

CAPT. DANIEL KILLIN, who during his life was a farmer of East Wheatfield township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born on the old homestead of his family in that township, in 1833, son of Samuel Killin.

Daniel Killin, a native of Ireland, came to the American Colonies in early manhood, arriving here in 1770. When the Revolutionary war broke out, he served his adopted country as a soldier. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary McClatchey, was also a native of Ireland. In 1795 the family crossed the Allegheny mountains into Derry township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., where they lived for some years, and there Daniel Killin died, but his widow moved to Indiana county and spent the remainder of her life with her son Samuel, in East Wheatfield township. She was a consistent member of the United Presbyterian denomination, belonging to Bethel Church, so that when she died her remains were interred in the cemetery attached thereto.

Samuel Killin, son of Daniel Killin, and father of Capt. Daniel Killin, was only sixteen years old when he came to Indiana county, he having been born in eastern Pennsylvania, Nov. 17, 1794. Locating in what is now East Wheatfield he worked as a carpenter with his brother James, but later became a farmer on the farm now occupied by his grandchildren. On it he erected a residence built of stone and lumber, and a barn and other outbuildings, improving his property in many ways. Here he rounded out his life, dying on the farm in April, 1880, in his eighty-sixth year, having been tenderly cared for during his latter days by his son Daniel Killin. A member of the Bethel Church, his remains were laid to rest in the little cemetery where his mother is buried. Politically he was a Democrat, and his efforts were always directed toward securing good government. In 1817 Samuel Killin was married in East Wheatfield township to Mary Tomb, born Nov. 16, 1798, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Dickson) Tomb. Mrs. Killin died on the farm Oct. 3, 1874, and is also buried in the Bethel Church cemetery; she was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. The children of Samuel Kill and his wife were: David, born April 21, 1818, married Jane Lewis; Mary, born Jan. 24, 1820, married Daniel Snyder, of center township; Elizabeth, born Dec. 18, 1823, married James Dick, of Johnstown, PA.; Matilda, born Jan. 28, 1825, married Samuel Klinefelter; Jane Ann, born Jan. 30, 1829, married Daniel W. Angus; Delilah was born Dec. 6, 1831; Daniel was born Oct. or Nov. 3, 1833; William, born Dec. 19, 1835, married Nancy McFarland; Sarah married Franklin Horner; and Jackson died at the age of five years.

Capt. Daniel Killin's boyhood days were spent on the homestead with his parents and he was sent to the local schools, although his educational opportunities were limited. He made the most of them, however, and was all his life a great reader, keeping himself well informed on current topics. When the Civil war broke out he took a patriotic interest in the issues of the day, and offering his services in defense of his country was made first lieutenant of Company K, 177<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt Thomas W. Anderson. When Captain Anderson was discharged on account of disability Lieutenant Killin succeeded him in command of the company, and so continued until the close of his period of service.

Returning home, Captain Killin resumed the agricultural pursuits which his army experience had interrupted and developed into one of the leading farmers and stock raisers of his township. From the time he took charge of the homestead he began making improvements, and continued to add to the working equipment of his farm the remainder of his life. He erected a handsome dwelling and other buildings, and took a pride in keeping his premises in first-class order. A man of more than ordinary ability, possessed of a keen insight into conditions, he was an important factor in the public life of his community, being elected to the office of assessor of East Wheatfield township on the Democratic ticket many times, as he acted in this capacity for fifteen years, and was also overseer of the poor for a long period, being specially fitted for the latter position. Always a religious man, he joined the Presbyterian Church in his latter days, and died firm in its faith April 24, 1907, at his home, and his remains were tenderly laid to rest in the Armagh cemetery. In addition to his heavy agricultural interests, Captain Killin was the organizer of and a stockholder in the Armagh Cemetery Association, and served on its official board.

On Oct. 20, 1862, Captain Killin was married at Hollidaysburg, PA., to Nancy T. Patterson, who was born at Hartz, Log Valley, Huntingdon Co., PA., daughter of Carnes and Sarah (Cole) Paterson. Mrs. Killin is a lady of pleasant bearing and genial disposition, whose Christian character has been developed and ripened by the many troubles of her life, not the least among them having the loss of her beloved husband. Her devotion to her invalid daughter Lucy is beautiful, and the bond which unites mother and daughter has been strengthened by the former's many sacrifices.

Captain and Mrs. Killin became the parents of four children: Clara, who died when eight months old; Mary, who resides at home; Samuel, who operates the homestead, also residing at home; and Lucy, whose invalidism has continued for many years.

Not only did Captain Killin carry on an extensive farming and stock raising business, give due attention to his public duties, and keep a firm hold upon his position with regard to local affairs, but he also rendered valuable services in settling up estates and appraising property. His reputation as an honorable, upright and capable business man induced many to name him as executor of their estates, knowing that the trust reposed in him would never be violated. He was also called upon to serve on the election board, and in every way, as soldier and citizen, he fought manfully the battles against the common enemy, whether in war or peace, and left behind him a name that is synonymous with integrity of living and uprightness in business relations. He but maintained during his long and honorable life the high standards raised by his father and grandfather, and brought into his everyday duties the principles instilled by his God-fearing parents.