

HISTORICAL SKETCH
OF THE
PROUDFIT FAMILY
OF
YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WITH A COMPLETE RECORD OF THE DESCENDANTS
OF ALEXANDER PROUDFIT AND
MARTHA McCLEARY

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Children of Andrew and Mary (Lytle) Proudfit:

1. Jane (4), b. Aug. 27, 1786, m. John Hamill.
2. James (4), b. Dec. 21, 1788, m. Maria Kerr, lived in Argyle, N. Y.
3. Andrew (4), b. Mch. 27, 1791, lost at sea, 1820.
4. Mary (4), b. Apr. 2, 1793, m. Wm. D. Haight.
5. John (4), b. Mch. 10, 1795, killed by an Indian, 1824.
6. Hannah (4), b. Dec. 21, 1797, m. Ransom Stiles.
7. Susan (4), b. Apr. 25, 1800, m. Theo. Sheppard.
8. Alexander (4), b. Apr. 2, 1802, m. Eliza Dunlap, lived in Stirling, N. Y.
9. Ebenezer (4), b. Apr. 23, 1804, died in childhood.
10. Daniel (4), b. Jan. 15, 1805, m. Juliette Holmes, lived in Waunatosa, Wis.
11. William Pitt (4), b. Oct. 12, 1806, m. Maria Freeman Jones.
12. Margaret (4), b. Sept. 18, 1809, m. Thos. Whiteside.
13. Hugh Peebles (4), b. Apr. 26, 1814, unmarried, lived in Sterling, N. Y.

Gen. James Kerr Proudfit (5), son of James and Maria (Kerr) Proudfit, and Herbert Kerr (6), his son, are now living in Kansas City, Kas. Herbert Kerr Proudfit has two sons, James Henry (7) and Herbert K., Jr. (7).

The family of Daniel Proudfit (4) lived for some years at Friend, Neb. His son, William Henry, is now a commission merchant in Denver, Col. He has two sons and a daughter.

William H. Proudfit (5), son of William Pitt (4) and grandson of Andrew (3), named above, is head of the Proudfit Clothing Co., of Jamestown, N. Y. He served in the Civil War.

Alexander, fifth son of Rev. James Proudfit, became

an eminent divine. He was widely known in the first half of the last century as Dr. Proudfit of Salem, or, more familiarly, "Old Sawney o' Salem."

He was born in 1770; was graduated at the head of his class in Columbia College, New York, in 1792. He succeeded his father as pastor of the Associate Reformed Church in Salem, N. Y., which position he held for forty years.

His sermons were greatly esteemed, and many of them were published. He was the author of several religious works, the best known of which is, "The Ruin and Recovery of Man." His biography by John Forsyth, D. D., a volume of 484 pages, was published in 1855 by Harper & Brothers. He died in 1843.

Children of Alex. Proudfit (3) and Susan Williams:

1. John Williams (4), m. Abigail H. Rallston.
2. Mary (4), m. John Irvin.
3. James Owen (4).
4. Alexander Moncrieff (4), m. Maria B. ———.

John Williams Proudfit (4), son of Dr. Alexander Proudfit of Salem, adopted his father's profession. He connected himself with the Presbyterian Church, and preached for a short time in Newburyport, Mass. He afterward became Professor of Latin in the New York University, and later Professor of Greek in Rutgers College. Died 1874.

The priestly mantle descended in this line to the fourth generation. The two sons of Dr. John Williams Proudfit both entered the ministry. The elder, Robert Rallston, was chaplain of the First Regiment New Jersey Volunteers, in the Civil War, and the younger, Alexander, was pastor of a Presbyterian church in Scranton, Pa., and later, in Baltimore, Md.

Children of Ebenezer Proudfit (3) and Elizabeth Williams:

1. John Williams (4), lawyer and judge of county, unmarried.
2. Mary (4), m. James A. McFarland.
3. James E. (4), m. Jane Wells.
4. Ebenezer (4), m. Margaret Burden.
5. Alexander (4), m. Delia Williams.
6. Susannah (4), m. George Shepard.

Alexander (4), fifth child of Ebenezer (3), was a doctor of divinity, and preached at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and Springfield, O.