJ m. 1840

### Mary Espy

Birth: 20 Nov 1822 Nanticoke, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Death: 29 Nov 1889

Spouse: **John R. Lines** b. 1821 d. 1890 m. 10 Apr 1845

### Edward I. Espy

Birth: 31 Oct 1825 of Hanover, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Death: 13 Jan 1864 of Standing Stone, Bradford, PA

Burial: Universalist Church Cemetery, Standing Stone

### Priscilla Espy

Birth: 1830 Nanticoke, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Spouse: **Levi M. Miller**<sup>3</sup> b. 1825 NJ m. 1847

### John Espy

Birth: 1830 of Hanover Twp., Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Death: 2 Jul 1861 Standing Stone, Bradford, Pennsylvania

Burial: Universalist Church Cemetery, Standing Stone

Spouse: **Mary Taylor**<sup>4</sup> b. 1839 md. abt 1860

Daughter: **Lovina Espy** b. 1862

Sources:

Egle, William Henry, Espy Family, An Excerpt from Pennsylvania Geneologies, Reprint of 1886 book printed by L.S. Hart, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. "John Espy b. 1779, in Hanover township, then Lancaster, now Dauphin county, Pennsylvania; d. March 25, 1848, (sic) in Hanover township, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania. A contemporary newspaper

states that he 'was a man of honorable feelings, hospitable, and generally beloved.' He m. April 5, 1809, Lovina Inman, b. 1787, d. 1876, in Luzerne county Pa, daughter of Colonel Edward Inman, of the Revolution. This book also named his children.

Plumb, Henry Blackman, History of Hanover Township, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 1885, "John Espy was born in Hanover in 1779; lived at the old homestead back of Nanticoke; died there in 1843."

1820 and 1830 Census place this family in Hanover Township, Luzerne, Pennsylvania.

1850 Census Hanover, Luzerne, Pennsylvania:

Lovina Espy 63F \$3000 PA // Annis 28 PA

Edward 23 PA // Priscilla 20 PA

Next door: John R. Lines 29 farmer PA / Mary 27 PA

Luzerne County Register of Wills: Will Book B, page 153 - 154. Probate date 28 February 1843; Will of John Espy lists eight children of John Espy: James, Frances, Annis, Lovina, Mary, Edward, Pressilla, and John. Will Book F, 245, Probate date: May 22, 1874. Will of Lovina Espy leaves \$3000 to her "daughters Lovina Miller, wife of Peter Miller, now residing in Michigan, Fanny Line, wife of Abram Line, now residing in Newport Township, County of Luzerne, and Priscilla Miller, wife of Levi Miller, now residing in the state of Iowa." The rest of the estate was divided between, "Lovina Espy, only child of my beloved son John Espy, late of Bradford County deceased, one sixth to my beloved daughter Mary Lines, wife of John A. Lines of Wilkes Barre, one sixth to my beloved son James Espy, residing in Bradford County, one sixth to my beloved daughter Lovinia Miller, aforesaid, one sixth to Fanny Lines, aforesaid, and one sixth to Priscilla Miller, aforesaid." Abraham Line of Newport Township was the executor.

<sup>123</sup>Mary, Peter D. and Levi M. Miller are children of **Barnett Miller / Mary DeWitt**.

<sup>4</sup>Mary Taylor was the daughter of **John Taylor / Sarah Gordon** of Standing Stone, Bradford, Pennsylvania. 10 July 1861 newspaper abstract published in 'Lest We Forget' Vol. II No. 1., 15 Sep 1991, Wyoming County Historical Society, Tunkhannock, PA, "Mr. John Espy was crushed to death in a shocking manner when he was caught in the gearing while greasing the machinery of his Plaster Mill at Rummerfield's Creek, Bradford Co. on Tuesday of last week. He had been a resident of Wilkes-Barre a few years ago, where he had been a clerk. He leaves a young wife." Census records indicate Mary was expecting their daughter Lovina at the time of his death.

Cemetery records of Hanover Green Cemetery and the Universalist Church Cemetery in Standing Stone supplied valuable dates for this family.

## Families of Lazarus and Charles Stewart, brothers

### Lazarus Stewart

Birth: About 1690 Scotland

Death: About 1744 Hanover Township, Lancaster, PA

Children:

### Robert Stewart

Birth: Ireland or Scotland

Death: of Derry Township, Dauphin, Pennsylvania

### John Stewart\*

Birth: About 1712 Ireland or Scotland

Death: 8 Apr 1777

Spouse: **Frances** b. 1721 d. 16 Nov 1790 md: abt 1728

### Margaret Stewart\*

Birth: About 1713 North of Ireland

Spouse: **James Stewart\*** m. 1731 [cousins, see below]

**Margery Stewart** Spouse: **John Young**

### Lazarus Stewart

### Peter Stewart

### James Stewart

### David Stewart

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### Charles Stewart

Children:

### James Stewart\*

Spouse: **Margaret Stewart\*** [cousins, see above]

### Alexander Stewart

It is an understatement to say the genealogies of the Stewarts are confusing. Here are the sources used and excerpts from them. The families as shown above are the best interpretation of the available data, after many, many hours of research, study, diagrams and Advil.

Plumb, Henry Blackman, History of Hanover Township, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 1885. "Lazarus Stewart was born in Scotland; emigrated with his family first to Ireland, then to Holland, and finally to America, and settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1729; died there. It is believed he had other children besides the two shown here." [The two shown are Robert and Alexander.]

Harvey, Oscar Jewell, A History of Lodge #61 F. & A. M., Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, 1897.

Harvey, Oscar Jewell, A History of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, 1909.

Kulp, George B., Families of the Wyoming Valley, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, E. B. Yordy: 1885-1890.

"According to the authority of Dr. W. H. Egle, the well-known Pennsylvania genealogist, Lazarus Stewart, the first, emigrated with his family from the North of Ireland to America in 1729. The same year he settled on a tract of land 'situate on Swahatawro Creek,' in what was afterwards

Hanover township, Lancaster county. With the aid of two Redemptioners, whose passages were paid for by him, he built a house and a barn, cleared twenty odd acres of arable land and planted an orchard within the years 1729-31. Lazarus Stewart, 1st, died in Hanover township, Lancaster county, about 1744 and was survived by the following-named children: (1) John, b about 1712 and d. 8 April, 1777; (2) Margaret, b. in the North of Ireland about 1713; (3) Margery, who md. John Young; (4) Lazarus; (5) Peter; (6) James; (7) David. (1) John Stewart was md. to Frances — (b. 1721; d. 16 Nov., 1790), and they became the parents of: i. William, b. 1739, and d. 14 July, 1803; ii. Lazarus, b. 1741; iii George; iv. James; v. John; vi. Mary, who md. George Espy (b. 1749; d. April, 1814) . . . vii. Jane. (2) Margaret Stewart was married in Lancaster county about 1731 to her cousin James, son of Charles Stewart, and they became the parents of: i, Charles, b. about 1732; ii. Lazarus, b. about 1734; iii. James, b. about 1737, and md. Priscilla Espy (b. 1751)" [Foot note says James Stewart died in 1783, and in 1785 his widow Priscilla was married to Capt. Andrew Lee, then of Dauphin county and later of Hanover township, Luzerne county, Penn'a.]

Bradsby, H. C. , History of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, Chicago: S. B. Nelson & Sons, 1893, page 1250. "Lazarus Stewart was born in Scotland, emigrated to Ireland, Holland and then to America in 1729, locating in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He had (among other children) two sons, Robert and Alexander. Robert had two children: Captain Lazarus, and James, 1769-1770. Alexander had three children, Lieutenant Lazarus, who married Dorcas Hopkins, George and Mary, (Mrs. George Espy.) Lieutenant Lazarus came from Harrisburg with Captain Lazarus, his cousin, and 40 settlers."

The Stewart's were certainly among the hundreds of thousands of Presbyterian immigrants who made a generational migration from Scotland to Ireland, and ultimately to North America in an attempt to secure religious freedom. The Espy's were also part of this migration. See the notes on Josiah Espy and Priscilla Mitchell and Hugh and George Espy.

**John Stewart / Frances**

[Ann Espy's maternal grandparents]

**John Stewart\***

Son of **Lazarus Stewart**, the immigrant.

Birth: About 1712 Ireland or Scotland

Death: 8 Apr 1777

Marriage: About 1738 Pennsylvania

**John Stewart** is the brother of **Margaret Stewart**.

**Frances**

Birth: 1721

Death: 16 Nov 1790 likely Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Children:

**William Stewart**

Birth: 1739 Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Death: 4 Jul 1803

**Lazarus Stewart** [Lieutenant]

Birth: 1741 Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Death: 3 Jul 1778 Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

Marriage: **Dorcus Hopkins**

Daughter: **Fanny Stewart** 1777 - 1855

Marriage: **George Sively**

**John Stewart** b. ~1741

**James Stewart** b. ~1744

**Jane or Jean Stewart** b. ~1747

**George Stewart** b. ~1755

**Mary Stewart\***

Birth: 1755 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Death: 1820 likely Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

Spouse: **George Espy\***

Sources:

Kulp, George B., Families of the Wyoming Valley, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, E. B. Yordy: 1885-1890.

Bradsby, H. C., History of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, Chicago: S. B. Nelson & Sons, 1893.

William Henry Egle, Espy Family, An Excerpt from Pennsylvania Genealogies,

Espy, Florence Mercy, History and Genealogy of the Espy Family in America, Iowa, Fort Madison: Espy, 1905.

Plumb, Henry Blackman, History of Hanover Township, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 1885.

“Lieutenant Lazarus Stewart, Jr. . . . was born in Lancaster County, married Dorcus Hopkins; came to Hanover with his cousin, Capt. Lazarus Stewart, in 1769 or 1770; lived on the River Road about two miles below Wilkes-Barre, the place afterwards known as the Sively place . . . was Lieutenant of the Hanover militia company; was in the Wyoming Battle and Massacre July 3, 1778, and was killed there. They had: Fanny Stewart, born 1777, died 1855, who married George Sively.”

**James Stewart / Margaret Stewart**

**James Stewart\***

Son of **Charles Stewart\***,\* immigrant.

Birth: likely Ireland

Marriage: 1731 Lancaster, Pennsylvania

**Margaret Stewart\***

Daughter of **Lazarus Stewart\***,\* immigrant.

Birth: About 1714 North of Ireland

**James Stewart** and **Margaret Stewart** were first cousins, children of **Charles Stewart** and **Lazarus Stewart**, immigrant brothers.

Children:

**Charles Stewart**

Birth: 1732 Lancaster, Pennsylvania

**Lazarus Stewart\*** [Captain]

Birth: 4 Jul 1734 Hanover Township, Lancaster, PA

Death: 3 Jul 1778 Wyoming Valley, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Spouse: **Martha Espy\*** [Sister of Priscilla & George Espy]

**James Stewart\***

Birth: 1737 likely Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Death: 1783

Spouse: **Priscilla Espy\*** [Sister of Martha & George Espy]

Son: **Lazarus Stewart** b. 1783 d. 1839

Spouse: **Elizabeth Crisman** b. 1786 d. 1845

Son: **Lee W. Stewart** b. 1821 - 1886

**Jane Stewart**

Birth: 1739

Spouse: **John Campbell**

**Priscilla Espy** and **Martha Espy** were sisters of **George Espy**. **George Espy** was **Ann Espy's** father.

Sources:

Families of the Wyoming Valley, by George B. Kulp, published by E. B. Yordy: 1885-1890. "Margaret Stewart was married in Lancaster county about 1731 to her cousin James, son of Charles Stewart..."

Harvey, Oscar Jewell, A History of Lodge #61 F. & A. M. Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Wilkes-Barre 1897, page 365-6. "Lazarus Stewart was born in Hanover township, Lancaster county, Penn'a, in 1734, and was the second child of James and Martha (Stewart) Stewart."

Historical Review of Dauphin County found online at <http://www.maley.net/Transcription/BioEncyl/BEChapter6contd.htm>

“Stewart, James, of Hanover, d. November, 1783, leaving a wife Margaret, and children: Charles, Lazarus, and James; grandchildren Lazarus Stewart, son of Lazarus, and William Campbell.”

## Lazarus Stewart / Martha Espy

### Lazarus Stewart [Captain]\*

Son of: **James Stewart / Margaret Stewart\***

Birth: 4 Jul 1734 Hanover Township, Lancaster, PA

Death: 3 Jul 1778 Wyoming Valley, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Marriage: 26 Sep 1765 York County, Pennsylvania

### Martha Espy\*

Daughter of **Josiah Espy / Elizabeth Crain\***

Sister to **George Espy, Ann Espy's** father.

Birth: 12 Jan 1747 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Death: 1804 Hanover Township, Luzerne, Pennsylvania

Children:

### James Stewart

Birth: 1768 Derry Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Spouse: **Hannah Jameson**

### Josiah Stewart

Birth: 1763 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Spouse: **Mercy Chapman**

### Priscilla Stewart

Birth: 20 Oct 1770 Derry Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Spouse: **Avery Rathbone**

### Elizabeth Stewart

Birth: 1772 Derry Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Spouse: **Alexander Jameson**

### Margaret Stewart

Birth: 1774 Derry Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Spouse: **James Campbell**

### Martha Stewart

Birth: 1 Jul 1776 Hanover, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

### Mary Stewart

Spouse: **Andrew Gray**, Reverend

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