### HISTORY OF THE SPENCERS



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And
Miles Sharpless Spencer
Geneaology With Fourth
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I dedicate my work and efforts in compiling this book to my mother
"Lucinda Griest Spencer"
In recording many dates fond memories were recalled.

Edwin A. Spencer

I dedicate my part in compiling this little book to the memory of two loved ones who have gone on before me, my husband Cecil J. McConnell, and my sister Neva Spencer Ondish.

Leona Spencer McConnell

#### HISTORY OF THE SPENCERS

The name of Spencer can be traced in history to a very early date, and notwith-standing the name has undergone some changes the connection is distinct. In England the name was introduced during the Norman Invasion under the leadership of William the Conquer, in 1066, and at that time it bore the form of Le Dispenser and sharing in the spoils of conquest the connection represented large estates and a proportionate influence in the affairs of government.

From 1262 to 1265 during the last years of the reign of Henry 3rd Hugh Le Dispenser was Justiceary of England, an office abolished in the next reign, that of Edward I, on account of the power vested in it and its supposed danger to the crown. During the reign of Edward II an heir of the Le Dispenser family became a favorite of the King and was married to the Kings niece, an heiress of the House of Gloucester. The influence exerted by him upon the King was so marked that it excited the jealousy of the Nobility, and through their influence he was banished from the Kingdom in 1321.

Fro mthe fourteenth to the sixteenth centuries the literature of England underwent a gradual change and the dropping of the French Titles left the name Spenser and Spencer. The different spelling of the name, which came from the same source may thus be accounted for.

The Spencers of Althorp, the ancesters of the Spencers and Churchills of the seventeenth century became prominent during the sixteenth century and influenced the affairs of government for several generations. Of this connection was Edmund Spencer, the poet, who flourished in the latter half of the sixteenth century, dying in 1553. His poems were unsurpassed in the literature of the age, and are the admiration of the classic scholars of today. There were others of this line who were distinguished. several receiving titles of nobility which made them prominent in affairs of State. Among them were Earl of Sunderland, John George, second Earl Spencer, born in 1758 and died in 1834, Charles, third, Earl Spencer, Viscount Althorp, etc.

The renown of the Spencers must have departed after their advent to this country. In the United States they are numerous but scattered broadcast as it were, being found in many States of the Union and also in Canada, though few have come to the front in the line of politics. John C. Spencer was Secretary of War under President Tyler, and George Spencer was Member of Congress from Georgia, later P. R. Spencer, the founder of the Spencerian School of Pen manship was of this connection and it is said of him that he commenced his system by writing with his fingers in the sands of Lake Erie's Shore. So far as we are able to ascertain the mass of the various branches are prominent in the mercantile, mechanical, and agricultural interests of the republic.

About 1750 perhaps a little earlier the family of Spencers, of which the subjects of this sketch are members, emigrated from England to America, and of said family was Samuel Bond Spencer. The best account we can give of him is that he had one daughter and two sons. The sons names were John and Joseph. The sons arrived at manhood about the breaking out of the revolutionary war, but that they were called upon to do military service we have no account; that they never entered the army the Author is inclined to believe. We have heard them tell of the marching of soldiers carrying off their grain but nothing about taking part in the conflict. Perhaps the mechanical genius of the family was employed in the service of their country, thus explaining the matter, but of that we cannot say.

At this time the brothers mentioned were not members of any religious organization. Subsequently John married Sussanna Lightfoot of Berks County, Penna. who was a Friend, and removed to Center County, and of this union came the Half Moon Spencers so-called. Joseph married Nancy Thompkins of Chester County about the year 1780, and about the closing of the war moved to Northumberland County and settled on Chilisguague Creek. (Chiliysquaky, frozen duck). There his family grew up, or nearly so. Their children were six in number, three sons and three daugh-The sons names were Samuel, ters. Joseph and Jesse, the daughters names, Hannah, Nancy and Patty, so called. The latter died when a young woman.

In 1808 Joseph Spencer Sr. moved to Clearfield County with his family which was then unbroken, and purchased from Benjamin Fenton 440 acres of land. The land was in its primitive state excepting about two acres which was cleared and had a small log house upon it. The tract was situated between the present sight of the village of Pennville, and the Susquehanna River, about one mile south of Pennville. Four hundred acres were divided into four farms of one hundred acres each, the father retaining one of the farms and setting apart a farm of corresponding size for each of his three sons. The forty acres were held in common. As this lot bordered upon the Susquehanna River, they subsequently built a saw mill which was driven by the waters of the stream.

It seemed they were not long to remain in peaceful possession of what they intended to make their future homes. Another party made a demand of the land, claiming they had an older title, and persistently forcing their claims to a prolonged litigation. The case had two trials in the county court, and was finally decided in the Supreme Court, the defendants gaining the suit each time.

No court being organized in Clearfield County at that time, they were compelled to attend court at Bellefonte, which made it expensive, wtihout taking into consideration the annoyance and anxiety. They paid to their three Attorneys alone, one hundred dollars each.

The farms now rank among the best in the county and with exectpion of the Samuel Spencer farm which is owned by James Arthurs, remain in the hands of the direct connections of the family. The father and sons remained on their respective farms during life. Samuel, the eldest son married a first cousin, Sarah Spencer, and had seven children, who grew to manhood and womanhood, all of whom married and reared families except two daughters. The sons are Joseph, John, Jonathan and David: the daughters, Hannah, Sarah and Sussannah. Joseph is in the State of Ohio, engaged in the milling business with his sens. John moved to Ohio in 1865 or 1866 and engaged in the milling business for a time, a few years afterward removing to Kansas and engaging in farming in connection with his sons. Jonathan was a miller by trade and is deceased. David now resides at Lumber City and has turned his attention to medicine, after some years of farming. Hannah married J. Harlan Fisher, moved to Ohio and both she and her husband are dead. Sarah and Susannah are unmarried and living at Lumber City.

Joseph married Lydia Moore, Their famliy consisted of six sons and four daughters, namely: Charles, James, Samuel, Joseph M., Miles Sharpless, Harrison W., Nancy, Martha, Lavina and Eliza, all of whom reached maturity and married except Charles whose death resulted from an accident when about the age of twenty two years.

At this writing only four remain to re-

present this latter family viz: Joseph M., Miles S., Harrison W. and Martha. James married Mary Kirk; Samuel married Lydia E. Bell; Joseph married Lydia A. Griest: Miles S. married Lucinda M. Griest; Harrison W. married Amanda Garreston; Nancy married William S. Porter; Martha married L. D. England; Lavina married Amos Hile; and Eliza married C. W. Moore: Martha and husband moved to Ohio 23 years ago. They reared ten children who are all married but one son who is with his mother. The rest are settled in one neighborhood in Medina County and have sufficient life's comforts. Theodore died several years ago.

Jesse married Anna Moore. Their children reaching maturity were three sons and two daughters. The sons were: Abram, Andrew and David, the daughters, Mary, Jane and Susannah. Abram is well known as a practical farmer. Andrew and David were also farmers. Andrew now deceased. Susannah married Moses Owens, two of whose sons Matthew and Albert are residents of Curwensville and both in the harness business. Hannah and Nancy of the original family lived unmarried to a good age.

To record all the deaths in the connection would be to manifest, that much of the mental had yielded to that which is immortal, and may we not hope that what seemed to be our loss is their gain.

J. M. S.

DESCENDANTS OF

MILES SHARPLESS SPENCER

AND

LUCINDA M. GRIEST

1882-written for "The County Review"

In the year about 1850 Miles Sharpless Spencer married Lucinda M. Griest and to them nine children were born:

Amos Miles Spencer born August 1852. (Drowned at Emporia, Kansas, July 11, 1881).

Clara May Spencer —died in infancy.

Espy White Spencer born August 24, 1854. (Died July 26, 1929).

James Irvin Spencer born November 1, 1358. (Died March 19, 1933.)

Charles Lincoln Spencer born April 18, 1361. (Died September 23, 1913).

Edwin Allen Spencer born February 20, 1864.

Perry Joseph Spencer born July 25, 1366. (Died 1905).

William Grant Spencer born November 9, 1868. Died-6//44

Frank Vale Spencer born August 6, 1871. (Died March 2, 1934).

Lucinda, the mother of this large family died in the year 1875.

Miles S. Spencer the father was born November 13, 1824 and died on August 13, 1900.

#### DESCENDANTS OF

ESPY WHITE SPENCER
AND
FLORENCE HOOVER

March 11, 1875 Espy White Spencer married Florence Hoover.

The following children were born to this union:

Lucy Ava Spencer born August 27, 1878.

Ada Mary Spencer born October 24, 1880.

Louis Espy Spencer born December 31, 1881.

Clara Alta Spencer born December 31, 1884.

Lafie Florence Spencer born February 14, 1887. (Died December 26, 1918).

John Karl Spencer born May 5, 1889. Espy died July 26, 1929. Florence died March 9, 1931.

Lucy Ava Spencer married James Elmer Conklin April 28, 1896.

The following children were born to this union:

Raymond Clyde born July 21, 1897, (died March 26, 1922); Gertrude Elinore born July 9, 1899.

Gertrude Elinore Conklin married Richard F. Lander October 24, 1923.

Their children are:

Richard F. Lander Jr. born August 25, 1928; James French Lander born August 24, 1931.

Ada Mary Spencer married John Wesley Soult June 25, 1900. Two children were

born to them:

Launcelot Espy Soult born August twentieth, 1902; Florence Elizabeth Soult born March 9, 1910.

Launcelot Espy Soult married Aileen Rumley April 18, 1927. Their children are:

Launcelot Espy Soult Jr. born April 23, 1928; John Gilbert Soult born July 22, 1929.

Florence Elizabeth Soult married Anson William Lansberry February 13, 1931. One son was born to them:

Joseph John Lansberry born June 13, 1932.

Louis Espy Spencer married Nellie Rebecca Bennett September 25, 1902. To them four children were born:

Theira Reeba Spencer born January 20, 1904; Ruth Irene Spencer born November 30, 1905; Gordon Spencer born September 25, 1907; Louis Spencer Jr. born November 29, 1921.

Theira Reeba Spencer married John R. Wilcox December 20, 1921. One son was born to them:

Robert Spencer Wilcox born August 26, 1925.

Ruth Irene Spencer married Norman Brest July 24, 1929. Two children were born to them: Norma Jean Brest born July 24, 1929; William Spencer Brest born April 25, 1933.

Gordon Spencer married Viola Davidson April 27, 1932.

Clara Alta Spencer married Ralph George Shaw December 30, 1908. To them one daughter was born:

Geraldine Vivian Shaw born January 31, 1914.

Geraldine Vivian Shaw married Lex R. Kolbe May 8, 1931. Two children were born to them:

One died in infancy.

Richard Melvin Kolbe born March 18, 1936.

Lafie Florence Spencer married Arthur Leonard Redeen December 18, 1917. She lived only a year after her marriage, dying on December 26, 1918 in Detroit, Michigan.

John Karl Spencer married Grace Pickerel June 25, 1912. Their children are: Alta Lucille Spencer born April 27, 1914.

Espy George Spencer born May 25, 1920.

#### DESCENDANTS OF

JAMES IRVIN SPENCER

AND

MARIA JANE HOOVER

nov-1-1858

James Irvin Spencer married Maria Jane Hoover January 9, 1883.

To this union six children were born:

Anna Maude Spencer born November 18, 18 34

Mame Lois Spencer born February 8, 1856

William Guy Spencer born December 24, 18-83 died July 30-1964

Howard Irvin Spencer born May 13, 18—.

Vida Ethel Spencer born November 23, 1893. died aug. 25, 1942

Wava Juanita Spencer born March 12, 1900. died -Apr. 13-1964

Maria Jane (Jennie) died August 11, 1931. James Irvin died March 19, 1933.

Anna Maude Spencer was married to Van Caldwell. No children were born to this union. They were divorced.

February 9, 1920 Maude Spencer Caldwell married Thomas W. McGhee. No children were born to this union.

In the year 1905 Mame Lois Spencer married Ord Wall. To this union one daugnter was born:

Veryl Wall born December 29, 1907. They were divorced.

December 8, 1913 Lois Spencer Wall was married to Harry V. Gilmore. No children were born to this union.

Veryl Wall married Francis H. Burns. Three children were born to them:

Lois Barbara Burns. Francis Burns. Ord Allen Burns.

William Guy Spencer married Edna Hepburn. To this union were born two children:

William Preston Spencer born March 29, 1911.

Dorothy Adeline Spencer born April 30, 1913.

William Preston Spencer married Dorothy Fullerton in 1937.

Dorothy Adeline Spencer married George M. Smith in 1936.

To this union one child was born:

Patricia Lee Smith born November 10, 1936.

March 1, 1917 Howard Irvin Spencer married Roxie Orcutt. To this union five children were born:

Howard James Spencer born August 13, 1917 dred. /2/

Maude Evelyn Spencer born July 15, 1919.

Lois Veryl Spencer born February 4, 1921.

Emory Orcutt Spencer born July 21, 1926. (Died 1928).

Howard From Spencer married alice

(nov. 23-1929)

Melvin Irvin Spencer born January 31, 1928.

Roxie died February 5, 1934. Age 38 years.

Maude Evelyn Spencer and Elmer L. London were married December 10, 1938.

Lois Veryl Spencer and James Oliver Conrad were married in 1936. Two children were born to them:

Enna Elizabeth Conrad born June 13, 1936.

Carolla Jeanne Conrad born June 4, 1938-

Vida Ethel Spencer married Thornton D. Farwell December 25, 1913. To this union one daughter was born:

Wava Jane Farwell born July 15, 1922.

Wava Juanita Spencer married John F. Cleaver July 10, 1918. To them were born two sons:

J. Thornton Cleaver born May 13, 1919. Irvin Spencer Cleaver born May 3, 1931.

Thornton Cleaver married

Barbara mae born Aug-6-1944

Houston fr. " Sept 26-1944

Linda Ruth " mar 8 - 1948

Sherrigdynn " Och. 20-1959

#### DESCENDANTS OF

#### CHARLES LINCOLN SPENCER

AND

AMELIA GUIHER

Charles Lincoln Spencer married Amelia Guiher in the year 1889. To this union thirteen children were born:

Lester Amos Spencer born June 21, 1890.

Harrison Wayne Spencer born September 28, 1891.

Orvis Miles Spencer born June 3, 1893. (Died August 25, 1925).

John Calvin Spencer born August 23, 1895. d. July - 11967.

Lucy Mary Spencer born May 13, 1897. (Died January 19, 1927).

Vinnie Evelyn Spencer born September 23, 1900.

Myrtle Winifred Spencer born September 1, 1902.

Jeanne Lenore Spencer born March 30, 1905. (Died May 5, 1905).

Alice Pauline Spencer born October 11, 1906.

Charles Lincoln Spencer Jr. born September 10, 1908.

Ronald Espy Spencer born October 13, 1910.

Alton Maurice Spencer born June 19, 1911/9/3

Charles Sr. died September 23, 1913. Amelia died April 16, 1934.

Lester Amos Spencer married Esther Teates Kessler June 13, 1919. The following children were born to this union:

Joseph Stanley Spencer born June 22, 1921.

Vernon Lester Spencer born April 8, 1923.

Betty Evelyn Spencer born February 10, 1925.

Dean Willis Spencer born August 4, 1928.

Jean Phyllis Spencer born August 4, 1928.

Donald Charles Spencer born February 22, 1930

Elinor Mae Spencer born May 6, 1932.

Harrison Wayne Spencer married Amy McCarty. Their children are:

Harrison Wayne Spencer Jr. born May 27, 1921.

Charles Franklin Spencer born April 13, 1925.

John Calvin Spencer married Amanda Kirby in the year 1924. No children were born to this union. Amanda died in 1931. John Spencer married Audres Milk 1946

Lucy Mary Spencer born May 13, 1897, died January 19, 1927. To her one daughter was born:

Sylvia Luella Spencer born March 18, 1913.

Sylvia Luella Spencer married Nicholas Spencer

Vinnie Evelyn Spencer married Frank E. Wise March 25, 1919. The following children were born to them: Frances Wayne Wise born December 28, 1919. (Died November 5, 1928)

Robert Lester Wise born August 22, 1923.

James Perry Wise born December 26, 1924.

Helen Marie Wise born June 11, 1931. William Morris Wise born December 15, 1933.

Myrtle Winifred Spencer married Chester W. Rafferty June 20, 1922. The following children were born to them:

Nellie Marie Rafferty born July 23, 1923.

Lawrence Edward Rafferty born January 29, 1927.

Joanne Frances Rafferty born August 19, 1929.

Donna June Rafferty born February 28, 1932.

Shirley Anne Rafferty born July 18, Lorella Lorena Rofferty born Jan. 25

Alice Pauline Spencer married Clyde Johnson July 27, 1929. One daughter was born to them:

Doris Pauline Johnson born November 26, 1930.

Ronald Espy Spencer married Marian Odessa Cleaver January 3, 1934. Two children were born to them: Ruth Ann Spencer born November 22, 1936.

James Ronald Spencer born December 19, 1938.

Alton Maurice Spencer married Edith Mae Lucas March 27, 1937. (One child died in infancy.

Ronda Joyce, born Sept 19 1946
Lawrence Rafferty married Bonnia

McGrainer, May, 27, 1948.
Son Brad Edward Paffert x
born Apr. 9-1952.

EDWIN ALLEN SPENCER
AND

MARY MARGARET KING

Edwin Allen Spencer married Mary Margaret King July 20, 1892. To this union seven children were born.

Roy Allen Spencer born October 12,

1893.

Vera Hazel Spencer born Octcober 25, 1895.

Oral Perry Spencer born March 11,

1898.

Neva Iris Spencer born June 6, 1900.

(Died October 29, 1931)

Leona Gladys Spencer born January 21, 1906.

Cyril Edwin Spencer born November 23, 1909. Eldon Cleo Spencer born August 11, 1914.

Roy Allen Spencer married Gladys Dorne Kritzer August 7, 1918. To them one daughter was born:

Ruth Ellen Spencer born April 22, 1919.

Ruth Ellen Spencer married Alfred Miles Seger September 19, 1935. Two children were born to them:

Frederick Allen Seger born May 28, 1937. (Died January 3, 1938.)

Larry Spencer Seger born June 4, 1939.

Vera Hazel Spencer married Harry Edward Buell August 2, 1919. To this union three sons were born:

William Edwin Buell born August 13, 1920. Harry Edward Buell, Jr. born March 19, 1923. Robert Eldon Buell born June 22, 1928. Harry Sr. died March 22, 1932.

Vera Spencer Buell married Ernest S. Kelly April 20, 1933. To this union no children were born.

Oral Perry Spencer married Maude Caldwell June 30, 1921. To this union was born one daughter:

Betty Marie Spencer born January 24,

1922.

They were divorced.

Oral Perry Spencer married Lena Meleto August 7, 1937. Kenneth Oral. b 1/4/43 One son -

Neva Iris Spencer married Paul John Ondish October 27, 1920. One daughter was born to them:

Roberta Marie Ondish born August

9, 1921.

Neva died October 29, 1931, age 31 years.

Leona Gladys Spencer married Cecil John McConnell September 24, 1934. No children were born to this union.

Cecil died December 30, 1938.

Cyril Edwin Spencer married Marie Fallon January 9, 1936.

Eldon Cleo Spencer married Madelin Alice Peters June 28, 1936.

(One child, born May 7, 1937, died in infancy).

Richard Eldon born Feb + th 1940 Eldon married Josephine FAY Moore Oct. 21st 1946.

#### DESCENDANTS OF

### WILLIAM GRANT SPENCER AND MAY S. KOOSKI

William Grant Spencer married May S. Kooski December 25, 1909. One child was born to them.

Wliliam Grant Spencer Jr. born Octobber 23, 1910. d - 6/00/44

### FRANK VALE SPENCER AND ALVERETTA MAHLON

Frank Vale Spencer married Alveretta Mahlon October 25, 1905. Their children:

Clara May Spencer born February 10, 1909.

Ruth Anna Spencer Born February 1, 1923. (Died April 1, 1923)

Frank died March 2, 1934.

Clara May Spencer married Ellsworth Pentz in the year 1925. The following children were born to them:

Arthur Ellsworth Pentz born January 27, 1926.

Cleo Wayne Pentz born December 26, 1927.

Dolores Irene Pentz born December 10, 1929.

Hannah Erdine Pentz born September 22, 1931.

Drexel Lee Pentz born October 27, 1934.

Shirley Mae Pentz born April 26, 1937.

#### DESCENDANTS OF

### MILES SHARPLESS SPENCER AND LYDIA ANN HUNTER

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Miles Sharpless Spencer married Lydia Ann Hunter in the year 1881. To them two children were born:

Leslie Sylvan Spencer born August 15, 1882.

Minnie Spencer (Died in infancy) Lydia Hunter Spencer died in 1887.

### LESLIE SYLVAN SPENCER AND HANNA MAE JOHNSON

Leslie Sylvan Spencer married Hanna Mae Johnson in the year 1912. To this union two sons were born.

Garry Leo Spencer born May 6, 1913. Leslie Sylvan Spencer Jr. born December 5, 1914.

Leslie Sr. was killed in a saw mill accident at Grampian in August 1914.

Garry Leo Spencer married Edna Louise Munn April 30, 1937.

Leslie Sylvan Spencer married Iris Munn August 14, 1937,

One daughter was born to them: Dawn Joyce Spencer born November 6, 1938.

#### DESCENDANTS OF

# MILES SHARPLESS SPENCER AND CALLIE HOLLINGSWORTH

Miles Sharpless Spencer married Callie Hollingsworth in the year 1891. To this union four children were born:

Byrd Bidwell Spencer born September 1, 1892. Feet 7et 15-1956

Herbert Sharpless Spencer born December 8, 1893.

Edith Angeline Spencer born January 27, 1897.

Lydia Laura Spencer born August 19, 1899. Died - Oct 18-1965

Callie died in the year 1911.

#### HERBERT SHARPLESS SPENCER

#### AND

#### SADIE ZAHNER

Herbert Sharpless Spencer married Sadie Zahner July 14, 1919. To this union ten children were born:

Margaret Lydia Spencer born October 22, 1920.

Ruth Marie Spencer born April 1, 1922. Helen Elizabeth Spencer born April 2, 1924.

Betty Lou Spencer born April 1, 1925.

Herbert Sharpless Spencer Jr. born May 24, 1926.

Donna Virginia Spencer born January 30, 1929.

Albert James Spencer born February 23, 1930.

Arthur Howard Spencer born July 26, 1932.

Laura Jane Spencer born December 19, 1934.

Edith Ann Spencer born April 17, 1936.

#### DESCENDANTS OF

# EDITH SPENCER LEDDON AND ALBERT LEDDON

Edith Angeline Spencer married Albert Leddon June 16, 1926. To this union the following children were born:

Edith Marie Leddon born March 19, 1927.

Cheston Albert Leddon born October 19, 1932.

Harry Anderson Leddon born March 26, 1935.

Richard Edward Leddon born April 25, 1938.

### LYDIA SPENCER CURRY AND GUERNIE PAUL CURRY

Heart Attack

Lydia Laura Spencer married Guernie Paul Curry October 16, 1917. To them four children were born: Deed Oct-18-1965

Dorotha Edith Curry born August 5, 1918.

Wilford Dean Curry born April 22, 1920.

Annie Marie Curry born July 10, 1922. Irma June Curry born April 25, 1924. Paul died January 11, 1928.

Byrd Bidwell Spencer unmarried at this writing. Died Feb. 15-1956.
Heart-Attack.

