

Academy, at Dickinson and Princeton Colleges. He studied medicine with Dr. John B. Mish, and graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania. He, however, concluded to study law, which he pursued under the direction of his father, and was admitted to the Lebanon County bar in 1842, and began the practice of his profession at Lebanon. He was elected district attorney of the county in 1859, serving one term. In ante-war times he was a brigadier-general of the militia, and when the civil war came he entered the army as captain of Company F, Fourth Pennsylvania Cavalry, serving until his impaired health compelled him to resign, when he returned home, but never recovered, dying on the 23d of April, 1863. Gen. Weidman was a good lawyer, a faithful and brave officer, and a valued citizen, whose services were highly appreciated by his fellow-citizens. He married in 1838, Emma R. Grant, of New Jersey, and they had nine children. (See Weidman record.)

#### JACOB WEIRICK.

Jacob Weirick, the son of Christian<sup>1</sup> and Margaret Weirick, was born in Bethel township, Lancaster, now Lebanon County, in 1754. He received a fair English education, and was brought up as a farmer. During the Revolution he served as a non-commissioned officer in Col. Greenawalt's battalion; was taken prisoner at Long Island, but shortly after paroled. Upon the organization of the county of Dauphin he became influential in political affairs, and was elected sheriff in 1790. He was a member of the Legislature from 1795 to 1797, and from 1802 to 1806, serving a longer period than any of his successors. About 1807 he removed to Canton township, Washington Co., Pa., where he purchased a fine tract of land. In his new home he became quite prominent, and was twice elected to the House of Representatives. He died at his residence in Washington County on the 17th of September, 1822, aged sixty-eight years.

#### COL. PHILIP WOLFERSBERGER.

Philip Wolfersberger, son of Adam and Margaret Wolfersberger,<sup>2</sup> was born Feb. 14, 1739, in Heidel-

<sup>1</sup> CHRISTIAN WEIRICK, of Bethel township, died about the 1st of July, 1771, leaving a wife, Margaret, and children as follows:

- i. Mary.
- ii. Margaret.
- iii. Christian.
- iv. Jacob.
- v. George.
- vi. Peter, m. Catharine Simons.
- vii. Elizabeth.

<sup>2</sup> In the graveyard at Shaefferstown, along the stone wall by the roadside, are several old tombstones whose inscriptions are hardly legible. The most noticeable features of these stones are the skull and cross-bones in bas-relief at the bottom. They are well sculptured. On one stone are these words,—

"Margreda Wolfersberger in geboren jar 1697 den 21 Septempr ist gestorben den Christ mond 1776."

Another of 1777 has, all that can be deciphered,—

"Herricht Adam Wolfersberger."

berg township, now Lebanon Co., Pa. He was brought up to the life of a farmer, receiving such education as the backwoods afforded in pioneer days. During the French and Indian war he was in active service, and was in the Pennsylvania battalion which accompanied Col. Bouquet in his march to the relief of the posts in Western Pennsylvania in the summer of 1763. When the war of the Revolution broke out he was an officer in the Associated Battalion, and afterwards lieutenant under Col. Curtis Grubb in the Flying Camp, and in the Long Island campaign of 1776. In the subsequent campaigns in and around Philadelphia he was a participant, and was an active and gallant officer. After the Revolution, when the Provisional army was organized by direction of the Congress, he rose to be a major and lieutenant-colonel of the militia battalions. He held various public offices of trust and honor. He closed his long and useful life at Campbellstown, Londonderry township, Lebanon Co., on the 14th of July, 1824, in his eighty-seventh year. His son Frederick was sheriff of Dauphin County, 1806 to 1809.

#### COL. JOSEPH WOOD.

Joseph Wood, son of William and Jane Wood, was born in 1721, in the north of Ireland. His father emigrated to America prior to 1740, and settled in what was afterwards East Hanover township, Lancaster Co., not far from Jonestown. The son was brought up to the life of a pioneer, and his advantages of education were exceedingly limited. We first find him as a non-commissioned officer in one of the ranging companies upon the frontiers during the early part of the French and Indian war, afterwards ensign in the Provincial Battalion under Bouquet in the expedition of 1763, distinguishing himself at the battle of Bushy Run. When the war for independence was inaugurated he was one of the prime movers in organizing the military, as all the officers who served in the Indian wars were; and when Congress, on the 9th of December, 1775, resolved to raise four battalions in Pennsylvania, the Second Pennsylvania Battalion, Col. Arthur St. Clair commanding, was formed, and of which Joseph Wood was commissioned senior captain Jan. 3, 1776. Unfortunately, the roll of his company is not to be found. He was commissioned major Jan. 18, 1776, and during the Canada campaign of that year took a prominent part. On the 2d of June the command of St. Clair, numbering six hundred men, was ordered from the Sorel to attack the enemy under Col. Maclean, who had advanced as far as Three Rivers with eight hundred British regulars and Canadians. On the 6th, Irvine's and Wayne's battalions were ordered to join St. Clair at Nicolette, where Gen. William Thompson was to take command. Unless he found the number of the enemy at Three Rivers to be such as would render an attack upon them hazardous, Gen. Thompson was directed to cross the river at the most convenient place