



THE JAMESONS IN AMERICA.

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GENEALOGICAL RECORDS

AND

MEMORANDA.

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Memoranda.

MR. JAMESON, as stated by his son, Dr. Horatio Gates Jameson, in a written sketch of his father's life, was a graduate from the medical department of the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He practised his profession in York, and as late as 1796, in Shippensburg, which is the oldest settlement in Cumberland Co., Pa. He was an officer in the Provincial forces of Pennsylvania, between May, 1757, and 1760, holding commissions of captain, brigade major, and lieutenant-colonel, serving in the Colonial wars against the French and Indians. He was commissioned also as colonel in the militia of Pennsylvania, in the war of the Revolution, and it is said served under Washington in the battles of Princeton and Monmouth, a part of the time acting as a surgeon in the army. These various military commissions, much worn and obliterated by time, are in the possession of Gen. Horatio Gates Gibson, of the U. S. Army, now of Washington, D. C., a great-grandson of Col. David Jameson, M. D. Under date of Dec. 31, 1776, the committee of York Co. wrote to the Committee of Safety in Philadelphia, Pa., as follows:—

"In these times of Difficulty several gentlemen have exerted themselves much in the Grand Cause" * * * * "The gentlemen who deserve the most from the publick are *David Jameson, Hugh Denwoody, Charles Lukens* and *Mr. George Eichelberger*. They have been exceedingly useful."

Dr. Jameson came from Scotland in company with a friend, also a young surgeon, Dr. Hugh Mercer, afterward the distinguished General Mercer of the Continental army, who fell at Princeton. As showing the service rendered and the esteem in which Dr. Jameson was held, there are many papers referring to him in the Colonial Archives of Pennsylvania. *e. g.*, a letter from Horace Hamilton to Capt. Potter, dated, "Fort Littleton, April 4, 1756 . . . we have sent an express to Fort Shirley for Dr. Mercer, supposing Dr. Jamieson is killed or mortally wounded in the expedition, he being not returned—" "Capt. Jameson is a gentleman of education, does his duty well and is an exceedingly good officer." "Col. David Jameson had commanded at Fort Hunter, Fort Augusta, Fort Aughwich, and was at the battle of Loyal Hanna, March 14, 1769."

Col. Jameson held by executive appointment various civic offices in the county of York, Pa. He was appointed justice of the peace, Oct., 1764, and June, 1777, and had a special commission to try certain offenders, etc.

There is an accredited family tradition that Dr. Jameson, the young man from Scotland, in 1740, was a descendant of the "Campbell Clan" and a nephew of the Duke of Argyle, a sister's son.