

# Genealogical History

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## Tannahills, Tannehills and Taneyhills

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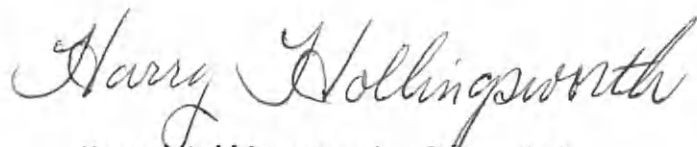
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James B. Tannehill worked for years to produce this volume. He finished it and died the day the books were delivered. This work was in the St. Louis Public Library and the D.A.R. Library in Washington, D.C.

It should be remembered that there are several errors in this work. All of the information must be carefully re-checked and re-evaluated with original documents, if possible, before it may be taken as fact. The index also is somewhat faulty and a reading of the text will be a much better way of using the work for research.

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The author of this book, James B. Tannehill, became seriously ill on January 22, 1940, while his books were in the bindery. He died on January 27, the same day the finished books were delivered. Thus he completed a work that occupied practically all of his time for more than 6 years. The original date set for publication was in the summer of 1939 but he was delayed from time to time, partly because of a heart attack in August, from which he did not fully recover.

As stated in the notice at the back of the book, he hoped to furnish corrections for any errors that might be found. His plan for making corrections is unknown. During the years when he was searching records and corresponding with many people, he accumulated such a vast quantity of notes and so much personal information that it would be almost impossible for anyone else to make corrections of his original records.

The total cost of his books and printed circulars was approximately \$600. He received paid subscriptions for about 130 copies at \$2.00 each and orders for about 100 additional copies not paid for. Those who have not paid the subscription price and any others wishing copies at that rate should make checks or money orders payable to I. R. Tannehill, 3728 Jocelyn St. N.-W., Washington, D. C. Amounts thus received will be used in payment of the printing costs.

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*Origin and First 250 Years of the Tannahill Family in Scotland*

I can find no such name as Tannahill in Scotland or anywhere else back of Tommy Tannahill of whose origin I shall speak in this chapter. He was born in Scotland, near Kilmarnock about the year 1580 A.D. The Tannahills of Scotland seem to have no history of the family name or its origin. I have written a score of letters into Scotland to the few Tannahills living in their native lowlands, but to my great disappointment, I secured scarcely a paragraph of any description that was of any aid in my researches. If I had not been fortunate in securing information from notes left by early immigrants from Scotland, after they arrived in America, 160 to nearly 300 years ago, I could never have compiled this Chapter I, which furnishes more information than you could get if you interviewed all the Tannahills in Scotland and read every scrap of Tannahill genealogy recorded there. In an edition of the poems of the noted poet, Robert Tannahill, there is an indifferent mention of a traditional man named Tanochill, many years back of Tommy Tannahill, but the reference is too indefinite to warrant consideration.

We wonder, sometimes, how such names as Tannahill, Bowersox, Fogelsong, Brownrigg, Throckmorton and Roudebush came into use. Originally there were no surnames, or "last names," as we speak of them. In the Bible, for instance, Adam, Noah, Moses, Peter and Paul had no surnames to designate them from other families. Indeed, it was long after the Christian Era

before it became the custom to tie the children to their parents by a common "last name," only a few centuries ago in countries like England.

A great many family names in Europe and America have grown out of the places where they lived or the trades they followed, like the names Carpenter, Smith, Miller and Fisher; and such names as Riverman, Thornhill, Field, Lake and Marsh. The name Tannahill originated in Scotland 350 years ago in some such way. Every tradition concerning the origin of the name Tannahill mentions the fact that the first family to use that name, lived on a high hill, and do not forget that in the Pict-Saxon dialect of that far-off day in Scotland, a high hill was expressed as tanna hill.

My father, who died in 1873, more than 66 years ago, often told me the tradition that in and near Kilmarnock, Scotland, were many families that bore the name Jameson. Because of this, much confusion arose. One family of Jamesons lived on a high, or "taona," hill. The surrounding neighbors took to calling that family the "Tanna" hill Jamesons. The family liked the nickname, and adopted Tannahill as their surname. There is nothing in this tradition, except that the family lived on a high hill. In a book published in Alabama, where a Tannehill family lived more than a hundred years ago, it is told how another tradition accounts for the name Tannahill. It states that one evening an aged couple who lived on a "taona" hill were out hunting their cow that had strayed away, when they found a small boy that was lost, too young to know his name or that of his parents. The widest inquiry failed to locate his parents, so the old couple kept the little boy and gave him the name Tannahill, because they

lived on a high hill. In this Alabama book, now in the Congressional Library in Washington, D. C., no mention is made as to what first name this old couple gave the boy, but I am going to call him Tommy, and further on in this chapter, I will produce evidence that assures us that Thomas was his given name.

Permit me just here to give an historical statement direct from Paisley, Scotland, written by Matthew Tannahill, brother to Robert, the poet. Matthew was born in Paisley 160 years ago, only 22 miles from Kilmarnock, the original home of the Tannahills. No doubt Matthew had visited there many times. Indeed, Matthew's father and grandfather may both have told Matthew of talks the grandfather may have had with this very Tommy Tannahill's children when they were past middle life. At any rate, the information Matthew was able to furnish, comes very direct and seems reliable.

Elsewhere, I tell how I came in possession of three letters, written nearly 120 years ago, by Tannahills of Paisley, Scotland, to their cousins in Schenectady, N. Y. Here is a quotation taken from the letter written by Matthew, May 19, 1824. Space forbids, or I would give the entire letter. It convinces me, and ought to satisfy my readers, as to when the name Tannahill originated. Here is an extract from Matthew's letter in his exact words:—

"The other night my brother James and I were at tea with our cousins when the subject of our conversation turned to our relatives in America, and it was proposed that some of us should write to you, on the other side of the Atlantic, and give you all the information with respect to your relatives here and request that you give us all the information you can with regard to yourselves in America." Then he proceeds, "There is a

pleasure in tracing back our generations, and therefore I shall go back as far as I can with our forefathers, the origin of the name and when it was adopted in Scotland. I do not know that there are any names that have not some signification. I understand in Saxon that "tanna" meant high and put hill to it and you have Tannahill, and the earliest of them lived at Kilmarnock. Whether this be true is of no consequence, but this is true, that all of the Tannahills I have ever heard of sprung from Kilmarnock, and all trace back to our forefathers. To this day, there is in Ayershire a farm that stands on top of a high hill and; the name of the house is "Tannahill," and I therefore suppose at that time our name was adopted. I can trace our forefathers no further back. Our great-grandfather had a son Thomas who married Mary Buntin, and she was the only child of her parents, so she and her husband inherited all the property of both families, and were the parents of four sons and two daughters:—Marian, James, Thomas, Mary, Robert and John, the youngest. Our grandfather died about two years after the family moved from Kilmarnock to Paisley when James was about 21 and John a baby."

Remember that Matthew's father and grandfather lived at Kilmarnock where the name originated, and had an opportunity to know all about the origin of their people. Why ask for better evidence? I have investigated many historical and traditional statements and all agree that the name Tannahill originated near Kilmarnock by reason of the fact that the first such Tannahill lived on a tannahill. Now we know well enough how and where the name originated; can we discover how long ago that was? Can I trace the present day Tannahills, Tannehills and Tanceyhills back to the date of their origin? Will I be able to give the almost exact year when the father of all these people, the little lost boy, Tommy, was born?

I will state now that Tommy was born not ten years either way from the year 1580 A.D. near Kilmarnock, Scotland. I will give one of the proofs right here, and before I close this chapter I shall give other convincing evidence that points to about that date. My first piece of evidence is this: William Tannehill, Sr., Tommy's youngest son, came to Maryland in the year 1658. Five years earlier than that, he was a married man in Scotland and he and wife, Alice, were parents of a baby boy, William Tannehill, Jr., born in 1653, and a daughter, one or two years older. Judging by the age of his children, we can safely say that William Tannehill, Sr., was married about the year 1648. In the old country, the men married at an older age than in our Colonial days, so we can safely say William Sr. was at least 28 when he married, so born about 1620. That is the birth year I have all along allotted to him. But he had two older brothers, born about 1618 and 1616. Now as these three boys were sons of Tommy Tannahill, he was born likely 25 to 35 years earlier than the birth of his first son, or say 1580, and we will not miss it more than five to ten years, either way. I shall bring forward proofs that tend to show that 125 years later than 1580, the Tannahills were so scarce in Scotland that if my proofs were not so convincing that Tommy was born prior to the year 1600, I might be inclined to place his birth later than I do.

I will make the statement later, that the Tannahills have always been few in number in Scotland and are few today. As the letter written by Matthew's brother, Thomas, touches on the subject of the fewness of the Tannahills in Scotland in his day, I shall quote from his letter written April 5, 1824. He says:



"The name Tannahill was so rare in Paisley when I was a lad, I thought it an odd and singular name. There was none in the town except the children of my father and my uncle Thomas. Previous to about 60 years ago (1764) the name Tannahill was unknown in Paisley. About that time four brothers, James, Thomas, Robert and John, for the sake of their business, removed from Kilmarnock to Paisley, a distance of about 22 to 24 miles. In the course of time, the older brothers, James and Thomas, married and settled in Paisley. A few years after their marriage, the opportunities in America attracted attention, and such accounts so interested the four brothers that they decided that the two younger brothers, Robert and John, being unmarried, should go to America first and pave the way for the two older brothers who would follow with their families. Whether my father and my uncle Thomas had any serious intentions of going to America, I cannot say, but by the time I was old enough to join in the deliberation, the subject ceased to interest my father's family. This may have been caused by the war (the Revolution) that took place between Britain and the Colonies and put a stop to their going to America.

Although there were originally but four brothers of the name Tannahill in Paisley and two of them went to America, there were quite a number more, all sprung from my father and my Uncle Thomas, not less than fifty of the name Tannahill in Paisley now, (1824)."

In the heading of this chapter, I stated that it was my intention to give the first 150 years history of the Tannahills in Scotland. If Tommy Tannahill was born about 1580, then 150 years brings us down to about the year 1730. That looks like a difficult job, but in this chapter I will yet show how easily that 150 years can be spanned.

In my explorations in the Congressional Library, I ran across the name of Miss Sallie Belle Tannahill, then

and yet (1939) an Art teacher in Columbia University, New York City. She is author of several books. Her sister, Sarah, is also an Artist. I wrote them, and by return mail I received quite a roll of Scottish history. One of these ladies had visited in Scotland from where her grandfather, John Tannahill, son of Thomas 4th, mentioned above, migrated to Schenectady, N. Y. in 1772. Part of the literature these ladies sent me, consisted of the three letters from which I have been quoting. These letters were written by brothers and cousins of the poet, Robert Tannahill. Some of these brothers and cousins migrated to Canada about the year 1830, and I know their history and shall devote one entire chapter to these most excellent Tannahills and their descendents. Many of them are now residents of the United States.

We do not have the exact birth years of Tommy Tannahill nor of his line following him until we reach his great-great-grandson, James, born 1733. How are we to ascertain exactly how many years, or links, there were between Tommy and this James, born in 1733, whose birth year we know exact? We can get it only by comparing that line with another known line. James, born 1733 was a descendant of Tommy and so was Samuel Tannahill of Maryland, on another known line. Later, when I come to tell about the Tannahill line of descent from Tommy, I will prove that from Tommy to Samuel was almost exactly 150 years. If so, then from Tommy to James Tannahill, born 1733, was also very close to 150 years.

Beginning with Tommy Tannahill, born about 1580, down to and including James, born 1733, there are five links in the chain, while from the same Tommy down to Samuel Tannahill there are six links.

I will now produce a genealogical bracket that will demonstrate exactly what we want to know, the almost exact time from Tommy to James Tannahill, born 1733. Notice that one is the Tannahill and the other the Tannehill line:

Tommy Tannahill..	{ Thomas Jr... 1616	{ Thomas 3rd... 1650	{ Thomas 4th... 1700	{ James 1733 Thomas 1735 Robert 1742 John 1744
born 1580				
Tommy . . . .	{ William Sr.. 1620	{ William Jr.. 1653	{ William 3rd... 1675	{ Ninian Sr... 1693
1580				{ Samuel 1731

The year dates in the lower line are all exact, except that of Tommy and William Sr. which are approximately correct. In the upper line, the year date of James 1733 is correct and the others are approximately correct. This proves that Tommy Tannahill was born very near the year 1580, and that the 150 years history of the Tannahills from their origin in Scotland until the birth of the oldest of the four sons of Thomas 4th and wife, Mary Bunton, was 150 years.

The other matter I desire to clear away is the first name of the little lost boy, I call Tommy. How do I know his name was Tommy, or Thomas? The custom in Scotland, and it was followed in the early days in the Scottish families in Maryland, was to name the oldest son in the family after his father or grandfather.

Matthew who moved from Scotland to Canada in 1832, said his grandfather was Thomas, that is Thomas 4th. The oldest son also inherited the home estate. Matthew says his grandfather was the only son of his father, therefore the father of Thomas 4th was also Thomas and as he was also an only son, and his father's name was also Thomas, and as we know he was Tommy's oldest son, therefore the little lost boy was named Thomas

Tannahill by the old couple who found him, and I shall let it rest.

You see by the above bracket that Thomas 4th, the grandfather of Thomas Tannahill, whose letter I am quoting, had only four sons when he moved from Kilmarnock to Paisley, and two of them moved across the Atlantic to Schenectady, New York. This left in the whole of Scotland, just prior to the year 1800, only two Tannahill families. I will proceed to quote from Thomas Tannahill's letter written in 1824:

"Previous to about sixty years ago (the time when Thomas 4th moved his four boys from Kilmarnock to Paisley), the name Tannahill was unknown in Paisley."

Shortly after this letter was written, two of these Paisley Tannahills moved to Ireland and several others crossed the Atlantic to Canada. No wonder these Tannahills in Scotland, up toward 1850, did not increase in numbers. I have had letters from several Tannahills who recently visited Scotland and from two or three who recently removed from Scotland to New York and to New Zealand, and they all say the Tannahills in Scotland are few and far between.

The two brothers left in Scotland after their two younger brothers had crossed to America in 1772, were married and had families, but their children were small, the oldest not fifteen years old. Here are the sons of James, the older of the two brothers remaining in Scotland:

John born 1758; Thomas 1766; Hugh 1768; Andrew 1770; Robert, the poet, 1774, and Matthew 1776.

The oldest of these, John Tannahill, was a son of the first wife of James, and Robert was the noted Poet. The

sons of the brother of James, named Thomas, were Robert, born 1762; Thomas, Jr. 1764 and John 1768.

But not all these ten sons of James and Thomas helped populate Scotland. Of the sons of James, Robert, the poet, did not marry, and likely the same can be said of two other of the sons of James 1733, for Hugh died at the age of 31 and Andrew at 27, and Thomas, Jr., son of Thomas 1735, died at the age of 31. This only left five of their ten sons, and of them, all of Matthew's descendants went to Canada in 1832 and the entire family of Thomas, Jr. did the same thing, and two of the sons of John, who was son of the first wife of James, did the same thing about the year 1800. Soon after, two more of these Scotland young Tannahills moved over to Ireland and from there to Canada, and in more recent years, other Tannahills, whom I shall mention later, crossed the Atlantic to America. All these migrations from Scotland, have prevented any growth in the Tannahill population of Scotland. I will not attempt to name those Tannahills who reside in Scotland today (1939) only to say that I know of a few with whom I have corresponded: Scientist Thomas R. Tannahill of Glasgow, Joseph Tannahill, 9 Southpark, Paisley, Scotland, John Tannahill, Chemist, 58 Crossbar Road, Paisley, and Mrs. Edith E. Tannahill, widow of John Burns, 4 Thurlow Park, Torquay, England.

This is all I shall say now concerning the today Tannahills of Scotland, but I shall, later, devote an entire chapter (XV) to those who have migrated across the Atlantic to America, and I shall include those who chose Canada as their home, as well as those who came direct from Scotland to the United States.

My readers who are more interested in the Tannahills,

can jump from the end of this chapter to Chapter XV where the story of the Tannahills is resumed.

You have noticed that the way of spelling our name in Scotland is always Tannahill, and if they cross the Atlantic to America, they always retain that spelling, except the two brothers, Eduard and William, who were compelled to come to America in 1658. They, too, spelled it Tannahill originally, but for reason of pronunciation during their short stay in Ireland, on their way over, the change in spelling came about. Nearly every one of the 150 war prisoners, who resided for a time with the two Tannahills in Ireland, likewise suffered a change in name spelling, one good example being that of the leader of these prisoners, both before they left Scotland and after they landed in Maryland, Ninian Beall, whose name in Scotland was simply Ninian Bell, son of John Bell.

My next, Chapter II, will narrate the Pioneer experiences of the Tannahills in Maryland and in adjacent parts of Virginia, for the next 75 to 100 years, before they began to scatter south and over the Alleghanies, west, southwest and northwest into Pennsylvania, the Carolinas, Tennessee and as far as Texas and California.

## CHAPTER II

### *Arrival and Pioneering of William Tannahill in Maryland*

I have briefly told of the origin and early history of the Tannahill family in Scotland, and mentioned that two of them had come to Schenectady, N. Y. and that other Tannahill families had reached Canada in 1832. But long before that, there were two brothers, Eduard and William Tannahill (changing the spelling to Tannahill, on the way over) who landed in Maryland, along with 150 other Presbyterian Scotchmen, all war prisoners, sentenced to serve as militiamen in the English army to keep order in the distant colonies.

Before Eduard and William Tannahill and their 150 comrades left Scotland, about the year 1653, there had been, for several decades, constant warfare in the British Isles, chiefly over religious questions. Cromwell had come into power in England and had led his Episcopal army into Scotland to overthrow the Presbyterians, who were in revolt against England. A band of these Presbyterians, led by a giant native chief named Ninian Bell, (afterwards changed in spelling to Ninian Beall), had been defeated, about the year 1653, and many of them beheaded or imprisoned. About 150 were spared by promising to serve five years in distant parts of the English colonies to act as policemen to preserve order. Among these war prisoners were Ninian Beall and the two Tannahills, Eduard and William.

Their five years as war prisoners, began about the year 1653, and they were ordered first to cross over from Scotland to Ireland to quell some disturbance. They

spent, likely, three years or more in Ireland, then were sent across the Atlantic to the Barbadoes islands, in the West Indies. When their term of servitude had almost expired, they found themselves in the wilds of Maryland, acting as policemen to hold the Indians in check in that part of Maryland almost where the present city of Washington, D. C., is now located.

These released war veterans were delighted with the prospects of the new country, and at the request of the British government, that they accept certain tracts of land for agreeing to continue to act as police against the Indians, and send back to Scotland for their families, and make their future homes in Maryland, they decided to do so. The locality they selected as a place to live, was just a few miles southeast of the present District of Columbia. That locality had not, before that time, been occupied by white men. The nearest white settlement, up to that time, in the whole of Maryland, was at St. Marys, about sixty miles down the Potomac. The Indians in 1658, were in control of practically all the state of Maryland. It was then but 51 years since the first English people had settled at Jamestown, Va., in 1607.

This is the state of affairs when opens my story of the Tannehills in Maryland, with Indians all around them, nearly 300 years ago. Imagine the comradeship among these few Presbyterian Immigrants, in a wilderness, 3,000 miles from their loved ones in Scotland, with scarcely any means of communication, as we have today.

The next thing to do, after deciding to make their homes in Maryland, was to get ready to take care of their families on their arrival from Scotland, whom they had not seen for five long years. Do not forget that



at that time there was not a dwelling house where they planned to bring their families. It was all a wilderness, no gardens, no orchards, all forest. Before they could care for their families, they must clear away the forest, build log houses, plant crops, produce garden vegetables, get other food supplies, and most important of all, buy off the Indians or drive them out. Then it was a three months trip across the Atlantic. All these things consumed time. They had to do police service in addition, to earn money to defray the expense of transporting their families from far-away Scotland and across the Atlantic ocean. A few families, like Ninian Beall's brother, Thomas, came as soon as 1659, but five years went by before some of the families reached Maryland. This is true of the families of Eduard and William Tannehill, as they did not reach Maryland until about 1663.

The older of the two Tannehill brothers, Eduard, and his wife, Magdaline, took up lands in what is now Anne Arundel county. They were parents of two children, one a son, Eduard Jr. who, like his father, was born in Scotland, and came across the Atlantic, likely, with his mother and sister and his aunt Alice and her two children. Eduard Jr. and wife, Catherine, left no son, so all I know about these two Eduards has been related, except that both were extensive landowners. Eduard Sr. died in 1662. His will provided that his son get the estate and care for his mother and sister.

The story of William Tannehill and Alice is altogether different. A few months after reaching Maryland, Alice gave birth to a second son and he was named John, and after William Sr.'s death in 1666, his widow gave birth to a third son, Andrew. After I shall have related the adventures of the 150 pioneers, I will return to these

three Tannehill lads and trace their descendents for the succeeding 270 years until today, 1939 A.D.

As I proceed with my story, it will be seen that these 150 war prisoners, and the several hundred other Scotchmen who arrived before the year 1700, were very fine men, and were looked upon as such by the British government and by Lord Baltimore, governor of the colony of Maryland. Their only fault, in the eyes of the English Episcopalians, was that they were Presbyterians.

Among these Scottish immigrants were many whose names will appear often in these sketches. Beside these two Tannehills, were Ninian Beall, his brother Thomas, Alex Magruder, John Lawson, David Duncan, George Rawson, Arch Edmonson, Robert Orme, William Harris and dozens of others whose children married and intermarried with each other and with the Tannehills and the Bealls.

The early settlers in Maryland brought with them many of the customs of their native places in the British Isles. As one example, when a father died he left his estate to his eldest son, who was then expected to provide for his mother and unmarried sisters, while the personal property was divided to suit the wishes of the deceased.

Because the head of the family was quite often proprietor of several hundred, sometimes thousands of acres of land, it being plenty and cheap in Maryland, he was considered Lord of the Realm. This was patterned after the old country. In case of arrest and trial for offences, the landowner sat as Judge and passed sentence. This continued for many years in early Maryland, until the forming of townships, sometimes called hundreds, and the election of Justices of the Peace, succeeded the old custom.

For the first fifty years after Maryland saw the first

white settlers, the Indians caused little trouble, since land was plenty and they were delighted to trade with the whites. It was later, when the whites began to crowd the Indians off their hunting grounds, that trouble and bloodshed began to grow serious. By 1760, when the Indians had been pushed beyond the Blue Ridge mountains, real war ensued, but this will be discussed later in my story.

Although the two Tannehill brothers, and the others of the war prisoners, came to America by way of Ireland, acting only as militia, they had no homes in Ireland and they did not intermarry with the Irish. Therefore, none of these can be classed as Scotch-Irish, if that word means blood relationship. Indeed, there were none that we class as Scotch-Irish in any American colony for fifty years after William Tannehill Sr. reached Maryland. The Presbyterians in Scotland who were persuaded from time to time to cross over to Ireland, were not named Scotch-Irish until they began to leave Ireland for America about the year 1700, to get away from persecution because of their religion. Their first landing place was in New England, in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and when persecution there arose, they went by the thousands to Pennsylvania, because William Penn was tolerant to all religions. These Presbyterians avoided Maryland, because the Puritans and Catholics were in the majority there, and were enemies of the Scotch Presbyterians.

Most of us have been led to believe that the Scotch-Irish were a cross of Irish and Scotch. This is not true at all, but nothing to be ashamed of if true. Hannah's "History of the Ohio Valley" says:—

"The earliest Neolithic inhabitants of Scotland were Picts and Irish Celts to which the Romans added some blood. The Angles, Danes, chiefly the Norsemen added the Celtic blood. These Scots began crossing from the Lowlands of south-western Scotland to Ulster in Ireland as early as 1602-1650. Under John Knox prior to 1600, the Scots became Presbyterians and were disliked by the Irish, and there was constant friction between these clans. About 1700 the persecution of the Scots became almost unbearable and they began emigrating to America and elsewhere. These Scots had in them but little or no Irish blood, but were called Scotch-Irish because they came to America from Ireland. They landed first in Boston, but the Puritans ordered them out and burned their churches. The first of them reached Pennsylvania about 1700, then 1710-1720, others from 1750-1774. They settled at Nottingham, next to Cecil County, Md., and from there to Chester, Lancaster, Bucks and Northampton counties, Pennsylvania." Johnson's History of Cecil County, Md., p. 138, says, "The Scots did not intermarry with the Irish."

Quite soon after the arrival in Maryland of Eduard and William Tannehill Sr., both of them were possessors of several hundred acres of land. William's homestead was in Prince Georges County. He seems to have been a prosperous and useful citizen, buying and selling lands, and his name was quite often on county records as a witness to deeds, wills and other official documents. He and his brother, Eduard, died young. Possibly the ten rigorous years spent as militiamen, and contending with the Indians, as well as the hard life in getting the wilderness ready for habitation, shortened their lives, for neither of them could have been more than 45 to 48 years of age at the time of his death. Each of them left a will, William giving his real estate to his eldest son, William

Jr., as was the Scotch custom. To his widow, son John and to an expected heir, if it prove to be a son, he left personal property. The new arrival proved to be a son and was named Andrew. I have in my possession a copy of Andrew's will, now 245 years old.

Before I proceed further, I will produce a bracket showing the three sons of William Sr. and Alice Tannehill:—

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The homestead farm of William and Alice, and later of their oldest son, was not very far from the place now known as Oxon Hill, in Prince Georges County. I know this chiefly because there is the place they attended church. As I have stated, the Tannahills in Scotland were Presbyterians, but likely there was no church of that faith so early as 1658-1690 in Maryland, therefore they chose to be Episcopal. The settlement at Jamestown and that at St. Marys were Catholic, and a few years later the settlement at Providence, now Annapolis, was Puritan, which was no more tolerant of Presbyterianism than the Catholic. Therefore, the Tannehills, the Bealls and the other Presbyterians chose, what to them seemed the least of the evils, the Episcopal church. The Presbyterian Scotch were the most tolerant of the early settlers, unless it be the Quakers, although before they left Scotland, the Presbyterians had been at war with both Catholics and Episcopal. William Tannehill, Ninian Beall, and those who came over with them, attended and supported the Episcopal church. Indeed, within a few years after coming to Maryland, I find William Tannehill Jr., one of a committee to build a

log meeting house at the foot of Oxon Hill. Because of Indian interference and other hindrances, it took four years to get that log structure ready for service in 1697. About the year 1717, the log structure was torn down and an excellent brick structure erected, the bricks having been transported across the Atlantic from England. It stands there yet (1939) in fine condition, although about 220 years old. It is used every Sunday for religious services. In 1935, I had the satisfaction of being there on a Sunday, and was shown through the church by the caretaker. This is one of the oldest church buildings in the state of Maryland. The National Genealogical Society Quarterly of April 1914, says that at the first meeting of the committee, January 30, 1693, they authorized the purchase of ground on which a log church was to be erected. It was built several years before George Washington was born, and I was shown the very seat where George sat when a lad. He and his home people who lived in Virginia, came to the south side of the Potomac River and crossed in a skiff and walked the mile up the Piscataway valley to the church.

I have stated that Ninian Beall, although a Presbyterian, attended and supported the Episcopal church, before there was a Presbyterian place of worship. About the time, or shortly after Ninian Beall had sent back to Scotland for his brother Thomas and his own three children, his wife having died in Scotland before that time, he induced several hundred other Presbyterians to migrate to Maryland from Scotland. They formed a settlement on or near the Piscataway valley and named the new settlement, New Scotland. I am certain they, later, for some reason, moved their settlement near to where the town of Bethesda, Md., now is, northwest

and outside of the District of Columbia. For their name for the new settlement, they retained the name New Scotland. Before this time Ninian Beall, because of his services as militiaman, had been given several thousand acres of land which occupied the entire western part of what is now the District of Columbia, as well as Georgetown and quite a section of eastern Montgomery County, including the territory now occupied by the town of Bethesda, Md. Contiguous to what is now Bethesda, Ninian Beall built a Presbyterian church, and for a time was a member there. He may at that time have lived in Georgetown, for we are told he was buried there, and later his body was removed to Marlboro where he lived at time of death, having removed from Georgetown. Ninian Beall married, as his second wife, Jane Moore. She became the mother of five sons and six daughters, Ninian died in 1717 at the age of 95. He had built a Presbyterian church at his Marlboro homestead, but long since, that church has been taken over by, and is used by the Episcopalists. Ninian Beall was a giant, 6 feet 7 inches tall, and was one of the noted men of his day, not only in Maryland, but also in Scotland, being a Chief there before he was deported to America. A niece of this man, Euphene, daughter of Thomas Beall, married William Tannehill 3rd, and in that way the name Ninian became quite common in Tannehill families for the next 150 years.

There is an old cemetery at the foot of Oxon Hill and another at the location of the church at Bethesda, I have mentioned, formerly named New Scotland. The inscriptions on the sandstone grave-markers at both old cemeteries, are so weatherworn that it is impossible to decipher them, for I tried to read them.

We do not realize the privileges we enjoy as to religious worship, nor the strife and bloodshed our forefathers sought to avoid by crossing the wide ocean. Nor do we stop to think of the improvement today over religious conditions among our Colonial forefathers. When the Scotch fled from persecution in Europe, they met almost the same treatment in America. So bitter was the strife between Presbyterians, Puritans and Catholics that Lord Baltimore had to call on the militia to intervene to prevent bloodshed.

So much have I stated concerning strife in early settlements in the Colonies, yet it was this that drove the very best people of Scotland, Holland, England, Germany and other countries, so soon after the discovery of America, to escape persecution by migrating to Maryland and other colonies near by.

I have stated that the first colonists in Maryland and Virginia did not have much trouble with the Indians. Each liked to trade with the other, and land was plentiful, so there was little occasion for strife, until the whites began to multiply and push the red man back from the coast. Shortly before 1760, trouble arose, and the English government ordered the whites to make no attempt to cross to the west of the Blue Ridge mountains. In fact, about 1765 the British and the Indians entered into a treaty, making the mountains the boundary. For a time this was satisfactory to both the white man and the red man. Both parties were anxious for trade, and welcomed each other over the border. Soon the Indians permitted the white traders and hunters to build log huts to live in during the hunting season. Next the whites cleared away enough grounds for garden and mule pasture, and before long the more adventurous brought their families



along for the summer. Then the Indians began to complain, and the whites were ordered to retire east of the mountains.

Most of these adventurers retired only till the militia were out of sight, then returned. The white adventurers, whether with the consent of the English militia or otherwise, marked off, with their axes, 100 acre tracts of land that they would possess whenever the Indians retired. Other adventurers respected such "tomahawk tree markings" and later the tract went to the person who had marked it. But this proceeding displeased the Indians, and they retaliated by stealing the property of the whites, and occasionally murdering the wives and children of these squatters, or carrying them off into the distant wilderness. Among these squatters were a number of Tannehills. But I can say this for them, they treated the Indians honorably and were on friendly terms with them. I have not heard of a Tannehill being molested by the savages. One notable example was Jeremiah Tannehill, the eldest son of James, who was one of the grandsons of William and Alice. This Jeremiah was born in 1745, and as early as 1772, I find him over on the west side of the Blue Ridge mountains. He built a cabin over there and for the balance of his life, more than 25 years, remained there. For the first few years, he left his family back in Maryland, returning to them for the winters or whenever the Indians showed signs of trouble. Several other Tannehills, who enter our story later, joined Jeremiah in this adventure. Thomas, the brother of Jeremiah; William, son of Carlton and Samuel Sr. and his sons were among the number who did this.

It has been quite a difficulty for me to trace the families

of these adventurous Tannehills for the reason that the census returns for 1776, 1790 and 1800, for those sections of Old Virginia, were burned by the British when they fired the Capitol in Washington in the War of 1812. Up to 1800, Virginia claimed a part of southwestern Pennsylvania and northwestern Maryland and the census for those sections were with the Virginia records burned by the British.

The Tannehills, like most of the Colonists, were loyal to the American side of the events that led up to the Revolution. There were a few English sympathizers, known as Tories, who were opposed to Washington, but the true American had no use for them, and treated them roughly when overtaken. I read an account where four Tories were captured in Frederick County, Md. They were tried in Frederick City and sentenced to be hanged. While yet alive, swinging at the end of ropes, their entrails were cut out and burned before their eyes, and lastly their heads were cut off and their bodies burned. All males physically able to enter Washington's army, were required to report, and those incapacitated, by reason of age or otherwise, were required to take an oath of allegiance. Three or four aged Tannehills took that oath, while most others entered Washington's army and did valiant service. Two Tannehills lost their lives in battle in the Revolution, while others were captured and held as prisoners of war. Generals Adamson, Josiah and Thomas Tannehill distinguished themselves on the field of battle. The Tannehills in the days of the Revolution, were few in number, yet nearly a score served valiantly.

Up to the close of the Revolution, the Tannehills, in fact very few of the colonists, had wandered far from

Maryland. John, the oldest son of Andrew Tannehill Sr., after the latter's death, in 1694, was taken by relatives into Virginia and on into North Carolina, where he spent his life. Others, like Jeremiah and Thomas, spent time in northwest Virginia among the Indians; yet as a whole, the Tannehills had not begun to migrate west or south until after the Revolution. There were good reasons why nobody but adventurers strayed far from home in those days, for while the American boys were tied up in Washington's army, the Indians were defiant and on the war path. When the soldier boys returned home, it was no time until the Indians were driven across the Ohio River, and on to the western edge of Kentucky and Ohio. Then began the rush to secure cheap lands, west and south. All these Revolutionary Tannehills, I have been telling about, were grandchildren or great-grandchildren of William Sr. and Alice, except two, John and Robert Tannahill, who had come direct from Scotland, two years before the Revolution broke out, but both entered the Colonial army as soldiers from New York state.

Every Tannehill and Taneyhill in the United States today, is a descendent of one of the three sons of William Sr. and Alice. To be sure, there are quite a number of Tannahills in the United States who are not descendents of William and Alice. After I complete my story of our own line, I will just as completely give the lineage of the Tannahills, both those who have come directly from Scotland and the others who landed first in Canada, and then crossed over into the states.

I have told that William Sr. and Alice established a homestead in the vicinity of Oxon Hill, in Prince Georges County. They and their children and the first pair of

grandchildren continued to live there, all together, after the death of William Tannehill Sr. until the first grandchild, William 3rd, married. Then things began to be too crowded, and William Tannehill 3rd and wife, Euphene, although according to Scottish custom they would eventually inherit the homestead, moved out into what is now Montgomery County, Md. They were parents of two sons, likely born in the old homestead before they moved out. Their two sons were Ninian Tannehill Sr., born 1693, and his younger brother, William 4th, born 1695. Later, I will devote several chapters to the descendents of Ninian Tannehill Sr. and one entire chapter to the descendents of William 4th and his wife, Mary, and it will be very interesting.

With the marriage of William Tannehill 3rd and Euphene Beall, and their moving from the old homestead, the scattering out of our forefathers began, from their first colonial home. Therefore, in my next, Chapter III, I take up the story of the descendents of William and Alice Tannehill as they scattered west, south, southwest and northwest from Maryland.

## CHAPTER III

### *The Tannehills Leave Their Colonial Home Near Oxon Hill*

The old Tannehill homestead farm was a few miles southeast of where the city of Washington, D. C., is now. On that farm William and Alice Tannehill built their home near a place now called Oxon Hill. Their oldest son, William Jr. and his son, James, spent their lives there. This James Tannehill had an older brother, William 3rd, who would eventually have inherited this old homestead, but when he married, his mother and the younger son, James, occupied the old home, and William 3rd and wife, Euphene, resided elsewhere, and he died before taking possession of the Oxon Hill farm. James Tannehill never married, so left no heirs and the Oxon Hill farm fell into the hands of strangers.

William 1620...	{	Wm. Jr. 1653...	{	Wm. 3rd 1675...	{	Ninian Sr. 1693...	{	William 1721.
wife, Alice.		wife, Sarah.		wife, Euphene.		wife, Charlotte.		Ninian 1722.
								John 1724.
								Samuel 1731.

I am now about to follow the line from William and Alice down to the two older of the four sons of Ninian Tannehill and wife, Isabella, who was the daughter of Thomas Conn. These two older sons, you see by the bracket, were William born 1721 and Ninian Jr. 1722.

Ninian Tannehill Sr., born 1693, was named from his mother's uncle Ninian Beall. That started the name Ninian among the Tannehills, and for the next hundred years there were very many Ninian Tannehills. Ninian is a very common name in Scotland. One of the worshipped Saints of the almost prehistoric Picts, as early as 400 B.C., was Saint Ninian.

Not shown in the bracket, were John and Andrew, brothers, to William Jr., also Ninian Sr. had a brother, William 4th not shown in the bracket. It will take our next five chapters to do that, then we will return to the four sons of Ninian Tannehill Sr.

In our Colonial days, there were no rules of spelling. Here is the will of William Tannehill Jr., word for word, and the spelling just as written, by some local official:

Sept. 15, 1729.

I do make this my last will and testament being in health of body and Sound of memory recommending my Soule to God who give it me hoping yt in and through Jesus Christ my redeemer ye. free pardon of all my Sins.

I do constut and apoint my loving wif to be my Extx. and Administrator to pay my debts without any law suts I do leve on theird of my personall estat and the plantation y-. I now live upon and all ye. land belonging to it during her life not yt. she shall heinder my Son james to setell upon ye hak branch if he is minded.

I do leve Said Plantation and all ye Said land belonging to it after the death of his mother to him ye Said James also my will is yt if there be anything after my wifs theirds and my debts it shall be divided amongst all my Childring.

Yt if there be any Neger or Magers of my purchasing ay ye death of my wif they shall be . . . and divided between my Sons Wm. and James.

I do make void all former Wills as Witness my hand and Seall ye day & year above written.

WILL TANNEHILL.

Ninian Tannehill Sr. had three daughters beside the four sons mentioned in the bracket. The daughters were Martha, Rachel and Priscilla. The father of these seven children died in 1767. His will is on record and reads in part, as follows:

Being in perfect mind and memory and in my usual poor health, I leave to my oldest son William, the dwelling and the plantation with the land therein belonging, to him and his heirs forever, reserving to my wife her third during her natural life. To my daughters, I leave a negro slave. To sons John and Samuel, five shillings each with the understanding that this shall be their only share in the estate, real or personal. To my daughters and granddaughter Rebecca, daughter of William, I give 20 shillings each to buy a mourning ring for each. To grandson James, son of Samuel, I give five shillings, and personal estate to daughters, Martha and Priscilla, and to Ninian Jr., but if he die, his share is to go to his son Zachariah.

William Tannehill, oldest of the four brothers, married Sarah Harris. They had Rebecca born 1751; Ann 1758 and William H. 1760. The latter died when a young man, unmarried; so there are no male descendents of William and Sarah. Rebecca Tannehill married Walter Beall and Ann married Gulbert Harrison, a cousin to the ninth President of the United States. Sarah Tannehill and her two daughters moved to Kentucky where Sarah died in 1793. She made a will which, in part, says:

"To daughter Rebecca Beall, I leave  $\frac{1}{2}$  dozen table spoons, and at her death, to her daughter Sarah Beall, and 30 pounds of Vir. money to grandson, Samuel Beall, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  doz. silver spoons."

The will gave to her other daughter, Ann Harrison, and granddaughter, Grace, the same as to the older daughter. No mention is made of her son, William H. and this makes us know he was then deceased.

Ninian Tannehill Jr. married Christian, daughter of John Henry. They were married before 1739, because that year her father mentioned her in his will as "Chris-





themselves the name Tannehill, instead of their real name. When daughters do this, it eventually corrects itself, but when one of these children called himself George "Tannehill," confusion arose, because George Jr. also went by the name Tannehill. When I ran across these in the census of 1870 in Fauquier County, Va., I was unable to place them until I got the facts. As is the procedure in most such cases, they later must have returned to their rightful name, as I find no Tannebill as their descendent. Anson Tannehill, one of the grandsons of Ninian Jr., as you see by the bracket, left a son named William, but I find no later mention of him.

I do not usually trace the daughters of Tannehills, except to name their children. I have a special reason to be interested in the descendents of Kesiah Tannehill who married William Carter in 1812. This couple moved first to Shelby County, Ky., then to Oldham County, same state, and still later to Bedford County, Tenn. There the family lost their lives in the burning of their home, except their daughter, Nancy. She escaped and afterward married Absolom Lee Landis. They had a son, John Tannahill Landis, in whom I became very much interested while he lived in Detroit. He was a very talented man, an artist and an able genealogist. As far back as 1925, I accidentally got in correspondence with him before I had given any attention toward tracing my forefathers. Remember, the grandmother of John Tannahill Landis was Kesiah Tannehill and her daughter, Nancy, married Absolom Lee Landis, the father of John Tannahill Landis. Before the Civil War, Absolom Lee Landis owned a large plantation in Bedford County, Tenn., and owned many

slaves. He was forced into the Rebel army and served under General Morgan.

You remember Morgan's army was almost surrounded by the Union forces in Kentucky and was forced to cross the Ohio River into Ohio, and by forced marches, arrived well up to Youngstown, Ohio, before captured. The older Landis was one of the company that marched through Ohio, and forded the Muskingum River at Eagleport, a small town in Morgan County. For more than twenty years, in my earlier life, I lived at McConnellsville on the Muskingum River, almost in sight of where the Rebel troops crossed the Muskingum. A small force of militia and men of the locality attacked the Rebels as they forded the river below the dam. One Rebel lost his life and is buried at the site of the skirmish. The inscription on the monument erected at his grave, merely says, "Here lies Johny Reb," for nobody knew his name.

After the death of the older Landis, his son John continued his father's business in Nashville, where he settled after the war. After John Tannahill Landis retired, he moved to Washington, D. C. and got interested in genealogical research. Then he moved to Detroit where he died in December 1936. He furnished me much valuable Tannahill data. I visited him several times in his home in Detroit, and I considered him one of my most able and valued friends. He was an example of what a man can do under almost insurmountable circumstances. In his youth John Tannahill Landis underwent a spinal surgical operation that rendered him unable to walk, and for more than sixty years he never took a step, yet he continued for all those years to transact business. He was a bank president in Tennessee,

and an archaeologist in Washington, D. C. and in Detroit.

Now we return to the bracket and we see that William Tannehill, born 1789, was a half brother to Zachariah killed in the battle of Fort Washington, the first year of the Revolution. William was born in Culpepper County, Va., but spent most of his life in Rappahannock County. There were born to him while there, two sons, Joseph Francis Sr. and Anson Tannehill. I have already told of the latter. Joseph F. Sr. was born in 1825 in Flint Hill, Rappahannock County. Before the Civil War he moved to Staunton, August County, Va. where most of his descendents continue to reside. He married Sarah Bowling and they had three children, Frances, Ernest and Joseph F. Jr. Miss Frances lives (1939) in Staunton; Ernest died young, while Joseph F. Jr. married Mary A. Mish, and lives (1939) in Staunton, and has five children, Joseph 3rd, William P., Edward E., Robert G. and Murray H., all living (1939), two married. Edward and wife, Ethel, live in New Orleans and have a daughter, Doan, and son, John. Robert G. Tannehill and wife, Ethel, have no children. Much of the above concerning these Staunton, Va. Tannehills was furnished me by Joseph Francis Tannehill 3rd of Staunton. He is in the Real Estate business, and is a very accommodating gentleman.

It is a matter of surprise how some families, for many generations, will increase in male descendents, while others show no increase at all. Here is this Ninian Tannehill Jr. family and the family of his brother William born 1721, both described in this chapter. More than 215 years have gone by since the birth of these two brothers, and there is but one young boy among their descendents to carry down the name Tannehill. My grandfather,

Nathan Tannehill, was born in 1793 and he had two sons. Today (1939), after 146 years, there is but one young man among his descendents, and I am delighted to say he is my grandson. I have now finished telling of two of the sons of Ninian Tannehill Sr. To refresh your memory, glance at the bracket at the opening of this chapter, and you will see that his third son was John. I will tell about him in my next Chapter.

## CHAPTER IV

### *Interesting Story of the Family of John and Rachel Tannehill*

Glance to the heading of Chapter III to locate John, sen of Ninian Tannehill Sr. In their early married life, John and Rachel lived in the northwest corner of what is now the District of Columbia, Washington, D. C., where I know John cultivated a cornfield. Later he moved farther northwest into Frederick County, Md., where he owned a tobacco plantation, had many slaves, and we assume was well-to-do. No government historic sketch of this noted family is in existence, although four of the sons of John and Rachel served in the Revolutionary War. Nowhere is it told who were the parents of Ninian Bazel, Abraham, Adamson and Josiah Tannehill, nor that they were brothers. At first I thought John had but two sons, Adamson and Josiah, now I know there were five sons, Ninian Bazel, Abraham, Adamson, Josiah and Ephraim, and one daughter, Nancy. The oldest son of John and Rachel was Ninian, named for his grandfather, Ninian Tannehill Sr. Some later writers called this Ninian, killed in battle, Bazel Tannehill, which I think is incorrect, but to satisfy both tradition and war records, I have been and shall continue to call him Ninian Bazel Tannehill. The war records sometimes refer to him as Nieman Tannehill.

A number of genealogical historical sketches of this family of John and Rachel have been furnished me, mostly based, in part, on a family sketch written by Letitia Tannehill Coe, many years ago. She was a great-great-granddaughter of John and Rachel Tanne-

hill. These sketches are exceedingly helpful to me, and I am indeed thankful for them. Many years had passed away between the birth of John and Rachel and the time when Mrs. Letitia Coe wrote her family sketch, and it is unavoidable that at least a portion of that sketch was tradition, for she wrote, not from official records, but entirely by what had been passed down from mouth to mouth.

Quite recently, in the early part of the year 1937, I received by mail, three very interesting genealogical sketches of the family of John and Rachel Tannehill, reaching down till today. The "today" part of these sketches was the most valuable feature to me, for to get the names and family connections of living Tannehills is my most difficult problem.

The authorities at Washington, D. C., will not permit the general public to see the census returns for the fifty years past. I am not saying but that the older parts of these family sketches are not both interesting and valuable to me, as all these write-ups are from careful and truthful searchers, but each of them have, to some degree, taken tradition for fact, which we cannot always accept. One of these archaeological sketches was from Miss Maude E. Tannehill, Hollywood, Calif., another from Miss Winifred Coe, Perryville, Ohio, and the third from Arthur Lewis Tannehill, Gary, Ind., all these being descendents of John and Rachel Tannehill. The older part of each of these sketches sent me, was based, in part, upon an historical lineage sketch made many years ago, by Letitia Tannehill, whom I have already mentioned. She was a daughter of Melzar Tannehill Jr. who came to Ohio from Pennsylvania in 1805, when

quite small. The Hollywood letter gave the children of John and Rachel as follows:—

Adamson born May 23, 1750; Josiah born . . . ; Bazel who died in the Revolution; Nancy born January 30, 1761, died July 30, 1825; Walter . . . ; Melzar born July 12, 1766; died April 24, 1851; Malcolm . . . ; John . . . ; Zachariah . . .

The sketch sent by Miss Coe, Perryville, gave the family thus:—

Adamson born May 23, 1750; Josiah born 1752, died 1811; Bazel 1754, died in Revolution; Nancy born January 1, 1761, died June 6, 1825; Walter 1763; Melzar July 12, 1766, died April 24, 1851; Malcolm born 1768; John born 1770; Zachariah Adamson born 1772.

Here is the sketch sent by Mr. Tannehill, Gary, Ind.:—

Adamson 1850 married Agnes Morgan; Josiah married Margaret Wilkins; Bazel 1761, married Miss Caselter; Melzar born 1766, married Eleanor Lyle in 1790; Walter married Margaret Tannehill, not related; Malcolm born 1768, married Mary Douglas; John born 1771, married Elizabeth Douglas; Zachariah Adamson Tannehill born 1774, married Sarah Ewalt.

Miss Coe's sketch said John Tannehill born in Scotland 1720; Rachel Adamson born in England 1725, married 1748. You can see the differences in these three records. I have searched far enough to know that Melzar Sr., Walter and John Jr. were grandsons of John Sr. and Rachel, they being sons of Ninian Bazel and Agnes Tannehill, while Zachariah Adamson Tannehill was son of the Zachariah, killed in battle. Malcolm is never mentioned in any historical record as son of John and

Rachel. He too was a grandson of John and Rachel, being a son of Abraham Tannehill.

I spent many weeks of diligent search, trying to arrive at the real facts as to the family of John and Rachel Tannehill, and here are my conclusions:

Ninian Bazel born 1747, Abraham 1749, General Adamson 1750, Josiah 1752, Ephraim 1755 and Nancy 1761.

Ninian Bazel Tannehill, the oldest, is scarcely mentioned in the war or civil records, except that he is referred to as Lieutenant Ninian or Nieman Tannehill, and that he lost his life in November, 1776 at Ft. Washington, first year of the Revolution. There were two Tannehills killed in that battle of Ft. Washington. The other was Zachariah, a cousin to this Ninian Bazel. One of these men left a widow and four small boys, Alex, Melzar, Walter and John. The widow's name was Agnes. And very soon after her husband was killed in battle, she and her four sons and a girl named Nancy Tannehill, moved over to far eastern Pennsylvania. Was Nancy a sister to these small boys, and who was their father? After days of fruitless search, I was about to give it up in despair, when one day I received a letter from an entire stranger, Miss Muriel Luers, Cresco, Iowa. She said she was a descendent of the Nancy Tannehill I have just mentioned. She gave me her genealogical line back to Nancy, as follows:—

Nancy Tannehill, born 1761, married Thomas Coulter. Their daughter Nancy Coulter, born 1800, married Isaac Martin. Their son Isaac N. Martin, born 1822, married Eliza Stone. Their daughter Nancy Martin, born 1849, married William M. Cuppett. Their daughter Eva A.



Cuppett, born 1872, married John H. Luers, and their daughter is Miss Muriel E. Luers who wrote me.

Here is a quotation from this lady's letter to me:—

"I understand you are tracing the "Tannehill Family" of the United States and of Canada, including the origin of both lines in Scotland. Well, my line runs back to Nancy Tannehill who was a sister of General Adamson Tannehill, both being children of John of Frederick County, Maryland."

This lady did not know she was telling me something for which I had searched in vain. It was clear as day to me now. When Agnes Tannehill took her four boys, accompanied by Nancy Tannehill, over into Pennsylvania, I took Nancy to be Agnes' daughter. Just there was where I was wrong, Nancy being a sister to Agnes' husband, not his daughter. Therefore Ninian Bazel Tannehill was an older brother to Adamson, born not later than 1746 or 1747, for as I shall show later, there was another brother of Adamson between himself and Ninian Bazel.

In my discussion of several Tannehill families of the years from 1776 to 1800, I shall often refer to a section of country, possibly 100 miles square in northwestern Maryland and contiguous parts of Pennsylvania and Virginia, claimed by all these states, especially by Virginia, which took charge of the census returns of that section, for the years 1776, 1790 and 1800. All the Virginia records for those census years, including the Maryland and Pennsylvania sections, referred to, were burned when the British fired the Capitol in Washington, D. C., in the War of 1812. As John and Rachel and other Tannehill families resided in that disputed area,

we have no census returns for these families for the years mentioned above. In the year 1800, John and Rachel resided in Luzerne County, Pa., and we therefore have their census and of those with them.

I have stated that on the death of Ninian Bazel Tannehill in battle, his widow took her four sons over into eastern Pennsylvania. Why did she do that? I think her maiden name was Agnes Coulter, and her people lived in eastern Pennsylvania. Along with Agnes went a young girl named Nancy Tannehill, and I took her to be a daughter of Agnes and Ninian Bazel. There was a Thomas Coulter, about Nancy's age. Likely he was a younger brother to Agnes, and in visiting her in Maryland, got acquainted with Nancy and they were married about the time Agnes moved to Pennsylvania. That is why Nancy followed Agnes, or vice versa. I think Agnes' father's name was Melzar Coulter, for he named one of his sons Melzar Jr., and Agnes named her second son, Melzar Tannehill. Be that as it may, there was another reason why Agnes moved to Pennsylvania, or more likely, why John and Rachel followed Agnes to that state. About that time, John and Rachel had a land trade with Anthony Hunter of Bucks County, eastern Pennsylvania of which Luzerne County, back of 1800, may have been a part. That trade enabled John and Rachel to join Agnes and family in eastern Pennsylvania. As early as 1790, Agnes and family are there. Her oldest son, Alex, was born 1764. He was a married man before 1790, and resided in eastern Pennsylvania. Living with him, were his two younger brothers, Walter and John. In 1800, Alex has a son and daughter—10. Before 1810, Alex disappears, deceased, no doubt, and his children find homes with relatives. Ephraim, the young-

est son of John and Rachel, and their grandson, Abraham Jr., were with them in Luzerne. The census for 1800, gives all these, and other grandchildren, unnamed.

Quite soon after 1800, John and Rachel and those with them, moved over the mountains to Butler and Washington counties. This move leaves not a Tannehill in Pennsylvania east of the mountains, which a consultation of the census for 1810 proves true.

Much earlier than that, before the close of the Revolution, the oldest son of John and Rachel, then living, Abraham Tannehill Sr., was stationed in the wilderness of northwestern Pennsylvania, in the vicinity of Butler County, along with other policemen, to hold the Indians in check in that section. He had died before the other Tannehills left Luzerne, but Agnes' son, John, had already joined his uncle Abraham in Butler County, and John never left there. The census for 1840 tells us he was still living there, aged 64, with his son Zachariah. John had another son named William. I have been unable to find any descendents of either Zachariah or William, and am inclined to think they died childless. Their father, John, died shortly after 1840.

I have mentioned that Abraham Tannehill Sr. left a small son, Abraham Jr., who had gone over to Luzerne to be with his grandparents, and returned to Butler County with them. Abraham Sr. had another son, Malcolm, who never left Butler County but died there, leaving no children.

I have told that the death of Ninian Bazel Tannehill in battle, left Agnes with four small sons, and I have given an account of Alex and John. One of the others, was Walter. He went from eastern Pennsylvania to

Pittsburgh with his uncles, Adamson and Josiah, and ended his days there, leaving one son, Walter Jr. who moved back to Frederick County, Maryland, and ended his days there. The remaining son of Agnes was Melzar, to whom I will devote my next chapter. He moved to Ohio, being one of the first white men in the north-central part of that state.

I have told that John and Rachel, the parents of all these, moved over from eastern to western Pennsylvania when they were above 80 years of age. John died shortly after reaching Butler County, and Rachel went down to Pittsburgh and finished her days with her son, General Adamson Tannhill.

General Adamson Tannhill, all these years, was a bachelor, making his home, after going to Pittsburgh, with his brother Josiah, while they were in business together, and until the latter, before the year 1800, moved to Louisville, Ky. Then the widow, Agnes, came from eastern Pennsylvania and kept house for several of these Tannhills, General Adamson, Walter and Zachariah Adamson Tannhill. When the latter two married, General Adamson Tannhill hunted up a lady named Agnes Morgan, about his age, and they were married, and "lived happily ever after." The aged general died in 1820, but late in the year, after the census enumerator had made his rounds. All the Tannhills in Allegheny County were in his home, in 1820, as follows:—Adamson Tannhill and wife over 45; woman, 45; man and woman, 26; boy and girl, 18; boy, 16 and boy and girl, 10. As the census, in those days did not give the first name of any except the head of the family, it is impossible to name these younger folks in this household, likely mostly children and grandchildren of Walter

and Zachariah Adamson Tannehill who had made their home with General Adamson Tannehill, whom I suspected had no children; none being mentioned anywhere, but when I saw his will contained no mention of sons or daughters, I knew he left none. I will produce a copy of his will.

General Adamson Tannehill was one of the eminent men of his day. He was one of George Washington's trusted and able lieutenants. I have related that an unexpected letter from Miss Luers of Iowa informed me that Nancy Tannehill, only daughter of John and Rachel, was a sister of both Ninian Bazel and General Adamson Tannehill.

This distinguished General of two wars spent most of his life in Pittsburgh, where a monument has been erected in his honor.

George Washington once visited at the home of John Tannehill to confer with Adamson Tannehill. On this occasion, Washington presented Nancy, the only sister of Adamson, with a ring. Here is what Miss Luers says about that ring,

"Nancy Tannehill, my great-great-great-grandmother, was given a ring by George Washington, one time when he visited her home with her brother Adamson, a member of his staff. My mother's cousin in South Dakota, has the ring. Nancy Tannehill Coulter and husband, Thomas Coulter, were parents of John born 1790, Rachel, Abigail, David, Melzar, Nancy and Thomas."

General Adamson Tannehill served two terms in Congress from Allegheny County, Pa. He was not only a trusted lieutenant under Washington, but was a general in the Whiskey Rebellion, and a Brigadier in the War of 1812. He seems to have had some enemies, politically,

whom he charged with slandering him. To those he refers in his will which I now give. He refers to himself, first as A. Tannehill, the maligned man, then as Adamson Tannehill, the praiseworthy war lieutenant. Here is his will, written April 21, 1815.

In the name of God, amen. I, Adam Tannehill of Grove Hill, Allegheny County, Pa., do make and declare this instrument of writing, which is written by myself when in a full and correct state of mind, and each page signed with my signature, to be my last will and testament. From the course of nature added to the belief that I am to die, and unwilling to give those who survive me the least possible trouble respecting my worldly affairs, I only desire that my body should be buried in a decent manner in my allotted graveyard at Grove Hill; that all my just debts be paid by my wife, which are few, and the expenses that may accrue at my burial. After this is completed, it is my will that my wife, Agnes M. Tannehill, shall inherit all my estate, real and personal and mixed. In making my will, I do not calculate on pleasing every expectant; my great and principal object is to please myself. I have but little to give, or it would be attended with the greater difficulty in mincing it among all who might expect a little of the little. In a former will I had directed two busts to be executed and placed in the Court House in Pittsburgh to two of the most unprincipled scoundrels who ever appeared before a court of justice, one of them

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is dead in reality and the other is dead to all feelings of moral principle. I now decline a continuation and direct it to be applied to a tombstone and epitaph for myself as directed,

Adamson Tannehill

was born the 23rd of May, 1750.

He served his country as an officer during the American Revolution with the confidence of his superiors,

and

honor to himself

but

in the year 1798 his character was assailed unjustly by the slanders of unprincipled men and the violence of party.

He left this world with a hope for the better,  
Farewell vain world, I've seen enough of thee  
And am now careless of what thou sayest of me;  
Thy smiles I court not nor thy powers do fear.  
My cares are past, my head lies quiet here.  
What faults you find in me, take care to show,  
And look at home, enough there's to be done;  
False swearing and vile slander can't reach me here—  
Of each, when living, I had my share.

ADAMSON TANNERHILL.

Josiah Tannehill, son of John and Rachel, remains to be discussed. He was born in 1752 in western Maryland, and likely, while his first wife lived, resided in territory claimed by Virginia, for he is always, in the war records, accredited to that state. Like his brothers, Ninian Bazel and Adamson, he entered Washington's army very early in the Revolution. He was a Lieutenant and served during the entire war. He was a prisoner near the end of the war, and was released in 1783. He was, for a time, Registrar during the Revolution, and was a very fine penman. I have, more than once, admired his penmanship as it appears in documents in the War Department.

I have stated that General Josiah Tannehill was cap-

tured by the British during the Revolution and held a prisoner for some time. Miss Maude E. Tannehill of Los Angeles sends me this concerning Josiah Tannehill which occurred while he was a prisoner. She says:

"I have another story which I hope is true. It relates that Josiah Tannehill while a prisoner, (thought to be the "Old Jersey Prison Ship" anchored on the Long Island Coast), was standing in line with other prisoners drawn up for inspection by a British Officer, was made the especial object of insult by this officer, who directed spittle toward and on Josiah's barely covered feet. Ragged and illclad as he was, our Josiah was said to be a large fine-looking man. He bore the repeated insults as long as he could, then forbearance ceased to be a virtue. With one stroke of his powerful fist Josiah laid the officer sprawling at his feet. He expected severe punishment for the act; but if it was reported to the superior officers, they must have decided that their subordinate had received his just dues, for Josiah was never called to account."

Before the Revolution, Josiah married Nancy Ann Heath, but she evidently did not live long, for she was deceased before the end of the war. Very soon after the Revolution, Josiah, Adamson and Zachariah Adamson Tannehill, are found in Pittsburgh, and for a time the two first named, jointly ran a tavern in that city. In 1794, when Pittsburgh had but recently been incorporated, and was a village of 3,000 population, Josiah was chosen one of their two councilmen. Still earlier than that, in 1788, Josiah conducted a tavern, three miles west of where Uniontown, Pa., is now located, on the old National Road.

Josiah Tannehill and his second wife, Margaret Wilkins, were parents of six children: Wilkins born 1788, Catherine, Rachel, Nancy, Jane and Zachariah.



The two younger never married. Catherine married Samuel Stout; Rachel married Francis Wheatley; Nancy married Dr. Augustine Webber, and the oldest son, Wilkins, married Eliza Dewees of Lexington, Ky. Their children were Wilkins F.; Mary who married William Berry; Ann who married William Bayless; Eliza Jane who married Albert Gleaves; Samuella who married Burwell Abernathy, and Helen who did not marry. The only son in this large family, was Wilkins Jr. He and wife, Eliza, had but one son, Edgar, who died in his youth. Thus, there were left no male descendants in the family of Josiah Tannehill and his two sons. Wilkins F. Jr. had two daughters, Mary and Jessie.

I have left unmentioned those other Tannehills, distant relatives, Joseph, Moses, James and others who moved into Allegheny and Butler counties, and it has been a difficulty to keep them separated. Chapter VIII will tell about them.

I have now told about John and Rachel's children and grandchildren, except one of the most interesting, Melzar Tannehill Sr. The next chapter will tell of him.

## CHAPTER V

### *The Interesting Story of Melzar Tannehill's Life*

Melzar Tannehill Sr. was a grandson of John and Rachel of our last chapter. He was born in Maryland in 1766. He was a man of activity and adventure. Left fatherless at the age of ten years, he paddled his own canoe. I find him in 1790 in Dauphin County, Pa., married to Eleanor Lyle. In the year 1800, he is in Butler County, Pa., and is father of five children, all under ten years of age. In 1805 he is in Jefferson County, Ohio, with red men all around him. Do not forget that 1805 was but ten years since the first white man settled at Marietta, the first white settlement in Ohio. Soon after, at Marietta, was born the first white child in Ohio, named Lester C. Converse. When grown, this young man moved up the Muskingum River and spent his married life near McConnellsville and died there in 1859.

I have said that Melzar Tannehill settled first, after reaching Ohio, in Jefferson County, but that county then covered what constitutes several counties now. He may have been within the borders of what is now Belmont County, for in 1810 he acted as Judge of Election at Barnesville. Soon after that he was more than 100 miles farther northwest, where the foot of a white man had scarcely trod. Let me quote from a letter written to me in 1937 by A. L. Tannehill, Gary, Ind. This quotation he took from the writings of Letitia Tannehill Coe, daughter of Melzar Tannehill Jr.:

"Before the year 1805, Melzar Tannehill and family went by wagon from Butler County, Pa., to Pittsburgh, and then by flatboat down the Ohio River to Jefferson County, Ohio, six miles from Steubenville. In 1810, Melzar Tannehill and Thomas Coulter, who had married Melzar's aunt, Nancy Tannehill, came to Richland, now Ashland County, and settled on land near where Perryville is."

There went with the Tannehills and Coulters from Pennsylvania to Ohio, an excentric, but noble hearted man, "Johnny Appleseed." I will have more to say of him.

When Melzar Tannehill settled in Ashland County, his nearest place in Ohio to get aid, if attacked by Indians, was about 100 miles away. How would you like to live in a wilderness, savages on every side of you; no telephone, no telegraph, no railroad, no automobile, and very few neighboring families within fifty miles of you?

About the year 1800, there came to Ohio from Pennsylvania, a man named Baughman. He, a little bolder than most men, kept on going northwest until he found himself in north central Ohio, in the eastern part of Richland County, since cut off to form Ashland County. He built himself a log house and brought his family into it. That was the first residence built by a white man in what is now Ashland County. In the Congressional Library in Washington, D. C., I picked up a history of Ashland County, and on page 145, I found:

"In 1810, Thomas Coulter, Melzar Tannehill and three others came to the home of Mr. Baughman who lived in the first house then built, by a white man, in what is now Ashland County, Ohio."

Melzar Tannehill decided to make his home there, and built himself a log residence. The Indians were in an ill humor and Tannehill hesitated to bring his family. Nevertheless, in 1811 he and family occupied their new home. Before they came from Belmont County, they cleared away in Ashland County some forest, planted orchard and got ready to grow crops. His son Charles, then nearly 20 years of age, raised some volunteers from the whites in the surrounding territory, attacked the savages and drove them from that locality. For two years following that, they had to betake themselves into a nearby blockhouse to escape slaughter by the Indians on several occasions. During the summer of 1812, the Indians were on the warpath, and the nearby families all took refuge in the cabin of Thomas Coulter which had been enlarged and converted into a blockhouse. Again in 1813 they took refuge in the same place.

Some pioneer Ashland County, Ohio news items, written by John Coulter, son of the Thomas Coulter we have been telling about, and republished in an old History of Ashland County, were recently sent me by Sidney Wilson of Los Angeles, California. I take the following from what he sent me:

"Thomas Coulter, father of John, was born in the state of New York, and moved to the Wyoming Valley, Pa. Later he moved with his father's family to Washington County, Pa. Not long after that he married Nancy Tannehill, sister to General Adamson Tannehill. Mrs. Nancy Coulter had four brothers who fought in the Revolutionary War. After going to Ohio, in the late summer of 1810, we commenced cutting brush to clear off a spot of land to put up a cabin. We continued to labor for two months, during which time we put up a cabin, grubbed out ten acres of land, cut and split

3,000 rails, set out some fruit trees, then returned to Island Creek Township, where we remained until the following March. We also helped Melzar Tannchill to build his cabin."

Northwestern Ohio, in that early day, in fact for the next fifty years after the first white settlement, was very swampy and unhealthy. Those pioneer families were large, but many of the children never reached maturity, because of unhealthy conditions. My wife's parents, when she was a small girl, lived a distance southeast of the section I am telling about, and she often described to me how all the family suffered continuously with "ague," so much so that they were compelled to return to their old home among the hills in Noble County.

Melzar Tannchill Sr. lived to be nearly 90. His granddaughter writes of him:

"I remember him as a feeble old man, walking with a cane, and somewhat bent and crippled with rheumatism. He had a large, well developed head, large Roman nose, blue eyes, fair complexion, and was somewhat ruddy, clean shaven. He had silvery hair, which I think was quite dark when he was young. He was of a cheerful, affectionate disposition, and his mental faculties, which he retained until his death, were of a good order. In his younger days he had been entrusted with important public offices, and was a man of strict integrity." She adds, in speaking of her grandparents, John and Rachel Tannchill, "I don't think any of us need be ashamed of our ancestry, either from a moral or intellectual point of view."

I have mentioned that generous but eccentric man, Johnny Applesced. He was born in Massachusetts and died near Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1845, aged 70 years. In

his earlier life he lived in Butler County, Pa., where Melzar Tannhill and Thomas Coulter lived. They all came to Jefferson County, Ohio, together just prior to 1805. Howe's History of Ohio says Johnny Appleseed fell in love with Nancy, daughter of Melzar Tannhill Sr., but she told him she was already engaged, but that is a false tradition, for Nancy was then but a baby. Melzar had an aunt Nancy Tannhill, but she had been married to Thomas Coulter long before Johnny Appleseed ever saw her. Here is how John Chapman became "Johnny Appleseed." When he left Pennsylvania for Ohio, he knew there were no apple orchards in the wilderness where they were going. So Johnny took with him a bag of appleseeds. After reaching Jefferson County, Ohio, he planted a nursery near Steubenville. Then he placed a sack of appleseeds on his back and started over Ohio, dressed in rags, barefooted, and stopped at each homestead. If the settler did not have the money to buy a few seeds, he got the seeds anyway.

I remember, when a lad in southeastern Ohio, visiting an old orchard, said to have been started from seeds furnished by Johnny Appleseed. In that orchard, as is always the case where an orchard is started from seeds, no two trees bore the same kind of fruit. Some trees bore winter, others summer apples, some were small, others large, sweet or sour, and any shade of color.

For a number of years, Johnny Appleseed resided in Ashland County, but later he lived in and near Fort Wayne, Ind. Several monuments have been erected to his memory, the first near Millin in Ashland County, also a marble monument at Mansfield, Ohio. One erected in 1915, bears this inscription: "In memory of Ashland's pioneers, including Johnny Appleseed (John

Chapman), an Ohio hero." Two monuments have been set up to him in Indiana, one in Fort Wayne and the other at his grave in the David Archer Cemetery near Fort Wayne. The home of Senator John Sherman was in Mansfield, Richland County, and when he heard of the death of Johnny Appleseed, he wrote of him, for he knew him personally:—"Johnny Appleseed's name will never be forgotten in Ohio." I mention all this, not only because Johnny Appleseed was one of the pioneers of Ohio, but chiefly because of his associations with the early Ohio Tannehills.

The children of Melzar Sr. and Eleanor Lyle Tannehill were:

Adamson born 1790, Charles 1792, Bazel 1793, Harvey 1795, Letitia 1797, Rachel 1799, she dying in infancy, and Melzar Jr. 1801.

I have already told that Adamson, the first born in this family, after coming to Ohio, when a mere lad, with his father's family, for some reason, returned to Pennsylvania, and while yet but about twenty years of age, went with relatives down into Kentucky and disappeared, likely dying in his youth.

Charles Tannehill was Melzar's second child, but he had such a large family, that if I tell about them next, my readers will lose all track of the balance of Melzar's family. For that reason, I will leave Charles until I have finished consideration of the others in Melzar's family, then return to tell about the large family of Charles and his wife, Mary.

Deferring consideration of Charles, the second son of Melzar Sr., the next to consider is Bazel Tannehill, born in Pennsylvania in 1793. He was but 12 years

of age when his father reached Ohio among the Indians in 1805. In 1812, along with his older brother, Charles, he went into the War of 1812. After his return from the army, he married Isabel Young in Ashland County, Ohio. They were parents of these five children:

Zachariah born 1820, James 1821, Talitha 1827, Rachel 1831, William 1841.

About the year 1860, Bazel Tannehill and all his family, except Zachariah, moved to Calloun County, Michigan. Zachariah Tannehill had married in Ohio, had died and left a widow and a baby daughter. Bazel's second son, James Tannehill, never married, but was living with his widowed mother in Michigan when she was 81 years of age and he was 60. Talitha Tannehill married Rev. S. M. Boggs in Michigan and her sister, Rachel, married Mr. Guisalman. William Tannehill, Bazel's youngest son and wife, Anna, had two children in 1870, too young for school.

I am telling about the family of Melzar Tannehill, and next I must tell of his son, Harvey. The latter was born in Pennsylvania in 1795, and married Emily Coulter in Ohio. They had but one son who, when a young man, resided in Cincinnati and died there. Harvey and Emily, later, moved to Pope County, Ill., and both died there leaving no children. Harvey's sister, Letitia Tannehill, married Harvey Day in Pennsylvania. Their children were Matthias, Rachel, Adamson, Eldred, David and Eleanor.

Melzar Tannehill Jr. and wife, Sarah, had Elizabeth 1828, Charles 1831, Nancy 1833, Mary 1835, and Letitia 1838. The latter was the genealogical historian of the family. Elizabeth married James Van Horn and



of their daughters, Mary, died young and Agnes married Mr. Kelly. Elizabeth's second husband, Mr. Enos, had Melzar, Franklin, Walter and Oliver. Charles Tannehill, son of Melzar Jr., when a young man, went to Pine Bluff, Ark. He was an attorney. Neither he nor sisters, Nancy or Mary, married. Letitia Tannehill married Nathaniel Coe. They were parents of Stella, Winifred, Anna, Jay, Mary, Sarah and Olive. Miss Winifred Coe has furnished me some very valuable data for which I am very thankful indeed. She lives (1939) in Perryville near where Melzar Tannehill Sr. settled among the Indians in 1805.

Having deferred consideration of Charles Tannehill, the second son of Melzar Sr., we return now and tell about him and his numerous posterity. I have already told of his aiding his father build that log house in Ashland County. At that time there were but five white families in Richland County, then covering what now comprises three or four counties. There were twelve children in Charles Tannehill's family. Likely they lived in a story and half unhewn log dwelling, one window, one door swinging on wooden hinges, no cookstove, all cooking being done in a fireplace in a chimney built of wooden sticks, daubed with mud. That was the sort of a house in which I was born, among the hills in Noble County, Ohio in 1857. Think of a family of father and mother and twelve children in such a dwelling, taking their turns with attacks of chickenpox, whooping-cough, measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria and smallpox, to say nothing of bad colds, sore throat and earache. But a family of twelve in pioneer days, was small. My mother's grandfather, Ezekiel Dye, the first settler in one of the townships in Noble County, Ohio, then a part of Morgan

County, had two wives who bore him twenty children of his own, and his second wife brought into the family two step-children.

Charles Tannhill married Mary Oliver. He died in 1875 at the home of his daughter, Mary J. Kitchkart, in Indiana where she had moved after marriage. Charles was then 85 years of age. His remains were brought back to Ohio and lie beside his wife in the cemetery at Perryville, Ashland County. Charles and two of his brothers served in the War of 1812. Here is the family of Charles and Mary Tannhill, except three sons that died in infancy or youth:

Adamson born 1815, Allen O., 1817, Elizabeth 1820, Lewis K., 1823, John Q. 1827, Clark L. 1828, Charles O. 1830, Mary 1832 and Sarah 1834.

I will tell of the daughters first. Elizabeth married D. C. Quick and they lived in Johnson County, Missouri. Their children, in 1860, were Benjamin, James, Allen, Mary, Ann and Abraham. Mary Tannhill married Mr. Kitchkart in Ashland County, Ohio, then moved to Indiana. Their children were Ella, Charles, Clark and Goldie. Sarah Tannhill, youngest daughter of Charles and Mary, married William Cullom Sr. and they lived in Sedalia, Mo. Their children were Charles, James Clark, William Jr. and Birdie. Of these, William Cullom Jr. and wife, Nellie, had a son, James Clark Cullom, known as "Red" Cullom, has an orchestra and travels (1939) giving entertainments.

Charles and Mary's oldest child was Adamson Tannhill. He and wife, Elizabeth, were parents of these four children: Lodemia born 1845, Minerva 1848, Charles V. 1853 and Wellington 1855. The oldest of these,

Lodemia (Richards), was mother of Fordyce, Owen and Reed. Minerva (Post) had Stella and Glen. Charles V. Tannchill was twice married, his wives being Ella and Cora. One son was born to Charles V. and Cora, Dr. Herbert Tannchill. He and wife, Frances, live in Muskegon, Michigan and have no children. Wellington Tannchill and wife, Laura, spent their married lives in Hicksville, Ohio, except they moved to Chicago about 1904, where he died in 1929. His widow was still living there in 1938. They were parents of five children, all born in Hicksville, Ohio. Two of them, Miss Blanche and Miss Grace, live in Chicago, while their sister, Mrs. Katherine F. (Kennedy) lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma. They have two sons, Charles Jr. and William R., both in college. Charles C. Tannchill, Wellington's oldest son, lives in Chicago and has two children: Philip L. and Lucille. The older is married and lives in Cincinnati and has two small children. Charles C.'s daughter, Lucille (Golet) has two sons, Charles H. and Arthur D., Wellington's youngest son, Robert W. Tannchill, and wife, Grace, live in Chicago, and have no children, except two step children by his wife's former marriage.

Allen O. Tannchill Sr. was second child of Charles and Mary. Allen O. and wife, Susan, resided in Ashland County, Ohio, ten years and five of their children were born before the family moved to Johnson County, Missouri, about 1854. They had the following nine children:

Mary born 1846, Allen O. Jr. 1848, Charles L. 1850, Thomas B. 1852, Jane 1854, James Q. 1855, Clark F. 1857, Frances 1859 and Melzar 1862.

I will tell of these in order of birth. Mary (Garri-

son's) children were: Daniel, Peter, Jack, George, Charles, Susan and Sarah. Allen O. Tannehill Jr. and wife, Mary, had two children, Lillian (Baxter) and Edna (Walker). Charles L. Tannehill and wife, Catherine, had this family:

Mary born 1869, William 1873, Franklin 1875, John 1877, Earl 1880, James 1883, Maye 1885 and Thomas 1888.

Of these children, Mary (Hisey) had one son, Charles. William Tannehill and his two wives, Lina and Lucretia, had four children: Hazel (Jennings), Rowland, Hubert W. and Earl H. Franklin Tannehill and wife, Maude, had two daughters, Bessie and Nellie. John Tannehill remained single. Earl Tannehill and wife, Louise, had two sons, Harold and James. James Tannehill and two wives, Navini and Louise, had two sons, James and Donald. Maye (Hoffman) had two daughters, Anna M. and Virginia L. Thomas Tannehill and wife, Myrtle, had no children, but adopted James and Myrtle.

Now to return to the family of Allen O. Sr. and Susan; their son, Thomas B. and wife, Flora, had one son, Clyde, that died young. Jane (Stillwell), the daughter of Allen O. Sr., had three daughters, Nora, Minnie and Ella.

Allen O. Sr.'s son, James Q. Tannehill, and wife, Emma, had this large family: Cassie P., Elsie, Staunton, Elizabeth, Roy B., Dennie, Clyde, Bess B., Lyle B., Orville and Vera.

Of these, Cassie P. (Miller) had one son, Donald; Elsie L. (Halgreen) had two sons, Earl and Millard. Staunton is unmarried, and Elizabeth is married and has

three children, Edrard, Maurene and Lawrence. Three of James Q.'s children, Roy B., Dennie and Clyde, died in infancy. - Bess B. (Thomas) had Eugene and Elsie L. Lyle B. is married but has no children. Orville died young and Vera, the youngest in James Q. Tannchill's family, had two children, Emma and Herbert.

Allen O. Tannchill Sr.'s son, Clark F., and wife, Anna, had six children: Allen, Edith, Clara, Ray, Herman and Lovina. Of these children, Allen, Edith and Clara were married but had no children. Ray Tannchill had four children, Anna, Edith, Ada and Ray Jr. Clark F.'s two younger children, Herman and Lovina, died young.

The youngest daughter of Allen O. Sr., Frances (Sheck), had three daughters, Maude, Hazel and Flora, and Allen O.'s youngest son, Melzar, died aged seventeen years.

The next son of Charles and Mary, was Lewis K. Tannchill. He married Lodemia Gladden, a relative of Rev. Washington Gladden, so well known in southern Ohio fifty years ago. Lewis K. lived first, after marriage, in Ohio, then in Fort Wayne, Ind., in Omaha, Neb., and again in Fort Wayne where he died. Except a son, Melzar, who died in infancy, here is Lewis K.'s family: Lamertine born 1848, Charles 1851 and William A. 1856. But one of these three, William A., is living (1938), and he resides in Los Angeles. Of Lewis K.'s children, Lamertine and wives, Mary and Emma, bore him six children:

Helen born 1882, Lee 1888, Arthur L. 1889, Ralph W. 1893, Williard B. 1897 and Eugene 1909.

Of these children, Helen (Hancock), Lamertine's first wife's child, lives (1938) in La Crosse, Wis., and has

Mary, William and Grace. Lee Tannehill and wife, Mary, have no children. Arthur L. and wife, Anna, have Howard A. 1915, Evelyn M. 1917, Elinor R. 1920, Richard L. 1924 and Robert E. 1928. Lamertine's fourth child, Ralph W., has two children, Loverne and Kenneth. Willard B. has Harold W. and Eugene L. Lamertine's youngest son, Eugene, is employed in the United States Navy. He is single. Lamertine's widow, Mrs. Gray, lives in Minnesota.

Going back to Lewis K.'s family, his son Charles Tannehill and wife, Mary, have no children. William A. Tannehill and wife, Jennie, have Nellie (Shimer), who has no children; Bertha (Street) has one son, Arthur B.; Louis Tannehill and wives, Dorothy and Florence, have Phylis and Dianne F.; and William Tannehill Jr. and wife, Effie, have no children.

I said above that Lamertine's daughter, Helen, lives in Wisconsin; Arthur L. lives in Cary, Ind., and his son, Howard is deceased, while Lee A. and Ralph live in Minneapolis and Willard in Seattle, Wash. Lewis K. and his son, Charles served in the Civil War, and the latter is buried in Arlington Cemetery.

John Q. Tannehill, son of Charles and Mary, when but eighteen years of age, accompanied by his brother, Clark L., crossed the western plains to California to seek their fortunes in the gold fields. John Q. returned "around the horn" and settled in Missouri. There he married Louise Baker, a southern lady. While in Missouri, John Q. served as an official in Sedalia when the Court House was built. He remained in Missouri until all his children were born, then moved to Amarillo, Texas. What influenced him to go to Texas was to be with his sons who had established a cattle ranch there.

After his wife's death, John Q. and part of his family moved to Roswell, N. M., where he died aged almost 90. Here are the children of John Q. and Louise Tannehill:

Nannie C. born 1862, Mary Elizabeth 1864, Leslie B. 1867, Charles C. 1870, Maude 1872 and Katherine 1876.

Three of these children, Lisle, Charles and Miss Maude, live (1938) in Los Angeles. Mrs. Nannie Ferguson lives in Missouri, and Katherine (Boyce) lives in Amarillo, Texas. Her husband is an attorney, and they have these children: William Q., born 1903, wife, Ida; Miss Elizabeth 1905; Albert 1909, wife, Jennett, and Anna L. (Strader) 1913. Lisle B. and wife, Georgia, had four children: Lillian (Hinkle), James L., John Q. Jr. and Bettie Ann. The fourth child of John Q. Sr., was Charles C. He and sister, Miss Maude, reside together, and the latter has furnished me a vast amount of historical data concerning, chiefly, her father's family.

Clark L. Tannehill, next younger brother to John Q. Sr., married Nancy Burwell. They had eight children. They lived in Hebron, Ind., and most of their descendents live (1938) in that vicinity. All the daughters of Clark L., in 1938, are widows except Amy Davidson who lives in Kansas.

Mary R. born 1854, Wilbur 1855, Eliza 1857, Loraine 1861, Sarah A. 1864, Ora E. 1866, Charles B. 1871 and Amy 1873.

Of these children, Wilbur and Ora died young. Mary R. (Dilly) had Clark and Tony. Eliza (Miller) had no children. Loraine (Folsom) had four children: Fay E.

(Nichols), Elsie M. (McCoskey), Miss Sylvia C. and Miss Florence. Sarah A. (Skees) had Clifford and Nora. Charles B. Tannehill, and wife, Loretta, had three children: Ora E. (Eberts), Miss Maude V., and Ceola. Ora E. (Ebert's) children are Gwendolyn, Blaine, June, Patricia, Millard and Jaqueline. Ceola D. Summers had Eugene, Justin, and Vincent. Amy, youngest daughter of Clark L., married Mr. Davidson and they had four children: Blossom L., Annam, Ella B. and Wilbur O.

Again we return to the large family of Charles and Mary, and tell about their youngest son, Charles O. Tannehill. He married Sarah McNull and they lived in Perryville, Ohio. They had two children, the younger, Charles Jr., dying when a small boy. After the wife of Charles O. died, he moved to Oklahoma and died there. His older son, Frank, and wife, Laura, lived in Pittsburgh, and they had five children; Lodema, Lulu, Laura, John and C. G.

Away back in Chapter III, we told of the four sons of Ninian Tannehill Sr. It has consumed that chapter and two more to tell about the three older of these four brothers. The next chapter will tell about Samuel Tannehill, born 1731, the youngest of these four brothers.

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## CHAPTER VI

### *Children of Samuel Tannehill, Taken From His Old Family Bible*

Samuel Tannehill's father, Ninian Tannehill, had four sons, and I have told about three of them. This chapter and two more will be needed to tell the history of Samuel, the fourth son, born 1731 in Maryland.

Because Samuel Tannehill spent the latter part of his married life west of the Blue Ridge mountains, in what is now Preston county, W. Va., where the census returns for 1776, 1790 and 1800 were destroyed by the British in the War of 1812, I have had difficulty in getting early facts concerning this important family. I had received, in 1936, some very valuable information concerning Samuel Tannehill's family from Miss Inez Long of Carmichaels, Pa., Secretary of an organization of Samuel's descendants, living in Somerset and adjoining counties in Pennsylvania. Miss Long is a great-great-granddaughter of Samuel Tannehill. Like most family genealogical papers, based to some extent on tradition, her records contained much that was not altogether correct. I had asked her if she had a correct list of Samuel Tannehill's children, and she sent me her list which I discovered at once included several that were not Samuel's children. For instance, her list contained the name Adamson and Ling Tannehill.—The former was Samuel's nephew and in my researches I have never run across a Ling or King Tannehill anywhere. After weeks of research, I was unable to arrive at the facts until I secured, almost miraculously, the undisputed and correct list of

Samuel's children. I will tell how I came in possession of their names, but a few preliminary remarks first.

In a later chapter, I will relate how Jeremiah and Thomas Tannehill, brothers, and other Tannehills, spent many years over the Blue Ridge mountains among the Indians, but left their families in Maryland, but Samuel did differently. He took his family with him, but established a secondary home across the state line in Pennsylvania, where the family spent much time, while Samuel braved it among the Indians.

After weeks of fruitless research to secure a list of Samuel's children, it remained a jig-saw puzzle.

One day as I was seated in the Commerce Building, Washington, D. C., searching the census records, as scores of others were doing, a lady, seated on the next chair, an entire stranger to me, turned and said, "What name are you looking for?" I replied, "I am searching for people of my own name, my forefathers, the Tannehills." She told me her name was (Miss) Martha Houston, and that she was born and had lived, until she came to Washington, in Alabama. She said the name of one of her very best friends in Alabama was Mrs. Gandrud, whose maiden name was Pauline Jones, but should have been Pauline Tannehill. Her forefather was George Tannehill, but about the time of his birth, his mother died and baby George was taken to the home of his grandmother Jones, and from that time everybody called him George T. Jones. When he grew to manhood and married, his name was still George Jones, and consequently, to this day, his descendants are Jones instead of Tannehill. Miss Houston told me Mrs. Gandrud and her brother's wife, Mrs. H. C. Jones, Huntsville, Ala., are much interested in the name Tannehill and had done

much research of the Carolina branch of the Tannehills, and that they would be pleased if I would write them. I did so without delay, and by return mail I received from them, 52 typewritten sheets of Tannehill data.

To thus, so unexpectedly, get in touch with these Tannehill-Jones ladies, was miraculous, but "the half has not been told." Remember, I was searching for the names of the children of Samuel Tannehill of Pennsylvania when the above peculiar circumstance occurred. Two days later, one of these Alabama ladies, Mrs. Gandrud, sent me a second letter, which must be set down as a real miracle. This second letter said, "I enclose a remarkable letter from an entire stranger, Mrs. Fern Phipps Sprunger, Portland, Ind. This Indiana lady had learned that Mrs. Gandrud was interested in the name Tannehill and had made genealogical research. Then Mrs. Sprunger told Mrs. Gandrud this story:

"I have in my possession, a Bible about 150 years old. It was handed down to me from my grandmother, and how it came to her, I do not know. The strange part of it is, the peculiar family names in the Bible, people I know nothing about, and they are in no way related to me, so far as I can find out. The family at the top of the first white leaf, in the front of the Bible, is this:

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL TANNEHILL, SR.,  
BORN AUGUST 31, 1731.

Mary born July 24, 1756; James born March 19, 1759; Christian born Dec. 1, 1761; Rachel born Feb. 5, 1764; Samuel, Jr. born Dec. 17, 1768; Ruth Beall born Dec. 23, 1770; William born May 19, 1773; Ninian born July 13, 1775 and Zachariah born Jan. 13, 1777.

Next under the Tannehill family were these three persons: Samuel Nogle born the year 1789; Anna A. Doming born 1806 and James Fogelsong born Dec. 4, 1820.

Then followed another family under the following heading:

CHILDREN OF HENRY NOGLE.

Ruth Nogle born Dec. 26, 1788; Samuel Nogle born Aug. 28, 1789; Mary Nogle born Dec. 15, 1791; Henry Nogle born Sept. 30, 1793; John Nogle born Jan. 1, 1796; James Nogle born Nov. 9, 1797 and Elizabeth Nogle born July 11, 1801.

Under still another heading was the following family:

CHILDREN OF JOHN BIRDSONG AND WIFE, RUTH.

David Birdsong born Jan. 4, 1806; Okey Birdsong born June 6, 1809, died 1845; Mary Birdsong born April 10, 1811; Elizabeth Birdsong born Jan. 9, 1813; Ruth Birdsong born Jan. 9, 1813; Matilda Birdsong born July 4, 1817; Suzanna Birdsong born March 11, 1819; James Birdsong born Dec. 4, 1820; John Birdsong born June 21, 1823; Mahala Birdsong born Aug. 14, 1825.

DEATHS.

Ichabod Spencer born Jan. 10, 1774, died Oct. 23, 1850; Ruth Nogle Spencer born Dec. 26, 1788, died Oct. 16, 1864, aged 76 years, wife of Ichabod Spencer; Mahala Fogelsong Baker, wife of Alonzo A. Baker."

When Mrs. Gandrud in Alabama, received the above, taken from the old Bible, with the request that she tell Mrs. Sprunger who Samuel Tannchill was, Mrs. Gandrud replied that her researches had been confined to her southern branch of the Tannchills, and that she knew nothing concerning Samuel Tannchill or his family. She advised Mrs. Sprunger to write me, which she did, and asked that I tell her who Samuel Tannchill was, and how his Bible got from him to Indiana. After a little research, I told Mrs. Sprunger all she desired to know and now I will relate it here. Let us examine these

strange names, the Nogles, the Fogelsongs, the Birdsongs and the Ichabod Spencers.

When Samuel Tannehill died in Virginia, the Bible went to his eldest daughter, Mary, who married Henry Nogle, sometimes written Fogle. Mary turned the Bible over to her oldest child, Ruth, who had married John Birdsong. Later, Ruth Birdsong's husband died, and her children scattered. Two of them went to the home of Ruth's brother, Samuel Nogle, in Pennsylvania. When Samuel Nogle died, the two children of Ruth Birdsong returned to live with their mother, who had married Ichabod Spencer, and the Bible went along. Ruth's youngest daughter was Mahala Birdsong, and she got the Bible, and took it with her when she married Alonzo Baker. By this time the Birdsongs, Spencers and Bakers lived in Ohio. Mrs. Sprunger of Portland, Ind. tells me her mother was Della Baker, daughter of Mahala Baker, and that Della Baker married John A. Phipps of Fort Wayne, Ind., and the Bible which had gone from Virginia to Pennsylvania, then to Ohio, now crosses the Indiana state line. But Della's daughter, Fern Phipps, married B. F. Sprunger, and the Bible is now in their home in Portland, Ind., where I had the satisfaction of holding this Bible in my hands, in 1934.

You will notice that of the names recorded in this Bible, James and Mahala Birdsong are sometimes called Birdsong and at other times their names are Foglesong. These Fogels, Nogels, Birdsongs and Fogelsongs are of German descent, and Fogle in German is the same as bird in English. Therefore, when these Fogelsongs reached America, they discovered that in English, their name was Birdsong.

Now let us take up the tracing of Samuel and Sarah

Tannehill's children, and we will consider Samuel Tannehill's four daughters first. See their names in the list of Samuel's family taken from his old Bible. Mary was the oldest of the family and she married Samuel Nogle and the Bible gives the names of their children. They lived in Somerset County, Pa. Christian Tannehill, Samuel's second daughter, is nowhere mentioned except in the Bible, and I conclude she died in her youth. Rachel Tannehill married Mr. Law and where they resided I know not. The youngest of Samuel's daughters, Ruth, accompanied her brother, Samuel Tannehill, Jr., to Ohio and after being there a year or more, she married a Mr. Abrams of Fairfield County and made her home there the remainder of her life. They had no children.

James Tannehill, born in Maryland in 1759, was Samuel's oldest son. He went into the Revolutionary War the first year of that struggle when he was but seventeen years of age. He served during the war and was a prisoner of war many months. His wife's name was Agnes whom he married about the year 1786. He was living in Somerset County, Pa. in 1800. He continued to reside there until his children were grown and his wife had died in 1827. James was a blacksmith. His three sons were Frank born 1788, James, Jr., 1791 and John Alexander, 1796. This youngest son married and settled in Allegheny County, Pa. and his father accompanied him there, but soon went over into Monongalia County, Va. where his two older sons resided. These sons moved down into Kentucky and their father followed them and died there, after the year 1832, near the borders of Hancock and Daviess counties. His remains lie beside his wife in Somerset County, Pa.

Frank Tannehill, the oldest son of James, had left his

father's home in Somerset County, Pa. before the year 1810. He went first to Virginia then on down into Nicholas County, Ky. where I find him in 1830, unmarried. Then he goes to Iowa where he ended his days. He and his wife, Mary Fillinger, had these children:

Elizabeth born 1836; William, 1839; John L., 1840; Henry, 1841; Charlotte, 1843; Eliza, 1845; Anna, 1846; Marion, 1850; and Algiva, 1853.

Of the above children, Elizabeth, Anne and Algiva died young. Marion did not marry; Henry was killed by accident when a young man; William lived to be almost seventy years of age, but remained single; Eliza (Thornton) has one son, W. E. Thornton, who lives (1939) at Selma, Iowa; and Charlotte (Bucey) has one son, H. V. Bucey, who lives at Douds, Iowa. John L. Tannehill moved from Iowa to Idaho. He had three sons, Samuel, George and John Jr. Samuel and George both lived at Lewiston, Idaho and are deceased.

The next son of James Tannehill 1759, to speak of, is James, Jr., born 1791 in Somerset County, Pa. He had relatives in Monongalia County, Va., and while yet a young man, went there and spent the balance of his days. He was married two times. To his first wife, two sons were born, Frank and Hawkins, and one daughter. Hawkins and his sister were living in Hancock County, Ky. in 1830. About ten years later, Hawkins married, and he and his wife, Mary, had these five children: William born 1846; Margaret, 1851; Mary, 1854; Edward, 1857 and Jane, 1859. Hawkins' brother Frank died young.

After the death of his first wife, James Tannehill, Jr. married a second wife in Virginia. He and his second

wife, Miss McCoy, had but one son, James B. Tannehill, who married Harriet Tyson and resided in Louisville, Ky. James B. served in the Union army during the Civil War and returned home a Captain. He had eight children, six dying in infancy and another, James Lee Tannehill, lost his life in Akron, Ohio by accident. The one son that lived to rear a family was John R. Tannehill, born in 1866. He and his wife, Cora, were parents of four children: John R., Jr., born 1889, Blufford, Alice and Estella, all married but only John R. Jr. has children. He was the father of four small children in 1938.

To keep our bearings, I am tracing the descendents of James Tannehill born in Maryland in 1759. I have told about two of his three sons. That leaves the youngest, John Alex born in Somerset County in 1796. He went down into Allegheny County, Pa. and spent the remainder of his days there. He and his wife, Mary Cooper, had three children: John Alex, Jr. born 1828, Frank, 1831 and another who died in his youth.

John Alex Tannehill, Jr. was born in Pittsburgh and continued to reside there until about the year 1883 when all the family, except their oldest son, Reece, migrated to Moberly, Randolph County, Mo. The father of this family served as a soldier in the Union army in the Civil War. He finished his days in Moberly, Mo. I will tell of that part of this family that settled in Missouri first, then return and tell of the son, Reece, who remained behind in Pittsburgh. John Alex Tannehill, Jr. had seven children:

Elizabeth born 1847; Reece C. Sr., 1849; Sarah, 1851; Clara, 1852; Harry, 1853; Frank, 1855, and James, 1857.



Of these children in Moberly, Mo., Elizabeth (Truby) had no children, neither had her sister, Clara, who married Andrew Douglas. Another sister, Sarah (Moore), moved to Dallas, Texas. Harry Tannehill and his wife, Ella, were married in Missouri but lived in Toledo, Ohio until his death, then his widow returned to Missouri, where she and two children, Leta M. (Ryan) and Dwight R. Tannehill, live. Harry Tannehill was married two times, and Dwight is the first wife's child. Harry's youngest brother, James, was killed by accident when a young boy. Harry's brother, Frank, lives (1938) at Hugo, Colorado.

Reece C. Tannehill was 34 years of age and married before his father took the balance of the family to Missouri. The five children of Reece C. and wife, Viola Ann, were:

Ralph P., born 1873; Reece, Jr., 1879; John A., 1885; Frederick E., 1890 and Irene, 1895.

Of these, Ralph P. and wife, Mary, have one daughter, Mrs. Viola (Ecker). Reece Jr. did not marry, and John A. and wife, Sarah, have no children. Frederick E. and wife, Fern, live at Duncan Road, Allison Park, Pa., and have two children, Roseana P. and Frederick B., Jr., both of school age (1938). Irene (Chambers) has one son, Alex R.

The next of the nine children in the family of Samuel Tannehill, Sr. as given near the opening of this chapter, is his son, Samuel Tannehill, Jr., born in Maryland in 1768. The latter spent many years in his boyhood, with his father in the wilds of what is now Preston County, W. Va. About the time of his marriage or a few years later, Samuel Tannehill, Jr. went over into Hocking

County, Ohio, then an almost unbroken wilderness, with Indians all around them. Samuel's sister, Ruth, accompanied him, and married a man named Abrams in 1811. This marriage hints that Ruth and Samuel had been in Hocking County a year or more before 1810. Here are children of Samuel Jr. and Catherine Tannehill:

John born 1805; Elizabeth, 1807; Mary, 1808; William, 1809; Ruth, 1811; Rachel, 1812; Samuel, 3rd, 1814; Orpha, 1815 and James, 1816.

Of these children, Ruth and Rachel never married and Orpha died young. John likely reached Hocking County when a small lad. For some reason, he, when a young man, returned to Pennsylvania and spent fifteen years and married while there. He and wife, Margaret, had two sons, Samuel born 1833, and Orren 1835. Then John returned to Ohio, where a third son, Hiram, was born. After his father's death, Hiram spent a few years in Hancock County, Ill. with relatives. I find no later mention of him, and his two older brothers, all dying young. John Tannehill, the father of these three boys, was a flour miller and was living in Jackson County, Ohio in 1850.

Elizabeth Tannehill, born 1807, was Samuel's oldest daughter. When quite small, she likely arrived in Green township, Hocking County. When in her 'teens, she married John Wright, a farmer boy, and they went to housekeeping four miles east of Logan, Hocking County. They had ten children, one of them being the talented Judge Silas Wright. Another of the ten was Alma C. (Purcell), the mother of Mrs. Helen P. Rhodes, who is living (1939) in Hillsboro, Ohio. Mrs. Rhodes has gone to much trouble to furnish me facts concerning

her father's family and other Tannehills in that section of Ohio. Here are the ten children of Elizabeth Tannehill Wright:

Harriet born 1827; Silas H. 1830; Amos T. 1831; Milton 1833; Rebecca 1835; Lucinda 1837; Mary Ellen 1839; William A. 1841; Alma C. 1843, and John N. 1845.

The third in the family of Samuel Tannehill, Jr. was Mary (Stradley) born 1808. She spent her life in Hocking County. She had one daughter, Cinderella (Beagle), and Cinderella has a granddaughter, Naomi (Golding), who lives in Logan, Ohio. Samuel Tannehill's son, William, and wife, Sarah, had Sarah born in 1822, Rachel 1823, Nancy 1825, John 1826 and one died in infancy. Of these, Sarah (Godenheimer) had James, Mary, John and Ella. Rachel (Pislet) had George, Mary, Sarah, John, Emma, William, Anna, Laura and Harry and William's daughter, Nancy, did not marry. John Tannehill was the only son in William's family. John's wife was Mary and they had this large family:

Hester 1851; Nancy 1852; Effie 1854; Barbara 1856; Charles C. 1858; Emma 1860; Malinda 1863; George W. 1865; William G. 1868; Carrie 1872, and Minnie 1874.

Of these children, Hester, Barbara and Malinda died in babyhood, while Emma (Drew) had no children, Nancy Tannehill was twice married, and by her second husband, she had Frederick, Emma and Magdaline, all living in 1939. Effie (Ackers) has Blanche, John and Donald. Charles C. Tannehill, wife, Laura, had these six; Tennie, Grace, Frank, Roxie, Edward and Wanda.

George W. Tannehill and wife, Katherine, had one child, Pauline (Peters), who had a daughter, Mary, now (1938) in college in Baltimore. This George W. Tannehill of Lancaster, Ohio, has gone to much trouble to look up the history of the children of Samuel Tannehill Jr. and other Tannehills in counties surrounding Hocking county. For many years George W. traveled with a company of entertainers. He was a professional violinist, and later was a theater manager. His wife, Katherine, has been deceased several years. William G. Tannehill, wife, Addie, has but one son, William Jr. who is married, and his wife's name is Ruth. Carrie (Gabriel), sister to George W. and William G. Tannehill, has these six children: Hilda, Mary, Esther, Jerald, Bernice and Paul, while Carrie's sister, Minnie (Hood), has one daughter, Mary.

I will now mention the family of Samuel Tannehill 3rd, born to Samuel Jr. in 1814. He and wife, Emiline, had these nine children:

Emily 1835; Nathaniel 1838; Amos 1839; Martha 1840; Samuel 4th 1841; Gilbert 1842; William 1844; Rebecca 1848, and Jesse 1849.

Of these, Emily was single, Nathaniel was married twice. To his first wife were born four children: John W. 1859; Lucy 1860; Sarah 1865, and Essie 1867. These were born in Ohio before Nathaniel moved to Bourbon County, Kansas. Before 1870, his first wife died. Later, to Nathaniel and second wife, Annie, were born Angie, Bert and Cora. Of these children, John W. Tannehill and wife, Margaret, had Mary (Bell) and Leon K. Mary Bell lives (1939) in Logan, Ohio. She is a widow with a son John. Her brother, Leon K.

Tannehill, lives in Detroit, Mich., is a Traveling Passenger Agent for the Northern Pacific R.R. He and wife, Claudia, have a daughter, Beverly Ann. Nathaniel's daughter, Lucy (Goss), has these ten: William, Boyd, Sherman, Clyde, Clifflie, Bertha, Edna, Marie, Grace and Vivian. The second daughter of Nathaniel, Sarah (Donley), has Bertha, Raymond and Rhea, while Nathaniel's daughter, Effie (Thompson), has three children: Samuel, Myrtle and Mabel. Bert Tannehill was Nathaniel's first child by his second wife, and Bert never married, and his sister, Angie (Cohagan), had one son, Albert. The youngest in Nathaniel's family, Cora, remained single. Amos Tannehill was next after Nathaniel in the family of Samuel Tannehill 3rd. Amos had these three children: Rachel, Jesse and Samuel. Of these, Rachel and Samuel died young. Jesse Tannehill and wife, Hattie, had Fred, Ethel and Bertha. Of these, Fred and his sister, Ethel live in Hocking County; but Miss Bertha Tannehill is a stenographer in an office in Chicago.

Martha Tannehill, daughter of Samuel 3rd, died young, and William, born 1844, did not marry, but his brother, Samuel Tannehill 4th, married Miss Due, and they had one son, Frank.

Gilbert Tannehill and wife, Lucy, had two sons, C. W. and Edward, the latter dying young. C. W. Tannehill and wife, Mary, live on East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio, and have no children. Gilbert's sister, Rebecca (Vorhis), had four children: Gertrude, Grace, Samuel and Jesse. The youngest child in the family of Samuel 3rd, was Jesse Tannehill born 1849. He married late in life, and had no children.

The last in the family of Samuel Tannehill Jr. and

wife, Catherine, to consider is James Tannehill, born 1816. His wife was Kesiah, with eight children:

Jesse born 1837; Besse 1840; Lucy 1842; William 1845; Mary 1847; Melissa, 1850; John 1853, and Allen 1860.

Of this family, Jesse, Besse, William and Mary, are (1938) all single, Lucy (Baird) had Fred, Robert and May, while Melissa died an infant. John, wife, Sarah, had three children: Hazel who died young, and Ruth and Sherman both single. Allen Tannehill and wife, Nancy, live near Logan, Ohio. Their first daughter, Josephine, died in infancy and the second, Mary (Jaggi), has Donald, Jean and Ned.

Several pages have been taken up in telling about the descendents of Samuel Tannehill Jr., but he had two younger brothers, Ninián and Zachariah. The older of these, when a young man, went with his father's family to Somerset County, Pa. He married, but died soon after, leaving no children.

Zachariah Tannehill born 1777, was the youngest child of Samuel Sr. He lived for a time after reaching manhood, in Somerset County, Pa. and served as Deacon in the Jersey Baptist church. He remained a bachelor all his life. The Tannehill historians of Somerset County, say he went to Highland County, Ohio, where he purchased a farm, and died there. Then some of his relatives in Somerset County, went to Ohio, and inherited this farm. This is further discussed when I trace William, another son of Samuel and Sarah Tannehill. I purposely avoided telling about William Tannehill because his large number of descendents demands a separate chapter, which will be Chapter VII.

## CHAPTER VII

### *Family of William Tannehill Who Settled in Somerset County, Pa.*

I told about Samuel Tannehill's family except his son, William, and wife, Delilah. William Tannehill was born in Frederick County, Md., but spent his married life in Somerset County, Pa. Here are his four children and twenty eight grandchildren:

Nancy (Hyatt) 1797. She had three children, Delilah, Josiah and Marion.

Zachariah 1798, wife, Mary, 11 children: Delilah 1820; Eli 1821; Joseph 1823; William 1825; Sarah 1827; Victor 1829; Charles 1832; Zachariah 1834; Mary 1837; Matilda 1839, and Nancy 1842.

Josiah born 1799, wife, Frances, 9 children: Alpheus 1823; Hannah 1826; Alonzo 1827; Maryann 1828; Millard 1831; Elizabeth 1830; Delilah 1832; William 1835; Manoah 1837; Jasper 1841, and Catharine 1844.

William Jr. born 1802, wife, Eleanor, 8 children. This William Tannehill Jr., soon after his marriage in 1819, migrated to Ohio, and had many descendants. Chapter VIII will tell about him and family.

The children of this William Tannehill and his father, Samuel, were outstanding Baptists. There was the Sandy Creek Baptist church, not far from Samuel's Virginia cattle ranch, but the church was just over on the Maryland side of the state line. Another was the Jersey Baptist church in Somerset County, Pa. When the Sandy Creek church ceased to operate, the families of Samuel and

his son William joined the Jersey church. That had much to do in deciding them to make their permanent home in the Jersey settlement, sometimes called Turkeyfoot.

This Jersey settlement was one of the first occupied by the whites west of the Alleghenies, and the Jersey Baptist church was about the first church built in western Pennsylvania.

In the days of William Penn, many Scotch families, to escape persecution, migrated to Morris County, New Jersey, then in William Penn's jurisdiction. Later, hearing of George Washington's description of the new country west of the mountains, in what is now Somerset County, Pa., a number of Baptist families of New Jersey decided to migrate there. So about the year 1765, they loaded their belongings on ox-carts, and started westward, cutting their way through the wilderness, exposed to all kinds of dangers, including Indian massacres, and landed in the Turkeyfoot, or Jersey Settlement.

The Tannehills of that vicinity and those in adjoining counties have kept up an organization that holds reunions quite often. One of the secretaries of the organization, Miss Inez Long, of Carmichaels, Pa., has furnished me much information concerning the Jersey Settlement and the Jersey church. Among these data was a list of those pioneers who, as I have told, crossed the mountains from New Jersey. This list was evidently made up, in part at least, from the church membership records and from tradition, for I have discovered many errors. For example, it gives as one of these immigrants from New Jersey in 1765, this William Tannehill, I am discussing, when the truth is, he was born eight years after these immigrants arrived at the Jersey Settlement. There was no Tannehill among those immigrants. Here



are the heads of families of these Jersey immigrants, as furnished me by this Tannehill organization:

Robert Colburn, Jacob Tissue, William Ruth, John Hyatt, Joseph Lanning, David King, Andrew Ream, Benjamin Jennings, William Tannehill, William Brooks, Oliver Drake, David Woodnancy, Robert Skinner, James Moore, John Mitchell, John McNair, Jacob Stream, Robert McNeal, Obediah Ream, and Joshua Cropp.

In what is called "The Burton Collection" of books in the Detroit Public Library, in Creig's History of Washington's county, Pa., I found this:

"The earliest settlement in Pennsylvania, west of the mountains, was in 1768 at Turkeyfoot, another name for the Jersey Settlement. The immigrants were Henry Abrams, Ezekiel Heckman, Ezekiel Dewitt, John Enslow, James Spencer, Henry Enslow, Benjamin Jennings, Benjamin Pursley and John Cooper."

Nancy Tannehill Hyatt was William's oldest child. The bracket on page one shows that four of her seven children had died in infancy.

William Tannehill's three sons had very large families, and it may be confusing to keep track of them, but if you turn back occasionally to the bracket at the head of this chapter, you will have little trouble.

William Tannehill spent his boyhood in the north-western corner of Maryland and in what is now Preston County, W. Va., near the northeastern corner. From about the time he was 20 years of age, the family resided, most of the time in this Jersey, Pa. settlement, I have just described. William died there aged 55 years.

Zachariah Tannehill was William Tannehill's oldest son. He spent his entire life in Somerset County, Pa. He

married Mary Ann Lanning, and their children are all shown in the bracket at the head of the present chapter. Zachariah's sons, William and Charles, died young. His daughter, Delilah, died unmarried, above 70 years of age. Zachariah's daughter, Sarah, married Mr. Yonkin and Mary married Mr. Mitchell. Both lost their lives in 1887, Sarah in a railroad accident and Mary was thrown from a buggy and died from injuries. Nancy, Zachariah's youngest daughter, married Mr. Whipskey, and their family and that of her sister, Sarah Yonkin, had homes near the Jersey Baptist church. Zachariah's daughter, Matilda, married Mr. Case. The children of Matilda Case were Mary, Lizzie, Ralston and George. Ralston Case in 1939, lives at Ursina, Somerset County. He has furnished me much valuable Tannehill data. I have now told of the daughters of Zachariah Tannehill Sr. and here follows a short paragraph for each of his four sons who lived to have families. These brothers were nearing forty years of age when the Civil War broke out, and three of them saw service, two of them losing their lives in that awful struggle.

Eli Tannehill, William's oldest son, married Eliza Jane Graham in 1843. He lost his life in front of Petersburg in 1864 in the Civil War. His children:

Margaret 1844; Harrison 1846; Winfield 1847; Clarinda 1849; Rev. Norman B. 1850; Rebecca 1853; A. Judson 1855; Caroline 1858; Mary 1860, and Matilda 1863.

Margaret married Joshua Bodkin, and their three children died young. Margaret, later, returned to her maiden name, Tannehill. Eli's second daughter, Rebecca Clarinda, died young and her parents named a younger

daughter Rebecca. She was born in 1853, and married John Tinkey. They lived at Jones Mills, Pa. and had ten children:

Homer who died in infancy, Margaret, Edna, Lillie, Carrie, Nettie, Judson, Joseph, Ruby and John.

Caroline, Eli's daughter, married Benton Miller, and they had six children: Bernard, Katheryn, Nettie, Hazel, Archie and Ralph.

Eli's daughter, Mary, (Colborn) had Bessie, Earl, Roy, George, Edith and Lelia. Matilda, the youngest of Eli's six daughters, married Foster VanHorn, and they had six children: Anna, Judson, John, Viola, Hazel and Olive. I have mentioned only the daughters of Eli, only one of whom, Caroline, is living in 1938. Harrison Tannehill was Eli's oldest son. When a young man, yet single, he went west where he taught school in Wakefield, Kansas. There he married Hattie Mayer who followed Harrison as teacher in the same school. On coming to Kansas, Harrison took up a land claim near Timber Creek in Clay County and he and wife made their home on that farm, and their four children, Ernest, Arthur, Rose and Vernon, were born there. The three older children having married in Kansas, Harrison, wife and youngest son, Vernon, in 1908, removed to Palisade, Colorado where he operated a peach orchard until his death in Kansas in 1911 where he had gone to spend the winter. His widow and youngest son, Vernon, continued on the peach farm in Colorado for two years, when they traded it for a farm in Osborn County, Kans., where Harrison's widow resided for five years; then, moving into Downs, Kans., she died in 1930.

The oldest son of Harrison, Ernest H. Tannehill, entered the ministry in the M.E. church and served churches

for 38 years. Since retiring, he and wife, Annie, spend the winters in Texas and the summers with their two children. Their daughter, Beulah, married Claude Franke, and lives on a farm in Rawlins County, Kans. Beulah has three children, Beulah, Roger and Richard. Rev. Ernest's only son, Francis V. Tannehill, followed in his father's footsteps and for five years had been pastor of a church in Wakefield, Kans., but now (1938) he and wife, Cecelia, reside in Preston, Minn., where he is pastor of a church. They have one son, Robert C. Tannehill.

Arthur Tannehill, Harrison's second son, has remained in the vicinity of his birth in Clay County, Kans. He was an authority on butter making, working for firms in Topeka and other cities. He and wife, Annie, have three children, Miriam G. who married Harold Martin and lives in Denver, Colo. They have Joan E., Gene F. and Gerald A. The latter two are twins. Arthur C.'s second child is Harry J. He and wife, Lois, have one son, Marvin H. Tannehill. Arthur's third child, Lucy (Williams), has one daughter, Ide H. Rosina J. Tannehill was Harrison's only daughter. She was born 1878 at Wakefield, Kans. She married Charles L. King, an M. E. minister of Ottawa, Kans. They have three children, Helen E. (Thompson), Ralph W., an adopted son, and Ruth M. King who died in infancy.

Vernon F. Tannehill, Harrison's youngest son, born 1886, married Edith Bardell in 1910. Their children are Eugene V., Chester L., Sherman F. and Shirley G. Vernon F. and Edith were married in Colorado.

Harrison Tannehill left Pennsylvania so many years ago, that his people generally had lost track of his descendants. About all they could tell me was that the

last they knew of him, he was living in Palisade, Colo. At a venture, I addressed a letter to "any descendent of Harrison Tannehill, Palisade, Colo." After a couple of weeks I received a most excellent letter from Vernon F. Tannehill, Longview, Wash. - He is employed with the Long-Bell Lumber Company of that state. His oldest son, Eugene V., is in California, and the other three are (1938) in school. When Vernon F. Tannehill received my letter in Washington state, he at once wrote his brothers and sister, and they joined in furnishing me about the best family write-up of my entire experience. I have in my possession an excellent letter from each of the four children of Harrison and Hattie Tannehill, all living in 1939. This Harrison Tannehill family evidently believed in education. Most of them taught school, attended college, and I could name a dozen of the females, including daughters-in-law, who were teachers.

Now I return to the family of Eli Tannehill and tell of his son, next younger than Harrison. Winfield Tannehill was born in 1847. He married Emily Scott. To them were born six children: John, Harry, Samuel, Benton, Laura and Ida. Of these, John has two children, Ray and John Jr. Ray and wife have no children, while John Jr. has one daughter, Joan. Winfield's son, Harry, has no children, and Winfield's next son, Samuel, is not married. Benton Tannehill, Winfield's fourth son, has three children: Zelma, Elmer and Beatrice. Winfield's daughter, Laura (Regar), has no children, while Ida (Howorth) has Laura, Winnie, Myrtella, Ethel and Isabella.

Again we return to the family of Eli Tannehill. Rev. Norman Bruce Tannehill was born in 1850 in Somerset County, Pa. In 1876, he married Agnes King and their

early married life was spent in Fayette County. They were parents of these eight children:

Cappie, Dr. Joseph, Jennie, Nannie, Alice, Helen, Bruce Jr. and Dr. Willard. Cappie (Wentworth) had a son, Edward. After her husband's death, she married Charles Lawrence. Dr. Joseph Tannehill and wife, Ona, Frazier, live in Girard, Pa. and have four children: Myra, Richard, Alice and Bruce. Rev. Tannehill's daughter, Jennie (Miller), lives in Fayette County and their children are Adelbert (Boyd), Wilbur and Mary A. Nannie (Eicher), lives in Pittsburgh. She has Virginia, Mary and Alice. Alice (Bowman), lives in Johnstown, Pa., and her husband, like her sister, Nannie's husband, is a doctor. The Bowman's have two daughters, Agnes and Jane. Helen (Hovis), lives in Parkersburg, W. Va., and has three children, Logan, Erleen and Jane. Rev. Tannehill's son, Bruce Tannehill Jr., and wife, Margaret, live in Cleveland, Ohio. They have three children, Robert, Joseph and Louise. Dr. Willard F. Tannehill and wife, Anna, live at McKees Rocks, Pa., and their two daughters are Nancy and Ann. I received much of the above concerning the family of Rev. Norman Bruce Tannehill from him while he lived in Florida, not long before his death in 1936. His son, Dr. Joseph K., furnished me a most excellent bracket of his father's family, and Mrs. Nellie Enold also contributed valuable data. Rev. Tannehill wrote me in 1936 that when a lad he lived four years in the home of his grandfather, Zachariah Tannehill Sr., who had killed more than 200 deer in and near Somerset County. In his younger days, Rev. Tannehill was Supt. of Missions in Scottdale, Fayette County. He also taught school and was pastor of churches in that section.

Judson Tannehill, born 1855, is the remaining child of Eli Tannehill to be mentioned. He married Frances King in 1882, and has four children: Nellie who married John Enold and lives in Dunbar, Pa. They have one son, Eugene. Katherine married Guy White and they live in Washington, Pa., and have no children. Florence Tannehill married Gilbert Seese and they lived in Washington, Pa., but he is deceased. Their children are Francis, Gilbert and Matilda. Meade Tannehill and wife, live in Scottdale, Pa., and they have two children, Sara and Catherine. Matilda Tannehill married Lester Winnett, and they live in Washington, Pa., and have no children. Now we return to the family of Zachariah Tannehill Sr. His son, Joseph Tannehill, was born in 1823 at Confluence, Somerset County, not far from the Jersey Baptist church, of which he was an useful member all his adult life. Joseph was a soldier in the Union army and died of yellow fever while in camp in 1863 on Folly Island, South Carolina. He married Rachel Rouse and they had ten children, three, Thomas, Ella and Sarah, dying young. The others were: Mahala, Henry, Robert, Jeremiah, Mary, Louie and Catheryn. Of these, Mahala married Winfield Long and they had four children: Jesse who married Anna McClure; Norma who married Harvey Zimmerman; Miss Inez of Carnichaels, Pa., and Miss Sarah of Philadelphia. These two last named ladies have furnished me much valuable Tannehill data, for which I am very thankful. Their mother's brother, Henry, born 1849, never married. Robert Tannehill 1851 and wife, Ruth, had four children: Robert Jr., 1894, Ella 1901, Ruth 1903 and Lucy 1905. This family lived in Peculiar, Mo. Robert Jr. remained single. Ruth married Mr. Richmond and they have no children. Lucy

Tannehill married Mr. Weaver and Miss Ella W. is the youngest. Jeremiah Tannehill, son of Joseph, lived in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He and wife, Minnie, had four children: Harry, Ray, Donald and Merrill. Three of these served in the World War.

Victor Tannehill, William's son, born in Somerset County, Pa., married Mary Jane West in 1851. They resided in Somerset County eight years where five children were born to them, then he migrated to Highland County, Ohio, where five more children were born. I think what took this family to that part of Ohio, was to inherit lands left there by Victor's great-uncle, Zachariah, son of Samuel Tannehill. This great-uncle was born in 1777, so likely died when he was over 80, or say 82 which he would be in 1859. He was never married. Here are the names of the children of Victor Tannehill:

William 1852, Nathaniel 1853, Melvina 1855, Enos 1856, Zachariah 1860, Henry 1862, Nelson 1865, John V. 1866, Mary Ann and Matilda, twins, 1869.

Of these, Zachariah, Henry and Nelson all three died in their youth. William Tannehill, oldest son of Victor, and wife, Sarah Jane Roberts, had four children: Iva, Harry, Mary and Norman. The oldest of these, Iva, married C. F. Larrick and they live in Lynchburg, Highland County, Ohio, and have no children. Mrs. Larrick has been very generous in supplying me information concerning her branch of Ohio Tannehills. Of her brothers and sister, Harry and Mary are single, and her brother, Norman Roberts, married Mary Jean Walker, and their children are Adra Lee and John, both small (1939).

Nathaniel Tannehill married Mary Overstake and they



have Electa. Melvina Tannehill married James Troute, and they have (1939) these ten children: Ola, Bertha, Earl, Hazel, Anna, Eunice, Eeka, Grace and Faith, the last two dying in infancy.

Enos W. Tannehill and wife, Alice, had two sons, Otis and Harley. Otis married Blanch Glaze and they had one daughter, Mary Alice. Otis' second wife was Gertrude. Harley Tannehill married Clerama Myers and their children were Donald, Carl, Clemma and Catherine. Harley's second wife was Minnie Stewart. After the death of his first wife, Enos Tannehill married Margaret McMeekin and their children were Mae, Nancy, Ray and Vernon L. Of these, Mae married Burch Hughes and they have no children. Nancy married John Hamilton and they have Margaret and Howard. Ray Tannehill married Lillian Ward and has Virginia and Richard. Vernon L. Tannehill married Vera Goeke and they have James, Peggy, Patsy and Natille. All of the children of Enos Tannehill live in Highland County, Ohio, except Vernon L. who lives in Fort Wayne, Ind.

John V. Tannehill, son of Victor, was born in Highland County, Ohio, and spent his entire life there, dying in 1937. His first wife was Sallie Roads, who died after bearing one son, Bruce, who died in infancy. Afterwards, John V. married Rena Thomas who has two children: Guy and Gladys. Guy Tannehill and wife, Corinne, have three daughters, Juanita, Charlotte and Frances. Gladys (Hart) has five children: Harold, Howard, Harry, Hazel and Hugh. The oldest of these Harold Hart, and wife, June, have a son, John W.

I never met John V. nor wife, Rena, but you do not need to meet people to learn to respect and regard them highly. I had several letters from this couple, and they

furnished me much valuable information. Mary Ann, one of Victor's twins, married Matthew Carey and they have one son, Matthew Jr. Matthew Carey Sr. died and his widow married C. F. McNeil, and their children are Bess and Clarid. Martha Matilda Tannehill, the other twin, married Bert Chaney, and their children are Everett, Bessie and Lucille. Guy Tannehill lives in Columbus, Ohio, and Mary Ann McNeil, now deceased, did live there. Martha Matilda Chaney lives in White Bird, Idaho.

This completes the consideration of the many descendants of Zachariah Tannehill. His brother, Josiah comes next. He was born in 1799 in Maryland or Pennsylvania. The names of the children of Josiah and wife, Frances, are given on the first page of this chapter. Alpheus, the oldest of the family, and wife, Mary, were married in Somerset County, Pa., and spent several years there then moved to Iowa and later on into Jefferson County, Mo. Alpheus was a soldier in the Union army in the Civil War and died in Libby Prison in 1865. He had three daughters, Margaret (Petit), Harriet and Minerva. His sister, Hannah, died at the age of eighteen. Alonzo Tannehill was also a soldier in the Civil War and died in camp at the age of 35. He was not married. Maryan Tannehill married Adam Lingerfeld. They were parents of Josiah, Shepard and Edward. Millard Tannehill, son of Josiah, remained single and died in Johnstown, Pa. Elizabeth (Shaw) had one daughter, Blanche (Shannon) who went to Old Mexico about the year 1900. She had two children, Walter and Ralph. Delilah, Josiah's daughter, died at the age of six years, and her brother, William Tannehill, died in Ohio when a young man unmarried.

Noah Tannehill, a dentist, and wife, Catherine, spent their lives in Confluence, Pa. They had two children, Grace who remained single, and Ralph P. who married Effie Tissue and had a daughter, Hazel (Morrison). Manoah's brother, Jasper Tannehill, and wife, Mary, had four children: Sherman, Earl, Etta and Robert. Of these, Sherman and wife, Dorvia, live at Washington, Pa., and have no children. Earl and wife, Sarah, also live same place and have no children. Their sister, Etta (Colmer), has Clyde, Mary and Lloyd. Robert, and wife, Eva, live (1939) on the old homestead at Confluence, Somerset County. They have six children: Miss Mildred is a nurse in Johnstown, Pa. Her sister, Mary (Woods), has Donald, Fielda, William and Mary Alice. Miss Leta Blanch is in Johnstown (1937) training to be a nurse, while her brothers, Glen and Walter, are at home in 1937. Another son of Robert named Clark, is deceased. Returning now to Josiah Tannehill, his youngest child, Catherine (Beverage) who lived in Scottdale, Pa., had Blanche, Earl and Altha, but this family has moved to Warren County, Ohio.

This Chapter VII has told us of three older children in the family of William and Delilah Tannehill of Somerset County, Pa., but they had another son, William Tannehill Jr. Chapter VIII will tell his life story.

## CHAPTER VIII

### *William Tannehill Jr. from Somerset County, Pa. to Ohio*

The bracket at top of Chapter VII tells us where William Jr., born in 1802, enters our story, and is the subject of this chapter. He married Eleanor McMillen in Pennsylvania and they remained there several years until their fourth child was born in 1826. Soon after that, they migrated to Knox County, Ohio, where four more children were born. They resided in Knox County until the older children had left home, then they moved to Allen County where William and Eleanor finished their days. Here are their eight children:

Nancy born 1820, Delilah 1822, Mary Ann 1824, John Andrew Jackson 1826, William 1829, Sarah Jane 1831, Alfred 1834 and Eli 1840.

Nancy married John Ralston and their first child was Jane, who married Reece Cooper, and had two sons, Grant and John. Nancy's second husband was Thomas Hanton and they moved to Michigan. Her sister, Delilah, married Levi Ashburn in Knox County, Ohio.

Mary Ann Tannehill, married Joseph Shaugo and they lived in Larwell, Ind. Their children, were Mrs. King, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Della McGean, Mrs. Ellen Buntin, Mrs. Jane Stilwell, Mrs. Ida Davis whose second husband was McClary, George Shaugo and Mrs. Rena Long, the latter two living in Detroit. All except these two are deceased (1938). John Andrew J. Tannehill arrived in Ohio when two years of age, and remained there the balance of his life. He married Rachel Kauf-

man and they had Rebecca and Alfred. The former married Richard Fort and lived in Fort Wayne, Ind., where they still reside (1938), aged almost 90. Her only daughter died, leaving no children. John A. J.'s son, Alfred, and wife, Edith, are deceased, leaving four children. Eldora, unmarried, and Elmora (Mosier) both deceased, leaving no children. Alfred's two sons, Foster and Austin, live in Youngstown, Ohio. Foster and wife, Ethel, have Louise and Ethlyn. Austin and wife, Ethel, have Dorothy, Robert, Warren and Paul. The latter married Dorothy Stepe.

William Tannahill 3rd 1829, went from Allen County, Ohio, to Whitely County, Ind. There he met and married Mary Jane Smalley, and their first child was born there. Then they moved into Fulton County, Ohio, then into Williams County, and remained there until 1861, when William 3rd returned to Whitely County, Ind., where he died in 1920, aged 92. His first wife died in 1874. He then married Anna Shurrick Perl who died in 1924. Here are the fourteen children of William 3rd:

Children by first wife: Sophia born 1851; Sarah Ellen 1853; Elizabeth 1854, died in infancy; James Alfred 1856, died 1874 unmarried; John Andrew Jackson 1857; Miranda 1858; Joshua 1863, died in infancy; Eli Lyman 1866.

Children by second wife: Charles 1876, killed by a horse when a boy; Samuel Asher 1878; Harry 1880; Fidelia May 1883; Ada Alice 1886 and Ota Ray, who lives in Michigan, afflicted from youth.

Sophia Tannahill married Joseph Hively and lived in Whitely County, Ind. Their children were: Lizzie, Anna, Charles and Ella. Sarah Ellen Tannahill married

Jerry Smith, and lived in Whitely County. Their children were Mary, John, Asher, Ira, and Oryal. John Andrew Jackson Tannhill married Alice Beard, and lived in Whitely County until 1895, then moved to Stark County, Ind., where they remained until his death in 1935. Their seven children were: Charles, Ivy, Chloe, John A., Ruby, Viola and Harry. Of these, Charles married Pauline Eberhart and they have two children, John and Charles; Iva married Earl Hildenbrand, and have Carl and Harry. Chloe married Forrest Spoor, and have Wade, Lyman and Linus, twins; John A. Jr. (deceased) married Edith Chapel and their children, Dorothy and Grace; Ruby married Albert Krueger, and have Paul and Margery (Goble) who has Loretta, Donald, Jack and Richard; Harry married Mary Anderson and they have Harry Jr., Melvin and Richard. I have not mentioned Miss Viola Tannhill who is a teacher, and has furnished me the data concerning her father's children that I have just narrated. Her parents also have two other great grandchildren, not mentioned above; David, son of Carl Hildenbrand and Chap, grandson of Edith Chapel. Now we return to William Tannhill 3rd, and his next child was Miranda (Lillie). They lived in Whitely County, Ind., until they moved to Carlisle, Ark., where she lives (1939). They had fourteen children.

William, Frank, Carl, Mary, Fred, Ida, Amelia, Keller, Robert, Perry, Clarence, Dorabelle and a pair of twins.

The father of this family died in 1930.

Eli Tannhill married his wife, Ellen, in 1890. They lived first in Whitely County, Ind., until 1896, then

moved to Stark County, same state. From there in 1908, they moved to Honor, Mich., and later to Ritchie, Ill., where Lyman died in 1937. Lyman and Ellen Tannehill had seven children, as follows: William T., Clay, Edith, Ralph, Verle, James and Marie. The oldest of this family, William T., is Traffic Manager of the New York Central R. R., and he and wife, Elizabeth, reside part of the time in Chicago. They have three children, William Jr., Howard and Robert. Clay Tannehill and wife, Ruby, live in Muskegon, Mich. They have four children, Elaine, Richard, Ellen and Lee. Elaine Tannehill married Alden Fay. Before marriage, she was a teacher, and she and her mother have placed me under obligation because of the valuable Tannehill data they have furnished me. Edith Tannehill, daughter of Lyman, married Harold Hansen, and they live at Attica, Mich. Their children are James, Gertrude and Marion. Verle Tannehill, Edith's sister, married Paul Bock and they have one son, Donald. They live in Honor, Mich. Marie Tannehill, youngest child of Lyman, married William Bock. They live at Bradley, Ill., and have a daughter, Elizabeth Ann. Ralph Tannehill also lives at Bradley, Ill., and he and wife, Silva, have six children: Loretta, Doris, Alice, Lyman, Carol and Ralph Jr. James G. Tannehill, youngest son of Lyman, lives in Muskegon, Mich., and he and wife, Beatrice, have a son, Edward.

I have now told of the eight children of William Tannehill 3rd born 1829, and his first wife. His second wife, Anna, bore him six children, the first son losing his life when a boy; and the second, Samuel Asher Tannehill, and wife, Mabel, had no children. He lived in Whitely County, Ind., until 1903, then in Fort Dodge,

Iowa for two years, later in Eagle Grove, same state, then to Temperance, Mich., where he died in 1937. His brother, Harry E. Tannehill, and wife, Eva, live on the old home farm near Columbus City, Ind. They have four children, William C., who was killed in a motorcycle accident. Harry and wife had twin girls, Anna and Alice, born 1910, but Alice died when one year old. The fourth child is Arloene, at home. Harry Tannehill spent three years in Iowa. Harry's sister, Fidelia May Tannehill, married Harrison Grimes and they have three children: Evelyn, Bernice and Mahlon. They lived in Indiana until 1912, when they moved to Carlisle, Ark., and the next year to Belford, N. J., where they still lived in 1938. Ada Alice Tannehill, youngest daughter of William 3rd, married Emil Schaper and to this union there are two children: Anna and Virginia. This family have lived since marriage, in Indiana, for awhile in Whitely County, then in Wishawaka, Ind., but since 1930 again in Whitely County.

This completes the story of the descendants of William Tannehill 3rd and his two wives, and now we return to William Jr. and his wife, Eleanor Tannehill, and find our next is their daughter, Sarah Jane Tannehill. She married James Harrod, and they lived at Lima, Ohio. They had two children, Melvina and Spencer. The former married Mr. Musser and they had a family of ten children. Alfred Tannehill Sr. is next in the family of William Jr. He was born in Knox County, Ohio in 1834. He married Daraxa Williams, and they lived in Lima, Ohio. They had a daughter, Ollie (Medcalf), Delphos, Ohio. She was mother of these seven sons:

Louis E. born 1874, Alfred 1877, William 1879, Frank 1881, Blaine 1884, Ted 1888 and Benjamin 1890.



After the death of his first wife, Alfred Sr. married Maggie Scott and she was mother of these three children: Alfred Jr., Dollie Etta and May. The oldest of these, Alfred Jr., died in Walla Walla, unmarried. Dollie Etta lives (1937), aged 81, in Seattle, Wash. She married W. B. Norton, and has two children, Mamie and a son. Dollie's sister, May, married Dr. Wilson, Forsythe, Mont., and has Fagan and Beryl. Eli Tannehill was the youngest child of William Jr. and Eleanor. He was left motherless at the age of seven, and went to Indiana and lived several years with his older brother, William 3rd. He returned to Allen County, Ohio, where he married Sarah Hartley. Eli was a soldier in the Union army for three years. After the war, he lived in Lima, Delphos, New Carlisle and lastly in Troy, Ohio, where he died. He was an excellent mechanic, and at time of his death, was Superintendent of the Troy Wagon Works. After his wife's death, Eli married Emma Smith who bore him no children. Here are Eli Tannehill's children by his first wife:

William born 1862, Charles A. 1866, Clarence H. 1867, Anna E. 1870, Alonzo J. 1871, and Sarah C. 1873.

Of these, William E. died at the age of nineteen; Charles A. lives (1937) in Troy, Ohio. His first wife, Minnie, had a daughter, Maggie, who married Carl Halter, and they live (1939) in Philadelphia.

They have a son, Robert Halter. Charles A. Tannehill married, as his second wife, Lola Frahm, now deceased, leaving no children. Clarence Tannehill, son of Eli, married Anna Kauffman of Osborn, Ohio. He died at the age of thirty, leaving no children. Alonzo J. Tannehill married Emma Wurm, and their home was at Mt.

Sterling, Ohio. She and one son are deceased. Two other sons, Alonzo Jr. and William, live with their father in Mt. Sterling, Ohio. Anna E. Tannhill, daughter of Eli, married Alfred Sloan, and they lived in Warsaw, Ind., and have no children. Sarah C. Tannhill married Marcellous Smith, Troy, Ohio. They have three children: Virginia who married Herbert Toomy, Piqua, Ohio. Cornelia Smith's son, Raymond, married Nellie Murkling and they live at Troy. Her other son, Hartley Smith, married Helen Mitchell, now deceased, leaving a son Robert.

One of the things that gave me much trouble, in this chapter, was the duplication of names. William Tannhill Jr. named a son John Andrew Jackson Tannhill. Life is too short to burden down children with such a long name. But that was not what bothered me. William Tannhill 3rd named one of his sons John Andrew Jackson Tannhill, while that man, to show a little pity, dropped the Jackson and called one of his sons John Andrew Tannhill. All three of these were living at the same time, and the census enumerators got all mixed, sometimes calling one of them simply John or Andrew or Jack. You see how that mixed me in my researches. About the same time there was an Albert in every other family, and that was a vexation to the searcher. But I have had plenty of all that. In the Colonial days and for the next hundred years, there were Williams, Johns and Jims in every family. But I am still alive.

I began, away back in Chapter III to line up the descendants of William 3rd and wife, Euphene Tannhill. It has taken five chapters. Can we find our way back to William 3rd and see if he had another son, beside Ninian Sr., the one who has used up these five

chapters? Yes indeed, he had a brother, two or three years younger than himself. His name, like scores of other Tannehills, was William, and I shall label him William 4th. My next chapter, IX, shall tell about him and his wife, Mary.

## CHAPTER IX

### *The Line of William Tannehill 4th from Maryland, West and South*

We have just completed tracing the four sons of Ninian Tannehill, born in Prince Georges County, Md., in 1693. He had one brother, William 4th, who heads the following bracket which shows his son, grandson and five grandchildren.

William 4th 1695, . . .	{ Carlton 1727, . . .	{ William 1748, . . .	{ Margaret 1774
and wife, Mary	{ wife, Susanna	{ wife, Elizabeth	{ Carlton 1778
			{ Ninian 1778
			{ James 1785
			{ Amanda 1791

William 4th and Mary had a daughter, Verlanda, born 1741.

William Tannehill 4th was born in Prince Georges County, Md. He was a great-grandson of pioneers, William and Alice, the first Tannehills to cross the Atlantic. Early in their married life, William 4th and wife, Mary, moved into Frederick County, near Frederick City. They were parents of Carlton and Verlanda. William and Mary lie buried in the cemetery in Frederick City and their daughter, Verlanda, beside them. She died in 1818. She never married, but was quite a business lady, owning a large plantation and many slaves. Her brother, Carlton, married Susanna Magruder and they spent their lives in Frederick County. He, too, was an extensive landowner, and was a purchasing agent for Washington's army in the Revolution. He died about the year 1788, and his widow remarried to a Mr. Singleton and they resided in Virginia. Carlton left but one child, as the above bracket shows.

In that early day, there was a section of country embracing parts of three states, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia, and claimed by the latter. Those born in that disputed section never knew "where they were at" and we cannot tell, for Virginia claimed that section and took the census for several decades. These census returns were stored in the Capitol in Washington and were burned in the War of 1812 when the British fired the Capitol building. Some of these Tannahills resided in that disputed section.

Margaret and Carlton, the two older children of William and Elizabeth, when their parents moved from Maryland to what is now Preston County, W. Va., remained with their grandparents and spent their lives in Maryland. When their grandparents and Verlanda died, their Frederick County homestead seems to have gone to these two children of William and Elizabeth, while, no doubt, the Preston County holdings went to the younger children of William and Elizabeth. Whom Margaret Tannahill married, we do not know, likely remained single and made her home with her brother Carlton. The latter married Elizabeth White and they had two daughters who died young, and one son, Carlton Jack Tannahill. After his father's death, Carlton Jack and wife, Luella O'Rear, migrated to Missouri, several years before the Civil War, then on to Texas, where he died in 1892. They had no son, therefore this ended their Tannahill line of William 4th, except the males in the families of William who settled in Preston County, Va., and migrated from there to Ohio. Carlton Jack Tannahill left two daughters in Texas, Mrs. Elve Rogers, a widow of Brownwood, Tex., and Mrs. Mattie Kelly,

also a widow, now, of New Orleans, both sisters living in 1938.

The Ohio pioneering part of my story begins here, for William and Elizabeth and their children and grandchildren left for Ohio about the year 1811. When the census enumerator made his rounds in Preston County, Va., in 1810, these Tannhills were still there. The census did not say so, but I found later, after they reached Ohio, that there were about ten or eleven in this triple family while they were yet in Virginia: William, Elizabeth, Ninian, James, Amanda, Joseph, William, Margaret, Jane and another William. The census was very deficient in those days, naming only the head of this triple family, but in other ways I secured their names. About the year 1811, these Tannhills migrated to south-central Ohio, William and Elizabeth into Butler, now Greene County, and Ninian and his brother James, a little farther north into Champaign County, near where is now the village of Thackery. Thus these immigrants formed three separate families, in southern Ohio.

Shortly after reaching Ohio, William Tannhill, the head of these three families, died and his widow, Elizabeth, joined her sons in Champaign County where she was in 1820, but soon returned to her home in Greene County where she and daughter, Amanda, were in 1830. Elizabeth died there above 80 years of age. A couple of Elizabeth's grandsons, Joseph, son of Ninian, and William, son of James, spent much time with her, and William inherited her homestead.

In 1922 when I moved to St. Paris, Ohio, a couple of miles from the place where these two old pioneer Tannhills, Ninian and James, settled more than 100 years previous, I knew nothing of their having lived there. One

day an aged man entered my office and asked me if I had ever had relatives in that vicinity. I told him I knew of none. Then he told me of these two old pioneers. Later I visited their graves.

My readers may not realize it, but when Ninian and James Tannahill settled in southwest Champaign County, Ohio, in about the year 1812, the Indians were as thick as grasshoppers, in that section. Almost in sight of the homes of these pioneers, lived the noted Indian warrior, Tecumseh, at a place called Piqua, a few miles nearer the homes of Ninian and James, than the present city of Piqua. At times peace prevailed, and this Indian Chief often met and associated with these Tannahills; yet to be ready for trouble, the latter, aided by others of the few whites, built a blockhouse into which they congregated when the red men went on the warpath. I have visited that locality, and often conversed with an elderly resident, who, when a lad, helped tear down this blockhouse. Quite near there is an old cemetery where Ninian and James Tannahill and some of their children are buried. Both these pioneers died between the years 1850 and 1860. The old grave sandstone markers are so weather-worn that it is not possible to decipher much of the inscriptions. Soon after the death of these pioneers, their children scattered into Green and Logan Counties, Ohio, and into Davis County, Iowa, and I have already told that the two older children remained in Maryland, while Amanda, after her mother, Elizabeth, died, joined her brothers' children in Davis County, Iowa, where she died, aged 70 years.

The first preserved census of Ohio was that of 1820, and it is very indefinite. Here is all it tells of the

families of these two brothers, and many of their children were not yet born:

Ninian and wife, 45; 2 boys and girl, 16; boy and 2 girls, 10, and a lady over 45. James and wife, 45; 3 boys and 2 girls, 10.

In all my researches to gather facts about the Tannehills, from William and Alice until the present day, I have met no harder task than to secure the names and destinations of these children of Ninian and James Tannehill. The census of 1850 was the first to give the names of all persons in any family. By that time, most of the children of both Ninian and James had left Champaign County. But by persistent research, I obtained the children of both these old pioneers, and I shall name those of Ninian and his two wives, Susan and Jane, first:

Margaret born in Virginia 1803, and the next three were also born in Virginia; Joseph 1807; William 1809; Jane 1810; James 1817; Nancy 1820; Ninian 1837; Ezra 1843.

The youngest two of these eight children were born to Ninian's second wife who was quite young when Ninian married her, about the year 1835, when he was 56 years of age. Margaret, Ninian's oldest child, never married. She followed her brothers to Logan County, Ohio. She lived there in her older days with her youngest sister, Nancy, wife of George Crouse. Her sister Jane also remained single, and was living in Iowa after she was 50 years of age.

Joseph Tannehill was Ninian's oldest son. He and a cousin lived with their grandmother, Elizabeth, until her death after 1830, then Joseph went over into Logan County, Ohio, where he married his wife, Ruth, and



located on a farm in that county, near Bellefontaine. They spent their lives there and had seven children as follows:

Martha born 1836; George 1838; Jemima 1844; Ninian H. 1846; Archibald 1848; Joseph Franklin 1850 and Sabina 1853.

Two of the daughters in this family never married, Martha and Jemima. Both spent their lives in Logan County. The other daughter, Sabina, married James Plum and they lived in Lewiston, Ohio, but she died in less than a year. Joseph's son, George Tannehill, and wife, Jane, were parents of James L., Joseph, Timothy and two daughters. The oldest of these three and wife, Dora, live (1938) in Detroit, Mich. Their children are Frank, Robert, Sarah, Louise and Jane. George Tannehill's second son, Joseph and wife, Nora, live (1938) in Lima, Ohio, and their children are Edwin, Donald, Helen, Clark, Elwood, Verna and Eugene. Timothy Tannehill, George's third son, and wife, Nettie, live in Roundhead, Hardin County, Ohio, and have two children, Hester and George. Now we return to the family of Joseph Tannehill and tell about his second son, Ninian H. Tannehill, and wife, Annabelle. They lived in Bellefontaine, Ohio, and were parents of two children, Leroy 1882 and Bessie 1879. The former lives in Youngstown, Ohio. He and wife, Katherine, have two daughters, Katherine and Annabelle. Leroy's sister, Bessie, married Ernest Robinaugh and they live (1938) in Bellefontaine, Ohio. They have a daughter, Merle, and son, Roy. I have now told of all the children of Joseph Tannehill except his two sons, Archibald and Joseph Franklin. Both these went from Ohio, when

young men, to Arizona. The younger was in poor health and went to Arizona for his health, and died there, unmarried. Archibald, born 1848, died 1866, aged 18 years, unmarried.

Now we return to the family of the pioneers, Ninian and Susan, and tell about their second son, William, born in Virginia in 1809. After coming to Ohio, and spending his boyhood in Champaign County, he married Sarah Harmer, and settled in Logan County, and they spent their lives there. William died in 1853. Here are their children:

Elias born 1837; Martha Ann 1839; Jacob 1841; George 1843; Louisa 1845; Sarah 1847; Catherine 1850 and Ellen 1853.

Elias Tannehill married Louisa Clat and went from Ohio to Minnesota. Their one daughter, Louisa, married Otto Douner and they had a daughter, Grace. Elias' sister, Martha Ann, married Lant Curtis and they have a son, Jesse. I said the children of William Tannehill went to Minnesota. He had sold his farm in Ohio, and took sick the same day, and only lived two weeks. His family then remained in Ohio several years, but eventually moved to Minnesota. William's son, Jacob, accompanied his mother's family to Minnesota, but afterward returned to Logan County, Ohio, and married Aleda M. Bennett. They had three children, two of them, Winifred and Clarence, dying in infancy. The remaining child, Miss Edith, is an attorney and is employed (1939) in one of the government departments in Washington, D. C. I have had the pleasure of meeting her quite often in that city. She has furnished me very valuable data concerning her parents and her grandfather's broth-

ers and sisters. Miss Edith's father died in 1887. Her mother remarried and is living (1938) in Coldwater, Mich. She is now Mrs. A. F. Pfost. Jacob's brother, George Tannehill, went from Minnesota to Illinois and died unmarried. Louisa Tannehill, sister to Jacob and George, married William Bowman and they lived first in MacRae, Mo., but later moved to Nebraska where they live (1938) and are parents of four children: Gertrude, George, Minerva and John. Louisa's sister, Sarah E., married R. P. Long and made their home in Minnesota. She is deceased, leaving three children, May, Clyde and Effie. Catherine Tannehill married Clinton O'Connor and they live in Houghton, Mo., and have six children: Louis, Charles, Henry, Lura, Maud and Clarence. Ellen Tannehill, the youngest of the family of William, married John B. Johnson. They live in (1938) in Osakis, Minn., and have no children. They spend their winters in California. Of this large family of William and Sarah Tannehill, born in Virginia but spent their married lives in Ohio, there is not a Tannehill male left to carry down the family name.

Now we return to the family of the old pioneers, Ninian and Susan Tannehill, buried near Thackery, Ohio, and tell about their son, James M. Tannehill, born in 1817, after these pioneers arrived in Champaign County, Ohio. His wife was Ruth whom he married in Logan County, Ohio. About 1847, after the birth of two children, the family moved to Davis County, Missouri, where James M.'s cousins lived, children of his uncle James and Ann. Fifty years later, the family moved to Phoenix, Ariz. Before that time his children had married, but all of them were in Arizona by 1901. Here are their eight children:

John M. born 1844; Martha 1846; Ella 1848; Mary 1851; William 1854; Eliza 1856; Charles E. 1859 and Joseph E. 1861.

Three of these children, William, Ella died young, and Mary died in Phoenix, Ariz. Eliza married Elden Hyter and moved to Kansas where Eliza died leaving a son, Pearl. The other four children married and had families. John M. Tannehill married Jennie Gates, and they lived in Phoenix, Ariz. They had four daughters, Nora, wife of Jesse Hedgpeth, who had two children, Lamar and Lewis Hedgpeth. John's second daughter, Blanche, died young. Ruth married Andrew Jakobi, and their children were Isabel, Betty and Paul Jakobi. John's fourth daughter, Alice, married Roy Osborn, and their only child was John E. Osborn. Martha Tannehill married J. R. Evans and they had one son, Robert Evans, who married Wilda Carpenter who had four children. Charles E. Tannehill married Adel Eddy. They had four children: Opal who married C. R. Brown and they have four children, Paul, Norma, Luella and Margaret, and live (1937) in Los Angeles, Calif. The other three children of Charles E. and Adel Tannehill are James R. who married Mary Hansen and live in Los Angeles; Fern, now deceased, who married Ray Osborn; Harold B. Tannehill who married Margaret Nall and live in Phoenix. The remaining son of James M. and Ruth Tannehill was Joseph E. Tannehill who was married two times. The first wife, Stella, had one son, Howard Tannehill who married Inez Smith. They have (1937) two sons, Pearl and Clarence. The former married Achel West and Clarence remained single. Howard Tannehill and wife, Inez, have one daughter, Miss Mary F.

Pioneer Ninian Tannehill of Champaign County, Ohio, married his second wife, Jane, when she was but sixteen years old. To them were born Ninian Jr. in 1837 and Ezra in 1843. After the death of the aged father of these two boys, about 1855, his widow, Jane, and her two boys went to Davis County, Iowa. She died about 1878 and her son, Ezra, who never married, lived with his half-brother, James M. Tannehill, until Ezra died. Ezra's brother, Ninian Tannehill Jr., evidently died unmarried, as there is no mention of his descendants.

This completes the story of pioneer Ninian Tannehill and his two wives. But he had a younger brother, James, who came from Virginia at the same time Ninian came, and they settled near together in Champaign County, Ohio, about the year 1812 or 1813. He was married before leaving Virginia. His wife was Ann, born 1791, he 1785. Their first child, William, was born in 1812, about the time they came from Virginia. Here are their fifteen children:

William 1812, John F. 1814, Elizabeth 1816, Samuel 1817, Jane 1819, Rebecca 1820, Harvey 1823, girl 1825, James 1827, Isabel 1828, Jemina 1829, Amelia 1830, Andrew 1833, Florence 1836 and Fleming 1840.

The oldest in this family spent his life in Ohio, and was married twice. His first wife, Lillie, had three sons, John H. 1841, James 1844 and William Jr. 1848. Of these three boys, John died in his youth and the other two, when young men, went to Davis County, Iowa where most of their aunts and uncles had removed. They joined the family of their Uncle John. I shall have more to say of them later. About the year 1860, William's wife, Lillie, died and he married Margaret Campbell, a

sister to Ross Campbell, a college president. William Tannehill's only child by this wife, was Ross Tannehill, born in 1865. He married Grace Kyle, a sister to Rev. Joseph Kyle, so well known in southern Ohio, more than fifty years ago. When a young man, I have often heard him preach at Reinersville, Ohio. To Ross and Grace Tannehill were born four children: Ralph who died in infancy; Adah who married Elmer Jacobs and died leaving no children; Margaret who died in infancy, and Otis B. Tannehill who lives (1939) near Yellow Springs, Green County, Ohio, on the old homestead. He married Mary McLean of near Bellefontaine. They have two children, Grace and Lucille, both of school age.

John F. Tannehill is the second of the large family of pioneer James and Ann to discuss. When a young man, he went from Ohio to Davis County, Iowa, and married Olitha King. They had three sons: William and Fleming who lived at Walnut Grove, Ill. and James at Cherryvale, Kans. John and Olitha, after marriage, moved from Iowa to Bushnell, Ill. and finished their days there.

Elizabeth Tannehill, oldest daughter of James and Ann, of Champaign County, Ohio, married Richard Goddard of Davis County, Iowa. They moved to Billings, Montana. They had these children: Caroline, James W., Ellet, Albert, Fletcher, Amelia and Olletha. In 1937, two of these were alive, Olletha and Judge Fletcher Goddard, Billings, Mont. I have had a fine letter from the latter, who is (1939) nearly 87 years of age, if still living.

Samuel Tannehill, son of James and Ann, also went from Ohio to Davis County, Iowa. He died in Des Moines County and his widow, Ruth, in Dallas County. They left no children.

Jane Tannehill and her sister, Rebecca, never left

Ohio. The former married Mr. Miller and Rebecca married Levi Hendrix. Their brother, Harvey Tannehill, was a teacher in Ohio before going to Davis County, Iowa. He and wife, Anna, had one daughter, Frances, who died young. Harvey was an Attorney in Appanose County, Iowa and distinguished himself as a Judge. Late in life, he moved to Siloam Springs, Ark. where he died.

James Tannehill, brother to Judge Harvey, and wife, Ann, spent their lives in Bloomfield, Iowa. They had one son, Walter, and two daughters, Laura and Flora. The three sisters of Judge Harvey Tannehill, Isabel (Goldard), Jemima (West) and Amelia, (Hathaway) spent their married lives in Davis County, Iowa.

Andrew Tannehill, another son of James and Ann, married Sarah Barnes in Davis County, Iowa. They had eight children, six of them dying in infancy. The two that reached manhood, were Clarence A. and William N. The former lives (1938) in Centerville, Iowa. He is a carpenter and railroad man. William N. is a merchant in Drakesville, Iowa. Neither of these brothers have children. I have had excellent letters from both of these.

Florence Tannehill, the youngest daughter of James and Ann, was at her father's home in Ohio, in 1850, but is never mentioned later. Her brother, Fleming Tannehill, the youngest of the family, like his brothers and sisters, spent his manhood days in Iowa, and he and wife, Mary, had no children. He was a soldier in the Civil War, and finished his days in Cripple Creek, Colorado. He was a wagon-maker.

This concludes the life story of William Tannehill 4th, who was the last to be traced in the line from William Tannehill Jr., the oldest of the three sons of William and

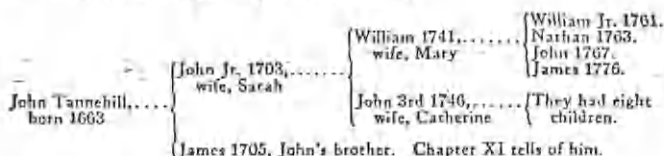
Alice. Now comes the story of their second son, John Tannehill, the first Tannehill born in America. I am much interested in him because he was the forefather of my line. His life story begins in my next chapter X.



## CHAPTER X

### *The Descendents of John, the First Tannehill Born in America*

The pioneers, William and Alice Tannehill, had three sons, William Jr., John and Andrew. The oldest of these was born in Scotland, but John and Andrew were born after their parents had reached Maryland. I have just traced the family of William Jr. and now will do the same thing for John. He had two sons, as shown in the bracket below: John Jr. and James.



This chapter begins with the birth of the first John Tannehill, born only a few miles southeast of what is now the District of Columbia, very near a place now called Oxon Hill. Few white people lived there then, and the woods swarmed with red men. We hear nothing of this John Tannehill until he married Sarah Orme Bowen, a widow with two or three children. She owned and lived on a farm in what is now Charles County, Maryland. When John Tannehill became head of this Bowen family, his step-children, as often happens, adopted the name Tannehill, and some of them retained it for a generation. That fact gave me much trouble in my researches until I discovered that their real name was Bowen. Later they returned to their rightful name.

John Tannehill's father-in-law was Robert Orme, and

he lived on a farm in the south-central part of what is now the District of Columbia. He was one of the 150-war prisoners who were compelled to cross the Atlantic from Scotland at the same time when William Tannehill Sr. came to Maryland in 1658.

You see by the bracket at the head of this chapter, that John Tannehill Sr. was father of two sons, John Jr. and James. When these boys were but babies, their father died and they were taken from their home, some miles east of where is now the District of Columbia, to the home of their grandfather, Robert Orme, which stood not far from where the Capitol building now is in the District of Columbia. Their uncle, Robert Orme, Jr., was appointed the Guardian of these young boys. We have no means of knowing how long these boys remained in the home of their grandfather, but it is likely until they were young men. However that may be, the older of these boys, John Jr., went with his uncle, Robert Orme, about fifty miles northwest and settled a little south of where the city of Hagerstown is located. When John Tannehill Jr. was about 35 years of age, he married Sarah, daughter of Nathan McGruder, and there is where the name Nathan came into later Tannehill families. To them were born two sons, William 1741 and John 3rd 1746. To the older of these, William, and wife, Mary, were born, William Jr. 1761, Nathan 1763, John 1767, James 1775. One of these four boys never left the vicinity of Hagerstown, but died there when less than fifty years of age. That was Nathan. But the other three, about the year 1785, moved over into Washington County, Pa.

I will tell first, of the oldest of these, William Tannehill Jr. born 1761. He and wife, Mary, whom he mar-

ried about the year 1788, after he had reached Pennsylvania, were parents of ten children, eight of them born in Pennsylvania and the two younger after the family had migrated to Ohio. When this family reached Ohio, among the Indians, the oldest child, James, was but twenty years of age. How would you and wife like to move into an almost unbroken forest among savages when half of your eight children were less than ten years of age? That was the job my great-grandfather, William Tannehill, bit off about the year 1810.

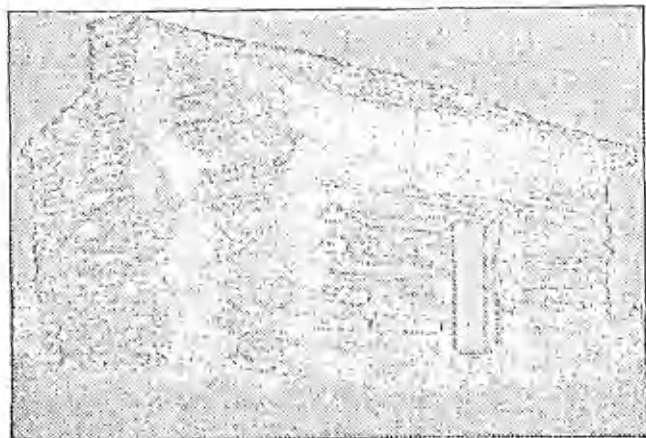
As it will be much easier to follow the descent lines of a large family like this, if I put them in line, I will do that at once:

James 1790, Rebecca 1792, Nathan 1794, Margaret 1797, Andrew 1801, Samuel 1804, Thomas 1806, Hannah 1807, Robert 1812 and Caroline 1817.

Two of these children, Margaret and Caroline, remained single. James Tannehill, the oldest, and wife, Jane, left a son, Isaiah, who married but had no children. James was an Elder in the Crabapple Presbyterian church in Belmont County, Ohio for more than forty years, and he lies in the cemetery there. His sister, Rebecca Tannehill, married William Speer while in Belmont County, but soon after they moved to Muskingum County, Ohio. Here are their family: Robert, Sally, Jane, Polly, Rebecca, William, Margaret, Eliza, Martha and Nancy.

These children lived in the vicinity of New Concord, Muskingum County. In my youth, I attended Muskingum College in New Concord and knew some of the younger of these children of Rebecca Speer. William Speer, Jr. married Margaret Boggs, a cousin of my father.

My grandfather, Nathan Tannehill, comes next in this large family. He was about sixteen years of age when he reached Ohio from Pennsylvania. His wife was Sarah Boggs, a Welsh lady. That is why my name and that of my father's only brother, were both James Boggs Tannehill. The Tannehills settled in Belmont County when reaching Ohio, but my grandfather, Nathan, made his home just over the county line in Harrison County, and his three children were Rebecca 1819, William (my father) 1820 and my uncle James B. 1827. About the year 1847, Nathan and wife and three children moved down into the eastern end of Morgan County, into that part cut off in 1850, to help form Noble County. Later Nathan and wife moved twenty miles west, across the Muskingum River, where Nathan died in 1861. His daughter, Rebecca, remained single and died in Muskingum County.



#### EXACT PICTURE OF THE LOG HOUSE

in which James B. Tannehill was born in Noble County, Ohio, July 22, 1857. He was one of six children born to William and Sarah E. Tannehill in this log house which was built by a man named Thornton about the year 1825.

William Tannchill, my father, taught country school after coming to Noble County, receiving the magnificent salary of \$14.00 per month, and "boarded around," as was the custom in those days. One of the homes where he stayed part of the time, was John Maxwell's. There he met and married Sally Maxwell. From his salary of \$14.00 per month, my father saved enough to purchase a forty acre farm, and moved into a one story unhewn log house. It had one door, hung on wooden hinges, one small window, a chimney built of small logs daubed with mud. The house was not sealed nor papered, no up-stairs nor cellar. My father produced all we needed to eat and wear on that farm, and my mother, with her spinning wheel and loom, made all our clothing from flax and wool produced on the same 40 acre farm. My father cut his hay with a scythe and his wheat and oats with a cradle, and my mother helped rake the wheat and hay with a hand rake, until her boys were large enough to relieve their mother.

My parents lived in that log house on that farm, with 80 acres added by purchase, until their six children were born, two of them, John and Lorinda, dying when quite small. In 1867, my father sold that farm and purchased another nearby, just over in Morgan County, where he continued to live until his death in 1873. The four children that lived to maturity, were Sarah E. born 1850, James B. (myself), 1857, William E. 1859 and Joseph W. 1865. Of these, William E. attended Muskingum College, and in addition to working on the farm, taught country school. He married Emma Brown, and was a farmer until he retired and moved into the village of Reinersville, Morgan County. He died in 1936, leaving no children. His widow lives (1939) in Reinersville.

Joseph W. Tannehill attended college and taught country school until he was appointed by Governor James E. Campbell to a position in the Athens, Ohio Asylum. After serving four years there, he joined myself as editors of a county newspaper at McConnellsville, the county-seat of Morgan County. After we sold that journal, Joseph W. was elected to help revise the constitution of Ohio. Later, he was appointed by Governor Vic Donahay to a position which he held during that governor's four years. In 1935, Joseph W. lost his life in an automobile accident. He and wife, Nettie, were parents of three daughters, Miss Olive, Miss Helen and Mrs. Kenyon (Ketchum), all living (1939) in Columbus, Ohio. Miss Olive is an attorney, and has served under Governor Davy, and Miss Helen has held positions under several Ohio Governors. Next I will speak of my sister and myself.

Sarah E. Tannehill married Leland Ralph whose people lived in Noble County, Ohio, not far from where my father's family lived. To Sarah E. Ralph were born three daughters, Nellie, Bertha and Josie. The oldest married Harley Long and they live in Youngstown, Ohio, and have two children: Ralph B. who is married and is a teacher in Texas. He has no children. His sister, Miss Gladys, has a position in Cleveland, Ohio. My sister Sarah's daughter, Bertha, married Frank Long. They live near Caldwell, Ohio, and have three children: Greer L., Miss Guilaand, and Miss Helen V. The son, Greer L., lives near his father, is married and has these five children: Nancilon, Patti S., Carol J., Alice J. and Elinore J. Josie (Tennent) lives near McConnellsville, Ohio, and has no children.

My father was a farmer, and took sick one day and died the next when I, his oldest son, was but sixteen

years of age, and I found myself in charge of a 160-acre farm. Under the advice of as good a mother as any boy ever had, I so managed the farm as to increase it to 250 acres and had some money beside when I left the farm when I was above 25 years of age. I did that in part by teaching country school, beginning when I was nineteen years of age. Meantime, I slipped away to college and graduated at Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio. After teaching a couple years more, I purchased an interest in a county newspaper at McConnellsville, Ohio. I continued as editor for 23 years. Then I had four children ready for college. Selling my newspaper, I moved to Granville, Ohio, where is Denison University. I resided in that place thirteen years, then moved to St. Paris, Ohio where my youngest son had purchased a Flour Mill. I lived there several years, then retired from business. I married Isabel Crouch in 1886, and to us were born five children, one dying in infancy and the others living (1939). My wife died in 1925. My living children are Ivan R., Urban R., Edwin O. and Letha C. My oldest son, Ivan R., is at the head of one of the divisions in the U. S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C. In 1938, he was sent in the interest of the Weather Bureau, to South America and to Europe where he met delegates from many countries, and this year (1939) he made a similar trip to Europe, visiting Germany, Sweden and Norway. Ivan R. Tannehill graduated from Denison University, then entered the Weather Bureau service. He was stationed first at Houston, Texas, later was in charge of the weather station at Galveston where he was during that terrible hurricane that almost destroyed the city in 1915. When the World War broke out, he enlisted and purposed going over the Atlantic, but was

prevented by the government, putting him in charge of the weather station at Fortress Monroe, where he remained until the close of the World War, when he was transferred to his present position in the Weather Bureau in Washington, D. C. — While stationed in Houston, Texas, he met and later married his wife, Gertrude. They have one daughter, Doris M., now (1939) in College. She is my only granddaughter. My second son, Urban R. Tannehill, after attending college at Denison University, obtained an interest in a School Tablet factory in Columbus, Ohio. While there he married his wife, Verna, and they are parents of one son, Robert J. Tannehill who is (1939) in College at Lansing, Mich. He is my only grandson. Urban R. sold his interest in the school tablet factory in Columbus and became interested in the Western Tablet Factory, Kalamazoo, Mich. He is still there in 1939. My youngest son, Edwin O. Tannehill, is a partner in the St. Paris, Ohio Flour Mill. He has been located there more than a dozen years. He married his wife, Olive, at Wilmington, Ohio. They have no children. He was born in McConnellsville, Ohio, and got his education in Denison University. My only daughter, Miss Letha Tannehill, graduated from Denison University at Granville, Ohio, and afterward took her Masters Degree, and is now in Detroit.

Nathan Tannehill was my grandfather. I have told of his two elder children, Rebecca and my father, William. His youngest child was James B. Tannehill, for whom I was named. When about 20 years of age, he came with his parents to Noble County, Ohio, and later to Morgan county, west side of the Muskingum river, where he married Eleanor Finley. Nathan, my grandfather, died in 1863 while his family lived in western



Morgan County. Then the family moved into Muskingum County, near Zanesville. James B. and Eleanor were parents of two sons, William who died unmarried, and P. H. Tannehill, who is a prominent Judge in the circuit court of that district. He began the practice of law, first in McConnellsville, Morgan County, where he was elected County Prosecutor. Later he returned to Zanesville where he now, (1939), resides. Judge Tannehill married Helen Train, and to them were born three daughters, the Misses Marian, Esther and Eleanor. The latter married and all live in Zanesville, Ohio.

Samuel Tannehill was under ten years of age when his father's family arrived in Ohio from Pennsylvania. Later Andrew returned to Pennsylvania, either before or after his marriage to Lydia Bailey, and lived in Mercer County. Several of his children were born in Pennsylvania. Andrew and Lydia were parents of eight children, six of them daughters. Of these daughters, five died in infancy, and the remaining one, Margaret, died at the age of 26, after teaching school a year or more. After a few years in Mercer County, Pa., Andrew and family returned to Ohio, and soon after went to Columbia County, Wisc. where he remained until his death in about 1885, being 80 years of age. Beside the six daughters, Andrew Tannehill had two sons, Seth and Nathan. In the year 1863, Andrew Tannehill visited his relatives in Ohio. He spent a few days with my father in Noble County. I was then but a small lad, but I distinctly remember him. He returned to his home near Lodi, Wisc. and none of us ever saw him again. My father died ten years after his uncle's visit, and we lost track of our Wisconsin relatives. When I began my research of the Tannehills of the past and of today, part of my task

was to locate the children and grandchildren of Seth and Nathan, the two sons of Andrew. I began by directing a letter to "Any Tannehill, Lodi, Wisc." It returned to me unclaimed. A second letter, somewhat differently directed, also came back to me. Not to make a failure, I directed the third letter to the postmaster, Lodi, where the sons of Andrew lived in their younger days. I requested the postmaster to inquire of the older residents of that vicinity as to where these Tannehills had removed. In a few days I received a most gratifying letter from Miss Bessie Tannehill, Mt. Vernon, Ill. She gave me the following complete and satisfactory account of her father's family. She said she was a daughter of Seth, the older of Andrew's two sons, and that her mother's maiden name was Addie M. Vanderpod. She said Seth Tannehill was father of these children: Clarence born 1881, Earl, Jessie, Bessie, Ilda, Charles and Pearl. The three older of these children were born in Winnebago, Iowa, and the others in Pawnee County, Nebr. Clarence Tannehill married Cecilia Vahl. He is deceased, leaving no children. Earl never married and is deceased. Jessie married Edward Ford. They live in Mt. Vernon, Ill., and these are their children: Aline, Charles, Lester, Fay and Ray (twins), Seth and Maxine. Miss Bessie, who wrote me, is next in Seth's family, then Ilda who married Douglas Mandrell, and their children are: Roy, Harvey and Ola. They live near Mt. Vernon, Ill. Charles Tannehill married Hazel Crosnoe, and they live near Mt. Vernon, and have one daughter, Mary Ann Tannehill. Miss Pearl Tannehill also lives at Mt. Vernon. She and Miss Bessie have an old Bible of their grandfather, Andrew, that gives the name and birth year, month and day of each of their grandfather's children.

Miss Bessie also gave me the place of residence of her uncle Nathan's children at Twin Falls, Idaho, one being Milo Tannehill, Idaho, Idaho. It was no time until I had a fine letter from Milo and his son, Leslie. Nathan Tannehill, son of Andrew, was born in Ohio in 1849, and went with his father to Wisconsin. After marriage to Rachel Van Horn, they moved to Nebraska and later to Missouri and then to Idaho. Their children were: Anna, Martin, Milo, Seth, Velma, Sarah and Ruth. Of these children, Anna married Nelson Pyle and they live at Buhl, Idaho. Their children are Esther (Davis), Dalison, Elsie (Harmo), Miss Mary and Miss Nellie Pyle. Martin Tannehill died single. Milo Tannehill, who wrote me, married Lucy Trower, and they live at Idaho, Idaho. Their children are Miss Bessie Tannehill; Josie deceased; Mildred (Odegard), Walla Walla, Wash.; Lester V. and Sherman, both single, Burley, Idaho; Miss Lucilla at home; Seth Tannehill, single, on the old homestead, Twin Falls, Idaho. He cares for the three children of his sister, Sarah (Howard) who lost her life in 1931 in an auto wreck. The three children of Sarah (Howard) are Nathan, Rachel and Juanita Howard. Ruth Tannehill (Malone) lives at Castleford, Idaho. She has five children at home, Lucille, Kenneth, Lyle, Margaret and Carrol. Velma Tannehill (Laproy) lives at Tiler, Idaho, and her children are: Donald, Rachel and Hazel, all single.

Now we go away back to the family of my great-grandfather, William Tannehill born 1761, and tell of his next son, Samuel, born 1804. After coming from Pennsylvania with his parents, to Belmont County, Ohio, he married Nancy Oglevee, and they lived in Harrison County a few years, then moved to what is now the

western end of Noble County, and ten years later, to Grundy County, Mo. where he resided until in the 1870's when he returned to Ohio and died when 80 years of age, in Guernsey County. He was father of three children: Mary, born 1843, John 1845 and Nathan 1849, the latter dying in his youth. Mary married a man named Reed who had gone from Guernsey County to Missouri, but he died and Mary accompanied her aged father to Ohio, to be with both her deceased husband's father and her own father. Mary left no children. Mary Tannehill's brother John and wife, Amelia, lived in Missouri until his death. He left no children. Samuel Tannehill's next younger brother was:

Thomas Tannehill, born in Pennsylvania but lived, when a youth, in Belmont County, Ohio. He and wife, Elizabeth, moved to Reinersville, Morgan County, where he followed his profession, that of a physician. He died in 1849, leaving a widow and five small children, four daughters, and a son who died in his youth. Dr. Thomas Tannehill's daughter, Elizabeth, married John Henderson of eastern Morgan County. They had eight children: Eliza who died in infancy, Mary, Jane, William, George, Sarah, Wilson and Allie. Dr. Tannehill's daughter, Sarah, married Caldwell Wilson. They lived east of McConnelsville, Ohio, and had six children: Asbury, John, Jennie, James, Charles and Sarah. Much of the information concerning the family of Dr. Tannehill, I received from Jennie, one of this family I have just told about. Jennie married R. F. Henderson and they had one daughter, Jessie, who married J. L. Barkley and has (1939) two sons. Jennie has a son, Caldwell Henderson. Dr. Tannehill's daughter, Mary, married John Rowland, and has five children: Matthew, Robert and

Charles who died young, and John and Calvin. Hannah, Dr. Tannehill's youngest daughter, married John McCormick and they had two children, Lizzie and John. The father of these two children died when they were small, and his widow, Hannah, then married Isaiah Moore and has two children, Mary and Charles, the latter teaching in Columbus, Ohio High School. Mary died young.

Hannah Tannehill married George Nichols, as his second wife. They lived in Sharon, Noble County, Ohio. She died about the year 1880, leaving no children.

I have now discussed all the children of William Tannehill, born in Maryland, except Rev. Robert Tannehill, "born in Ohio" in 1812, as the census tells us. By this we know William Tannehill and his large family left Pennsylvania after 1810 and was in Ohio before 1812. Robert Tannehill followed both farming and preaching, as many of the ministers of that day did. Hannah's history says he was pastor of the Crabapple Presbyterian Church of Harrison County, but later he settled in Antrim, Guernsey County, Ohio. He served as pastor of several churches in that vicinity. Rev. Robert Tannehill and wife, Sarah, had five children: Nancy 1843, Lyle 1845, Isabel 1847, William 1851 and Zed 1853. Three remained single. Isabel married Joseph Temple of Antrim, Ohio, and they had five children: Miss Jennie, a teacher in the schools of Minerva, Ohio; and Sadie (Hope) of Antrim. Rev. Tannehill's son, William Tannehill, and wife, Jessie, had four children: Florence who died aged twelve years. The other three are James C., born 1883, George L. 1890 and Robert P. 1892. The oldest of these married Martha Shufert who died in 1933. Later, he married Beulah Conrad. To

the first wife, one son was born, John W. Tannehill, 1908. He graduated from the college at Wooster, Ohio. He is (1938) employed in the High School, Massillon, Ohio. He married Louise Straub of Wooster, Ohio, and they have (1939) two small children, Joan L. and Ted N. James C., son of William, is Principal of Massillon High School. George L. Tannehill, and wife, Letha, live in Cambridge, Ohio, where he is a dentist. They have two children (1939) William T. and Katheryn, both of school age. Robert P. Tannehill and wife, Mary, have (1939) two small girls, Ruth and Jean.

Zed Tannehill, born in 1853, was the youngest in the family of Rev. Robert Tannehill. Zed never married, but made his home, after his father's death, with his sister, Mrs. Isabel Temple, in Antrim until he became Superintendent of the Cambridge, Ohio schools. He was a splendid school teacher. He served many years as one of the Board of Teachers Examiners in Guernsey County. In my younger days, I often met him in Cambridge, Ohio.

This completes tracing the line of my great-grandfather, William Tannehill. He was the oldest son of William born in the same place, Washington County, Maryland, in 1741. The latter had three other sons, Nathan, John and James and the next of them to trace is Nathan Tannehill 1763, and his wife's name was Hannah, both born in Washington County, Md. and spent their lives there. They were parents of nine children, three dying in infancy. The others were: John born 1789, Elizabeth 1790, James 1792, Peter 1805, Mary 1808 and Sarah 1810.

Nathan Tannehill had died by 1810, leaving Hannah a widow. With her were the four younger children, John and Elizabeth having left home. In 1850, Han-

nah was 80 years old, and was living with her son John, then above 60 years of age. He had served in the War of 1812 and had been given a Land Grant in Blair County, Pa. for his services. He and wife, Jane, were still there in 1840, then went back to Maryland and took John's mother, Hannah, into their home. John had but one son, John Tannehill, Jr., born 1808. He inherited his father's holdings in Blair County, Pa. and his wife was Jane. They had four children, Eleanor born 1830, James 1832, Isabella 1835 and George 1843. Elizabeth, daughter of Nathan and Hannah, married a man named Sisler. Before 1850, he had died leaving Elizabeth with one son, William. In 1850, Elizabeth was employed in Baltimore. Her sister, Mary, remained single, and the last mention of her was when she was living in Mifflin County, Pa. when thirty years of age. The youngest of Hannah's daughters, Sarah, married a man named Gift, and they had these children: Adam born 1832, Elizabeth 1834, William 1838, Hannah 1840, Martha 1841, Henry 1842, Franklin 1844 and Saul 1848.

The only mention of James, son of Hannah, is that he served in General Perry's fleet in the battle of Lake Erie, and received a silver medal for bravery. This takes care of all the children of Nathan and Hannah except Peter. He was born in Washington County, Maryland in 1805. In 1840, he is in Union County, Pa., he 35 and wife, 30, with five children, unnamed but four of them were sons all under ten years of age, born about this way: 1831, 1834, 1837, 1839. (I have been unable to trace these so far. I expect Peter died before 1840, and his widow and children scattered. In Washington County, Md. in 1840 I find Christian Tannehill, near Hannah, who may be Peter's widow.)

Now we turn back to John Tannehill, born in 1767, as shown in bracket on first page of this Chapter X. He went from Maryland to Trumbull County, Ohio, and died before 1830. His wife had evidently also died about the same time, and they left six children: William about 20 years of age being the only one named. He had a sister or wife, unnamed, about his age, two boys 16 and a boy and girl 10. These are thus given in the census of 1830. Then these young people scattered into Ohio, Pennsylvania and Maryland. The lady with William in 1830 in Mahoning County, was likely his wife, and the children 10 are William's son and daughter. This son 10 in 1830 was William Jr. and he and wife, Nancy, were in Muskingum County, Ohio, in 1850, residing near his father's aunt Agnes. Jane Balentine, whose maiden name was Tannehill, was born in Ohio in 1814, and fits in nowhere but as one of this Trumbull County family. She was in Washington County, Pa. in 1870.

James Tannehill, born 1776, is the fourth in the bracket on page one of this Chapter X. His wife was Agnes, whom he married while he was yet in Pennsylvania. They moved to Muskingum County, Ohio, and had two children: Nancy, later Nancy (Caldwell), and her brother, John A. Tannehill. There was also in this family, Elizabeth, later Elizabeth (Hogseed), a sister to James Tannehill, who died before 1850, leaving Agnes, a widow, with the five children: Mary 1826, Samuel 1829, Charlotte 1830, Agnes 1837 and James Jr. 1842.

I have completed tracing my great-great grandfather, born 1741, and my great grandfather, born 1761, both named William, but you see by the bracket on the first page, that William 1741, had a brother, John Tannehill 3rd, born in 1746, whose wife was Catherine. John 3rd



served in the Revolution. He had two children; before they moved from Maryland to Washington County, Pa. and five more born later. Here are these children:

John 4th 1784, Mary (Brewster) 1785, Sarah (Aiken) 1788, William 1792, James 1794, Nathan 1795, Ann 1796 and Rebecca 1798.

I will tell about the two younger, Anna and Rebecca first. They married brothers. Anna (McLain) had one daughter, Mrs. William Higue, and Rebecca (McLain) had Nathan and Emilene.

John 4th 1784 and wife, Margaret, had four daughters: Margaret (McElree) 1844, whose children are Charles, Francis, and Miss Mary. John 4th's daughter, Mary (Reed), 1846, had no children.

Sarah (Aiken) 1847, had a son, Oscar. Rebecca (Neely) 1849, had William, Frank, Mary, Elizabeth and Homer. Mary (Brewster), John 4th's sister, 1785, had Robert, John, James, Mary Ann and Rebecca. William Tannehill 1792, spent his life in Cannonsburgh, Pa., unmarried. His brother, James, 1794, and wives, Martha and Jane, had Mary (McGinnes) 1822 who had John, James Jr., Sarah, William, Dawira and Addison.

Nathan Tannehill, born 1795, the youngest son of James 3rd, had six children. Nathan's wife was Jane. Here are their six children:

Nancy (Sample) 1829; Jane (McKeag) 1834; John C. 1836; Mary (Taylor) 1838; James 1840, and Nathan Roseberg 1842.

Of these children, Nancy (Sample) had Nancy and Robert. Jane (McKeag) had Anna, Mary, Nancy and George. John C. Tannehill and wife, Mariah, had

Jennie (McKelvey) 1880; Clarence 1881; and John J. 1885. Mary (Taylor) had John and James. James Tannehill 1840 and wife, Belle, had no children. Nathan Roseberg Tannehill and wife, Catherine, had Robert 1880, an attorney who died single; James S. 1883 and wife, Olive, with two children, James Jr. and Margaret; while Newton Tannehill and wife, Lois, have no children.

Nathan and Jane, the parents of the above six children, spent their lives in Washington County, Pa. Nancy Sample died in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Jane McKeag's daughter, Miss Anna, lives in Massachusetts where she taught in Wellesley College. I have had a fine letter from her. Her uncle James Tannehill died in California. Mrs. Jennie McKelvey resides in West Alexandria, Pa. James S. Tannehill, named above, is a broker in Pittsburgh. His son, James Jr., is a senior (1938) in Pitt University. Newton Tannehill served two years in the World War. He is now (1939) Auditor of the West Power Co., Pittsburgh. He and wife, Lois, have no children.

This long chapter tells all about the descendants of John Tannehill Jr., born in Maryland in 1703. He had a younger brother, James Tannehill, born in 1705. My next Chapter XI will relate his history.

## CHAPTER XI

### *James Tannehill, Brother to the John of Chapter X*

I have told about John Tannehill Jr. born 1703. Now I am to tell of his brother James born 1705.

The parents of these two boys died when they were about sixteen years of age. Their mother's brother, Robert Orme Jr., was appointed their guardian, and James lived at his grandfather's home in southern part of what is now the District of Columbia. About the year 1733, James Tannehill, the subject of this chapter, married his cousin, Sarah Orme, and they lived almost where the Capitol building of the United States now stands. We have his census for the year 1776, and James was then aged 71 years, and he had these three children:

Jeremiah Tannehill born 1735, Thomas 1744 and William 1758.

Of these three, William remained single. Jeremiah in 1776, and wife, Lettice, had three sons: Joseph born 1769, Moses 1775 and James 1776. The wife of Jeremiah's brother, Thomas Tannehill, had died, leaving John, six years old.

In his old days, James Tannehill, the subject of this chapter, moved to Frederick County, Md. where he made his will in 1780. His youngest son, William, was administrator, and he gave his residence as Frederick County; but as at that time Frederick County embraced a big portion of what since is the District of Columbia; it is very likely James had not moved at all from his old homestead.

Long before the death of his father, Jeremiah was

busily engaged over on the west side of the Blue Ridge mountains among the Indians, in what was then Old Virginia. I think his brother, Thomas, accompanied Jeremiah, for he is always accredited to Virginia. Thomas was a distinguished general in the Revolutionary War. After that struggle, General Thomas is again in that part of Virginia comprised in what is now Preston County, W. Va. General Thomas is scarcely mentioned after the Revolution. Martha was his second wife, but they had no children. In 1798, Thomas and Martha deeded certain land on Sandy Creek. I think Thomas Tannehill's only son, John, settled in Beaver County, Pa. where he was in 1820 with a son and two daughters. One daughter died young and the other was named July. The son was John Jr. born 1808, who had two daughters, Jane born 1844 and Sarah 1846.

Jeremiah Tannehill was one of the first adventurers to cross the Blue Ridge mountains, the boundary line agreed upon between the whites and the red men. The Indians were anxious to trade with the whites, as long as the latter made no attempt to take up lands. As early as 1772, Jeremiah began to spend the summers over the mountains, and soon his brother Thomas joined him. They left their families back in Maryland with their father, James. They must have treated the Indians fairly, as they never had trouble. For nearly a score of years, these brothers followed this plan, occasionally retiring to Maryland when the Indians were on the war-path. The Indians permitted them to build log cabins, in which to reside, while resting from the hunt. They cleared land enough to use as pasturage, and to raise garden truck, and corn to feed their horses. When these men's boys got old enough to help, they spent part of the summers with their

fathers, among the Indians. On the conclusion of the Revolution, when the soldiers had returned home, it was no time until the Indians were driven out of Virginia, across the Ohio river, and even out of eastern Ohio. Then the Federal government permitted those, like Jeremiah and Thomas, to bring their families with them, and reside in Virginia permanently. Indeed, these adventurers had, during their stay among the Indians, marked off sections of land, which they planned to take over, when the time should come when they could do so. Other squatters did the same thing, and they respected each other's claims. These "sit down" whites among the Indians, were 150 years ahead of the "sit down" strikers of 1939. From before the Revolution, General Thomas Tannahill was accounted a resident of that part of Virginia that comprises Preston County, W. Va. now. Indeed he is always accredited to Virginia as a war soldier.

Quite a while before the Indians were driven from that section of what is now West Virginia, some whites abused their privileges as transients. Then the Indians began to complain, and the English government ordered the whites to retire over the mountains, and sent militia to see that they did so. Some whites refused, or left only until the militia were out of sight, then returned.

The Indians retaliated by seizing the property of the whites, carrying off their wives and children, and occasionally committing murder. This resulted in border warfare, and many lives were lost.

About the time the whites were gaining the ascendancy in that section, other Tannahill families joined Jeremiah and Thomas, notable examples being Samuel and William, descendants of Ninian Sr. I have already told of these two.

The Tannehills, like most of the Colonists, were very loyal to the American side of the events that led to the Revolution of 1776. There were a very few Colonists, known as Tories, who sympathized with the British, but the true American had no use for such and treated them unmercifully when overtaken. I ran across an account where four so-called Tories were arrested in Frederick County. They were tried in Frederick City, sentenced to be hanged, and while yet alive, their entrails were cut out and burned before their eyes, and lastly their heads were cut off and their bodies burned, a warning to others.

All Americans who were physically able to enter Washington's army, were required to report for duty, and those incapacitated by reason of age or by physical disability, were required to take an Oath of Allegiance. Several of the aged Tannehills took that oath, while nearly all those able to do so, entered the army and did valiant service. Two Tannehills lost their lives in battle, Ninian Bazel and Zachariah, while others were made prisoners by the British and held until the close of the war. Generals Adamson, Josiah, Thomas, Ninian Bazel and James Tannehill were Lieutenants under Washington. I could name nearly a dozen who served as soldiers during the Revolution, and do not forget that the Tannehills were few in number in 1776.

Up to the close of the Revolution, the Tannehills had not wandered far from their first home in Maryland. The few I have just told about, had ventured over into what is now West Virginia, and a couple of families had crossed the Potomac into nearby Virginia, and John Tannehill, son of Andrew, had ventured as far south as North Carolina.

Jeremiah and Lettice Tannehill had six sons, but one

is never named anywhere, so likely died in his youth. The census of 1776, says Jeremiah had then but one son, and he was born in 1769, but the census did not name him. His name was Joseph. I know this because soon after 1790, he was old enough to transact business in Allegheny County, Pa. where he located. The other four sons of Jeremiah were all under 15 years of age in 1790. Here are almost the exact birth dates of his five sons who lived to be men: Joseph born 1769, Moses 1775, James 1776, William S. 1778, and Charles 1782. I have said that Joseph married and settled in Allegheny Co., Pa. but he died before 1800, as I have examined the census returns for 1800 and later, and Joseph is never named. He left one son, Joseph Tannchill Jr. born 1791. This Joseph Jr. had two sons: Zachariah born 1809 and John 1821. Joseph Jr. had two daughters, Mary (Jameson) who had a son, James; while the other daughter of Joseph Jr. married a man named Graham, and she left a daughter, Fanny Graham, born 1848. Zachariah 1809, remained a bachelor, and made his home, after his father's death, with his brother, John and wife, Sarah. Joseph Tannchill Jr. spent his married life in Butler County, Pa. as did his four children. John 1821 and wife, Sarah 1823, lived at Parkers Landing, and they had eight children, born about these years: Mary 1850, died an infant; Victoria (Hall) 1851 who had one son, Fred Hall who lives, (1939) at Grove City, Pa. He and wife, Myrtle, have three children: Kenneth whose wife is Ada; Francis and wife, Evelyn, who have a son, Jack L.; and Fred Hall's third child is Miss Florence. I have had several good letters from Fred Hall. I said John and Sarah Tannchill had eight children. I have named two, and the other six were Eckard 1853, Braden

1854, Austin 1856, Plummer 1858, Olive 1860 and Hulda 1865. All these year-dates are within a year or two of being exact. Olive died in infancy, Echard, Braden and Austin remained single. Braden died in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War. Hulda left no children, and her brother, Plummer Tannehill, and wife, Tillie, had two sons: Thomas Tannehill who is unmarried and lives at Barberton, Ohio; and DeLoss Tannehill who lives (1938) at Ellet, Ohio, and has five children:

I have traced the descendants of Joseph, the oldest of Jeremiah's sons, and the next to tell about is Moses Tannehill, born about 1776. I know but little about him. He was born and lived in a section touching three states and claimed by each, but the census was taken by Virginia up to and including that taken in 1800, all of which was destroyed by the British in 1812. Then, too, the court house in Kingwood, the county-seat of Preston County, was burned in 1869, destroying all records. Certain lands in Maryland, just over the state border from Preston County, Va. were sold in 1794, and these lands belonged to Moses Tannehill, and he was then but 18 years of age. We have no way to know how these lands came to belong to Moses at that age, possibly coming to him from his mother's people. It may be Moses died about 1793, unmarried, and the lands were sold to settle his estate. We will have to be satisfied that Moses Tannehill was not living later. I ran across a short paragraph like this which may have referred to this Moses, son of Jeremiah but of this I do not know. It said: "Moses Tannehill went up into Portage County, Ohio in 1829 and married Mary Dilts."

The next to tell about is Jeremiah's third son that



reached manhood, James Tannehill, possibly born the same year as his brother, Moses. All these boys, including James, lived their boyhood in northwestern Maryland, not a stone's throw from Preston County, Va., but spending much time with their father over among the Indians in Virginia. Many other Maryland residents may have done the same thing. This James Tannehill, after marriage, moved into Lawrence County, Pa. Like in case of Moses Tannehill, the court records say, "In 1797 in Sandy and Laurel districts, James, son of Jeremiah sold 200 acres etc." I know James had at least three children, Joseph born 1794, Margaret 1797 and James Jr. 1798. The two first named, never married, but made their home with James Jr. I find all of them living together in Lawrence County, Pa. in 1850, James Jr. and wife, Jane, in 1850, had these children: Joseph born 1830, James 3rd 1834, William 1836, David 1838 and Mary 1841. James Jr. and Jane were still living there in 1860 and their son James 3rd and wife, Sarah 1835, were living in Lawrence County, Pa. 1850, with John born 1858 and Rufus 1860.

The name or birth year of Jeremiah's fourth son I do not know, he dying young.

William S. Tannehill, Jeremiah's fifth son, born about 1778, like his brothers, spent his boyhood in Maryland and with his father in Virginia. He was still in that section in 1798, for he signed a petition asking that a section of Monongalia County, Va. be cut off to form Preston County. Shortly after that, William S. went over into Pennsylvania and divided his time between Somerset and Washington Counties in that state. The census of 1800 tells us he was then in Washington County. He was still there until about the year 1810

when we hear nothing more of him. He never married.

Charles Tannehill, born about 1782, was the youngest son of Jeremiah and Lettice Tannehill. He, too, grew to manhood and married while yet in or near Preston County in what is now West Virginia. As the marriage records of Preston county were destroyed by fire, we do not know the name of Charles Tannehill's wife. He spent at least 17 years of his married life in Preston County, Va. and in the borders of Maryland, since his youngest son, Joseph, was born in Maryland in 1817, but in 1820, Charles and wife are in Ross County, Ohio, and the census for that year says he had three sons, the older being slightly over 10. Their names were Josiah born 1809, Moses 1811 and Joseph 1817, the latter likely living a bachelor, for I find him in Jackson County, Ohio in 1860, unmarried. The other two sons of Charles and an unnamed daughter 20, were living together in Pickaway County, Ohio in 1830. This is evidence that their father, Charles, had died before that year. Josiah Tannehill was born in 1809 close to the northeastern corner of what is now Preston County, W. Va. or possibly on the Maryland side of the state line, as was his younger brother, Joseph. In 1830, Josiah was in Pickaway County, Ohio, but he was in southern Ohio ten years earlier than that, for his father, Charles Tannehill, lived in Ross County in 1820. In 1835, Josiah is a married man and is in Indiana, for his oldest son, Horace was born in Indiana that year. I think Josiah married his wife, Eliza, in Ohio and soon after was in Indiana, but went on west to Knox County, Mo. where he lived until his death in 1845. He and Eliza were parents of Horace who died unmarried in 1864; Peter born 1836; George

1839, and Emily 1842. The latter died in 1865, unmarried. Peter Tannehill's wife was Julia.

This completes consideration of Jeremiah, the older of the three sons of James Tannehill, forefather of the line we are now following. The record of Jeremiah's two younger brothers, General Thomas and William Tannehill, is very brief, and if you turn back to the first page of this chapter, you will find it all given there.

All these mentioned in this chapter, made their homes together, then scattered into other sections and states. All this caused me much trouble up until after the War of 1812, as I have already explained. Another trouble confronted me. I have told that the children of William and Elizabeth Tannehill settled in the same Preston County section, and many of the children of my line, William 1741 and his brother John 1746, settled, for a time, in the suburbs of the section bordering on Preston County. These, more or less, intermingled, and it was with the greatest difficulty that I could line them up all correctly. But at last, I believe I have overcome most of the difficulties that confronted me. Some of these distinct lines moved, all in a bunch, into parts of Pennsylvania, and on over into southern Ohio, and even intermarried. I know that Walter Tannehill of the John and Rachel branch married Margaret of another of these lines.

My next chapter, XII, will tell how one branch of the Tannehills began inserting the letter "y" in the middle of their name.

## CHAPTER XII

### *Those Tannehills Who Inserted the Letter "y" in Their Name*

Originally, in Scotland, our people spelled their name TANNAHILL. I have already told how it came about that the two brothers, who landed in Maryland in 1658, took to spelling their name TANNEHILL. I did not know, until I was past forty years of age, living in Ohio that there were any who spelled it TANEYHILL. About that time I met one of my people who put a "y" in his name, but thought nothing about it until I came to Washington and began to trace my people in Maryland, where they first settled on arriving in America. It was then I discovered that one important branch of my people began, 200 years ago, in Calvert County, Md., to insert the "y" and have persisted in doing so until our day (1939). It was then I became interested in them and asked myself, "When and why did they do that?" To answer this question takes us back almost to 1658, when William and Alice Tannehill arrived in Maryland from Scotland. I have already told that these Tannehill pioneers had three sons, William Jr., John and Andrew, the latter born in 1666, just a little distance southeast of where the present city of Washington, D. C. now stands. I have, so far, scarcely mentioned this Andrew, the youngest son of William and Alice. By the time I get through telling about Andrew, my readers will discover that he has a very large number of descendants, and the peculiar thing about them is that they divided into two swarms, that migrated in almost oppo-

site directions and settled a thousand miles apart, and one branch spelled Tancyhill and the other, Tannehill.

When Andrew Sr. was about 20 years of age, he married Ann, daughter of John Deakin, and they began house-keeping a few miles southeast of his birthplace. At that early date, the Indians held all the country west of where the City of Washington, D. C. now stands. Andrew was full of business from his youth and was the owner of several tracts of land, likely in what is now Calvert County, Maryland. Although Andrew Sr. died at the early age of 28 years, it is said he made several trips to Africa to bring captive slaves to Maryland and Virginia, but I am inclined to think it was his son, Andrew Jr., who did that.

Andrew Sr. and Ann Tannehill were parents of three children: John born 1628, Andrew Jr. 1690 and Elizabeth 1693. No record gives these birth years for these three children, yet I cannot be more than a year or so in error, based on Andrew's age when he died in 1694. These little children, soon after their father's death, scattered out from home, and there was a good reason for their doing so. Ann did not wait long after her husband's death until she married again, and relatives took John over into Isle of Wight County, Va., and from there he went into Albemarle, afterward Pasquotank County, eastern North Carolina, when he was hardly of age.

Why did I say Ann married again so soon after her husband's death? Well, the records tell us Ann had her fourth husband before her death, at a not very old age. She had to be on the jump to get and dispose of so many husbands.

I am following her son, John Tannehill, down into North Carolina because he was grandfather of the John

Tannehill who, about the year 1750, moved from North Carolina to Maryland and began putting the "y" in his name. Why did he put the "y" in his name at that time? It is no problem to me now at all. Andrew Tannehill Jr. had died a few years before this time and left a plantation in Calvert County, Md. to his only brother, John because Andrew Jr. left no children to inherit his estate. Later, John Tannehill died in North Carolina and left his land holdings to his only son, Philip Tannehill Sr. In less than ten years, Philip Sr. died, leaving four sons, John, Philip Jr. James and Andrew. Philip Sr. left his homestead in North Carolina to his oldest son, and also the Calvert County, Md. farm. When this John Tannehill Jr. went up to Maryland to possess the farm he had inherited, he found the deed to it in his uncle's name spelled Tannehill. He, therefore, thought it safer to conform his name spelling to that of the recorded deed to the land inherited. Richardson's "Side Lights to Maryland History," page 228, says:

"It sometimes becomes necessary to adopt the incorrect spelling to preserve their identity as owners of real estate."

I knew Andrew Jr. had died and left a will, and I concluded he left no children to inherit property, but I had no positive proof that he was childless, until I came in possession of a "Family Tree" of these Tannehills. I shall tell about that later. That "Tree" said Andrew Tannehill Jr. left no children.

The four sons of Philip Tannehill Sr. spelled their name as their father did until the oldest inherited that Maryland farm. After John Tannehill decided to make his home in Calvert County, Md. he sold his father's

old homestead in North Carolina. His three younger brothers in North Carolina had inherited valuable Indian lands that their grandfather, John Tannehill, had received from the government for his acting as a policeman for many years to hold in check the Cherokee Indians in Georgia. So these three brothers, James, Philip Jr. and Andrew and their children are settled along the Georgian border, on the Carolina side, waiting to occupy their Indian lands, as soon as it might be safe to do so, and I will leave them there until my chapter XIV.

I had spent many days of research through the records in Washington, D. C., trying to discover the origin of the Taneyhills. I had some reasons for believing that they were descendents of General Thomas Tannehill of Preston County, Va., but never dreamed they were descendents of Andrew Tannehill Sr. When I began to think I would have great trouble to solve the mystery, I came across a small volume written nearly 100 years ago, by attorney Richard H. Taneyhill of Barnesville, Ohio. He was born in Maryland in 1822 on the very Calvert County farm I have been speaking about. In 1832 young Richard H. Taneyhill, with his father, Thomas, came to Belmont County, Ohio. At once the thought came to me that I might find some of Richard's descendents living in the vicinity of Barnesville, Ohio. Therefore, at a venture, I addressed a letter to "Any descendent of the late Richard H. Taneyhill, Barnesville, Ohio." In response, I received a most interesting letter which opened as follows:

"Your letter of June 5, 1934, was delivered at the right place, at the right time."

This letter was from Miss Nellie (Patsie) Taneyhill,

Barnesville, Ohio. She went on to tell me that she was a daughter of the Attorney Richard H. Taneyhill of whom I was inquiring. What she meant when she said, "At the right time," was that the very moment my letter was being delivered, there stopped in front of her home, an automobile in which was Miss Ruth Taneyhill of South Bend, Ind. This Miss Ruth is a granddaughter of a cousin of Miss Patsie. I will let the letter tell about her visitor:

"We have with us, for a few days, Miss Ruth Taneyhill of South Bend, Ind. We showed her your letter, and she told us she had at her home in Indiana a complete 'Family Tree' of the Taneyhills, passed on to her by her grandfather, the late W. B. Taneyhill of Akron, Ohio. I gave her your letter, and on her return home, she will send you a copy of the Family Tree."

Miss Ruth did not forget her promise, for she wrote me a kind letter, and enclosed was a copy of the much desired Tree, which I have before me. I was very fortunate, indeed, in securing this, because it was prepared by an able and responsible man whose father was born and spent his first 25 years among the very people in Calvert County, Md., that this Tree tells us about.

Before I reproduce this genealogical Tree, I must relate two other interesting finds concerning these Taneyhills. I had, from later descendants, had a hint that George Lane Taneyhill and his brother Charles W., both born in Pennsylvania, but brought up in Williams County, Ohio, in consultation with their aged father, Rev. Thomas Taneyhill, born in Maryland in 1803, had prepared a big "Family Tree" of his forefathers back to the far-off date of 1666, more than 270 years ago. You cannot conceive how anxious I was to possess a



copy of this valuable record, but George Lane Taneyhill was born 100 years ago. There is nothing like perseverance, so I began writing letters to those I thought might tell me where I might run across what I so much desired to possess. Among others, I wrote to Colonel Joseph O. Taneyhill of Madison, Conn., a World War veteran. He replied to me, "Believe it or not," but the widow of the George Lane Taneyhill, you inquire about, is living in New York City, and he gave me her street address. She has died since 1938.

It was but a short time until a letter was on its way to this aged lady. In a few days, I received from her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Shafer, a welcome reply. She stated that, on receipt of my letter, her mother sent her to the basement where there was an old trunk which contained the papers of Ruth's father, the late Dr. George Lane Taneyhill, and behold! she found the very Family Tree I was so anxious to see. She sent me a copy of it, and I have it before me at this moment. It reaches back to the birth of Andrew Tannehill Sr., who was great-grandfather to the John "Tannehill" who began putting the "y" in his name. How fortunate I was! But wait, I must relate another miracle.

I knew Andrew Tannehill Sr. had made a will, for I had run across extracts taken from it. Andrew then lived in Calvert County, Md., but their county courthouse was destroyed by fire many years ago, and all the early wills and other early records were destroyed. Therefore, I had no expectation of ever seeing the old will, left by Andrew's death, 244 years ago. About the time I was tracing these Taneyhills, I received a letter from Col. Joseph O. Taneyhill, Madison, Conn., wherein he casually stated that his sister, Mrs. Ruby Lingerman

of Baltimore, had in her possession, a copy of this old will. I said to myself, "No, a thousand times, no," but all the same, I wrote her for a copy, and very promptly, she sent it, to my very great delight.

I have just got through saying that many years ago, the Calvert County records were destroyed. Yes, but several years prior to the fire, Rev. Thomas Taneyhill went to the County Recorder of that county and wrote out a copy of the will, and the one in my possession is a copy of that. The fact that a lady in Baltimore, whose maiden name was Taneyhill, has today a copy of this 244 year old will, handed down from generation to generation, through the Taneyhill descendants of Andrew Tannehill Sr., is positive proof that the Taneyhills are descendants from him.

This ancient will of Andrew Tannehill Sr. is so interesting that I now give it entire, in order to show the style of writing wills in that far-off day. Especially do I desire to show how careless everybody was then in spelling words, even their own names. The name Tannehill is spelled six different ways in that will. I now reproduce the will:

"In the name of God, amen, this ninth day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand six hundred ninety and three, I, Andrew Tannehill of Calvert County, in the province of Maryland, Planter, being sick and weary in body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, praise be given to God for same, and knowing the mortality of my body, that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say, first and principally, I surrender my soul unto the hand of Almighty God from whom I received it, hoping through the merits of Christ Jesus, the same in the resurrection of the just, shall be

reunited to my body, both together to be made partakers of the blessedness purchased by Christ Jesus my Savior, and my body to the earth to be buried in a christian manner by my Executrix hereafter mentioned, and as for that temporal estate, wherewith it has pleased God to bless me, in this life, my just debts and funeral charges first paid,—I dispose of in manner following, viz, Impymis,—

I give and bequeath unto my eldest son John Tanyhill and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, all that tract of land called CULLENDER, containing two hundred acres whereon my plantation whereon I now dwell, is to be enjoyed by him at the age of eighteen years.

ITEM, I give and bequeath unto my said son, John Tannehill and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten part of that tract of land called FRIENDSHIP, containing one hundred and fifty acres, so much being deducted out of it as hereafter expressed, to be enjoyed by him at the age aforesaid.

ITEM, I give and bequeath to my youngest son Andrew Tanyhill, and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, all that tract of land called COOPER, containing one hundred and fifty acres, and also so much of that tract of land before called FRIENDSHIP as lieth on the east side of a branch called second branch to be enjoyed by him at the age of eighteen years.

ITEM, I give and bequeath to my son John Tanyhill one negro man to be enjoyed by him at the age of eighteen years.

ITEM, I give and bequeath to my youngest son Andrew Tanyhill one negro man to be enjoyed by him at the age of eighteen years.

ITEM, I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Tanyhill, one negro woman to be enjoyed by her at the age of sixteen years, or the day of marriage which may first happen.

ITEM, My will is that the remaining part of my personal estate be divided into THREE equal shares or parts, one part or share whereof I give and bequeath to my dear wife Ann Tanyhill, and the other two parts or shares to be equally divided between my two sons John and Andrew and to my daughter Elizabeth Tanyhill to be enjoyed by them severally at the age aforesaid.

ITEM, My will is that my wife shall clear no land on the other side of a branch called the Book Branch.

ITEM, My will is that if my son John Tannehill shall die without heirs of his body lawfully begotten, then the land before bequeathed to my said son to redown to my son Andrew Tannehill and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten; if my son Andrew Tannehill die without heirs of his body lawfully begotten the land before bequeathed to my son Andrew to redown to my son John Tannehill and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and if my said sons John and Andrew Tannehill shall die without heirs of their body lawfully begotten, then all the lands, before bequeathed to my sons, to redown to my daughter Elizabeth Tanyhill and her heirs of her body lawfully begotten: If my two sons and daughter aforesaid shall die without heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten, then all the lands before bequeathed to redown to my loving brother John Tannehill of Charles County, in the previous aforesaid and to his heirs forever.

ITEM, Of this my last will and testament I do constitute, ordain and appoint my dear wife Ann Tannehill, my full and whole Executrix, hereby making void and of no effect all wills and bequests by me formerly made, ratifying and confirming THIS and none other to be my last will and testament.

And I desire and request my dear brother William Tannehill and my loving friend Mr. Walter Smith of this county, that they will see that this my last will and testament put in execution and fulfilled according to the true intent and meaning, thereof.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

The words, "My just debts and funeral charges first discharged" interlined before signed and sealed.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by said Andrew Tanyhill as his last will and testament in the presence of

Robert Gillon  
George Cole  
Daniel Robertson.

July 14, 1694, there came the within named Robert Gillon and George Cole and proved the within will before me, but the within named Ann Tannehill refused to stand to the will before me, and had letters of administration from me.

John Bigger, Deputy Cons.  
of Calvert County.

Maryland Set.

In testimony that the foregoing is true and perfect copy from the original Liber F. K. No. 1, folio 179, filed and recorded in my office I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office this 20th day of November A. D. 1833.

Jeremiah M. Baden,  
Register of Wills,  
Calvert County.

The various ways of spelling the family name, such as Tannehill, Tannehill, Tanyhill, Tenehill, Tenehill and Tanyhill, I hereby certify as being an exact copy of the different spellings as shown on the copy made by Mr. Baden in 1833.

Joseph O. Tanyhill,  
Madison, Conn, June 3, 1936.

You see that Jeremiah M. Baden, Register of Wills, in Calvert County, Md., in the year 1833, made a copy of this will for somebody. That was over 100 years

ago, seven years before George Lane Taneyhill was born, and when his father, Rev. Thomas Taneyhill, was thirty years of age. The latter's mother, Eleanor, had just died, at the age of 70 in 1832. There may have been some legal reason for copying the will at that time.

I would like to reproduce the Family Tree in the form as sent me by the aged widow in New York City, but space forbids, so I give it otherwise.

I owe a debt of gratitude to those who furnished me these family lists, and Andrew Tannehill's old will. Here is the descent family line from Andrew Tannehill to his four great-grandchildren:

Andrew Tannehill, born 1666, wife, Ann.	{John Tannehill, born 1688.	{Philip Tannehill Sr., born 1710.	{John Tanneyhill born 1730. Philip Tannehill Jr. James Tannehill. Andrew Tannehill.
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You see I put the "y" only in the name of the oldest of the sons of Philip Sr. I do not think John Tanneyhill himself did that until he went up to Maryland to take over his inherited plantation. I have visited this Taneyhill farm and saw a brick mansion still standing, near the Taneyhill farm. It was occupied nearly 200 years ago, by a family named Smith. I think young John Tanneyhill made his home with the Smiths, temporarily, while looking after his farm, for a very few years preceding 1755, when he married a girl named Ann, and I think her maiden name was Ann Smith, one of his host's daughters. About that time, John gave Thomas Smith power of attorney to collect certain debts due his late father, Philip Tannehill Sr., in North Carolina, and to sell the old homestead, down there; so writes the Register of Deeds for Craven County, N. C., to me so late as November 1936. The homestead was in Craven County, likely territory cut out of Pasquotank County.

With these comments, to acquaint my readers as to the early life of John Taneyhill, I proceed to tell about his family after he began making his home on the Smithfield farm in Calvert County, Md. For nearly 200 years, this branch of the Tannehill family have retained the "y" in their names, with very few exceptions. John Taneyhill's family, quite soon, dropped one "n" and all of them now spell it Taneyhill, as I shall do hereafter in these sketches. Here are his children:

Leonard born 1757, John Jr. 1758, Eleanor 1760, Casandria 1765, Mordecai 1767, Thomas 1770, William 1774 and Hannah 1775.

Leonard Taneyhill is never mentioned in any Maryland records, but the "Family Tree" states that he had a son John who had two sons. One was James, killed in the Mexican War, the other being Samuel Erickson Tannehill, a noted violin player, and he died in Memphis, Tenn.

John Taneyhill Jr. married Eleanor Sunderland and they never left the Taneyhill farm. To save confusion, I will leave John and Mordecai for the present.

Eleanor Taneyhill, born on the Taneyhill farm, died young, unmarried, and Casandria Taneyhill married John Childs and spent her life in the vicinity of the Taneyhill farm. They had three children: Casandria, John and William. I also pass Mordecai, as I did John, and I also pass over Thomas, as he will be taken care of in Chapter XIII; therefore my next will be John's youngest son.

William Taneyhill is never mentioned but once in the census returns, that of 1800. This shows that he was deceased before the year 1810, leaving a son and daughter,

10. The "Taneyhill Tree" says the son was William Jr. and he is nowhere thereafter mentioned, showing that he had died in his youth. The daughter was Elizabeth, and when she was about 40 years of age, she is in Calvert County, single. She, too, went to Ohio with her relatives.

Hannah Taneyhill was the youngest child of John Tanneyhill's family. She married William Fowler, and both of them are buried in the oft-mentioned Taneyhill cemetery on the farm near Smithfield. They had six children: Loriania, Cornelius, Joseph, John, Elizabeth and Samuel. As I have skipped two of this John Tanneyhill family, I will now return to the oldest of them.

John Tanneyhill, second son of the man who put the "y" in his name, lived his entire life on the farm his father inherited a half mile from Dunkirk, Calvert County, Md. He married Eleanor Sunderland and they lie side by side in a cemetery in the center of a field, not far from the house in which they spent their married life. In 1936, I visited this cemetery and got several exact birth and death dates. Beside John and Eleanor, readable grave-markers of four other of this family are still standing. It appears from the manner in which the census enumerations were taken in 1800 to 1830, that all these Tanneyhills lived in the fashion of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, as one family, in one large home, or in smaller huts nearby. The pioneer residence burned many years ago, and a smaller house was built on the same foundation. A colored family occupies the residence now.

The census did not give Eleanor Tannehill's name, only that of the head of the family, John Tannehill, alone. The investigator is obliged to get the names of the wife



and children by other means. When finally investigated, John's family proved to be as follows:

Zachariah born 1784, Mordecai 1791, Rev. John 1792, Levi 1794, Elizabeth 1796 and Rev. Thomas Taneyhill 1803.

Of these six children, Mordecai and Levi died young and Elizabeth was unmarried. In 1840, she was still in Calvert County, looking after the children of her brother, Rev. John, who had died in 1832, leaving two small girls about five years of age. Rev. John Taneyhill's widow's name was Priscilla. Shortly after her husband's death, she married John Fowler. All three of these are buried on the Taneyhill farm near Smithfield. Before 1850, Elizabeth, who was widow of her cousin, Erickson Taneyhill, joined her youngest brother, Rev. Thomas Taneyhill, in Pennsylvania, and went to Ohio with him.

Mordecai Taneyhill, born 1767, the fifth child of John "Taneyhill" of North Carolina, married Elizabeth Stone. He was a Captain of a sea-going vessel. He lived on the old Taneyhill farm in Calvert County, Md., and died when nearly 70 years of age. He was father of four children, two of which were killed by a slave woman who was unwilling to see the two little white girls boss her little colored children. The other two children of Mordecai Taneyhill were Erickson West Taneyhill and Henrietta Sophia who married J. Wesley White of Annapolis. Erickson West Taneyhill, born 1826, married his cousin, Elizabeth, daughter of his uncle, Rev. John Taneyhill. They had two sons, Joseph Orlando, who died when a baby, and James Erickson Taneyhill born in 1851, on the Taneyhill farm in Calvert

County, Md. He got his education in St. Johns Military Academy in Annapolis, and located in Baltimore. He followed teaching a number of years. He married Sue Elizabeth Mackall. They were parents of these children:

Eugene M. born 1877, James E. 1879, Mordecai H. 1880, Ruby E. 1882, Joseph O. 1883 and Robert L. 1885.

Eugene Taneyhill died 1934. He and wife, Helen, had one son, Barrett. After Eugene's first wife died, he married a second wife, Blanche, who is now (1938) a widow and lives in Baltimore. The son, Barrett Taneyhill, now goes by his step-father's name, Anderson. James E. Taneyhill and wife, Lillian, have these seven children: James E. Jr., Lillian, Mary A. (deceased), Frank U., Anna E., Wilford J. and Marie T. The oldest of these was born in 1901. Mordecai H. Taneyhill died 1916, leaving one son, Irwin, whose wife is Evelyn. They have three children: John I. and twin daughters, Dorota M. and Denise M. Ruby E. Taneyhill married Louis A. Lingerian (Veteran in Spanish). They live in Baltimore, and had a son, James Joseph, and a daughter, Ruby Elizabeth, both dying young. They have an adopted son, Edward J. Shaub. Joseph O. Taneyhill and wife, Anne, live in Madison, Conn. They have no children, but he has a daughter by a previous marriage. She married a man named Boyd, and they live in Los Angeles. Robert L. Taneyhill and wife, Dotname, live in Peoria, Ill. They have no children. Joseph O. Taneyhill was a Colonel in the World War. He and his sister, Mrs. Ruby E. Lingerian, have furnished me much very useful Taneyhill data. It was Mrs. Lingerian who had that

copy of Andrew Tannehill's will which appears in this chapter.

In this Chapter XII, I give a complete history of this branch of the Tannahill family that changed the spelling, first to Tannehill and later to Taneyhill, except I deferred the story of two of the latter that migrated to Ohio, and they will be the subject of my next Chapter XIII. These two were Thomas Taneyhill born in 1770 and his nephew, Rev. Thomas Taneyhill. Both of these were born in Maryland.

## CHAPTER XIII

### *The Two Taneyhill Families That Emigrated from Maryland to Ohio*

I have told why the letter "y" was inserted in the name Tannehill to produce the Taneyhill branch of the family. I narrated in Chapter XII, the history of these people for eighty years, and more, while they remained in Calvert County, Md., and I followed a few of them to Baltimore and elsewhere. What is still known as the "Taneyhill Farm," near Smithfield, went into other hands many years ago. The old Taneyhill homestead was situated in the middle of the farm, some distance from the road, a lane leading to it. Their home was destroyed by fire several years ago, and a smaller one erected in its stead, on the same spot. The farm is tenanted by a colored family now. They reside in the smaller rebuilt house.

After the fashion of the Colonial days, the burying place was on the farm, not far from the house in which the family lived. The burying place is somewhat neglected, no fence about it and grown over with vines and bushes. No recent burials have been made there. In 1935, I had the satisfaction of visiting this old cemetery, and reading the inscriptions. Only Taneyhills and close relatives are interred there. I suppose John "Tanneyhill," who came to that farm from North Carolina nearly 200 years ago, and his wife, Ann, are buried there, but the sandstone grave-markers to them and to others are long since weather-worn beyond being readable. A well preserved monument stands at the grave of the son of the John who came from North Carolina whose name was

also John, but he had dropped one "n" and spelled his name Taneyhill. The latter was born in 1758 and his wife, Eleanor, born 1762. I also got the exact birth year of several other Taneyhills there.

The motive that prompted Thomas and Mary Taneyhill to migrate to Ohio in 1832, and his nephew, Rev. Thomas and wife, Elizabeth, about 25 years later, was the same that lured hundreds of other families to do the same thing in that early day; new homes and cheaper fertile lands in what was then the "far west."

I will, first of all, name the family of Thomas and Mary Scrivner Taneyhill as it was in Maryland, before migrating to Ohio, so that we will easily recognize them. Remember, that the John "Tannehill" of North Carolina who migrated to Maryland about the year 1750, was father of all the Taneyhills of today. The Thomas Taneyhill who came to Ohio in 1832, whom we are now to discuss, was a son of that North Carolina John "Tannehill." All Thomas Taneyhill's children were born in Calvert County on that Taneyhill farm. I have no way of telling the birth years of these children, except that the Family Tree, I have told about, says the oldest child, Leonard, was born 1757. I saw the tombstone of the second son and it says he was born 1758, and Hannah's grave marker says she was born in 1775. Therefore, the others cannot vary much from the years I give. Here is the family birth years approximately correct:

Leonard 1757, John 1758, Eleanor 1760, Casandria 1763, Mordecai 1767, William 1772, Thomas 1774 and Hannah 1775.

Thomas Taneyhill born 1774, is head of the family we are discussing. He and Mary were married in 1797 in

Anne Arundel County, Md., when she was 17 years of age. I get her birth year because the census of Ohio in 1850 says she was then 70 years of age. Her husband, Thomas, had died before that year. Here are their children:

Aria born 1798, Casandria 1800, Anna 1803, William S. 1805, Mariah 1806, Mordecai 1812, Martha 1815, Susan 1817 and Richard H. 1822.

Casandria and Susan died before the family came to Ohio, and Anna had married John Sunderland in Maryland, but this young married couple also came to Ohio. Anna died leaving no children, but her husband survived her several years making his home with Eli Moore, who had married Laura Dove, a daughter of Anna's sister, Mariah. The latter had married John Dove. He and Mariah had four children: Clay, Edgar, Laura and Octa. After coming to Ohio, Aria and Martha lived several years, but remained single. I will now tell about the three sons of Thomas and Mary Taneyhill:

William S. Taneyhill married his first wife, Lurette, about the time he left Maryland. She bore him two children, George and Harrod, both dying in infancy. His second wife was Elizabeth Willis, daughter of Rev. Nicholas Willis. William S. Taneyhill was an able attorney, and soon after settling in Ohio, made his home in Millersburgh, Holmes County. He was a soldier, a Captain, in the Mexican War. He died in 1863. His old family Bible is now in the home of his grandson, Attorney Richard L. Taneyhill of Newark, Ohio. Such Bibles ought to be preserved and handed down to succeeding generations. The older they get the more valuable they become. From that old Bible I secured the

following list of the children of William S. and Elizabeth Taneyhill:

Charles V. 1834, Mary E. 1836, Richard W. 1838, William B. 1840, James S. 1843, Ella 1845 and Ida M. 1849.

Charles V. died at the age of six months and Ida and James S. died in infancy. Ella was married three times and died in Richmond, Va., aged 70, childless. Richard W. Taneyhill and wife, Matilda, spent their lives in Millersburgh, Holmes County. He was an able attorney and served many years as Probate Judge in his county, being elected from term to term without opposition. He served in the Union Army in the Civil War as Captain. Here are his children:

Cole 1869, William 1871, Joseph 1873, Richard L. 1875, John 1877, Thomas 1879, Bessie 1881, Bernice 1882 and Lulu 1883.

Cole, William and Joseph died in their youth. Richard L. and wife, Irene Taneyhill, live in Newark, Ohio, and have one son, Richard D. I met Richard L. Taneyhill, who is a practicing attorney, several years ago, and more recently he has furnished me valuable Taneyhill data. He is the man who has in his possession, his grandfather, William S. Taneyhill's old family Bible. His brother John and wife, Nettie Taneyhill, live near Millersburg, Ohio. They have no offspring. Another brother, Thomas Taneyhill's, wife is deceased. He resides in Riverside, Calif., with no children. Mrs. Bessie (Hardy) lives in Cleveland, Ohio. Her sister Bernice died unmarried. Lulu Taneyhill, the youngest of the family of Judge Richard W. Taneyhill, married

John Johnson. Both are deceased. They had three children: Bernice, Richard and Robert. The two sons are married, but have no children. Their sister Bernice married John Weigand and they have a daughter, Mary. The family lives in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. William B. Taneyhill, born 1840, is the remaining son of William S. for me to consider. He married Rebecca Walling and they lived in South Bend, Ind. He also was a Civil War veteran. Their children were Edward, Alice, Anne Laura, Charles and Frank. Two of these children died young, Charles in his youth and Anne Laura when a young lady, a printer by trade. Alice (Meredith) lives (1938) at Elyria, and Frank, now deceased, lived up to 1939 at Barnesville, Ohio, and was a printer. This leaves for mention, but Edward M. Taneyhill of South Bend, Ind. At the time of his marriage he changed the spelling of his name from Taneyhill to Tannehill. They have one son, Frank B. Tannehill, also of South Bend. He married Evelyn Moller and they have no children. He is the last male in his grandfather's line. Now, are we lost? No, we are discussing that large family of Thomas and Mary Taneyhill that came to Ohio from Maryland in 1832, and there are two of them left to tell about: Mordecai and Richard II. We will deal with Mordecai first:

Mordecai Taneyhill was born in Maryland in 1812, and after marrying, he and wife, Ann, settled in Mahoning County, Ohio, near Alliance. They never moved from that vicinity. Here are their children:

William H. born 1841, Mary 1843, Lydia 1846, Ella 1847, Flora 1849, Daniel 1852, Laura 1855 and Josephine 1858.



William H. Taneyhill married Louise Crusirine, and they had a daughter that died in infancy and William R. who died at the age of 32, unmarried. The two that lived to womanhood were Maud (Randall), Stockton, Kans., and Josephene (Colburn), Long Beach, Calif. Mrs. Raudall has six children: Melvin, Lynn, Lloyd, Grace, Veda and Nina. Two of her sons live in Detroit, Mich., Lynn and Lloyd. Mrs. Colburn has one daughter deceased, Lovella, and six living: Mrs. Peter (Jack), New York City; Mrs. W. L. (Richards), Coronado, Calif.; Mrs. Jack (Hughes), Long Beach, Calif.; Miss Lillian; William and John L. The next four daughters of Mordecai Taneyhill were not married, and are all deceased. They were Mary, Lydia, Ella and Flora. The last named was, for some years, a teacher of Art in Mt. Union College. Daniel Tannahill is the second of the two sons of Mordecai. Although 87 years of age, he in (1939) is an active, clear-minded man, as I know from the several letters I have enjoyed receiving from him. You notice he spells his name after the Scottish fashion, Tannahill. I suppose that is the way all of us ought to spell our name. All those in Scotland today and most of those in Canada follow the original way of using the "a" where we use the "e." Daniel Tannahill has two daughters, both of Alliance, Miss Mary H. and Mrs. Irene F. (Gansline). Mr. and Mrs. Gansline have five children: Carl J., William L., Winifred, Clement and Edgar. Daniel's sister, Laura (Rockhill), lives in Sanbernardino, Calif. They have no children. Daniel's youngest sister, Josephine Colburn, lives in Long Beach, Calif., and had seven children, one, Louella, is deceased, but those living are: Mrs. Jack in New York City; Mrs. Richards, Coronado, Calif.; Mrs. Hughes; Miss

Lillian; William E. and John L., the four last named being in Long Beach, Calif. The three children of Mordecai Tannehill just named, Daniel, Laura and Josephine, are all of his family living in 1939.

A glance back to near the opening of this chapter, will tell us that we have followed all the large family of Thomas and Mary Taneyhill, except the youngest, Richard H. Taneyhill who was born in Maryland in 1822. He was but ten years old when he reached Barnesville in 1832. Young Richard was full of energy from his youth. On arriving in Barnesville, he made a survey of the town, and took note of all the residents. He later wrote a small history of that section of Belmont County, and I have had the pleasure of reading this book in the Congressional Library in Washington, D. C. Richard H. was author of several books, some of which treated of Biblical subjects under controversy in his day. He was an attorney of ability. In 1860, he was located in my old county, Noble, in southeastern Ohio, but soon returned to Barnesville and spent his remaining days there. He served as Mayor of that city and held other positions of responsibility. He married Rebecca Judkins and they were parents of the following children:

Henry C. born 1845, Thomas H. 1846, William S. 1848, Francis M. 1850, Mary 1852, Eugene 1855, Sarah 1857, Ann 1859, Nettie 1865 and Patsie 1869.

Henry C. Taneyhill married Annie James and both are deceased. They left no children. They lived at Peoria, Ill. Thomas H. Taneyhill and wife, Mary (Arnold), reared their family in Barnesville. He and wife are deceased. Their children were: Richard H., Thomas W., Harry F., Lena Rebecca and Charles.

Three of these children are (1939) deceased: Richard, Lena and Charles, the latter dying in the World War, in camp. Thomas W. Jr. and wife, Eda, have one daughter, Helen. Harry Tannchill and wife, Mattie, have one daughter, Helen (Hall), who has a daughter, Genaldine. The Hall family live in Galesburg, Ill.

Richard H. Taneyhill and wife, Elizabeth (Trott), are both deceased. They had these six children:

Harry 1871, Walter 1874, Oliver 1875, William 1878, Daisy 1880, John D. 1882.

Of these children, Harry lives at Bloomington, Ill., and his brother, Walter Taneyhill died when but a small boy. Oliver Taneyhill died at the age of 31, leaving one daughter, Ollie (Messmark), who lives at Peoria, Ill. William Taneyhill is living (1938) in Peoria, Ill. He has three children: Harry, Grace (Douglas), Seaton, Ill., and Mary (Bridgeford) of Joy, Ill. Daisy M. (Duncan) also lives at Peoria. She has one daughter, Lydia. John D. Taneyhill lives at Peoria, and has no children. Now we return to the family of Richard H. and Rebecca of Barnesville, Ohio. Their next son was Francis M., born 1850, and wife, Jane, had these five children: Blanche, born 1878, William A., Nellie, Nettie and Edna. Of these children, Blanche (Ludwig), a widow, lives at Bellaire, Ohio. She has no children. Her brother, William A. Taneyhill, lives at Sebring, Ohio, and has no children. His sister, Nellie (Lovejoy), lives at Bellaire, Ohio. She has three daughters; Miss Laura Jane at home; Mrs. Lolis (Long) who has one son, Donald C. Her sister, Awilda (McGuire), has two children: Leora Ann and Shirley Lee. The fourth child of Francis M. Taneyhill, Nettie (Walker),

died in 1927, leaving no children, and her youngest sister, Edna (Pierce) is a widow with two children. She lives with the oldest, Mrs. Genevieve (Belcar), in Stamford, Conn. The other daughter, Miss Burnette, is at home. Mrs. Blanche Ludwig writes me that her mother is still living (1937) aged 79. Going back to the family of Richard H. and Mary of Barnesville, their son, Eugene, Taneyhill, aged 83, lived in Barnesville (1938) with his sisters, Miss Mary and Miss Patsie, but has since died. Of their other two sisters, Ann died in infancy and Nettie married her cousin, Franklin Taneyhill, and had no children. He is deceased.

Franklin Taneyhill and Rose were parents of two daughters, Bessie, deceased, and Edith (Powell), who lives (1938) in Jacksonville, Texas.

I owe a debt of gratitude to Miss Nellie Rebecca Taneyhill (generally known as Patsie) for the amount of data she has furnished me concerning her branch, the Ohio Taneyhills.

The above comments cover all the descendants of the first Thomas Taneyhill to come from Maryland to Ohio, but in chapter XII I left off mentioning another Thomas, a nephew of the former, for he also came to Ohio. Now I tell of him:

Rev. Thomas Taneyhill, born 1803, on the oft mentioned "Taneyhill Farm" in Calvert County, Md., was the youngest child of John and Eleanor. He was a Methodist minister, and in trying to trace him, I very soon found who his parents were and that in 1840, at the age of 37, he was pastor of a church in Bellfonte, Center County, Pa., in the Alleghany mountains. Then I lost track of him, and after days of research, was tempted to give it up. One day, seated with scores of others in

the mammoth Commerce Building in Washington, D. C., I casually remarked to the occupant of the next chair, "I have looked everywhere for a trace of Rev. Thomas Tanehill, except in the penitentiary, but he is not to be found." The one I addressed replied, "Have you searched in the Religious Section of the Congressional Library, on an upper floor?" I went at once to that three-acre eight story building, and ascended the elevator to that department. Comparatively few people have occasion to search in that large room, so I found only one person, the attendant. He said, "What can I do for you?" I replied, "I want to search for Rev. Thomas Tanehill." He did not relish being disturbed; so he said, "Do you see these thousands of books on hundreds of shelves? It is like looking for a needle in a haystack, but go to it." He asked me in what state Rev. Tanehill preached. I told him Pennsylvania. Pointing to scores of shelves in one section, "Here," he replied, "is the Pennsylvania division, and of what denomination was he?" I told him, and he said, "This alcove contains the books that tell about the Methodist churches of Pennsylvania."

For the moment, I was disconcerted, and was tempted to take my hat and depart. It would take me an entire week to examine minutely, even the index of each book. I went to the far end of one shelf and examined three or four books, then stood hesitating. Just then my attention was attracted to a small leather bound book on one of the upper shelves. I do not know why, but I reached up and took it down. I disinterestedly opened to the index, and the first thing I saw, "Rev. Thomas Tanehill." I was so surprised! I turned to the page indicated, and here is the short paragraph I saw:

"Rev. Thomas Taneyhill preached as follows: In 1828 at Greenbrier, Va.; at Pennington 1830; Monroe 1831-1832; Concord 1832-1834; Sanberry 1835; Huntingdon 1836-1837; Lycoming 1838-1839; Bellfonte 1840-1841; Northumberland 1842-1843; Berwick 1844; West Branch 1845; Jersey Shore 1846-1847; Gettysburg 1848-1849; Lewistown 1850; Lycoming 1851; Muncie 1852-1853; Bloomingburg 1858."

Do you believe in miracles? Or to put it on a scientific basis, do you believe your mind has a radio characteristic, such that it searches out things, independent of the body? I do, for such things are happening every day, to you and me, especially to those who desire to be guided. The discovery of that little musty book was a trifle, but it was mysterious, a miracle, as I look at it.

Rev. Thomas Taneyhill, while serving a church in Pennsylvania in 1832, married Elizabeth Berryman, and about 25 years later, they migrated from Pennsylvania to Williams County, Ohio, and he died there in 1895, aged 92. They were parents of the following children:

Sarah born 1834, Mary 1836, John 1838, George L. 1840, Charles Wesley 1842, Adam 1843, Elizabeth 1847, James 1850 and Olen 1855.

Sarah, the oldest of this family, married Joseph Boughner, and they were parents of two children, Thomas and Annie. A year ago I had a good letter from Miss Annie Boughner, who lives in Shamokin, Pa. Her brother was living. Her aunt, Mary Ellen Taneyhill, married Dr. Beyerle. She was living in 1937, aged 90. She had no children. John Taneyhill, born 1838, never married, and died many years ago. His brother, Dr. George Lane Taneyhill, came with his father's family from Pennsyl-

vania to Ohio, when 18 years of age. He returned east, later and married and spent his life in Baltimore. He was an eminent physician, and was a professor in Johns Hopkins University. He and wife, Carrie (McAlister), were parents of a son, George Lane Taneyhill Jr., also a physician. He lives (1939) in Baltimore, and has been an instructor in that University in Baltimore. He and wife, Ethel, have one daughter, Miss Jean. Dr. George L. Taneyhill Sr. had two children that died in infancy, and Ruth who did live with her mother in New York City. It was Ruth and her aged mother who furnished me that invaluable 244 year old will of Andrew Tannehill Sr., the forefather of the Taneyhills. I certainly would have taken off my hat to her, had I had the opportunity before her recent death, and to Ruth who got the old will from that trunk in the basement, and mailed a copy of it to me.

Rev. Charles Wesley Taneyhill, like his father, was a minister, serving as pastor of churches in Fulton and nearby counties in northwestern Ohio, for many years. He and wife, Helen (Palmer), were parents of three children: Elizabeth, Ada and Charles P. Taneyhill, the latter a resident (1938), of Bowling Green, Ky. I hold in my hand as I write this, a most excellent letter from this man. His wife's name is Grace, and they have no children. He wrote me that his father, Rev. Charles Wesley Taneyhill, spent much time with his brother, Dr. George L., in connection with their father, in completing a "Family Tree" reaching more than 80 years back of the origin of the Taneyhills. I said this Charles P. had two sisters, Ada who died in her youth, and Elizabeth who married Carl B. James. Their children are Ella, Wesley, Helen and Lucille. This family lives (1938)

in Bay St. Louis, Miss. Rev. Charles Wesley Tancehill, after the death of his wife, married Ruth who lives (1938) in Hancock, Md. Some of these facts I got in a letter from her. She has been a widow since 1920. Adam C. Tancehill, born 1843, died at the age of five years while the family was still in Pennsylvania. Elizabeth Agnes Tancehill married, first W. M. Starr, and second, Joel Matrox. She had no children by either marriage. She still lives (1937) aged 90, at Bryan, Ohio. Her brother, James Thomas Tancehill Sr., born in Bryan, Ohio, died in Kansas City, Kans., 1933. He and wife, Evelyn, were parents of four children: Thomas R. Jr., 1882, James H. 1887, Paul Sr. 1913 and Edith 1918. The latter married Karl Bradshaw, and died, leaving no children. Thomas R. Jr. and wife, Anna, live in Kansas City, and they have no children. James H. born in Casey, Kans., died in 1913, unmarried. Paul C. Sr., the third son, lives, 1938, in Kansas City, and is a retail druggist. He and wife, Elsie, have two children: Edith Alice and Paul C. Jr., both single. Olen B., the youngest son of Rev. Thomas Tancehill, lives in St. Louis, Mo. He is a pharmacist at a Baptist Sanitarium. His first wife, Anna (Kelly), bore him one child, Anna, who married Herbert McMillen, and they reside in Pine Bluff, Ark. On the death of Olen B. Tancehill's wife, he married her sister, Eva L., and they had five children: John L., Violet, Henry C., Charles L. and Miss Helene, all residing in St. Louis. Violet is the only one of these married, her husband being E. G. Crow Jr. They have one daughter, Sophia (Gay).

This completes the story of the two Thomas Tancehills who migrated from Maryland to Ohio, one in 1832 and the other in 1848. Their forefather, the first Tanne-



hill to put the "y" in his name, came from North Carolina to Calvert County, Md. He had three brothers, Philip Jr., James and Andrew, who retained their father's way of spelling their name, Tannchill, and never left the Carolinas. My next, Chapter XIV, will tell about them.

## CHAPTER XIV

### *Those Carolina Tannehills Who Inherited the Cherokee Indian Lands*

I have already told in preceding chapters, that Pioneer William Tannehill and wife, Alice, had three sons, and I have told the life story of the oldest two, William and John. Next I will tell of the youngest, Andrew born 1666. He was born in Prince Georges County, Maryland, a few miles east of the present city of Washington, D. C. When Andrew was about 20 years of age, he married a lady whose given name was Ann. They were parents of two sons, John born 1688 and Andrew Jr. 1690. The father of these two boys died at the early age of 28 years, and Ann, the mother of the little boys, married again, without much delay, and the older of the boys was taken by relatives down into Isle of Wight County, Va., and later, he went from there over into Pasquotank County, N. C., and his three younger grandsons into western South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and Illinois, thus losing connection with their Maryland brother and cousins for 100 years, until they met in the western states where both branches mingled together again.

I said that Andrew Sr. and Ann had two sons, John and Andrew Jr. The latter spent his entire life in Maryland. He married a lady named Miriam, but they had no children, therefore he has no part in the story of the Carolina Tannehills. Andrew Tannehill Jr. was a very active business man and was owner of many acres of land. He was in the Colonial army as a fighter against the Indians. He was also active otherwise, mak-

ing many trips to Africa for the procuring of slaves which he sold to the planters of Maryland and Virginia. His property was inherited by a grandson of his brother John.

The first mention of John Tannehill, after taken into Virginia, was his acting as an agent for a man named John Scott, and he married a daughter of this man. Scott's wife's maiden name was Tooke, and later, these Tookes, Scotts and John Tannehill moved from Virginia into what is now Craven County, North Carolina, at that time a portion of Pasquotank County which then covered much of the eastern end of North Carolina.

Some time before the year 1719, on the death of one of the Tookes, a will was probated which named John Tannehill as an heir. John's wife is not mentioned, and thus I know she had died, leaving but one child, Philip Tannehill. His name is nowhere mentioned. How then do I know his name was Philip? Well, the war records state that Philip Tannehill Jr. was a soldier in certain Indian wars; therefore I know there was a Philip Tannehill Sr. It is nowhere stated what year he was born, but as his father was born in 1688 and Philip had a child born in 1730, it is likely Philip was born about the year 1708.

I have told that, after marriage, John Tannehill made his home in Craven County, N. C., and his only son, Philip, on the same lands, inherited from the Tookes and Scotts. John died about the year 1745 and Philip Sr. followed his father to the grave in less than ten years. Then the property of both fell to Philip Sr.'s four sons, John Jr. born 1730, James 1732, Philip Jr. 1735 and Andrew 1740.

Philip Sr. had large property holdings. I have told in previous chapters how his father came in possession of

hundreds of acres of Cherokee lands in Georgia and that he owned other lands in South Carolina beside the homestead in Craven County, N. C. Then, too, the lands of Andrew Tannahill Jr. in Maryland fell to Philip Sr. According to the Scottish custom, the bulk of this vast estate went to the oldest of his four sons, and he, at once, sold the old homestead in Craven County and went up to Maryland to possess his inheritance in that state, that came to him from his father's uncle Andrew Tannahill Jr. He thus separated himself from his three younger brothers who remained in the Carolinas.

As the Cherokee Indians still held these Georgia lands, these Tannahill brothers could not sell these lands, and it was not safe to try to occupy them. Therefore, James, Philip Jr. and Andrew waited many years.

That was the state of affairs until Philip Sr. and his father were in their graves, and the oldest of the four brothers had separated himself from the other three, to make his home in Maryland.

I have said that the three younger sons of Philip Tannahill Sr. fell heir to certain Cherokee Indian lands in the territory of Georgia. Soon after the death of their father, in eastern North Carolina, these three brothers moved, about the year 1760, to the far western border of South Carolina so as to look after these Georgia lands. After doing that, because they could neither sell these lands, nor move onto them because of the Indians, they waited more than thirty years for the Indians to abandon Georgia. Meantime, Philip Jr. died and his oldest son, James, and Philip's youngest brother, Andrew, moved out of South Carolina, likely into southern Tennessee but still close to the border of Georgia. At least they located where the census of

South Carolina in 1790 did not enroll them. That left in South Carolina, two of the sons of Philip Tannehill Sr., James and Andrew, and Eleanor Tannehill, widow of Philip Jr. Here is what the census of 1790 tells of these Carolina Tannehills:

James Tannehill, 16; 2 males, 16; boy, 16 and four females. Eleanor Tannehill, 16; boy, 16 and two females. Andrew Tannehill, 16; boy, 16 and two females.

In 1800 they were still there in part. Eleanor had died and one of the two sons of James had moved away. I know otherwise, that the two sons of James in 1790, were named John and James Jr. and that it was John who had moved away. The boy, 16, in the first line of census of 1790, was James 3rd and the boy, 16, in Andrew's family was named George Tannehill. John and James Jr. were 38 and 36 years of age in 1790, and both had served in the Revolutionary army, and when I refer to them, I shall call them "Soldier John and Soldier James." I will now proceed to give sketches of the lives of the three sons of Philip Tannehill Sr., beginning with James born 1732.

When these sons and grandsons of these three brothers were tarrying in the borders of Georgia, they often lived like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, in the book of Genesis, in family squads, and as the census back of 1850, only named the heads of families, it is next to impossible to name the individuals of these crowded-together Tannehill families.

In the very earliest colonial days, the term, "The Carolinas," embraced not only North and South Carolina, but large sections now included in Tennessee, Kentucky, and possibly smaller sections of Alabama, Mississippi,

Georgia and even the southern tip of Illinois. For more than 75 years after John Tannehill crossed from Maryland and Virginia to the Carolinas, there had been no census in all that vast territory, and by that time John, his son, Philip Sr., and even Philip Jr. were in their graves, and John's grandchildren were married and had families. The first census that comes to our aid, was 1776 or 1790. More discouraging than that, is the fact that the census records of Kentucky are lost till 1810, and none of Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi are to be had until we reach the year 1830. Remember, there were very few other records kept in those very early days, and much of that had been lost or destroyed in fires or otherwise. If I had not already spent many months solving difficult genealogical problems, before I tackled this Carolina-Georgia jigsaw puzzle, I might have given it up in despair. What was I to do?

This happy thought came to me: Where did these Carolina-Georgia Tannehills settle after leaving the Carolinas? Right here I am going to relate an almost miraculous incident.

One day, seated in the big 2½ acre, seven story Commerce Building in Washington, D. C., tracing my people, as scores of others were doing, as to their forefathers, a lady, seated next to me, she also was searching the records, turned and said to me, "Whom are you tracing?" I told her my name was Tannehill and that I was looking up only people of my own name. She said to me that her early home was in Alabama, and two of the best friends she had down there were interested in the name Tannehill. One of her lady friend's maiden name was Jones, and the other was named Jones by marriage, but that if it were not for an error, their names would

be Tannehill instead of Jones. The lady in the Census Bureau who had drawn me into this conversation, was Miss Martha Houston, one of the ablest genealogical searchers in Washington.

She said when George Tannehill, great-grandfather of her Alabama friends, was a baby, his mother died and George was taken to the home of his grandmother Jones, and he remained there until he married. When he was quite small, his father married again, and little George's grandmother, being displeased, did not let George know his real name, but led him to believe his name was George T. Jones. He retained that name throughout life, got married under that name, and consequently his descendants, to this day, go by the name Jones.

Miss Houston told me these Alabama ladies are greatly interested in the name Tannehill, had gathered quite a lot of Tannehill data, and would be pleased if I would write them. One of them is, since marriage, Mrs. Pauline Jones Gandrud, Tuscaloosa, Ala. The other lady married Mrs. Gandrud's brother, and her name is Mrs. Catherine Jones, Huntsville, Ala. I lost no time communicating with them. In a few days I received from them 52 typewritten sheets, 8½ by 11 inches, of Tannehill data that gave me much concerning these Carolina Tannehills who had migrated into western and southwestern states as far away as Texas. These two ladies have placed me under great obligation because of the vast amount of Tannehill data they have furnished me, mostly relating to the Carolina branch.

As George Tannehill Jones lived several years in the home of his grandmother Jones, he repaid her by taking her into his home and keeping her there until she was over 90 years of age. Not only did George Jones do

that, but he took great interest in his nine half-brothers and sisters, children of his father's second wife. For many years, he kept up a correspondence with them, as I shall relate later. I also have the family record of the Texas branch of the second wife of Andrew Tannehill. My able genealogical friend of Detroit, John Tannahill Landis, mentioned elsewhere, now deceased, mailed me a copy of a letter he had received from an aged man named Tannehill whose father had migrated to Texas, in the early days, from Alabama. From these letters and from other sources, I learned that soon after the years 1790 and 1800, many Tannehills left the Carolinas and adjacent states for other western and southern states.

Keep in mind that the census of 1790 gave no names except heads of families and gave no ages except to say whether the one mentioned was under or above 16 years of age. These Carolina Tannehills were unsettled transients waiting to possess their inherited lands in Georgia. This state of affairs continued many years. They purposed to occupy their Cherokee lands, but never did reside there for any length of time. When they were thus dodging about, the census enumerator did not always enroll them, partly because Tennessee and Kentucky had no census till 1810 and Georgia and Alabama not until 1830. For these reasons, it is impossible to furnish a faultless and exact history of these Tannehills when they resided outside the boundary of the Carolinas. Therefore, I do not claim exactness for the following, but I doubt whether anyone will ever improve materially on what I shall furnish.

During this uncertain period, many children were born and grew to maturity without having their names regis-



tered in any census, how are genealogical searchers, like myself, to secure the names and birth years under such conditions? There are other ways, as I shall relate, to secure a large part of such names, especially of males. As to females, it is next to impossible. If they remain single, they have no descendants to speak for them, and if they marry, they leave no Tannehill posterity. In spite of all this, I have been able to secure the names of nearly all males and not a few females.

The census for 1850, in all states and territories began giving the name and birth year of everybody, young and old, male and female. As a great many of those born after the year 1800 up to 1850, in the Carolinas were living in 1850 when the census was taken, their names and birth years were recorded that year and are on file in Washington for inspection. I have searched all the 1850 census records for the section we are now discussing. I have also written scores of letters to aged persons who were born fifty to eighty years ago and had an opportunity to gather facts of their parents and grandparents reaching even more remote than the year 1800. As an example, I have talked with my grandfather, Nathan Tannehill, more than seventy years ago, he being born in Pennsylvania in the year 1794.

I will relate in this chapter of tracing one of these Carolina Tannehills down to James B. Tannehill (not myself) born in 1796 in or near Abbeville County, S. C., then I could go no further. I was constantly writing to those living today whom I suspected of being descendants of these Carolina Tannehills, and among others, I had written to George W. Tannehill, Abernathy, Texas and to William Tannehill, Hillsboro, Ill. I had no idea as to what Tannehill line they belonged, nor did I dream

they were brothers. Both of them promptly wrote me that their father's name was Joseph O. Tannehill, that their grandfather's name was Andrew Jackson Tannehill and that their great-grandfather was James B. Tannehill born in the western borders of the Carolinas in 1796. You see this gave me exactly what I lacked to secure a complete and exact genealogical line back from these two brothers to their forefather, Tommy Tannabill, born in Scotland, near Kilmarnock in the year 1580. This is but an example of what I have succeeded in doing in numerous cases. Some families keep names and birth records in the family Bible, and it is handed down through many generations. I have been permitted to consult many such records. A few store away letters of correspondence until they are more than a hundred years old. One accumulation of such letters from which I secured much information, I will yet relate in this chapter, and it concerns Andrew Tannehill, the youngest of the three brothers we are now discussing.

Although I have made use of all these things in order to get an authentic account of the descendants of James 1732, Philip Jr, 1735 and Andrew 1740, yet because of the manner of taking and recording the census prior to 1850, it is next to impossible to prevent slight errors in a family sketch like this. The children of all three of these brothers lived part of the time in Georgia, then migrated into Tennessee, Kentucky and southern Illinois, all the time associating together, rendering it impossible to keep them lined up separately and correctly.

I have said that James born 1732 had only two sons: Soldier John and Soldier James. Soldier John had two sons, James and John Jr. Soldier James had two sons, John and James 3rd. These four boys married and

made their homes, mingling together, in southern Kentucky and southern Illinois, and I had to almost consider them as one quadruple family.

Soldier John resided nearly thirty years on his military lands in Georgia that he had received because of his service in the Revolutionary War, moving to Kentucky after 1810 to be with his son, John Jr. in Logan County. Soldier James likely spent a few years on his portion of the same military homestead in Georgia, but was in South Carolina with his father in 1800, likely having sold his Georgia lands. After the death of his father, soon after the year 1800, Soldier James and his two sons, John and James Jr., moved to St. Clair County, Ill., where Soldier James died before the year 1810. His two sons ended their days there. The older of these brothers, John Tannahill, never married, and was living with his brother James in 1820. The latter's wife died before the year 1820, and his mother kept house for her two sons. James had one small son when his wife died. This son was James B. Tannehill born in 1796. On his mother's death, James B. was taken to Logan County, Ky., where he remained until after his marriage in the year 1818. His only son, Andrew Jackson Tannehill, was born in Kentucky in 1819, then the family returned to St. Clair County, Ill. Andrew J. made his permanent home there and reared a large family.

Soldier John had, as I have told, spent his married life in Georgia until he was nearly 80 years of age, then joined his son, John Jr., in Logan County, Ky. The latter died before the year 1836, leaving a widow, Sarah, and six sons, ranging in birth years from about 1802 down to about year 1818. Soldier John's other son, James, settled in Christian County, Ky., in 1810

and had one son, 6. He was still there in 1820 with the same son, 16. I find later, the name of the son was James Tannahill, and that he had a son, Tobe Tannahill. These moved from Christian County, Ky., to the vicinity of Springfield, Mo., and their descendents lived in Greene, Webster and Wright Counties, Mo., and some of them migrated to Arkansas and later to Madison, Greenwood County, Kans.

Philip Tannahill Jr., born in North Carolina, comes next for consideration. I have already told of his death, leaving a widow Eleanor. They had three sons, James, Andrew and George. "The Story of Coal and Iron in Alabama" by Fabel Armes, on page 62, says: "Philip Tannahill came down into North Carolina and reared a family, one of them being James Tannahill who reared a large family, one of them being Ninian Tannahill." That little Paragraph confirms my assertion that a Philip Tannahill from North Carolina was father of a James Tannahill whose son, Ninian, owned the Alabama Iron Furnace. Before 1790, James had left South Carolina and settled in the western outskirts of the Carolinas in some section not reached by the census, until that of 1820 locates him in Christian County, Ky., where his younger brother, Andrew lived. This Andrew was in Abbeville, S. C., in 1790 and 1800. The wife of James was Catherine, and their sons that lived to maturity were:

James Jr. born 1792, Benjamin 1794, Ninian 1796, Carlton Thomas 1798 and William 1801.

James Tannahill Jr. died young. Benjamin and wife, Elizabeth, lived in Tennessee in 1830. They had then four boys and three girls, all unnamed. In 1840, Benjamin, his wife having died, was living in Johnson County,

Ark., with his son, Benjamin Jr. Ninian born 1796, often referred to as "N. C. Tannehill," also lived in Johnson County, Ark., in 1840. Carlton Thomas Tannehill also spent some years in Arkansas, but returned to Tennessee. He and wife, Margaret, had three children: Baxter N. 1829, Mary Jane 1830 and Benjamin H. 1832. In 1860, Baxter was living in Arkansas and had one son born 1859.

Andrew Tannehill, born 1740, youngest son of Philip Sr., was the only one of Philip's four sons, so located in 1790 and 1800 as not to be reached by the census enumerators for either of those years. As early as 1766, when he was but 26 years of age, Andrew Tannehill Sr. inherited Cherokee Indian lands in Georgia. Likely about that time he married, and was bold enough to go over into Georgia and occupy his land inheritance. The fact that no census reached him during his lifetime, hints that he and family were in Georgia until 1810 and later. The births of his three sons, Andrew Jr. 1767, Ninian 1782 and Alfred 1784, and that of his grandsons, and other circumstances, assure us he spent nearly all his married life in Georgia, except Indian troubles drove him out occasionally. He seems to have died after 1810, over 70 years of age, and about that time his lands in Georgia were divided among his sons, and at least a portion of his estate was sold and his sons moved to Tennessee and Kentucky except Albert, all of them being still in Georgia as late as 1803, for one of the grandsons of Andrew Sr. was born in Georgia that year. Ninian, second son of Andrew Sr., was the first of this family to reach Kentucky, for he was already there in 1810. Andrew Jr. was in Tennessee in 1814, since his youngest son, Rev. Denison Tannehill, was born there

in 1814, but six years later they were in Christian County, Ky., and in Sangamon County, Ill., in 1832 where Andrew Tannehill Jr. died in 1835. On their way from Georgia to Illinois, I find these Tannehills in Kentucky living with other Tannehills, cousins of these I am describing, all living together, so intermingled that it is next to impossible to separate them as to families.

Andrew Tannehill Jr., born 1767, was the oldest son of the Andrew Sr. born 1740, but because Andrew Jr. had so many descendants, to save confusion, I will speak first of his two younger brothers, Ninian and Alfred.

Ninian Tannehill was in Kentucky in 1810, and he and wife, Lucy, spent their married lives there, both still alive in 1850, Ninian being then 68 years of age. He had two sons and two daughters, Alfred, B. B., Margaret and Mariah. To distinguish this Ninian Tannehill from the other numerous Ninians, I shall refer to him as "Uncle" Ninian, because that is what he is called in Jesse Tannehill's letters which I shall mention later.

B. B. Tannehill, Ninian's youngest son, spent his life near the home of his parents, but Alfred and wife, Nancy, were living in Grand Falls, Mo., in 1854. Alfred served in the wars against the Indians while he lived in Missouri. Later he moved to Arkansas where he was in 1860, and still later to Bourbon County, Kans. He was father of these:

John 1834, Jesse 1837, Emily 1845, James 1848, Alfred Jr. 1854, Thomas 1856.

The oldest of these children, John, and wife, Jane, in 1870 had William born in 1858, Lillie 1866 and John J. 1868. They were then in Morgan County, Mo. Jesse and wife, Matilda, were in Bourbon County, Kans.,

in 1870. They then had James D. born 1858, Florence 1860, Virginia 1864, Calidonia 1866, Lowry 1868. The three older were born in Arkansas and the two younger in Kansas.

Dr. B. B. Tannehill, the other son of Ninian, was born in Kentucky in 1816, and his wife was Sarah. Their home was in Simplicia County, Ky. Their children were Marie, born 1849, Preston 1854, Mary 1856 and George 1859. As B. B. Tannehill was a physician, it is likely he and children always lived in that portion of Kentucky.

Alfred Tannehill Sr. was the youngest of the three sons of Andrew Tannehill born in 1740. Alfred was born in the outskirts of Georgia in 1784. He was the last of these Tannehills to leave Georgia, still being there in and after 1830, then moved to Morgan County, Ill., where he was in 1840. His son, Alfred Jr. reached Illinois several years before his father. Joshua Tannehill and wife, Eliza, were along with Alfred Jr. in Illinois, and I take him to be a son of Alfred Sr., and I think these two were all the sons Alfred Tannehill Sr. had. This Joshua in 1850, had a son John then sixteen years of age, and Joshua died soon after 1850. His son, John, was still in the same place in 1870, and living with him was his grandmother, Phoebe Tannehill. John Tannehill and wife, Jane, had three children, William born 1858, Lilly 1864 and John Jr. 1868.

Alfred Tannehill Jr. was born in or near Georgia in 1804 and had four daughters and six sons, the sons being, one born 1825, another 1829, John 1834. These Tannehills had so much trouble in trying to live in Georgia, because the Cherokee Indians laid claim to that territory, and while the government expected, later, to come in possession of all Georgia and had granted much

territory there to soldiers for their services, these soldiers knew they had to wait till the Indians had moved out or were compelled to allow the whites to move into the state peaceably. Those Tannehills who were bold enough to move in, but did it at their risk. During all the period up until later than the year 1800, Georgia was a very troublesome colony, all the time under military rule. Troubles of one kind and another made peaceable and continuous residence in Georgia for the whites impossible. Every one of these Georgia white families had to betake themselves to other states, at times of trouble with the Indians or at the order of the government police. Some upheaval in Georgia just prior to 1820 drove all these Tannehills out of Georgia, some of them temporary but most of them permanently.

We have yet to tell of the oldest son of Andrew Tannehill Sr. He was Andrew Tannehill Jr., born in 1767. Like his father and brothers, Ninian and Alfred Sr., he spent his early days in Georgia and in nearby places in adjoining states. He was married two times, first to Miss Jones who resided in Alabama which bounded Georgia on the west. To this union, one son, George Tannehill, was born in 1790. I have already told much concerning him.

Here is a list of the children of Andrew Tannehill Jr. taken from his family Bible, now in Texas. This list was sent by Miss Maggie Tannehill, Fort Worth, Texas, to Mrs. R. W. Gandrud, Tuscaloosa, Alabama and she to me:

George T. (Jones) born 1790, Jesse 1797, Eleanor 1799, Andrew P. 1803, Rebecca 1804, Celia 1806, Mary 1808, Diadama 1812 and Denison 1814.



These children were all born in or near Georgia except Denison, the youngest, who was born in Tennessee. At the time, this family may have been but temporarily in Tennessee and may have returned to Georgia, when some trouble had subsided, as this family did not reach Sangamon County, Ill., until 1832.

As George Tannehill Jones was the first wife's child, I will tell of him first. I have related that George's mother died when he was a baby and he was taken to his grandmother Jones' home, and that was the home of George until he married. Through Miss Houston, as I tell elsewhere, I got in correspondence with these Alabama ladies, one being Mrs. Pauline Jones Gandrud, Tuscaloosa, Ala., and the other is Mrs. Catherine Jones, wife of a brother of Mrs. Gandrud. Mrs. Jones lives in Huntsville, Ala. I lost no time communicating with these Alabama ladies. In a few days I received from them 52 typewritten sheets of Tannehill data, giving me names of many of the children of these southwestern Tannehills. These ladies have placed me under very great obligation.

I will tell of the daughters of Andrew Tannehill Jr. first. Eleanor was the oldest. She married James Grisham, and they lived in Pike and Calhoun Counties, Ill. Eleanor was still living at the age of 53 years. Rebecca (Berry) had five children, three only living to maturity. Celia (Woalsey) died at the age of 41 and her sister, Mary Tannehill, died at the age of 33. She left a husband and one child. Their youngest sister, Diadama, died when not much above thirty years of age. All these girls were in Illinois when married. Andrew Tannehill Jr. died in 1835 at the age of 68.

George Tannehill (Jones) spent his life in Madison

County, Ala., dying in 1871, aged 81. He was a man of prominence in his day. He served several terms in the Alabama Legislature. He married Rebecca Brown, and they were parents of the following nine children:

John born 1814, William 1817, Nancy 1819, George W. 1822, Stephen 1824, Eliza 1827, Andrew 1830, Sarah 1832 and Martha 1835.

The changing the name of George Tannehill to George T. Jones, took all his descendents outside the Tannehill line, but I desire to follow George W. Jones because he was the forefather of the two Alabama ladies who have furnished much Tannehill data. George W. Jones married Mariah G. Harrison 1849. She was a descendent of the Indian girl, Pocahontas, of pioneer days. George W. Jones was a Major in the Confederate army. He died in 1869. He was father of four children, one being George Walter Jones born in 1866. He married Elvalea Moore in 1890. He was State Senator in Alabama, 1926-1930, and has held other state positions. He lives (1939) in Huntsville and is a Civil Engineer. They are parents of:

Howard born 1890, Raymond 1892, Walter 1895, Edwin 1896, Woodson 1902, Pauline M. 1904 and Carl 1908.

One of these, Woodson, died in infancy, but the others are living in 1939, and hold degrees in the University of Alabama. The wife of Howard Jones, Catherine, is mother of Edith, Howard, Emily and Harvie. Catherine Jones is one of the two who have furnished me so much Tannehill data, and the other is the youngest daughter in the above family, Mrs. Pauline Gandrud. The latter's

husband, Benjamin Gandrud, is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and is now (1939) Supervising Engineer of the Southern Experiment Station at the University of Alabama, U. S. Bureau of Mines. Mrs. Pauline Gandrud is mother of a darling son born in 1939, his name being William Bentley Gandrud.

Jesse Tannehill was the oldest child of Andrew Tannehill Jr. and his second wife, Celia. Jesse was born in Georgia in 1797, but was with his father in Tennessee when Jesse was 17 years of age. After that the family scattered into Illinois and as far away as Texas where I find Jesse and wife, Jane. Jesse was of a very friendly nature, and kept up a correspondence with his brothers and sisters and with his half brother, George T. Jones. Whenever Jesse received a letter, he filed it away. Many years after Jesse's death, these old letters were found and typewritten copies made. There were many pages of extracts from these letters sent me by Mrs. Gandrud of Alabama. Among Jesse's old letters were several from his brothers and sisters in Kentucky, Illinois and Missouri. I have heretofore mentioned the illiteracy of those pioneer days. Two of Jesse's brothers were Baptist preachers in Illinois and Missouri. Here is a paragraph taken from a letter written by Rev. Denison Tannehill to his brother Jesse. I preserve the spelling and punctuation as it was in the letter:

"Dear brother I woude more like my pen in hand to inform you it gave mee grate satisfaction to hear from you woude more I had grate satisfaction to see my brother and fore of his children. Tha are doing as well as the *sun* *hour* *gus* *monney* is *carse*. Mage is *deed* left one boy. My second son etc."

Jesse had a cousin Alfred Tannehill who lived in Grand

Falls, Mo., who wrote to Jesse, and here is a sample taken from Alfred's letter:

"Dear cousin, it is with pleasure i'take my pen in hand to adress these lines to you to inform you wee are all well at present hoping these lines may find you all injoying the same blessing i will inform you that a part of our family been desatisfyed with texes and would not stay and wee have moved back to missoury and has baught a place gining thy place wee lef her and not yet first rate satisfyed wee starter from ear front gate on the 10th of Sept and was nearly 5 weeks on the rode wee injoyed first rate hilt in texes and Nancy like; texes yet as this country does not prove belthy to hur. Wee want you to wright to us how your or getting along and how cousin Gains helth has got let us no the prices of projuce etc."

Jesse and Jane had these five children: Francis born 1825, Cynthia 1831, Jesse Jr., Jane and William. This is the William who was father of Miss Maggie Tannehill of Fort Worth, Texas, through whom I received copies of Jesse's old letters.

Ninian Tannehill, born 1801, was next younger than Jesse. But little is known of him. In 1830, he is living in Gallatin County, Ill., and has two baby girls. He died soon after that. His brothers seem to know but little of his last days. One of Ninian's brothers wrote Jesse Tannehill in Texas that no word had come from his brother, Ninian, for many years. The next son of Andrew Jr. was Rev. Andrew P. Tannehill, born in Georgia in 1803. In his youth he spent some time in Georgia and Tennessee, then in Sangamon County, Ill. About 1831, he married, and he and first wife were parents of three children; Wilkins born 1832, Celia 1834 and Andrew 4th 1835. After Rev. Andrew P.

Tannehill's wife died, he married a second wife, Susan, who bore him eight children; and here are Rev. Tannehill's eleven children:

— Wilkins 1832, Celia 1834, Andrew 1835, Harriet 1837, Rice 1838, Dianna 1842, Jesse 1843, James 1845, John 1849, Sarah 1853 and Ninian B. 1855.

— Rev. Andrew P. Tannehill, like most early day ministers, moved from place to place to serve churches. He was in Hancock County, Ill., in 1849 and in Cooper County, Mo., from 1856 to 1860.

The youngest child in the family of Andrew Tannehill Jr. was Denison Tannehill. He, also, was a Baptist minister. He was pastor of the Salem church in Sangamon County, Ill., for five years, then in 1852, moved to Iowa and was pastor of churches in Guthery, Dallas, Madison and other Iowa counties. He married Louise O'Neil. Their children were:

Martin born 1837, George 1839, Eliza 1844, William 1847, Jesse 1849 and Mary 1852.

This completes consideration of all the families who spell their names Taneyhill and Tannehill that live now or ever did live in the United States, except possibly a very few of whom I have failed to get track. But there were many families of Tannahills who have come to the United States direct from Scotland, or from that country through Canada. I have told somewhat of them already, but my Chapter XV will tell much more about them.

## CHAPTER XV

### *Those Tannahills Who Came from Scotland to America*

Turn back to the Introduction and first chapter, and read about the first Tannahill that ever lived, and note that he had a great-grandson, Thomas 4th, who had four sons, James born 1733, Thomas Jr. 1735, Robert 1742 and John 1744. The father of these four sons lived at Kilmarnock, Scotland. He and his four sons were all the Tannahills there were then in the entire world. They were weavers of cloth, and hearing that their business would be more prosperous if they were located in Paisley, Scotland, they moved to that place.

About the year 1772, when the oldest of these four sons of Thomas Tannahill 4th was but 39 years old and the youngest but 28, they became enthused with the idea of crossing the Atlantic to make their home in America. As the two older of the four were married, it was decided that the two younger, Robert and John, who were single, should cross to America first and select a location, then the others would follow. In 1772, Robert and John crossed to Schenectady, N. Y., and that left in Scotland only Thomas 4th and his two older sons, James and Thomas Jr., with likely a very few young grandchildren.

Now I tell about Robert and John who crossed the Atlantic to Schenectady. They had not been long in America until the Revolutionary War broke out, and soon both Robert and John entered Washington's army and served until the war closed. In 1790, these brothers were back in Schenectady, and were married living together in one house. The Revolutionary War put an

end to all thought of the two older brothers coming to America, and they ended their days in Scotland. Before the end of that year (1790), Robert has a son born to him and wife, Elizabeth. Robert was then 48 years old and his wife was quite young. Before the year 1800, Robert had died, leaving Elizabeth a widow with two small sons and two or three daughters. One of these sons died in his youth, leaving one son, Michael. He was still in Schenectady in 1850, and was a blacksmith.

John Tannahill the younger of the two brothers, returned from war to Schenectady and married Isabella Grier. They had three sons, John 1791, Robert 1793 and William 1801. The father of these boys spent the balance of his days in Schenectady. Isabella, who had come from Glasgow, Scotland, was left John's widow before 1810. In 1820, Isabel, at the age of 50, is keeping boarding house. Had her husband been living in 1820, he would have been 76 years of age. Their oldest son, John Jr., spent his life in Schenectady. In 1820, he had a son and daughter both — 10. He is still in the same place in 1830. William Tannahill, born 1801, the youngest of these three brothers, owned a sailing vessel that made trips down the eastern shores to the Carolinas, sometimes as far as Cuba. At Washington, N. C., he met Miss Susan McNair, a talented lady, and they were married. Later, he went into business at Beaufort, in the same section of North Carolina. His brother Robert came down from New York state, and the brothers became partners in business. Robert did not remain long in North Carolina but returned north before 1840, for that year I find him in Schenectady with two boys, one — 10 and the other above 10. William Tannahill remained in the south until his death in 1845. In

1840, in Washington, N. C. William and Susan have 2 boys and 3 girls. They had another son born after 1840. Their three sons were Robert born 1832, Edmund 1840 and William Jr. 1843. One son living in 1840, had died before 1860. Edmund died in his youth, and after Susan's husband died, she and her children moved from North Carolina to Virginia, and they engaged in business at Petersburg. After some time Robert and William Jr., moved to New York City and started the Stock Exchange, the older brother, Robert, being President of the organization. Before going to New York, Robert Tannahill served as Commissary in the Civil War, and was stationed at Petersburg. Robert and William Jr. had two sisters, Alice (Jones) and Isabel (Plummer). Both spent their married lives in Petersburg, and their descendents can be found there still.

Of the two who moved up to New York, William Tannahill Jr. never married, but Robert Tannahill had married Sallie J. Sims in Warren County, N. C., before he removed to New York. They were parents of twelve children, ten of whom have left this world, eight unmarried, and the other two, leaving no children. The two yet living (1939) in New York City, are Miss Sallie Bell and Miss Mary, their brother, Charles F. Tannahill, dying in 1937. In 1934, while searching through the genealogical and other book records in the Congressional Library in Washington, D. C., I came across some books written by Miss Sallie Bell Tannahill, a teacher of Art in the Teachers' College, a department of Columbia University, in New York City. I began a correspondence with her and her sister, Mary, who is also an Artist. They informed me that their



great-grandfather was John, one of the two Tannahill brothers that landed in Schenectady in 1772.

The two sisters, Sallie Bell and Mary, have placed me under obligation because of the vast amount of Tannahill data they have so cheerfully furnished me. One of these, Miss Sallie, has visited in Scotland, and while there looked up the early history of her people, the Tannahills. It was through her I obtained those exceedingly interesting letters, written more than 100 years ago by brothers and cousins of the noted poet, Robert Tannahill of Paisley, near Glasgow, Scotland.

There were only two Tannahill families in the whole of Scotland in 1772, after Robert and John crossed the Atlantic to Schenectady, N. Y. They were the families of James and Thomas, the two older of the four sons of Thomas 4th.

Here are the sons of these two Tannahills left in Scotland:

Thomas had these three sons: Robert born 1764, Thomas Jr. 1766 and John 1768. The sons of James were, John born 1758; Thomas 1766; Hugh 1768; Andrew 1770; James 1772; Robert, the poet, 1774 and Matthew 1776.

I have told that several of these ten young Tannahills died unmarried in Scotland, and now I will tell of two more that migrated to Canada in 1832. I am interested in these people because they are our kindred, but doubly so because they crossed over and joined their other branch, the Tannehills. Beside that, they are very fine people, and the Tannehills and Tanceyhills are proud to claim relationship to them. They are the same people, the same blood. Today, some of the descendents of these Canadian Tannahills are found living in many of our

states, from Michigan, Minnesota and the Dakotas in the north to other states, east, south and in the far west. All these continue to spell their name Tannahill, and they are right in doing so, for they only hold to the original way of spelling the name.

The first Tannahills to set foot on the shores of Canada, were John, son of Thomas, and Matthew, son of James, two of the ten young men. They crossed the Atlantic from Scotland together and arrived in Canada in 1832 after a three months trip crossing the Atlantic. They settled in Quebec. Here are the seven sons of John and Janet.

Thomas Tannahill born 1812, John Jr. 1814, Hugh 1816, Robert 1818, James 1820, George 1822 and William 1826.

Of these children, Thomas was killed in cutting timber. As John Jr., Hugh and Robert had large families, I will tell of the others first. James died young, George went to California and had no children. William went to Iowa with Robert and remained single. John Jr. born 1814, inherited his father's homestead on Trout River. Indeed, the Johns from John Sr. to and including the fourth generation, John J. Tannahill, have occupied that homestead. I have a fine letter from the latter, who is a prosperous cattle and horse breeder.

Here are the seven children of John Tannahill Jr. born 1814, and wife, Annie E. Watson:

John 3rd born 1836, Jane 1837, Janet 1839, Margaret 1840, James 1842, Isabel 1844 and Barbara 1846.

I get the names of these seven children from Esther Wilson who lives (1938) in New Zealand. John Tannahill, the oldest, married Marion Caldwell. They lived

on the old homestead farm on Trout River in the province of Quebec and they had four children: John J. born 1870; Eliza C. 1878 who remained single; Marion C. who married Rev. Fulcher and had a son, Gordon, unmarried; and William H. Tannahill born 1884, also unmarried. Of these children of John and Marion Caldwell Tannahill, I have not told of their son, John J. Tannahill and wife, Annie E. Watson. They have three children: Miss Eunice M., Principal (1926) of the Waterville High School, Quebec, Canada. She is a graduate with B.A. after her name. Her brother, John W. Tannahill is a farmer and (1936) is unmarried. The third in the family, Miss Margaret, was a B.A. graduate in 1936. Jane married John Vallance. They had Alexander, Marion, Elizabeth, Esther, Isabella and Jane. Three of these are living (1936), Alexander, Isabella and Esther (Wilson). She is daughter of John and Jane Tannahill Vallance. Mrs. Wilson is one of those generous, thoughtful and intelligent Canadian Tannahills that I have the greatest reasons to be proud to own as relatives. It takes the better part of a month to get a letter from Washington, D. C., to New Zealand and another month to get a reply, but that fact did not prevent the exchange of several letters. Mrs. Wilson is not the mother of any children.

Of Jane Vallance's four younger sisters I have but a brief record. Janet evidently died young, Margaret, Isabel and Barbara all married, but that is all the record I have of them. Their brother James Tannahill was a miller by trade, and went to California when a young man, married after going there, and thereafter made that his home.

We are tracing the seven sons of John Sr. born 1768,

and wife, Jane Sharp Tannahill, and have told of all except Hugh born 1816, and Robert born 1818. We now trace Hugh Tannahill and wife, Margaret, who had thirteen children. It is difficult to arrange and dispose of them so as to be understood. Here they are:

Harriet (Black) born 1840, children, Margaret and James. Janet (Lamb) 1842, had no children. Isabella (George) 1843, likewise had no children. Ann (Langtree) 1845, one daughter, Margaret. John Tannahill 1847, killed by accident in California, no children. Barbara 1851 died in infancy. Her parents named the next daughter Barbara. Barbara (Ford) had Barbara and Malcolm. Agnes (Langtree) 1855, died aged 82, one daughter, Miss Mattie. Christena (Wilson), age 81, lives (1937) in Quebec, Canada, no children. Robert Tannahill 1857, lives (1938) at Sawyerville, Quebec. I will tell of him. Hugh S. Tannahill Jr. died 1934, aged 75. I tell of him later. James Tannahill 1861, lives (1939), Grand Forks, N. D. I tell of him later. Jane (White) 1859 died aged seven years.

Of the above, Robert Tannahill is living (1939). His son, Robert Jr., lives at Brooklyn, N. Y., and has four sons, Robert 3rd, Malcom, William and Roy. Of the other three children of Robert Sr., Edward M. is unmarried: Margaret is married and has a daughter, Melva. Margaret's sister, Clara, has Beth, Alton and Garth.

Hugh S. Tannahill Jr. and wife, Catherine, bore him Mary E. who married Rev. Reed, and has no children. Her sister is Janet (Caldwell). Hugh Tannahill's wife having died, his second wife, Elizabeth, bore him Christena (Caldwell), William G. and Hugh W.

James Tannahill in Grand Forks, N. D., has five children: William J., who lives at Huntington Park,

California and has two sons, Myron and Everett; Harry H. has a son, Donald; John A. has William J. and James E. who has two daughters; Tena C. (Cornelius) who lives in Aberdeen, S. D., and has Florence, John D. and Harold J.; Agnes (Wurden) lives at Wacroad, Minn., and has Ruth J., Ellen J., Frederick H. and Edwin H.

Hugh's brother, Robert Tannahill, born 1818, and wife, Edna, went from Ontario to Iowa and later to Nebraska. They have these eight children in 1920:

Jean (McDonald) born 1907, John R. 1908 who died in infancy, Florence E. 1910, Robert D. 1911, Donald E. 1913, Marion E. 1916, Kenneth A. 1918 and Margaret 1919.

I have now completed the genealogical history of John, one of the two Tannahills that came from Scotland to Canada in 1832. The other was Matthew who was born in Scotland in the year 1776. He and wife, Elizabeth, while yet in Scotland, had a son, William, born to them in 1830. Early in 1832, along with Matthew's cousin, John Tannahill, they decided to migrate to Canada. It took them about three months to cross the Atlantic, and on the way over, another son was born to Matthew and Elizabeth, and they named him Robert, but he died before reaching Canada. Matthew and Elizabeth were parents of these eight:

William born 1830, Robert 1832, James 1833, John 1835, Helen 1837, Matthew Jr. 1839, Margaret 1841 and Janet 1844.

William was killed while cutting timber near Glen Falls, N. Y., Robert died in infancy; of James and John, I tell later; Ellen (Fowler) lived at Hamilton, Ontario and had several children; Matthew Jr. married

but died childless in Newcomb, N. Y.; Margaret (Kirby) of Peabody, Mass., had a large family; Janet S. (Cruikshank) had three sons: William, Alexander and John, all married except William Cruikshank, from whom I had a fine letter. Alex. Cruikshank has one son and one daughter, while his brother, John, had ten children.

From what I have already said, you see that Matthew and Elizabeth had but two sons, James and John, who married and reared children. Both these were born after Matthew settled on his farm in Canada. Matthew was more than 65 years of age before his boys were old enough to be of much help on the farm. Matthew Tannahill was a weaver by trade, and worked at weaving as well as farming until his boys were old enough to do the farm work. James and John, when grown, married and bought farms near their father's residence so they could be of help to him. James born 1833, never left that farm and reared his eight children there. The following are his children:

William born 1866, Wallace 1867, James Jr. 1870, Joan 1871, Elizabeth 1872, Janet 1873, Rebecca 1874 and Pearl 1877.

Of this family, William had seven sons and six daughters. I think some of these sons live (1939) in or near Glasgow and Paisley and I could name some of them to whom I wrote letters in the summer of 1939. Wallace lives in Paxton, Mass., and has two sons and five daughters, all living in 1939. James had no children. Joan (Barrie) and Elizabeth (Wilson) were twins, born 1872. I had a fine letter from Mrs. Andrew Barrie. The other four are Elizabeth (Wilson), Janet (Garvitt),

Rebecca (Stark) and Pearl (McCartney). All these are living except Joan's husband, Andrew.

John Tannahill lived on Trout River, Quebec, until he decided to go to the California gold fields. This was twenty years or more after the goldrush of 1859. Times were very hard on the Canadian farms, no market for produce even if successful in securing a crop; but year after year the grasshoppers ate up the crops, and at last his wife consented that John might try his luck at digging for gold. So he left his wife and eight children, the eldest son only fifteen and the baby girl, Janet, less than a year old. In a few months John died of fever in the far west. The mother of these eight children had to sell the farm, because it was mortgaged. She moved to Montreal where the boys learned trades. One became a carpenter, one a painter, and the other two worked in shops. Such are the hardships of life. We think ways of living today are difficult; we know nothing about it. See what our pioneer forefathers had to face.

In the following list of the children of John Tannahill 3rd, some year dates are exact, others approximated:

James Alex. born 1866, Miss Elizabeth 1868, John J. 1870, William 1872, Robert 1874, Mary 1877, Hugh 1879 and Janet 1881.

Of this family, James Alex Tannahill was a carpenter with thirteen children, five dying young, but the names of two of them I do not have.

Fanna born 1888, Janet 1890, Edith 1892, James Alex Jr. 1894, John R. 1896, Robert 1898, Clifford 1900, Gladys and Dorothy (twins) 1902, Kenneth 1903 and Rita 1905.

Firma Tannahill (Bradshaw) had Everett and Elsie.

Janet (Cathie) had one child to die at birth and a son, Osmond Cathie. Edith Wheeler had Edith, Winifred, Grace and George. James Alex Jr. and wife, Mary, had three girls to die in infancy and James, Clifford, Elizabeth and Donald. John R., Robert, Gladys and Dorothy, I know nothing about. Clifford Tannahill and wife, Hinda, had Ralph, Doris, Dorothy, Mildred, Joyce and Patricia. Kenneth Tannahill and wife, Florence, have one child, Sheila, and Rita is married but has no children. John J. Tannahill born in 1870, I mention on a former page.

We have followed two of the few young Tannahills in Scotland in 1832, over to Canada. One was Matthew, and he left in Scotland, one half-brother named John, whose mother died when John was quite young, eight years before the next son was born in his father's family. John was a son of the first wife of James who did not remarry for about seven years. I expect, as is often the case, baby John made his home with his mother's people, and for that reason, he did not mingle with his younger half-brothers. Later, John married a lady named Grace, whose parents, about that time, moved over to Ireland and John and Grace followed them. They seemed to divide their time between Ireland and Scotland as some of their children were born one place, the others in the other province. Up toward 1850, John and Grace decided that they would go over the Atlantic from Ireland to Schenectady, N. Y., where John's two uncles resided. While in Ireland or Scotland, there were born to them, three sons, and while they halted in Scotland on their way to America, another son was born. These four sons were William born 1778, James 1779, Robert 1797 and John Jr., 1800. The father of these boys died in less than ten



years after reaching Schenectady. William, the oldest of the four, was over twenty years old when his parents moved to America, and as he was married, he did not go with his parents. When Grace's husband died her second son, James (generally known as Buck Tannahill) was about 25 years old and married, but the third son, Robert, was less than ten years old, and he was sent across to Ireland to be with his older brother, William, and his mother's people. This left in Grace's care only her youngest son, John Jr. The census of 1820 shows Grace still living, running a boarding house in Schenectady. I will leave Grace and little son there and go back to Ireland and trace William and Robert. They were the only Tannahills in the whole of Ireland, unless a younger brother of Grace's deceased husband, named James, had reached Ireland, where he went about that time.

William Tannahill had married a lady named Helen Burns and had John 1816 and Robert Watt 1821. Just how long William and his two sons remained in Ireland we do not know, but in 1850, they had crossed to America and I find William living alone in the state of Mississippi in 1850, showing that his wife, Helen, had died. Their son, John and wife, Mary, are living nearby, and the younger son was in Texas. John and Mary had five children: Mary born 1832, Helen 1844, William 1846, Ann 1848 and Marian 1849. The younger son of William and Helen Burns, Robert Watt Tannahill, was living in Tarrant County, Texas in 1850. He and wife, Mary, reared six children and an almost innumerable number of grand-children. The six children were: John M. born 1850, William 1853, Porter 1855, Sarah 1857, Mary 1859 and Robert 1861. Of these, Porter remained

single; Sarah died when less than ten years old; and Mary (Dixon) had Robert and Mamie. The other three sons had large families. I will name them. John M. Tannahill and wife, Laura, had eight children: John Jr. and wife, Nora, had John 3rd who lived in Chicago, and Laura who lived at Wichita Falls, Texas. Hiram and wife, Alice, lived at Henrietta Falls, Texas and had six children: Freda (Smith), Shreveport, La.; Watt, married and lives at Wichita Falls, Tex.; Frank Tannahill who died at Fort Worth; Oscar, married and lives at Fort Worth; Emma (Ribiski), Huma, Texas; and Helen (Cozart), Graham, Texas.

William Tannahill born 1853, died at Keller, Texas, in 1926. He and wife, Sarah, had six children: William Jr. and wife, Evelyn, lived at Fort Worth; Dona (Dick), Haslett, Texas; Betty died young; Eunice (Pruitt), Keller, Texas, had Lloyd, Aline and Horace; Eugene Tannahill and wife, Etta, Lockney, Texas, had Ruth, (Reeves), Tulia, Texas, Eugene and wife, Letta, with Ernest and Elizabeth, Lockney, Texas; Morris Tannahill and wife, Olga; Hollis Tannahill, single, Lockney, Texas. Lawrence P. Tannahill, wife, Etta, had Marie (Thompson), Floyd, and Catheryn. Jeanie (McGee) has six children: Luther, Eva, Porter, Bessie, Claude and Ernest; Miss Laura, Ephraim and Hosen all died young, and Eva (Whitsel), Fort Worth, has Venita, Henrietta (Scott), Clifford, Kate (Cooper), Fred, Thennie, Harry and Darrel. Lawrence Tannahill, wife, Etta, had three children: Marie, Floyd and Miss Catheryn.

I have now traced all the children of William and Helen Burns Tannahill except the youngest, Robert L.

born 1861 in Texas. He and wife, Ida Jane, had these ten children:

Gordon Wait, Claude Alexander, Mary Catheryn, Lee Hartman, Herman Ezra, Robert Marian, Anna Laura, Rosa Jean, Ida Eva and Herbert Idras. Gordon W. and wife, Florence, have Robert, Charles and Florence. Claude A., wife, Gladys, have Claude Jr., Clifton and Ida. Miss Mary K. Tannahill lives in Dallas, Texas. Lee H., wife, Evelyn, have Dorothy L., Elizabeth A., Bobbie J. and Lee H. Jr. Herman E., wife, Doris, have Doris L. and Bonnie S. in Fort Worth, Texas. Robert M., wife, Bernice, live in Beaumont, Texas. Miss Anna L. Tannahill lives in Fort Worth, Texas. Miss Rosa Jean Tannahill lives in Huntsville, Tenn. Miss Ida E. Tannahill lives in Fort Worth, Texas. Herbert I. Tannahill lives at Fort Worth, Texas.

The next son of John and Grace was James, known as "Buck" Tannahill. As I have said, he was born in Ireland or Scotland and went with his parents when he was about 20 years old, and crossed to Schenectady, N. Y. He ended his days there when quite young, leaving a widow and two sons, John born 1803 and William 1808. I know nothing about these boys until we find them in Indiana. Their widowed mother lived with them in Indiana, where likely her people may have resided. Professor Callahan, a grandchild of William Tannahill, writes me that he thinks that possibly "Buck" Tannahill may have deserted his wife, but I find nothing indicating that. Miss Mattie Tannehill, a granddaughter of Buck Tannahill, turned a letter over to me which put me in touch with these Tannehills in Indiana. Here are the nine children of William and Lettie Tannehill:

Augustus born 1832, Euphene 1837, Letitia 1839, Hugh 1841, James 1843, Sophia 1846, Emily 1848 and George 1849 and Laura 1852.

Augustus Tannahill had such a large family, that I will trace the others first. Euphenia (Bridwell), had Otis, Addie, Mattie and Nora, the latter two deceased, 1937. William Jr. had George and Emmet and two daughters who went to Vernon, Texas. Lettie (Darnell) had Emma, Lulu, Fred and Austin. James S. Tannahill and wife, Henrietta, had John who died, leaving Henrietta and Mattie in Bedford, Ind.; Jane (Jones) had no children; Thomas Tannahill in Charleston, Ill., has no children; Volney and Josie are deceased; Hugh Tannahill died unmarried in the Civil War; Sophia O. (Callahan) had James M., Francis E., Clara, Ellen, Alva and Ralph. The latter was a soldier in the Spanish-American War, and has one child in Merced, Calif.; Emily (Arnett) lived with her son, John, in South Dakota; Ed in Fairmount, Minn.; Ray at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and a sister in the same state.

Laura is the only child in the family of William (1808) living in 1937. She has Edward and Ray in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and John in Nebraska. Laura (Hamer) had a second husband, John Miller. Laura had three daughters: Pearl, Della and Dema. Augustus Tannahill had these children:

Franklin, Kate, Charles, George, Nevada, Jennie, Maude, Harry, Homer and John.

Franklin had a large family in Long Beach, Calif.; Kate (Evans) lived in Norfolk, Neb., and had Edith (Doughty), Lulu (Michaels), William E. and Glenna (Compton); Charles Tannahill, Gotcho, Okla., is a

bachelor; Jennie (Deaton), Oakland, Calif., has no children; George Tannehill, Norfolk, Neb., has George Jr., Margaret and Helen; Miss Nevada Tannehill lives at Chicago, Ill.; Maude (Peters) in Stanton, Neb., has Robert and Virginia; Harry Tannehill, Norfolk, Neb., has Bernice (McGinnis), Miss Ruth and Lawrence Tannehill; Homer Tannehill, Norfolk, Neb., has Lucille (Crotty) and Harold and Lloyd Tannehill; John Tannehill, Norfolk, Neb., has Gwynn and William.

We are tracing the four sons of John and Grace Tannahill and now we trace the third, Robert born in Ireland in 1797. His parents went through Scotland in 1800 and across the Atlantic to Schenectady, N. Y. The father of these boys died before the year 1810, and his widow sent Robert, then likely aged nearly ten, across the Atlantic to Ireland where some of his mother's people lived and where Robert's older brother, William and wife, Helen, lived. Here are the nine children of Robert and wife, Margaret, all born in Ireland:

Mary born 1830, Robert 1833, James 1835, Samuel 1840, Infant died, Isabel 1843, Emily and Fannie (twins) 1844 and Margaret 1849.

Mary born 1830, married William J. Sturgeon as his second wife in Ontario, Canada, dying age 72. Robert 1833, remained single all his life. He lived with his sister in Canada and his relatives in Georgia, U. S. A. James 1835 was also a bachelor. Samuel 1840 spent most of his life in Canada and Iowa, and died in Georgia. He and wife, Lydia, had three children: Margaret, Robert and Samuel Jr. Of these, Margaret (Coskey) had Robert, John and Jennie. Samuel Jr. had five children: Robert N., Mrs. (Welch), Samuel Jr., Miss Louise and

James D., a bachelor. Samuel's parents had moved from Scotland to Ireland. The next child of Robert and Margaret Tannahill was an infant 1840 that died young. Isabel (Harper) 1845, like her brothers and sisters, lived near Marshalltown, Iowa, and had a son, Robert. Her sister, Fannie (Wardman), also lived at Marshalltown, also Emily (Anderson) born 1844, a twin sister to Fannie, had a son, Robert. Margaret (Coskey) 1849, born in Ireland, went from Ontario to Des Moines, Iowa, where she died. She had Robert, John and Jennie.

Samuel Tannahill, above, was born in Ballynahinch, Ireland, but moved to Ontario, Canada, then to Iowa, and after several years moved to Georgia. He had five children: Robert N., Mrs. M. T. (Welch), Asheville, N. C., a widow with two children; Samuel Jr., Asheville, N. C., married, but deceased, leaving no children; Miss Louise Tannahill, Asheville, N. C., and J. D. Tannahill, Greenville, S. C., unmarried. Robert N. Tannahill and wife, Cora, live in Greenville, S. C., and have three children: Robert N. Jr., wife, Louise, live in Syracuse, N. Y., and have Julia and Catherine (Lewis) who lives in Greenville, S. C., and has twins, a daughter and a son, Samuel and wife, Claire.

Mary Tannahill, married her cousin, William Sturgeon, whose mother was Emily Tannahill. This Mary Sturgeon had three children; Robert, a minister, Eleanor (Lautenbach) and William.

This completes consideration of three of the four sons of John and Grace Tannahill.

John Tannahill, Jr., born in Scotland in 1800 as his parents came from Ireland to Schenectady, N. Y., will be next to trace. He was the youngest of the four sons of John Sr. and Grace. The father of these four boys,

had died before the year 1810. William, the oldest, was married and living in Ireland. Robert was with William in Ireland and James (Buck) was married and living in either Schenectady or had gone to Indiana. That left with his widowed mother, Grace, in Schenectady, only this ten-year old boy, John Tannahill Jr., but he had gone elsewhere before 1820. Before 1830, he was in Connecticut, and he and wife, Ann, had a daughter. Here are the sons and daughters of John and Ann:

Mary born 1829, Agnes 1833, John 3rd 1835, Ursula 1839, Robert 1841, William 1843 and Andrew 1845.

This family moved from Connecticut to the outskirts of Philadelphia, at Germantown, where they were in 1840 and 1850. The uncle of John Tannahill Jr., named James Tannahill, born 1772, had come from Scotland to Schenectady about the year 1795, and his family of several children, and widow, were added to and mingled with the others in and near Schenectady. Her sons were William born 1805, Mary 1807, David and James. There was likely another family that moved from Scotland to the vicinity of Kalamazoo and Detroit that were cousins of those I have alluded to in Connecticut, New Jersey and nearby places. I have found it impossible to line them up correctly; so that all I can do is to name them. Some of those in Michigan moved east to those I have named and vice versa, many from the east moved to Michigan and mingled with the ones that had settled there. I will name some of those in both these places, and a few others in nearby states. I have already named the children of John Jr. and Ann that made up part of this mixed multitude.

Here are others:

James Tannahill, born in Scotland 1825; he and wife, Julia, in Detroit in 1870, had Margaret born 1860, Christian 1862, Robert 1864, Jessie 1866, all born in Michigan, but moved to Missouri.

David Tannahill born in Scotland, 1818, wife, Jessie, were in Kalamazoo 1870 with John born 1852, in New York, Mamie 1854, Janetta 1858, Wilde 1860, William 1863, Agnes 1865, Flossie 1868 and Grace 1869.

James Tannahill, wife, Altha, in Kalamazoo in 1850, with James Jr., and Ellen, both born in New York.

L. Tannahill, born in England, wife, Letitia, in Connecticut 1856 when Mary was born, then Richard 1859, Nannie 1860, Charles 1861 and Frank born in Missouri 1863.

Alexander Tannahill, born in Connecticut in 1836, wife, Margaret, had Mary 1873, Florence 1876, Alex Jr. 1879. The father of Alex Sr. was born in Ireland.

J. Tannahill born in Scotland in 1825, wife, Mary, had Mary born in Rhode Island 1841. They also had a son, A. J. and daughter, C. A.

William Tannahill, born 1805, in Scotland, wife, Genette, had Mary 1832, Robert 1834, William Jr. 1836, James 1838, Alex 1840 and John 1843.

Mary Tannahill born in New Jersey, 1826, had Frank born -----, John -----, William -----, and Lial -----, Jane and Frank born in New Jersey, but John in Missouri.

David Tannahill born in Scotland 1862, wife Elizabeth, had David Charles, wife, Vera; William Jr., John C., Margarette (Raden) with one child; Hazel (Miller), had 4 children. This family in Birmingham, Ala.

James Alex, wife, Jane, had Emma 1888, Janet A. 1890, Edith M. 1892, James Alex Jr. 1894, John R. II. 1896, Robert E. 1898, Clifford R. and Dorothy M., twins, 1902, Kenneth 1903 and Rita 1906.

Mary Tannahill born in Connecticut 1829, had Frank and John, born in New Jersey, William born in Missouri and Lial.



George Tannahill Sr. and his brother John were born in Scotland, and George Jr. and his brothers, Andrew and John, and sisters, Anne and Euphemia, were all born in Scotland. George Tannahill 3rd was also born in Scotland, but now, 1939, he and son, George 4th, live in Detroit, Mich.

Leon K. Tannahill, Detroit, wife Claudia, had one child, Beverly Ann.

This concludes consideration of all the Tannahills, Tannehills and Taneyhills, except those to be named under a later heading.



## INDEX TO YOUR ANCESTRAL LINE

My plan in this book of naming the parents, grandparents and their offspring, does away with the usual form of indexing. Each chapter is its own index as soon as the interested party gets enough from this condensed index to enable him to locate the page where his parental line opens. From that time each chapter is its own index.

All my readers, whether connected with the Tannahills, Tannehills or Tanceyhills or not, will be delighted to read the Introduction and chapters I, II and III, as these sections relate the origin of all peoples in western Europe. Back a few years beyond the origin of the Tannahills in Scotland, the almost prehistoric peoples of that day were the forefathers of all peoples of western Europe, including the Scots, English, Irish and Welsh. The Introduction tells how all these originated. Then chapters I, II and III relate how people of the British Isles migrated to America, contacted the Indians, cleared away the forests and started farm life and the building of houses and originating local government. Our people are interested more than others, in the origin of the name Tannahill and what induced them so early to cross the ocean and become citizens of what later became the United States. When the Tannehills migrated south, north and west and began to increase in number, they formed ancestral lines that are today very interesting to our people, and we like to trace them, each branch being especially interested in its own individual line. Therefore, I have so arranged my chapters that any one can easily trace his own people. We will suppose that none of us knew where his people resided first after moving out from Maryland where they lived after reaching America.

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