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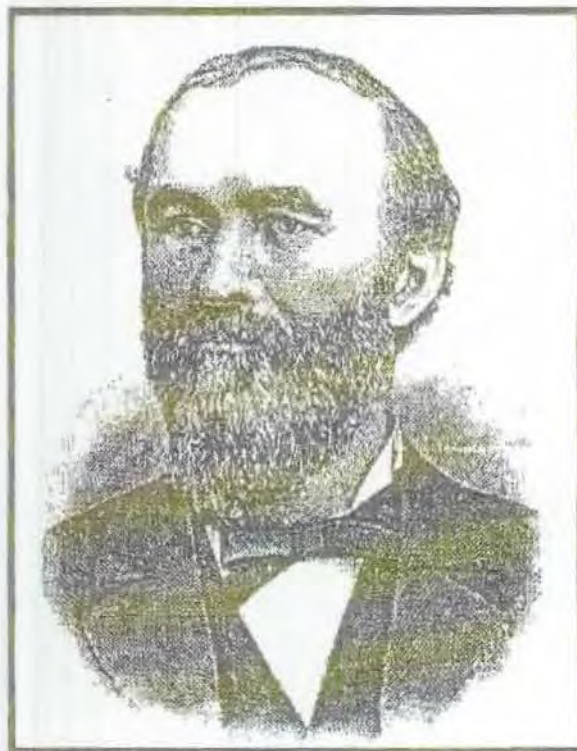
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**Descendant of Major William Vance  
1718-1788, Cross Creek Pennsylvania**

*(See page 71)*

⊗ ⊗ ERRATA AND UPDATES ⊗ ⊗

Marjorie Vance Rice advises us that she used the wrong date of marriage for John Vance subject of article April 1993 NL page 46. It should read 'unknown', as the date she mentioned was another John Vance who married Sarah Kincaid..not the subject of the article. Also, second paragraph, line 7, the name is Taber not Tabex.

John P. Vance #187, who died in Carroll Co. MS. had a wife named Isabella McNulty, not Albritton. This was proven by a will of Robert McNulty dated 16 May 1864. He named his sisters, Isabella and Polly (Mary) Vance. Robert McNulty's will was witnessed by John Lott and Robert's nephew William M. C. Vance #787, who named a son Robert McNulty Vance. Perhaps this will solve the nagging question of what the 'M' stands for in William M. C. Vance's name. McNulty's will changed the spelling of #1298 Mary McAnulty to Mary McNulty, wife of William Vance #1297. It also shows a connection not known - the children of brothers John P. Vance #187, and William Vance #1297 were double first cousins, as their wives were sisters. We have several members from this line, so please make this correction!

July NL 1994, pg 71/2, Thomas Marquis. The Thomas Marquis<sup>1</sup> is not the 'silver tongued Marquis, but his son Thomas<sup>2</sup> was. This Thomas<sup>1</sup> died before his children reached maturity and his seven children William (m. Elizabeth Vance), James (m. Mary Vance), John, Rev. Thomas, Elizabeth, Sarah (m. John Vance) and Ann were known as the Marquis orphans, as their mother died shortly after their father. Thanks Mary Norfleet for catching that generation gap.

J. Dave Vance has just been transferred to England for two years. He recently visited in Ireland, and a geneologist has just sent him the results of some Vance research. This will be shared soon, along with some photos. I am sure he will have time for some personal visits in England and Scotland where the Vaux/Vans have left their imprint on history. If you need an itinerary if you are 'on your own', send a SASE to Kathleen Mason.

*1995 - may be the best year yet! There will be significant breakthroughs on several lines, hopefully in the JANUARY issue, if Mary Norfleet's tedious research is completed. Several other lines will have changes also, due to continuing research. Abstracts soon from the Clarence A. Vance Collection from The McClung Library, Knoxville, TN. This is exciting, so please do not let us work in vain..send in your renewal today!*

#### TRIVIA FROM KATHLEEN'S DESK

It is my pleasure to welcome Grace Dotson and Virginia Lovett as Associate Historians, recognizing them for a job they have already been doing. Their years of research is invaluable, and they have time to discuss, analyze and study complicated relationships. However, please realize that VFA would quickly have serious problems if members did not assist in sending in documented research for us to analyze. Sometimes I hold materials for over a year, trying to secure more information to have an accurate comprehensive article. We still seek to identify families from the east coast westward when possible. If I am a little slow acknowledging your letters, know I am buried under with detective work. Also, it helps timewise to send SASE for a reply. Thanks. Next year looks like it will be an outstanding year, as I look at all these brown envelopes that have stacked up with information for articles!





## WILLIAM VANCE MARQUIS

By Kathleen Mason

Hon. William Vance Marquis, was elected Lieutenant Governor of Ohio in 1890. He was named after his great, great grandfather, Maj. William Vance of Cross Creek, Pa., a prominent figure in the history of the Presbyterian Church in Western Pennsylvania.

Marquis was born in Mt. Vernon, Knox County, Ohio, May 1, 1828. When he was four years of age his parents moved to Bellefontaine, Ohio. He was educated in the common schools of the village. His father John Marquis owned a store there, and while a youth, he entered his father's store as a clerk, where he worked until his father's death, when the store was closed. In 1853 he was appointed Postmaster by President Pierce, an office that he held for eight years.

In 1862 Marquis engaged in the hardware business, under the firm name of Scarff & Marquis. After eight years, he owned the entire business. During this time, he occupied one room in town for more than thirty years. In 1871 along with Judge William Lawrence and others, he assisted in organizing the Bellefontaine National Bank, where he was Vice-president for twenty-one years.

He was a leading and active Democrat, and one of the foremost men in his party in Ohio. In 1867 he served as Mayor of Bellefontaine, and introduced many needed reforms in municipal government. He was also a member of the City Council for fifteen years, as well as serving on the Board of Education.

In 1878 he was nominated by his party as a Member of Congress. Although not elected, he polled a vote that showed his popularity. In 1876 he was a delegate from the Eighth District in the St. Louis convention which nominated Samuel J. Tilden as President. His greatest political honor conferred upon him was in 1889, when both he was nominated as Lieutenant-Governor, the first place on the ticket being held by James E. Campbell. It was a close race, contested before the Ohio Senate, with a verdict in favor of Mr. Marquis. He filled the office with distinguished honor until he retired January 11, 1892.

Mr. Marquis married Miss Annie M. Sterrett on November 12, 1860 and they lived happily until her death in August, 1868. His second wife was Mrs. Helen M. Guy, whom he married March 31, 1880. She died February 25, 1881, leaving a daughter Helen May, born January 30, 1881. Miss Adelaide G. Swift became his third wife on May 3, 1883, and was a devoted helpmate until her death in December 1889. Miss Margaretta Parker married Marquis on July 14, 1892. He died December 17, 1899.

Socially, he was identified with the Masonic fraternity, having taken the Thirty-second Degree, and was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His contributions to his community merited the esteem of all who knew him, his name was the synonym of honor, energy and enterprise.

### Vance - Marquis Family Connections

His paternal great grandfather was Thomas Marquis<sup>1</sup>, who married Mary Colville, sister of Joseph Colville (William,<sup>2</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Thomas<sup>4</sup>). Thomas<sup>1</sup> was known as the 'silver tounge'd Marquis', was the pastor at Cross Creek Presbyterian Church, in Washington County, Pa. for more than thirty years. Rev. Marquis was the pastor at Cross Creek when Maj. William Vance's grandson William Vance was censured by the church



for marrying his deceased wife's sister. His father Col. Joseph Vance never attended church again while Rev. Thomas Marquis was pastor. See NL Apr 1988 pg. 35/38.

Three of Rev. Thomas Marquis' children married Vances:

1. William Marquis married first, Elizabeth Vance, daughter of Maj. William Vance of Cross Creek, PA. He was born ca 1738, married about 1765. They moved to Ohio and their great grandson was William Vance Marquis, subject of this article. He married second Miss Hoge. He served in the Revolutionary War. The children of William Marquis and Elizabeth Vance were: 1) Thomas Marquis, (grandfather of subject of article) 2) William Vance Marquis, 3) John Marquis, 4) Mary Marquis who married \_\_\_ Colville, 5) Jane Marquis who married Wm. Stevenson, 6) Sarah Marquis who married William Marquis, 7) Elizabeth Marquis who married James Park (a cousin), 8) Ann Marquis married James Marquis, 9) Margaret Marquis married John Neal of Clark Co., Ohio, 10) Nancy Marquis married Thomas Marquis, 11) Ellinor Marquis married James Jones, and 12) Rebecca Marquis, died young.

2. James Marquis married Mary Vance, daughter of Maj. William Vance of Cross Creek, PA. He died near Winchester, Va., she died Dec. 29, 1829. Children: 1) Mary Marquis married William Morrison, Winchester, VA., 2) Elizabeth Marquis married Abel Reed, 3) John W. Marquis died young, 4) Sarah Marquis married George Taylor, 5) William Marquis, 6) John Wilson Marquis, 7) Thomas Marquis, 8) Ann Marquis married Moses Bonham, 9) Margaret Marquis married Edward Marquis, 10) James Marquis, 11) Rebecca Marquis married Peter Perrine.

3. Sarah Marquis married John Vance, son of Samuel and Sarah Colville Vance, of Abingdon, Va. See NL Oct 1987 pg 81 letter from 'Brother and Sister John and Sarah Vance, dated Culpeper Co. Va., carried by the hand of George Vance, Scout, to Robert Vance at Vance's Fort (PA).' Also, see Jan. NL 1988 pg. 17 where John Vance's brother Joseph, in a copy of a hand written will, names "Samuel Vance, oldest son of my brother John Vance, and Joseph Vance son of the aforesaid Samuel Vance."

The above connections by marriage of Sarah Marquis and John Vance make their children (grandchildren of Samuel Vance of Abingdon, Va.) *first cousins via the Vance/Marquis line*, to the grandchildren of Maj. William Vance of Cross Creek, PA. *There would also be a kinship via the Colville line.*

Bibliography: Presbyterian Church History, Bellefontaine, Ohio, 1900. Book donated by Robert G. Vance; also research of David Taylor, and Richard Vance who secured a biographical sketch of William Vance Marquis from Biographical Record of Augleize, Logan and Shelby Counties, Ohio - 1892. Chapman Brothers, Chicago, Ill. 1892. as well as a xerox photo. Many thanks.

...Another Vance connection, page 246 in the Presbyterian Church History:

Newell family-- Robert b. in Ireland 1749 or 1759, said to have come to America when 16 years of age, and in 1776 settled in Westmoreland Co., Pa. Married Christina William. Moved to Bourbon Co., KY., 1794, and Logan Co., Ohio in 1816. Was a weaver. Had apparently been a member of Presbyterian church before moving to Bellefontaine. He had a brother James and probably Hugh, and sisters **Jane Vance** and **Margaret Harrison**. There is still research to be done on the Vance/Newell/Harrison lines. Can you assist?