

erected the first house). The British having landed at North Point, General Stricker led his men against them in a running skirmish, in which General Ross, the British commander, was killed. Major George Armistead, the son of Johann Armstädt, a Hessian, living in New Market, Virginia, gallantly defended Fort McHenry, when the British fleet, consisting of sixteen frigates, opened a terrific bombardment on the fort, on the morning of September 12, 1814. The garrison consisted of one thousand men. The cannonade lasted for thirty-six hours. The fort, commanding the entrance to the port, answered the fire with chain-shot, prepared by Jacob Lemley, the smith. The chain-shot consisted of two cannon balls, connected by a short chain. It was on this occasion that Francis Scott Key, who was a prisoner on one of the British ships, composed the celebrated national song, 'The Star Spangled Banner,' September 14, 1814. After the British fleet left, the detachment of troops, in which Jacob Lemley served, were quartered in that part of the capitol at Washington which had not been destroyed. After the War of 1812 Jacob Lemley was married to Miss Elizabeth Hotsenpiller (Hatzenbuehler ?), born 1791 in Frederick County, Va., no doubt also of German parentage. Jacob Lemley, who was a smith, in the course of time became very proficient in his calling; he made the iron and steel work, bars and crossbars, for the first jail in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and also was the inventor of a plow, for the first time using steel for the ploughshare. Friends advised him to secure a patent-right on his invention, but he said: 'No, it is for the benefit of the people; I wish no royalty on my invention.' But Cyrus H. McCormick, born February 15, 1809, at Walnut Grove, Virginia, took advantage of Jacob Lemley's invention and in the course of time made a fortune out of it. Jacob Lemley also was a wagonmaker, his wagons being known all over the country for their durability. In 1858 he came west, settling down in Paris, Missouri, where he died May 3, 1874, aged 83 years and 9 months, his wife preceding him in death in 1873, aged 82 years."

The children of Jacob Lemley were: George W., Jacob, Harvey, Joseph T. and Robert D. Lemley, Mrs. Margaret Jane Henning and Mrs. Anna Catherine Drake. Only Robert D. Lemley is among the living, at present residing in Kansas City, Missouri, all the others having died since the writer met George William Lemley for the first time fourteen years ago.

George William Lemley, the oldest son of Jacob Lemley, was born in Stephen City, Frederick County, Virginia, December 29, 1819, and was married to Miss Susan Margaret Rittenouer (Rittenauer), born in Frederick County, Virginia, September 13, 1826, of German parents, as the name plainly indicates. In the history of the Lemley and Rittenauer families we have another instance of names being changed to conform with the pronunciation in English. From the parents of Mrs. Lemley the couple inherited several slaves, but considering slavery wrong, they granted freedom to their slaves, long before the War of the Rebellion, which led to the emancipation of all slaves

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