

WILLIAM HAMILTON KINTER (deceased), who during his life was engaged in farming in Grant township, and was a soldier in the Civil war, was a native of Rayne township, Indiana Co., Pa., born March 26, 1844, son of Peter and Agnes (Craig) Kinter.

The Kinter family is of Dutch extraction, the found of the family in this country, Philip Kinter, the great-grandfather of William Hamilton Kinter, having been born in Holland in 1700. His wife, Margaret (King), was there the same year. On coming to this country they settled in what was then Lancaster (now Dauphin) county, Pa. They had seven sons (daughters also), and all the sons served in the Revolutionary army under Washington; two, John and Peter, remained together, and all trace of the others has been lost by the branch of the family here under consideration.

John Kinter, son of Philip, and grandfather of William Hamilton Kinter, moved in 1808 to Indiana county, locating in what is now Rayne township, then a part of Washington township, near what is now known as Kintersburg; and Kinterhill, the highest point in the township, was named in his honor. Here he continued to reside, engaged in agricultural pursuits, during the remainder of his life, and died at the age of eighty-two years. During the Revolutionary war he served under three enlistments of two months each in the Continental army, and he was ever a patriotic and public-spirited citizen. Mr. Kinter married Isabella Finley, daughter of John and Sarah (Todd) Finley, the latter a sister of Gen. Eli Todd and daughter of Robert Todd, of Trappe, Pa. Eli Todd had a son Robert and a daughter Mary, the latter becoming the wife of Abraham Lincoln. Mrs. Isabelle (Finley) Kinter lived to the advanced age of ninety years. She and her husband became the parent of six sons and three daughters: Margaret, who married William Borland; John, who married Sarah Ross, and died in 1866; Henry, a soldier during the War of 1812-14, who married Christina Hester; Catherine, who married James Coulter; Sarah, who married Judge Peter Dilts; William, who married Mary Speedy; Peter, the father of William H. Kinter; Finley, who married Catherine Hester; and Isaac, who married Hannah Myers.

Peter Kinter, the other son of Philip mentioned, married Mary Finley, sister of his brother John's wife.

Peter Kinter, son of John, and father of William H. Kinter, was born in 1800 in the valley of Spruce creek, in Center county, Pa., and in 1808 came to Indiana county with his father, the family settling on Crooked creek, at Kintersburg. He spent his entire life in farming in Rayne township, where he made numerous improvements on the home property, and died honored and respected by all who knew him. Both he and his wife passed away on the homestead farm, and were buried in the old Washington cemetery. Peter Kinter married Agnes Craig, who was born in 1890 in Glasgow, Scotland, daughter of Robert Craig, and was brought to America the same year, the family landing at Philadelphia, the home of grandfather Young. That year they came on to Indiana county and settled on the Young land, on a farm now occupied by S. Wetzel, one mile south of Marion Center. Mrs. Kinter had a brother Robert, and a sister who married H. Robinson, of Clarion county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Kinter became the

parents of a large family, among whom were: Henry, Evans, Isaac, William Hamilton, Robert, Martha and Helen.

William Hamilton Kinter, son of Peter Kinter, attended public school in Rayne township, and continued to remain on the home farm and work for his father until he joined the Union army during the Civil war. In March, 1865, he enlisted for one year in Company F, 74<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Capt. John Kinter, and was made sergeant of his company, with which he served until receiving his honorable discharge, Aug. 29, 1865, the war having closed. On his return to the pursuits of peace he located in Cookport, green township, Indiana county, where he became engaged in the mercantile business, and was subsequently made postmaster, a position which he held until 1874, in that year selling out to turn his attention once more to farming. At that time he located on the Allison farm in east Mahoning township, but three years later moved to Punxsutawney with his family, and for three years was engaged in the manufacture of shingles and other lumber in Canoe township. At the end of that period he settled on a 200-acre tract of land in Grant township, known as the old Craig farm, where he made his home during the remainder of his life, being engaged in general farming and stock raising, and where he died Oct. 23, 1904, at the age of sixty years. He was laid to rest in Gilgal cemetery in East Mahoning township. Mr. Kinter was a stalwart Republican and served as auditor of his township for several years. The Golden Rule was his motto in life, he was a devoted husband and kind father, and was honored and respected by all with whom he came into contact.

On July 16, 1875, Mr. Kinter was married in East Mahoning township, to Sophia A. Allison, a sister of Dr. Alexander Hamilton Allison, of that township, in whose sketch, in another part of this volume, a full history of the Allison family will be found. Mr. and Mrs. Kinter had the following children: Margaretta died in young womanhood; Roy, who is foreman for Saven Coal Company, residing at Deckers Point, married Eva Nupp, daughter of George Nupp, and she died Sept. 30, 1911, leaving three children, Purl, Bernard and Ivan; Clair resides in the West; James makes his home in the State of Indiana; Maisie and Daisy, twins, are at home; Tim and Zim, twins, died in infancy.