

## CHAPTER XVII

### HENRY KORNS BRANCH

(Brother of Michael Korns, Sr.)

Lowdermilk's History of Cumberland, Maryland, lists the Korns family among the first 100 families living in Cumberland, 1790-1800.

Henry Korns was born July 31, 1767, according to notes given by his granddaughter, Columbia Korns Price. He died in 1860. He married Catherine Baker.

He was called "Captain Henry Korns, 2nd" by his granddaughter. His commission made him a captain in the State Militia of Allegheny County, Maryland, February 22, 1826.

The deed index in Allegheny County, Maryland, Liber H. folio 486 deed dated April 16, 1816, names Henry Korn and wife Catherine. Same index Liber M folio 563, February 12, 1825, mentions Henry Korns and wife Catherine in affidavit.

Henry Korns lived on Polk Street in Cumberland. He had a comb factory and dealt in real estate. He read German and played the piano and violin.

Catherine Baker Korns died July 8, 1835, aged 54 years old. Note from Columbia Korns Price in possession of Jessie Korns, Blackburn, in 1945. Catherine Baker was a sister or daughter of Jacob Baker (see copy of lein on land dated 1817) which came from the Korns home.

#### Children of Henry Korns and Catherine Baker:

1. Jesse, born 1809, died 1888, married Ruth Plank, March 17, 1831, recorded in Court House in Cumberland, Md.
2. Henry, born 1815, married (1) Delilah Speelman, (2) Christina Shuck, died 1878.
3. Maria.
4. Joseph.

Jesse Korns born 1809, died 1888, buried in vault in Rose Hill Cemetery in Cumberland, married Ruth Plank, whose family died young, had one brother, James Plank.

Jesse Korns was prominent in life of Cumberland. Scharf's History of Western Maryland mentions him as a member of a fire company in 1831. He was active in early Methodism in Cumberland; a trustee, and sent to first Baltimore Conference in 1852 according to Centre St., M. E. Church record.

He was in brick building business and his grandchildren say he gave the bricks for the present church, and that the viaduct across the river was built with his bricks.

He built canal boats and shipped coal. During the Civil War 20 of his boats were confiscated by the Confederate Army to build a pontoon bridge over the Potomac as their armies retreated, then set boats afire. A great loss to him.

#### Children of Jesse Korns and Ruth Plank:

1. Columbia, born ....., died 1931, married William Maurice Price. One child, died unmarried.

2. Hester, died unmarried.

3. Charles Hershey, born ....., married Henrietta Gephart, descendents:

a. Ruth, married ..... Schultz, no children.

b. Columbia, died 1942, married ..... Melvin, no children.

c. Jessie, married Carrol Blackburn, children:

Henrietta, married Alexander Grey Wilson, in 1940.

Richard, married Flora Bessie in 1935, one child, Mary Lee, born 1939.

4. Maria Catherine, died 1890, married Samuel Trawain Little.

Maria Catherine Korns, born 1835, d. Jan. 21, 1890, married Samuel Trawain Little in 1853. He was the son of Dr. John Little and his wife Ann Weber.

Both Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Little were known for their kindness

and philanthropy in Cumberland. J. W. Thomas' History of Allegheny County mentions Mrs. Little as an early worker for the Western Maryland Hospital. The records of the Centre Street Methodist Church show their activity there. S. T. Little served as a Lieutenant during the Civil War, leaving a number of small children to the care of their mother.

The S. T. Little Jewelry Company which he founded in 1851, is now managed by his granddaughter and great grandson, and is the oldest mercantile establishment in Cumberland. S. T. Little died in 1882 from tuberculosis contracted during the Civil War. Baltimore Street stores closed out of respect for him, during his funeral.

Children of Maria Catherine Korns and Samuel Trawain Little:  
Two children died in infancy.

1. Mary Euphelia, b. May 1, 1854, d. Nov. 21, 1911.

2. Jesse Trawain, 1856-1927, married Gertrude Babb and had one child: Ira, who had one daughter, Louise, born 1906. Second, he married Mary Carskadon and had Jesse C., who has Dexter Frobos, b July 23, 1943, and Charles Trawain, b. April 16, 1945.

3. Robert Webber, 1858-1933, married Cara Wetmore and had Cara who married J. Gale Ebert, children and grandchildren. Second marriage, Eugenia Smith and had Janet who died unmarried in 1942.

4. Samuel Sears, married Sarah Smouse and had two sons, Norval, died unmarried in 1923. Samuel Guy had two sons, one killed in World War II, Samuel Wright, Charles.

5. Charles, 1868-1909, married Clara Bell Neff, no children.

6. Frank, died 1911, married Blanche ....., no children.

7. Walter, married Grace Johnson, two sons, Trawain Hume and Charles Holmes. Second marriage, no children. Both sons have daughters.

8. Ruth Ella, b. Feb. 17, 1870, d. July 14, 1934, married Thomas Robert Palmer, Centre St., M. E. Church, Sept. 30, 1902. He was the son of Nelson Palmer and Linda Moore

Hamilton. Children: Ralph Vinton, married Helen Druar and had Ralph Vinton, Robert Bell, and Margaret Trawain, sons have children.

Ruth Ella Little was born 1870 and died 1934, married Thomas Robert Palmer, a dentist, lived in Cumberland, Md., until 1921. Dr. Palmer, a Major in the Infantry during World War I, became head of the Dental Clinic at New Jersey State Hospital at Greystone Park, N. J., died there Dec. 15, 1941.

Ruth Little was a kindergarten teacher and pianist, Sunday School teacher and church worker.

Catherine Little, b. Oct. 27, 1903, in Cumberland, Maryland, married Dr. Paul Cahanowitz Craig in Presbyterian Church, Morristown, N. J., Aug. 7, 1930. Children:

1. Paul Palmer Craig, b. July 29, 1933.

2. Maria Hamilton Craig, b. July 5, 1939.

Robert Nelson Palmer, b. Dec. 15, 1906, married Margaret Alpaugh, no children. Second marriage to Gladys Williams of London, England, at Wyomissing, Pa., June 4, 1940, and had one child: Robert Nelson Palmer, Jr., b. June 1, 1942.

Catherine Palmer Craig, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Robert Palmer was educated at St. Mary's Seminary, Maryland, and was graduated from West Virginia University in 1924. A student training period at Presbyterian Hospital in New York City and she became an assistant dietitian there, then to Reading Hospital, Reading, Pa., for four years after which she married.

Member of Delta Gamma Fraternity, American Dietetic Association, Maryland Historical Society, Council of Historical Society of Berks Co., Pa., Huguenot Society of Pa., American Association of University Women, President Elect, Woman's Auxiliary to the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania, (1947-1948).



Catherine Palmer Craig  
President of Auxiliary to Pennsylvania  
State Medical Society, 1949.