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## Calvin Research Report

**Client:** Janet Reed Miller

**Date:** 18 February 2018

**Subject:** Sarah Emeline (Calvin) Reed, born 23 May 1843 in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, and died 2 June 1888 in Erie County, Pennsylvania

**Contract:** Up to 20 hours for analysis, research, and reporting on a *pro bono* basis. Expenses will be reimbursed up to \$100.00 without prior approval. Authorized by contract signed and dated 9 December 2017.

**Problem:** To discover the names and origins of the parents of Sarah Emeline (Calvin) Reed.

### Background:

The client provided the following information based on family sources and previous undocumented research:

- Sarah Emeline (Calvin) Reed was born 23 May 1843 in Mercer County, Pennsylvania.
- Sarah married George Reed on 7 November 1867, location unknown.
- Sarah died 23 June 1888 [*sic*] in Erie County, Pennsylvania.

Based upon research in census records conducted in the 1990s, the client believed that Sarah's parents' names might have been either Hugh or Jonathan Calvin and Jane (McCullough) Calvin.

**Summary of Findings:** [*See the following section for source-cited explanations supporting the following summary.*]

The parents of Sarah Emeline Reed were Jonathan Calvin (born about 1809 and originating from Beaver County, Pennsylvania; died August 1879, Mercer County, Pennsylvania) and Jane (McCullough) Calvin (born 1818-20, Mercer County, Pennsylvania; died 19 August 1889, Mercer County, Pennsylvania).

## Detailed Findings:

### *Sarah Emeline (Calvin) Reed*

Sarah's life predated Pennsylvania laws requiring birth, marriage, and death records to be kept at the county or state levels.<sup>1</sup>

An 1884 Erie County, Pennsylvania, history book mentions "GEORGE REED, farmer, P. O. Erie, . . . who was married, Nov. 7, 1867, to Sarah E., daughter of Jonathan Calvin, of Mercer Co., Penn."<sup>2</sup> Sarah was enumerated by variants of her middle name, Emeline, in the 1870 and 1880 censuses in the household of her farmer husband in Erie County.<sup>3</sup> A grave marker in Erie Cemetery in the City of Erie bears the name "Sarah Calvin Reed" with a birth year of 1843 and death year of 1889.<sup>4</sup> A newspaper death notice provides evidence to establish the death date as 2 June 1889.<sup>5</sup>

In his 1880 Mercer County, Pennsylvania, will, Jonathan Calvin named "Sarah Emeline Reed" as one of his daughters, to whom he bequeathed "a fourth interest in the premises on the South side of the public road."<sup>6</sup> In her 1889 will, Jane Calvin named "Sarah Emeline Reed" as one of her daughters, to whom she bequeathed her "real estate including the undivided half interest in two hundred acres of land in Cerro Gordo County, Iowa."<sup>7</sup> Sarah is found enumerated in the 1850 and 1860 censuses in the Mercer County household of Jonathan and Jane Calvin.<sup>8</sup> In 1839,

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<sup>1</sup> "Find Vital Records," *State Library of Pennsylvania* (<http://statelibrary.pa.gov> : accessed 16 January 2018).

<sup>2</sup> Samuel Penniman Bates, et al., *History of Erie County, Pennsylvania: Containing a History of the County, its Townships, Towns, Villages, Schools, Churches, Industries, etc.; Portraits of Early Settlers and Prominent Men; Biographies; History of Pennsylvania, Statistical and Miscellaneous Matter, etc., etc.* (Chicago: Warner, Beers and Company, 1884), Township Biographies, p. 129; image copy, *Internet Archive* (<https://archive.org> : accessed 9 January 2018).

<sup>3</sup> 1870 U.S. census, Erie County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Mill Creek Township, Erie City, pages 24-25 (penned), page 295 (stamped), dwelling 178, family 187, George Reed household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 10 January 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 1341. Also, 1880 U.S. census, Erie County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, East Mill Creek Township, Enumeration District (ED) No. 156, page 408A (stamped), page 21 (penned), dwelling 192, family 192, George Reed household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 10 January 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 1128.

<sup>4</sup> Ancestry, *FindAGrave*, database with images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 7 December 2017), memorial 133900752, Mrs Sarah E Calvin Reed, Erie Cemetery, Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania; grave marker photograph by Sandra Walczak.

<sup>5</sup> Death notice: Sarah Reed, *Erie (Pennsylvania) Morning News*, 3 June 1889, page and column unknown; Erie County Public Library (ECPL), Erie, Pennsylvania; digital image provided by ECPL and privately held by the researcher.

<sup>6</sup> Mercer County, Pennsylvania, will book 4, page 671, will of Jonathan Calvin, registered 23 April 1880; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 29 December 2017); Orphans Court, Mercer County, Mercer, Pennsylvania.

<sup>7</sup> Mercer County, Pennsylvania, will book 9, page 189, will of Jane Calvin, filed and recorded 24 August 1889; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 29 December 2017); Orphans Court, Mercer County, Mercer, Pennsylvania.

<sup>8</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Findley Township, page 180 reverse (stamped), dwelling 150, family 154, Jonathan Calvin household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 29 December 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 796. Also, 1860 U.S. census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, Findley Township, North Liberty Post Office, page 158 (stamped), page 186 (penned), dwelling 1366, family 1286, Jonathan Calvin household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 29 December 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 1139.

Jonathan Calvin had married Jane McCullough in Mercer County.<sup>9</sup> Thus direct and indirect evidence support the conclusion that Sarah's parents were Jonathan Calvin and Jane (McCullough) Calvin, then of Mercer County, Pennsylvania. No evidence was found to conflict with this conclusion.

### *Jonathan Calvin*

An 1888 history of Mercer County states that Jonathan Calvin “was born in Beaver County, in 1809, to Stephen and Mary (Grosscost) Calvin. Jonathan came to [Mercer] county in 1837. . .”<sup>10</sup> A Jonathan Calvin of suitable age shows up in the 1830 U.S. census of Beaver County, Pennsylvania.<sup>11</sup> Whether this Jonathan Calvin is the one who later moved to Mercer County and became Sarah's father cannot be ascertained without further investigation.

On 31 January 1839, Jonathan was living in Springfield Township of Mercer County and married Jane McCullough, daughter of Alexander McCullough, of Lackawannock Township.<sup>12</sup> Jonathan's household is enumerated in the 1840 U.S. census and was constituted by:

- 1 free white male 10 through 14
- 1 free white male 30 through 39
- 1 free white female 10 through 14
- 1 free white female 15 through 19
- 1 free white female 20 through 29
- 1 free white female 40 through 49<sup>13</sup>

Jonathan died in August of 1879 in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, of “Bladder disease.”<sup>14</sup> In his will, Jonathan named:

- his “beloved wife Jane”;
- daughters: Sarah Emeline Reed, Ellen Mary Donaldson, Elizabeth Jane Calvin, and Harriet Malissa Calvin, the latter two of whom were “yet at home”; and,
- sons: Martin L., Alexander M., and William James.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> “Married,” *Western Press (Mercer, Pennsylvania)*, 8 February 1839, page and column unknown; New Castle Public Library (NCPL), New Castle, Pennsylvania; photocopy supplied by NCPL and held privately by the researcher.

<sup>10</sup> J. Richard Fraise, *History of Mercer County, Pennsylvania: Its Past and Present* (Chicago: Brown, Runk and Company, 1888), page 967; image copy, *Internet Archive* (<https://archive.org> : accessed 9 January 2018).

<sup>11</sup> 1830 U.S. census, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, South Beaver Township, page 247, Jonathan Calvin household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 11 January 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication M19, roll 165.

<sup>12</sup> “Married,” *Western Press*, 8 February 1839.

<sup>13</sup> 1840 U.S. census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Springfield Township, page 193, Jonathan Calvin household (indexed as Jonathan Caltin); digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 11 January 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication M704, roll 474.

<sup>14</sup> 1880 U.S. census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, mortality schedule, Enumeration Schedule (ED) No. 220, page 1 (penned), line 19, Jonathan Calvin; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 29 December 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication 1838, roll 10.

<sup>15</sup> Mercer Co., Pa., will bk. 4, p. 671, will of Jonathan Calvin, 23 April 1880.

### *Jane (McCullough) Calvin*

Jane Calvin, the mother of Sarah Emeline (Calvin) Reed and wife of Jonathan Calvin, was the daughter of Alexander McCullough of Lackawannock Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania.<sup>16</sup> A 1909 Mercer County history states: “Alexander McCullough, Sr., was born July 23, 1783. He came with his parents to Mercer county when a lad, and subsequently succeeded to the ownership of the home farm, which was willed to him by his father. He continued the improvements already inaugurated, and until his death, July 15, 1869, carried on general farming. He married Eleanor Smith, who died a few months before he did, passing away February 19, 1869, aged seventy-two years. Both she and her husband were devoted members of the Presbyterian church, and brought up their family of ten children in the same religious faith.”<sup>17</sup> The same history names Alexander’s father as William McCullough, an immigrant from Scotland who originally settled in Chester County, Pennsylvania, before moving his family to Mercer County.<sup>18</sup>

Jane was named by Alexander in his 1869 will, as he bequeathed “unto my daughter Jane Calvin the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars.”<sup>19</sup> Because Jane’s age was variously reported in the 1850 through 1880 U.S. censuses, her birthdate can be estimated no more closely than falling sometime between June 1817 and June 1820.<sup>20</sup> The 1820 U.S. census enumeration of William McCullough’s Mercer County household—in which we might surmise the residence of his son’s Alexander’s young family—includes a free white female under age of ten, who is possibly Jane.<sup>21</sup> The 1830 U.S. census enumeration of Alexander McCullough’s household includes a free white female between the ages of 10 and 14 who is likely Jane.<sup>22</sup> By the 1840 U.S. census, Jane had married Jonathan Calvin and was probably enumerated within his household and noted with

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<sup>16</sup> “Married,” *Western Press*, 8 February 1839.

<sup>17</sup> J. G. White, *A Twentieth Century History of Mercer County, Pennsylvania: A Narrative Account of Its Historical Progress, Its People, and Its Principal Interest*, volume 2 (Chicago: Lewis Publishing Company, 1909), page 359; image copy, *Internet Archive* (<https://archive.org> : accessed 9 January 2018).

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*, page 358.

<sup>19</sup> Mercer County, Pennsylvania, will book 4, page 460, will of Alexander McCullough, registered 7 December 1869; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 8 January 2018); Orphans Court, Mercer County, Mercer, Pennsylvania.

<sup>20</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Mercer Co., Pa., pop. sched., Findley Twp., p. 180 reverse (stamped), dwell. 150, fam. 154, Jonathan Calvin household. Also, 1860 U.S. census, Mercer Co., Pa., Findley Twp., N. Liberty P. O., p. 158 (stamped), p. 186 (penned), dwell. 1366, fam. 1286, Jonathan Calvin household. 1870 U.S. census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Findley Township, page 77 (stamped), page 27 (penned) dwelling 177, family 193, Jonathan Calvin household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 29 December 2017); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 1373. Also, 1880 U.S. census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Findley Township, Enumeration District (ED) No. 207, page 47C (stamped), page 7 (penned), dwelling 51, family 54, Jane Calvin household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 29 December 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 1154.

<sup>21</sup> 1820 U.S. census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Lackawannock Township, page 147, William McCullough household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 4 February 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication M33, roll 107.

<sup>22</sup> 1830 U.S. census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Lackawannock Township, page 160, Alexander McCollough household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 4 February 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication M19, roll 149.

the tick mark for the free white female aged 20 through 29.<sup>23</sup> She was named in his household in the 1850 U.S. household, along with five children.<sup>24</sup>

Jane and Jonathan evidently had between seven and eleven children, depending upon one's acceptance and analysis of sources:

<b>1888 Mercer County History<sup>25</sup></b>	<b>1850 Census<sup>26</sup></b>	<b>1860 Census<sup>27</sup></b>	<b>1870 Census<sup>28</sup></b>	<b>1880 Census<sup>29</sup></b>	<b>1880 Jonathan Calvin Will<sup>30</sup></b>	<b>1889 Jane Calvin Will<sup>31</sup></b>
Alexander	Alex. M. (age: 9)	Alexander (19)			Alexander M.	Alexander M.
Emeline	Sarah E. (7)	Sarah (17)			Sarah Emeline Reed	Sarah Emeline Reed
Martin L.	Martin L. (5)	Martin (15)	Martin L (24)		Martin L.	Martin L.
Mary, the wife of Alexander Donaldson	Eleanor Mary (5)	Ellen (15)			Ellen Mary Donaldson	Ellen Mary Donaldson
James W.	W <sup>m</sup> J. (3/12)	James (10)	William (20)		William James	Wm J.
Lizzie		Jane (8)	Jane E (18)		Elizabeth J. ("yet at home")	Jane Elizabeth ("yet at home")
Harriet		Harriet (3)	Harriet M (12)	Harriet E (21)	Harriet Malissa ("yet at home")	Harriet Malissa Miller
William						
Samuel						

<sup>23</sup> 1840 U.S. census, Mercer Co., Pa., pop. sched., Springfield Twp., p. 193, Jonathan Calvin household.

<sup>24</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Mercer Co., Pa., pop. sched., Findley Twp., p. 180 reverse (stamped), dwell. 150, fam. 154, Jonathan Calvin household.

<sup>25</sup> Fraise, *History of Mercer County*, p. 967.

<sup>26</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Mercer Co., Pa., pop. sched., Findley Twp., p. 180 reverse (stamped), dwell. 150, fam. 154, Jonathan Calvin household.

<sup>27</sup> 1860 U.S. census, Mercer Co., Pa., Findley Twp., N. Liberty P. O., p. 158 (stamped), p. 186 (penned), dwell. 1366, fam. 1286, Jonathan Calvin household.

<sup>28</sup> 1870 U.S. census, Mercer Co., Pa., pop. sched., Findley Twp., p. 77 (stamped), p. 27 (penned) dwell. 177, fam. 193, Jonathan Calvin household.

<sup>29</sup> 1880 U.S. census, Mercer Co., Pa., pop. sched., Findley Twp., ED 207, p. 47C (stamped), p. 7 (penned), dwell. 51, fam. 54, Jane Calvin household.

<sup>30</sup> Mercer Co., Pa., will bk. 4, p. 671, will of Jonathan Calvin, 23 April 1880.

<sup>31</sup> Mercer Co., Pa., will bk. 9, p. 189, will of Jane Calvin, 24 August 1889.

1888 Mercer County History <sup>25</sup>	1850 Census <sup>26</sup>	1860 Census <sup>27</sup>	1870 Census <sup>28</sup>	1880 Census <sup>29</sup>	1880 Jonathan Calvin Will <sup>30</sup>	1889 Jane Calvin Will <sup>31</sup>
Stephen ("died young")						
John N. ("died young")						

The 1888 Mercer County history family biography names eleven Calvin children, including "Stephen and John N., who both died young."<sup>32</sup> Neither is named on any census enumeration and might have died in infancy. Nor is a child named Samuel found on any census. The child named "William" in the county history might have been confused with "William James," who also evidently went by "James William"; or "William James" might have been given the name of a deceased previously-born son.

A marginal note appended to Jane Calvin's 1889 will states: "Date of death Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 1889, at or near the hour 8am."<sup>33</sup> In seeking to close out probate on land in Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, remaining in her estate, a petition stated "in the month of August 1889, the said Jane Calvin died."<sup>34</sup>

### **Recommendations for Further Research:**

Possible directions for further research include:

1. **Pressing to discover more about the parents of Jonathan Calvin.** The 1888 Mercer County history says that Jonathan's parents were Stephen and Mary (Grosscost) Calvin of Beaver County, Pennsylvania.<sup>35</sup> Further research could work towards confirming this information and reaching back towards discerning Stephen's and Mary's origins.
2. **Pressing to discover more about the parents of Jane (McCullough) Calvin.** Some information about Jane's family was discovered in the course of research and is discussed in this report. However, more research could be done on Alexander McCullough and his father, William McCullough, as well as on the origins of Alexander's wife, Eleanor Smith.

<sup>32</sup> Fraise, *History of Mercer County*, p. 967.

<sup>33</sup> Mercer Co., Pa., will bk. 9, p. 189, will of Jane Calvin, 24 August 1889.

<sup>34</sup> Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, District Court Probate Record, Book Q, page 122, petition for probate of foreign will, Jane Calvin, recorded 23 December 1898; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 9 January 2018); Clerk of Court, Cerro Gordo County, Mason City, Iowa.

<sup>35</sup> Fraise, *History of Mercer County*, p. 967.

## **Research Notes:**

### **1830 U.S. Census, Beaver County, Pennsylvania—Jonathan Calvin Household**

1830 U.S. census, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, South Beaver Township, page 247, Jonathan Calvin household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 11 January 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication M19, roll 165.

(See Attachment A.)

Free white males

Of twenty and under thirty: 1

Free white females

Of five and under ten: 1

Of forty and under fifty: 1

*Note by GBK: One may assume that the tick mark under the column for Free white males—Of twenty and under thirty, refers to Jonathan himself. The identities of the girl aged between five and under ten, and the woman between forty and under fifty, remain unknown.*

### **1839 Newspaper Marriage Notice, Mercer, Mercer County, Pennsylvania—Jonathan Calvin and Jane (McCullough) Calvin**

“Married,” *Western Press (Mercer, Pennsylvania)*, 8 February 1839, page and column unknown; New Castle Public Library (NCPL), New Castle, Pennsylvania; photocopy supplied by NCPL and held privately by the researcher.

(See Attachment B.)

“MARRIED—On Thursday, the 31<sup>st</sup> ult. by the Rev. S., Tait, Mr JONATHAN CALVIN, of Springfield, to Miss JANE, daughter of Mr. Alexander McCullough, of Lackawannock township.”

### **1840 U.S. Census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania—Jonathan Calvin Household**

1840 U.S. census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Springfield Township, page 193, Jonathan Calvin household (indexed as Jonathan Caltin); digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 11 January 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication M704, roll 474.

(See Attachment C.)

free white males:

10 & under 15: 1

30 & under 40: 1

free white females:

10 & under 15: 1

15 & under 20: 1

20 & under 30: 1  
40 & under 50: 1

persons employed in agriculture: 1

*Note by GBK: If Jonathan was born about 1809, then he is represented by the tick mark for white male 30 & under 40. If Jane was born between 1818 and 1820, then she is represented by the tick mark for white female 20 & under 30. Four other members of the household remain unidentified and suggest the presence of an extended family.*

*Given that Jonathan was about thirty years old when he married Jane, one possibility is that he might have been previously married and brought children with him into this household. However, no record of a previous marriage or children of Jonathan with another woman other than Jane was found in the course of this research.*

### **1850 U.S. Census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania—Jonathan Calvin Household**

1850 U.S. census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Findley Township, page 180 reverse (stamped), dwelling 150, family 154, Jonathan Calvin household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 29 December 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 796.

(See Attachment D.)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Birthplace</b>
Jonathan Calvin	41	M	Farmer	Beaver Co. Pa.
Jane Calvin	32	F		Mercer Co. Pa
Alex. M. Calvin	9	M		“ “ “
Sarah E. Calvin	7	F		“ “ “
Martin L. Calvin	5	M		“ “ “
Eleanor Mary Calvin	3	F		“ “ “
W <sup>m</sup> J. Calvin	3/12	M		“ “ “

Jonathan reported real estate value of \$2,400.

### **1850 U.S. Census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania—Alexander McCullough Household**

1850 U.S. census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, East Lackawannock Township, pages 414-15 (penned), page 208 (stamped), dwelling 115, family 119, Alexander McCullough household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 8 January 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 796.

(See Attachment E.)



Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Birthplace
Alexander M <sup>c</sup> Cullough	68	M	Farmer	Pennsylvania
Eleanor M <sup>c</sup> Cullough	55	F		Westmoreland Co Pa
Nancy M <sup>c</sup> Cullough	28	F		Mercer Co Pa
W <sup>m</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Cullough	26	M	Student	“ “ “
Samuel M <sup>c</sup> Cullough	23	M	Farmer	“ “ “
Alexander M <sup>c</sup> Cullough	21	M	Farmer	“ “ “
Martha M <sup>c</sup> Cullough	19	F		“ “ “
Elinor M <sup>c</sup> Cullough	16	F		“ “ “
Mary E. M <sup>c</sup> Cullough	14	F		“ “ “
James M <sup>c</sup> Cullough	10	M		“ “ “

The elder Alexander reported real estate value of \$3,000.

*Note by GBK: The elder Alexander was the father of Jane Calvin; the younger Alexander was her brother.*

### **1859 Bounty Land Patent, Cerro Gardo County, Iowa—Alexander McCullough [Jr.] assigned to William McCullough**

Alexander McCullough (Cerro Gardo, Iowa), bounty land patent (Pvt., Capt. Cossitt’s Co., Pennsylvania Militia, War of 1812), warrant no. 7922; “Land Patent Search,” images, *General Land Office Records* (gloreCORDS.blm.gov : accessed 9 January 2018).

(See Attachment F.)

[abstract of printed form; **boldface** indicates penned answers in blanks:]

Act of Congress, approved 3 March 1855

Warrant No. 7922

120 acres

“in favor of **Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Cullough, private, Captain Cossitts Company Pennsylvania Militia, War of 1812**”

“**the South half of the South West quarter and the South West quarter of the South East quarter of Section ten in Township ninety four north of Range twenty one West in the District of lands formerly subject to sale at Daconah now Osage Iowa, containing One hundred and twenty acres.**”

“**the said warrant having been assigned by the said Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Cullough to William M<sup>c</sup>Cullough in whose favor said tract has been located**”

“**granted unto William M<sup>c</sup>Cullough as assignee as aforesaid and to his heirs**”

1 April 1859

*Note by GBK: Alexander and William McCullough were brothers of Jane (McCullough) Calvin. Alexander evidently served in the Pennsylvania Militia during the War of 1812 and received bounty land to homestead in Iowa for his service. This warrant states Alexander transferred his interest in the land to his brother William. Their sister Jane received a half interest in this property, as evidenced by her will, in which she bequeathed equal shares of the Iowa property to her children Alexander, Martin,*

*William, Sarah, Ellen, Jane, and Harriet.*<sup>36</sup> While in probate, the heirs sold their interests in the property to J. M. Young.<sup>37</sup>

*J[ames] M. Young was the son of John Young and Nancy (McCullough) Young.*<sup>38</sup> Nancy Young was named in Alexander McCullough's will as one of his daughters, making her Jane's sister.<sup>39</sup> J. M. Young would therefore have been Jane's nephew.

### 1860 U.S. Census, North Liberty, Mercer County, Pennsylvania—Jonathan Calvin Household

1860 U.S. census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, Findley Township, North Liberty Post Office, page 158 (stamped), page 186 (penned), dwelling 1366, family 1286, Jonathan Calvin household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 29 December 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 1139.

(See Attachment G.)

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Birthplace
Jonathan Calvin	57	M	Farmer	“ [indicating “ditto,” referring to top line in column on page: “Penn <sup>a</sup> ” = Pennsylvania]
Jane “	42	F	House Wife	“
Alexander “	19	M	F Laborer	“
Sarah “	17	F	Domestic	“
Martin “	15	M	Farm Labr	“
Ellen	13	F		“
James	10	M		“
Jane	8	F		“
Harriet	3	F		“

Jonathan reported real estate valued \$5,000; personal estate valued \$1,000

### 1860 U.S. Census, North Liberty, Mercer County, Pennsylvania—Alexander McCullough Household

1860 U.S. census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, East Lackawannock Township, North Liberty Post Office pages 191-92 (penned), pages 91-92 (stamped), dwelling

<sup>36</sup> Mercer Co., Pa., will bk. 9, p. 189, will of Jane Calvin, 24 August 1889.

<sup>37</sup> Cerro Gordo Co., Ia., District Court Probate Record, Bk. Q, p. 122, petition for probate of foreign will, Jane Calvin, 23 December 1898.

<sup>38</sup> Pennsylvania Department of Health, Certificate of Death No. 27161 (1913), James M. Young; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 5 February 2018); citing Records of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Record Group 11, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

<sup>39</sup> Mercer Co., Pa., will bk. 4, p. 460, will of Alexander McCullough, 7 December 1869.

1405, family 1323, Alexander McCullough household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : 8 January 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication 653, roll 1139.

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Birthplace
Alexander M <sup>c</sup> Cullough	77	M	Farmer	Penn <sup>a</sup>
Ellen “	65	F	H Wife	“
Ellen “	26	F	Seamstress	“
Elizabeth “	23	F	Domestic	“
James “	20	M	Farm Laborer	“
Catharine Henderson	13	F	Domestic	Illinois

Alexander reported real estate valued \$5,200; personal estate valued \$1,500.

### 1869 Will, Mercer County, Pennsylvania—Alexander McCullough

Mercer County, Pennsylvania, will book 4, pages 459-61, will of Alexander McCullough, registered 7 December 1869; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 8 January 2018); Orphans Court, Mercer County, Mercer, Pennsylvania.

(See Attachment H.)

[transcription of will]

“Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Cullough  
Stamp \$3. <sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

In the name of God Amen I  
Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Cullough of the  
township of East Lackawannock

County of Mercer and State of Pennsylvania being of sound mind memory and understanding but being advanced in life, and wishing to arrange all my worldly business in due time; do make publish and declare the following to be my last will & testament viz: Item I commend my soul unto the hands of my Creator trusting for eternal happiness through the merits of my Redeemer and my body to be interred in a Christian manner. 2 Item I hereby direct all my debts to be paid by my Executor out of my personal estate 3 Item I hereby give and bequeath unto my son Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Cullough my farm of one hundred and fifty acres on which I now reside and also all personal property of every kind which may be thereon at my death including grain, hay, cattle, horses, sheep stock of every kind and all farming utensils and everything on the said farm except what may be in my house; but subject however to the following lines and charges thereon to wit: To keep support and maintain for and during her life time my dear wife Eleanor M<sup>c</sup>Cullough and furnish her with every thing that she may require that will or can minister to her comfort; and permit her to retain her present house or what ever part thereof she may desire during life and further to

pay the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars; -legacies as herein after directed by me, and said support and legacies to be a lien and charge on said land till fully paid and complied with 4 Item I hereby give and bequeath unto my son Ferguson S M<sup>c</sup>Cullough the debt he owes me and for which I hold his note = that with what I have given him being his portion. 5 Item I hereby give and bequeath unto my son Samuel T. M<sup>c</sup>Cullough the debt he owes me and

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for which I hold his note—that with what I have given him being his portion. 6 Item I hereby give and bequeath unto my daughter Jane Calvin the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars to be paid her by said Alexander as hereinafter directed. 7 Item I hereby give and bequeath unto my daughter Nancy Young the sum of give hundred and fifty dollars to be paid by said Alexander as hereinafter directed. 8 Item I hereby give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Elizabeth the sum of seven hundred dollars to be paid by said Alexander as hereinafter directed: and the setting out hereafter mentioned. 9 item I hereby give and bequeath unto my grand son Willie W. Stinson son of my daughter Martha three hundred dollars, to be paid by said Alexander as hereafter directed, 10. Item I hereby direct that said legacies to said James, Nancy, Mary Elizabeth & Willie W. shall be paid to each of them by said Alexander in six equal annual payments, the first of which shall be one year from the time of my death. 11 Item—To the Board of Domestic Missions To the Board of Foreign Missions, to the Board of Education and the Board of Publication of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, I do hereby give and bequeath to each the sum of one hundred dollars to be paid by said Alexander one half of each legacy to be paid seven years after my death and the other half eight years after my death. 12<sup>th</sup> Item I hereby give and bequeath to my beloved wife Eleanor in addition to the above provisions all my household and kitchen furniture and every thing in my house at my death; also all notes money and all my personal property of every kind not already disposed of in this will—hereby constituting her my residuary legatee.—She giving my daughter Mary Elizabeth such a setting out as my other daughters have received— I hereby nominate and appoint my sons Ferguson M<sup>c</sup>Cullough and Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Cullough Executors of this my last will & testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1862

Attest John Trunkey  
S. Griffith”

A. M<sup>c</sup>Cullough. seal

[abstract]

codicil dated 27 July 1863  
Mary Elizabeth having died since  
add additional \$100 each to sons Ferguson S. and Samuel T. and daughters Jane Calvin and  
Nancy Young seven years after my decease  
Attest F. B. Hubbard  
S. Griffith

second codicil undated  
add son-in-law John Young as one of the executors  
Attest S. Griffith  
John Trunkey

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will proved 7 December 1869

*Note by GBK: In this will, the elder Alexander McCullough specifically named Jane Calvin and Nancy Young as his daughters, and John Young as his son-in-law.*

### **1867 Marriage—George Reed and Sarah (Calvin) Reed**

*Note by GBK: The client's background information as well as an 1884 Erie County, Pennsylvania, history book provided a 7 November 1867 date for the marriage of George Reed and Sarah Calvin.<sup>40</sup> No location was given.*

*Attempts to find a marriage record were unsuccessful. A marriage in Pennsylvania predated civil marriage record keeping.<sup>41</sup> Because George and Sarah came from Presbyterian backgrounds,<sup>42</sup> searches were conducted for marriage records in area Presbyterian churches. However, the extant records of First Presbyterian Church of Erie do not extend back to 1867; Central Presbyterian Church, which George and Sarah Reed later attended, was not founded until 1871; and Erie County did not start keeping marriage records until the 1880s.<sup>43</sup>*

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<sup>40</sup> Bates, et al., *History of Erie County, Township Biographies*, p. 129.

<sup>41</sup> "Find Vital Records," *State Library of Pennsylvania*.

<sup>42</sup> Bates, et al., *History of Erie County, Township Biographies*, p. 130. Also, Mercer Co., Pa., will bk. 4, p. 460, will of Alexander McCullough, 7 December 1869; especially Item 11, bequests to several boards of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

<sup>43</sup> Dale Sweet, Erie, Pennsylvania (shedal68@gmail.com), to Gary Ball-Kilbourne, e-mail, 3 February 2018, "George & Sarah Reed Marriage," Calvin Research File; privately held by Ball-Kilbourne, gbk@prairiegenealogy.com, Fargo, North Dakota, 2018. Dale Sweet is the Associate Clerk of the Session, First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Erie, Pennsylvania (successor congregation to both Central Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church).

### 1870 U.S. Census, Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania—George Reed Household

1870 U.S. census, Erie County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Mill Creek Township, Erie City, pages 24-25 (penned), page 295 (stamped), dwelling 178, family 187, George Reed household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 10 January 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 1341.

(See Attachment I.)

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Birthplace
Reed George	30	M	Farmer	Pa
----- Emilene	27	F	Keeps House	Pa
----- C. E.	1	M		Pa
Reed Mary	27	F		Pa
Grubb Delia	68	F		Pa
Grim Edwine	20	M	Farm Labor	N.Y.

George Reed reported real estate valued at \$12,000; personal estate valued at \$800. Mary Reed reported real estate valued at \$500. Delia Grubb reported personal estate valued at \$100.

*Note by GBK: In this first enumeration after her marriage to George Reed, Sarah is found listed by "Emilene." "C. E." is named in other records as Edgar or C. Edgar. Mary Reed was George's sister, and later married C. A. Keyse of Binghamton, New York.<sup>44</sup> Delia Grubb was George's maternal aunt, being the sister of his mother, Jane (Grubb) Reed.<sup>45</sup> George Reed and Mary Reed are found along with Delia Grubb, without George and Mary's parents, in the 1860 U.S. census within a household headed by Delia's brother, Armfield Grubb.<sup>46</sup>*

### 1870 U.S. Census, Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania—Jonathan Calvin Household

1870 U.S. census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Findley Township, page 77 (stamped), page 27 (penned) dwelling 177, family 193, Jonathan Calvin household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 29 December 2017); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 1373.

(See Attachment J.)

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<sup>44</sup> Bates, et al., *History of Erie County*, Township Biographies, p. 129.

<sup>45</sup> *FindAGrave*, database with images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 5 February 2018), Delia Grubb, memorial 150935853, Grubb Burial Ground, Millcreek Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania; photograph by Barbara Goggin Brann.

<sup>46</sup> 1860 U.S. census, Erie County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Millcreek Township, page 303 [304 written above] (penned), page 831 (stamped), dwelling 2313, family 2410, Armfield Grubb household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 6 February 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication 653, roll 1108.

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Birthplace
Calvin Jonathan	60	M	Farmer	“ [indicating “ditto,” referring to top line in column on page: “Pennsylvania”
----- Jane	50	F	Keeping House	“
----- Martin L	24	M	Farm Laborer	“
----- William	20	M	“ “	“
----- Jane E	18	F		“
----- Harriet M	12	F		“

Jonathan reported real estate valued at \$12,000; personal estate valued at \$3,580.

### 1880 U.S. Census, Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania—George Reed Household

1880 U.S. census, Erie County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, East Mill Creek Township, Enumeration District (ED) No. 156, page 408A (stamped), page 21 (penned), dwelling 192, family 192, George Reed household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 10 January 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 1128.

(See Attachment K.)

Name	Sex	Age	Relation	Marital	Occupation	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
Reed George	M	40		M	Farmer	Penn <sup>a</sup>	Penn <sup>a</sup>	Penn <sup>a</sup>
----- Emeline	F	38	Wife	M	Housekeeper	Penn <sup>a</sup>	Penn <sup>a</sup>	Penn <sup>a</sup>
----- Edgar	M	12	Son		At school	Penn <sup>a</sup>	Penn <sup>a</sup>	Penn <sup>a</sup>
----- William G	M	10	Son		At school	Penn <sup>a</sup>	Penn <sup>a</sup>	Penn <sup>a</sup>
----- Alice Jane	F	7	Daughter		At school	Penn <sup>a</sup>	Penn <sup>a</sup>	Penn <sup>a</sup>
----- Elizzie Annette	F	3	Daughter			Penn <sup>a</sup>	Penn <sup>a</sup>	Penn <sup>a</sup>
----- Emma	F	1	Daughter			Penn <sup>a</sup>	Penn <sup>a</sup>	Penn <sup>a</sup>
McCulloch John	M	22	hired	S	Farm Laborer	Canada	Ireland	Ireland
Hagman Tillie	F	16	hired		Hired help	Penn <sup>a</sup>	Holland	Holland

### 1880 U.S. Census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania—Jane Calvin Household

1880 U.S. census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Findley Township, Enumeration District (ED) No. 207, page 47C (stamped), page 7 (penned), dwelling 51, family 54, Jane Calvin household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 29 December 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 1154.

(See Attachment L.)

Name	Sex	Age	Relation	Marital	Occupation	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
Calvin Jane	F	61		widowed	Keeps House	Penn	Penn	Penn
----- Jane E	F	26	Daugh	single	At home	Penn	Penn	Penn
----- 21	F	21	Daugh	single	At home	Penn	Penn	Penn

*Note by GBK: Jane's husband, Jonathan, died the previous August and is found enumerated on this census's mortality schedule (see below). Jane's son, Martin, and his household is enumerated immediately following Jane's household on this population schedule.*

**1880 U.S. Census Mortality Schedule, Mercer County, Pennsylvania—Jonathan Calvin**

1880 U.S. census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, mortality schedule, Enumeration Schedule (ED) No. 220, page 1 (penned), line 19, Jonathan Calvin; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 29 December 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication 1838, roll 10.

(See Attachment M.)

name: Calvin, Jonathan  
age: 70  
sex: M  
race: W  
place of birth: US  
month of death: Aug [1879]  
cause of death: "Bladder disease"

**1880 Will, Mercer County, Pennsylvania—Jonathan Calvin**

Mercer County, Pennsylvania, will book 4, page 671, will of Jonathan Calvin, registered 23 April 1880; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 29 December 2017); Orphans Court, Mercer County, Mercer, Pennsylvania.

(See Attachment N.)

[transcription:]

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Last Will, and Testament of. Jonathan Calvin. Deceased.	}	In the name of God Amen. I, Jonathan Calvin, of Findley township, Mercer Co. and State of Pennsylvania, being in feeble health of body, but of sound mind and memory, and calling to remembrance the uncertainty of this frail life, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, and
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First—I commend my soul to God, who gave it, in the Hope of a Blessed immortality. And of my worldly effects, including all my real and personal property,—I hereby dispose of as follows, to wit: All my Just and Lawful debts shall be fully paid and discharged. Then to my beloved wife Jane, I bequeath the full control of all my real estate South of the Public Road during her natural life, also all my personal property, including farm stock, Household and Kitchen furnitures, out of which she is to make the two Girls that are yet at home, Elizabeth J. and Harriet M. an outfit equal in value to the girls that are already married received, said outfit to be made to them when they require it. To my Son Martin L. I bequeath all my real estate North of the public road, with the privilege of running a ditch of such capacity and of what ever length may



be nessary [sic] into the premises on the South side of the public road to drean [sic] all his swampy lands.

To my Son Alexander M. I bequeath the sum of Two hundred dollars, to be paid him when the real estate on the South side of the public road is finally disposed of.

To my Daughters, Sarah Emeline Reed, Ellen Mary Donaldson, Elizabeth Jane Calvin, and Harriet Malissa Calvin, to each I bequeath a fourth interest in the premises on the South side of the public road, after the Two hundred dollars already bequeathed to Alexander is taken out. My son W<sup>m</sup> James, having already received deed or title to the farm he is now living on, I also bequeath to him the sum of one dollar.

The bequests of the four Girls already named, and also to Alexander and W<sup>m</sup> to be due to them at their mothers death. To my wife Jane, I bequeath my stock in the Newcastle and Franklin Rail Road, and I hereby constitute and appoint my wife Jane Calvin and my son Martin L. Calvin as Executors of this my last Will and testament.

In Testimony, thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy nine.

Jonathan Calvin, (seal)

The above written Instrument was signed by the testator in our presence, and in his presence, and at his request and in the presence of each other we have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

James R. Howe,

Mercer County, s.s.

John Young,

Before me a Register for the Probate of Wills, &c, in and for said County personally came, James R. Howes and John Young, subscribing witnesses to the Attached instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Jonathan Calvin, deceased, who being duly sworn according to law, did depose and say that they were present with and saw said testator sign and seal said will, and heard him pronounce and declare the same so signed and sealed, as and for his last will and testament. And that at the time of so doing he the said testator was of sound and and [sic] disposing mind, memory, and understanding to the best of deponents knowledge and belief. Also that they signed their names as witnesses thereto at the request of and in the presence of said testator and each other.

Sworn and subscribed before me  
this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April. A.D. 1880  
L. A. McCrumb, Register

James R. Howe,  
John Young,

(Registered April. 23<sup>rd</sup> A.D. 1880.)”

### 1884 Erie County, Pennsylvania, History—George Reed

Samuel Penniman Bates, et al., *History of Erie County, Pennsylvania: Containing a History of the County, its Townships, Towns, Villages, Schools, Churches, Industries, etc.; Portraits of Early Settlers and Prominent Men; Biographies; History of Pennsylvania, Statistical and Miscellaneous Matter, etc., etc.* (Chicago: Warner, Beers and Company, 1884), Township Biographies, p. 129-30; image copy, *Internet Archive* (<https://archive.org> : accessed 9 January 2018).

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“GEORGE REED, farmer, P. O. Erie, was born May 20, 1840, in this county, son of Joseph and Jane (Grubb) Reed, who were married in 1837, former a son of Geo. Reed, who came to this county in 1800, settling in Mill Creek Township, where Joseph was born No. 17, 1805. Joseph died Sept. 17, 1844, leaving a widow and 3 children, viz.: John, married to Eliza Blair; Mary A., wife of C. A. Keyse of Binghampton, N. Y.; and our subject, who was married, Nov. 7, 1867, to

Sarah E., daughter of Jonathan Calvin, or Mercer Co, Penn. Nine children were born to this union, 5 now living—Calvin E., William G., Alice J., Lizzie A. and George. The deceased are Ida, Mary, Elda, Hattie and Emma. Our subject's mother was a daughter of Hon. John Grubb, who was born June 8,

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1767, in Lancaster Co., Penn. . . . In [1798] he went to York Co., Penn., and married Alicia, daughter of Thomas Cooper. Returning with his young wife, they settled in this township on the farm now occupied by his grandson, George Reed, our subject, where he died June 8, 1845. . . . George and John G. Reed, of Mill Creek Township, are the only descendants of Judge Grubb now remaining in this county. Mr. Reed, the subject of this sketch, is a member of the central Presbyterian Church of Erie, in which he has held an eldership for 10 years.”

### **1888 Mercer County, Pennsylvania, History—Jonathan Calvin and Jane (McCullough) Calvin**

J. Richard Fraise, *History of Mercer County, Pennsylvania: Its Past and Present* (Chicago: Brown, Runk and Company, 1888), page 967; image copy, *Internet Archive* (<https://archive.org> : accessed 9 January 2018).

“ROBERT MILLER, farmer, post-office Mercer, was born March 26, 1853, . . . . He married again, to Harriet M. Calvin, and by her had one child, Alice. His last wife is the daughter of Jonathan and Jane (McCullough) Calvin, the former of whom was born in Beaver County, in 1809, to Stephen and Mary (Grosscost) Calvin. Jonathan came to this county in 1837, and his children are: Alexander, Emeline, Martin L., Mary, the wife of Alexander Donaldson, James W., Lizzie, Harriet, William, Samuel, and Stephen and John N., who both died young.”

*Note by GBK: From a compiled source, this capsule biography of Robert Miller provides incidental secondary information about the origins and parentage of Jonathan Calvin, father of Sarah Emeline Calvin.*

*Jane Calvin's will names “Harriet Malissa Miller” as her daughter.<sup>47</sup>*

*Regarding the list of Jonathan's children: Samuel, Stephen, and John N. are never mentioned in any census enumeration. William might have been the same person as James W[illiam], or an earlier child who died in infancy.*

### **1889 Death Notice, Erie, Pennsylvania—Sarah (Calvin) Reed**

Death notice: Sarah Reed, *Erie (Pennsylvania) Morning News*, 3 June 1889, page and column unknown; Erie County Public Library (ECPL), Erie, Pennsylvania; digital image provided by ECPL and privately held by the researcher.

[Transcription:]

“REED.—On Sunday, June 2, 1889, Mrs. Sarah E., wife of George Reed, of East Millcreek.  
Funeral Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock

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<sup>47</sup> Mercer Co., Pa., will bk. 9, p. 189, will of Jane Calvin, 24 August 1889.

from the house.”

**1889 Grave Marker, Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania—Sarah (Calvin) Reed**

Ancestry, *Find A Grave*, database with images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 7 December 2017), memorial 133900752, Mrs Sarah E *Calvin* Reed, Erie Cemetery, Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania; grave marker photograph by Sandra Walczak.

(See Attachment O.)

online memorial:

Mrs. Sarah E *Calvin* Reed  
Birth: 26 January 1843, Mercer County, Pennsylvania  
Death: 2 June 1889  
Burial: Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania  
Plot: Sec 15, Lot 14

grave marker inscription:

“SARAH CALVIN REED  
1843—1889”

**1889 Will, Mercer County, Pennsylvania—Jane (McCullough) Calvin**

Mercer County, Pennsylvania, will book 9, page 189-90, will of Jane Calvin, filed and recorded 24 August 1889; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 29 December 2017); Orphans Court, Mercer County, Mercer, Pennsylvania.

(See Attachment P.)

[transcription:]

[vertically-oriented note in left-hand margin:]

“Date of Death Aug 19” 1889.  
at or near the hour 8 am”

[main text:]

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Last Will and Testament  
of  
Jane Calvin.  
Decd.

In the name of God  
Amen. I, Jane Calvin  
of Findley township  
Mercer County and state  
of Pennsylvania being in

good health in body and and [*sic*] of sound mind and  
memory and calling to remembrance the uncertainty of  
this frail life do make and ordain this my  
last will and testament, and first I commend my  
soul to God who gave it in the hope of a blessed  
immortality. And of my worldly effects including  
all my real and personal property I hereby dispose

of as follows viz. all my just and lawful debts are to be paid and discharged, also my funeral expenses, then all my money and obligations for money held against others also my stock on the premises also my household and kitchen furnitures after my daughter Jane Elizabeth gets an outfit equal to my other daughters that are married is to be equally divided between my daughters ~~Emeline~~ Sarah Emeline Reed, Ellen Mary Donaldson, Harriet Malissa Miller and Jane Elizabeth Calvin. My real estate including the undivided half interest in two hundred acres of land in Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, I hereby bequeath to my sons Alexander M. Calvin, Martin L. Calvin, Wm J Calvin and my daughters Sarah Emeline Reed, Ellen Mary Donaldson, Jane Elizabeth Calvin and Harriet Malissa Miller, all to share and share alike both in the profits and also in the expenses of said lands. And I hereby constitute and appoint my sons Martin L. Calvin and Wm J. Calvin Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty first day of November eighteen hundred and eight five.

Jane Calvin            seal

The above written instrument was signed by the testator in our presence and at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other we have hereunto subscribe our names as witnesses.

John Young.  
J. M. Young.

Mercer County. S.S.

Before me, a Register for the probate of wills &c, in and for said county personally came John Young and J. M. Young subscribing witnesses to the attached instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Jane Calvin deceased, who being

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duly sworn according to law, did depose and say that they were present with and saw said testatrix sign and seal said will and heard her pronounce and declare the same so signed and sealed as and for her last will and testament. And that at the time of so doing she the said testatrix was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of deponents knowledge and belief. Also that they

Signed their names as witnesses thereto at the request of, and in the presence of said testatrix, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn and subscribed before me  
this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August. A.D. 1889. } J. M. Young  
D. R. Vaughn } John Young  
Register }

Filed, Probated and recorded. Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> 1889.

### 1898 Probate, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa—Jane (McCullough) Calvin

Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, District Court Probate Record, Book Q, pages 122-28, petition for probate of foreign will, Jane Calvin, recorded 23 December 1898; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 9 January 2018); Clerk of Court, Cerro Gordo County, Mason City, Iowa.

(See Attachment Q.)

[abstract:]

- filed 17 December 1898
- “‘Petition for Probate of Foreign Will’ in words and figures”
- “petitioner J. M. Young . . . states that he is the owner in fee wimple of the S.W. ¼ of S.E. ¼ and S ½ of the S.W. of Section No 10 and the N ½ of the N.W. ¼ of Section 15 all in Township No 94, North of Range 21 in Cirro [*sic*] Gordo County, Iowa.”
- “said Jane Calvin was in her lifetime the owner of an interest in said land”
- “in the month of August 1889, the said Jane Calvin died”
- petition hearing granted and will admitted to probate and record 23 December 1898
- original will and Mercer County, Pennsylvania, probate documents transcribed into record
- [from account record transcribed in original document onto p. 127]  
“We the undersigned legatees under the Will of Jane Calvin deceased have examined this the first and final account of W. J. and M. L. Calvin executors of said estate, and find the same to be true and correct and the balance in their hands (2368.17) as shown by said amount is the true amount due us as legatees and we hereby acknowledge to have this day received from said executors the amounts due us as shown by the sums opposite our respective as follows:  
Mary Ellen Donaldson (1/4) 592.04  
Harriet Mellissa Miller (1/4) 592.04  
Jane Elizabeth Masters (1/4) 592.04  
Geo Reed surviving husband of 98.67  
Sarah Emeline Reed (1/6 of 1/4)  
C. Edgar Reed, son of Sarah Emeline Reed  
dec’d of full age 1/6 of 1/4 98.67  
Alice M<sup>c</sup>Cullough guardian of W<sup>m</sup> G.  
Alice J. Lizzie A and Geo C, minor children  
of Sarah E. Reed dec’d (1/6 of 1/4) 394.71”
- original will filed and confirmed nisi in Mercer County 8 January 1891
- no exceptions having been filed, original will confirmed in Mercer County 19 January 1891

*Note by GBK: As noted above, this petition refers to the Iowa bounty land originally obtained in 1859 by Jane's brother Alexander for his service in the War of 1812 and transferred by him to their brother William. How Jane obtained a half interest in the property was not discovered in the course of this project's research. Also as noted above, J. M. Young, who obtained the land from Jane's heirs was a nephew of Jane's.*

### **1909 Mercer County, Pennsylvania, History—Alexander McCullough**

J. G. White, *A Twentieth Century History of Mercer County, Pennsylvania: A Narrative Account of Its Historical Progress, Its People, and Its Principal Interest*, volume 2 (Chicago: Lewis Publishing Company, 1909), page 358-59; image copy, *Internet Archive* (<https://archive.org> : accessed 9 January 2018).

“ALEXANDER McCULLOUGH.—Numbered among the veteran agriculturists and esteemed citizens of Mercer county is Alexander McCullough, whose valuable homestead property is pleasantly located in East Lackawannock township, on the Sharpsville road, about one and one-half miles from Mercer. A son of Alexander McCullough, Sr., he was born May 14, 1829, on the farm where he now resides. he is of Scotch and Irish ancestry, his grandfather, William McCullough, having been born and bred in Scotland.

Emigrating from his native country to America in the latter part of the eighteenth century William McCullough settled first in Chester, [p. 359] Pennsylvania, and later removed to Washington County, and from there to Mercer county, about 1796. He bought land in East Lackawannock township, becoming one of its original householders. The region roundabout was then in its primitive wildness, game of all kinds was abundant, and the Indians far outnumbered white settlers. Clearing a portion of his land, he was here employed in tilling the soil during the remainder of his life, living until upwards of ninety years old.

Alexander McCullough, Sr., was born July 23, 1783. He came with his parents to Mercer county when a lad, and subsequently succeeded to the ownership of the home farm, which was willed to him by this father. He continued the improvements already inaugurated, and until his death, July 15, 1869, carried on general farming. He married Eleanor Smith, who died a few months before he did, passing away February 19, 1869, aged seventy-two years. Both she and her husband were devoted members of the Presbyterian church, and brought up their family of ten children in the same religious faith.”

*Note by GBK: The Alexander McCullough who is the subject of this capsule biography was Jane (McCullough) Calvin's brother. Alexander McCullough, Sr., was Jane's father; Eleanor Smith was Jane's mother; and William McCullough was Jane's paternal grandfather.*

*Jane is named as “daughter of Mr. Alexander McCullough, of Lackawannock township” in an 1839 newspaper wedding notice.<sup>48</sup> “Elenor” and a 21-year-old Alexander appear in 68-year-old Alexander McCullough's 1850 U.S. census household.<sup>49</sup>*

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<sup>48</sup> “Married,” *Western Press*, 8 February 1839.

<sup>49</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, East Lackawannock Township, pages 414-15 (penned), page 208 (stamped), dwelling 115, family 119, Alexander McCullough household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 8 January 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 796.

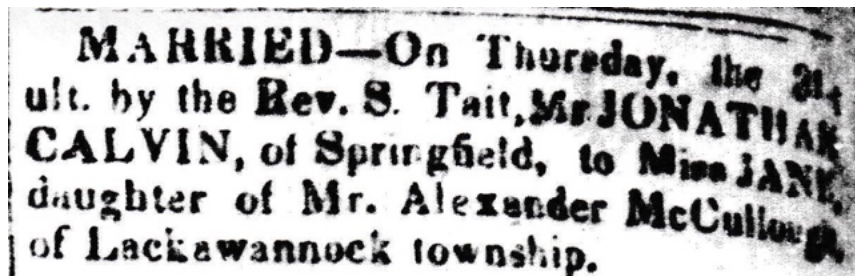
**Attachments:**

**Attachment A: 1830 U.S. Census, Beaver County, Pennsylvania—Jonathan Calvin Household**

NAMES or HEADS OF FAMILIES.	FREE WHITE PERSONS, (INCLUDING HEADS OF FAMILIES)																									
	MALES								FEMALES																	
	Under five years of age	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100, &c.	Under five years of age	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100, &c.
Jonathan Calvin					/									/						/						

1830 U.S. census, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, South Beaver Township, page 247, Jonathan Calvin household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 11 January 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication M19, roll 165.

**Attachment B: 1839 Newspaper Marriage Notice, Mercer, Mercer County, Pennsylvania—Jonathan Calvin and Jane (McCullough) Calvin**



“Married,” *Western Press (Mercer, Pennsylvania)*, 8 February 1839, page and column unknown; New Castle Public Library (NCPL), New Castle, Pennsylvania; photocopy supplied by NCPL and held privately by the researcher.

**Attachment C: 1840 U.S. Census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania—Jonathan Calvin Household**

NAMES OF HEADS OF FAMILIES.	FREE WHITE PERSONS, INCLUDING HEADS OF FAMILIES.																										
	MALES													FEMALES													
	Under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100 and upwards	Under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100 and upwards	
Jonathan Calvin																											

1840 U.S. census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Springfield Township, page 193, Jonathan Calvin household (indexed as Jonathan Caltin); digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 11 January 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication M704, roll 474.

**Attachment D: 1850 U.S. Census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania—Jonathan Calvin Household**

150	154	Jonathan Calvin	41	M	Farmer	2400	Beaver Co. Pa.
		Jane Calvin	32	F			Mercer Co. Pa.
		Alex. M. Calvin	9	M			" " "
		Sarah E. Calvin	7	F			" " "
		Martin L. Calvin	5	M			" " "
		Eleanor Mary Calvin	3	F			" " "
		Wm. J. Calvin	$\frac{3}{2}$	M			" " "

1850 U.S. census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Findley Township, page 180 reverse (stamped), dwelling 150, family 154, Jonathan Calvin household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 29 December 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 796.

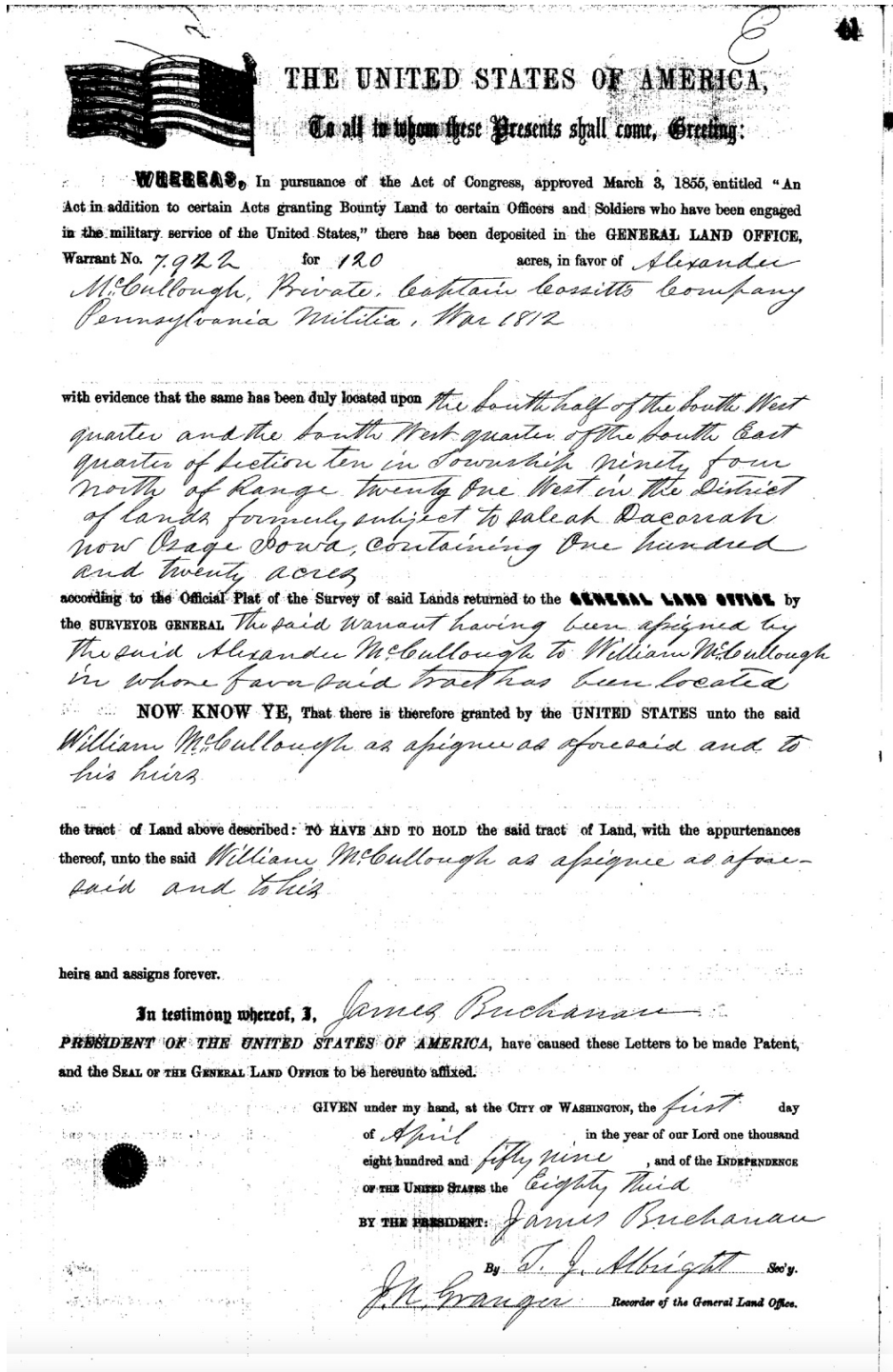
**Attachment E: 1850 U.S. Census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania—Alexander McCullough Household**

115	119	Alexander M. McCullough	67	M	Farmer	3000	Pennsylvania
		Eleanor M. McCullough	55	F			Westmoreland Co. Pa.
		Nancy M. McCullough	28	F			Mercer Co. Pa.
		Wm. M. McCullough	26	M	Student		" " "
		Samuel M. McCullough	23	M	Farmer		" " "
		Alexander M. McCullough	21	M	Farmer		" " "
		Katba M. McCullough	19	F			" " "
		Oliver M. McCullough	16	F			" " "
		Mary E. McCullough	14	F			" " "
		James M. McCullough	10	M			" " "

1850 U.S. census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, East Lackawannock Township, pages 414-15 (penned), page 208 (stamped), dwelling 115, family 119, Alexander McCullough household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 8 January 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 796.



**Attachment F: 1859 Bounty Land Patent, Cerro Gardo County, Iowa—Alexander McCullough [Jr.] assigned to William McCullough**



Alexander McCullough (Cerro Gardo, Iowa), bounty land patent (Pvt., Capt. Cossitt's Co., Pennsylvania Militia, War of 1812), warrant no. 7922; "Land Patent Search," images, *General Land Office Records* (glorerecords.blm.gov : accessed 9 January 2018).

**Attachment G: 1860 U.S. Census, North Liberty, Mercer County, Pennsylvania—Jonathan Calvin Household**

1366	1286	Jonathan Calvin	57	m	Farmer	5,000	1,000	
		Jane	42	f	Wife			
		Alexander	19	m	Jr. Laborer			
		Sarah	17	f	Domestic			
		Martin	15	m	Hand Labor			
		Ellen	13	f				
		Jane	11	m				
		Jane	8	f				
		Harriet	3	f				

1860 U.S. census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, Findley Township, North Liberty Post Office, page 158 (stamped), page 186 (penned), dwelling 1366, family 1286, Jonathan Calvin household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 29 December 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 1139.

**Attachment H: 1869 Will, Mercer County, Pennsylvania—Alexander McCullough**

Alexander McCullough  
 Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1869

In the name of God Amen I  
 Alexander McCullough of the  
 County of Mercer and State of Pennsylvania being of sound mind  
 memory and understanding but being advanced in life and  
 wishing to arrange all my worldly business in due time, do make  
 publish and declare this following to be my last will and testament  
 viz: I commend my soul into the hands of my Creator  
 trusting for eternal happiness through the merits of my Redeemer  
 and my body to be buried in a Christian burial in the  
 churchyard of the Presbyterian Church in the town of North Liberty  
 I hereby direct all my debts to be paid by my executor out of  
 my personal estate I hereby give and bequeath  
 unto my son Alexander McCullough my farm of one hundred  
 and fifty acres on which I now reside and also all per  
 sonal property of every kind which may be then in my  
 death including horses, hogs, cattle, sheep, stock of every  
 kind and all farming utensils and everything on the  
 said farm except what may be my house, but subject  
 however to the following conditions and charges to wit:  
 To my wife Sarah and her heirs for and during her life I give  
 my dear wife Sarah McCullough and furnish her with every  
 thing that she may require that she or her heirs be not  
 compelled to leave her present house or to let  
 any part thereof she may desire during life and further to  
 pay the sum of twenty five hundred dollars; legacies are  
 to be paid after payment of one and said executor shall pay over  
 to a true and lawful owner on said land its full value and  
 compliance with it I hereby give and bequeath unto my  
 son Thompson S. McCullough the debt he owes me and of it  
 which I find this note that says what I have given him  
 being his portion I hereby give and bequeath  
 unto my son Samuel J. McCullough the debt he owes me and

Mercer County, Pennsylvania, will book 4, page 459, will of Alexander McCullough, registered 7 December 1869; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 8 January 2018); Orphans Court, Mercer County, Mercer, Pennsylvania.

Attachment H: 1869 Will, Mercer County, Pennsylvania—Alexander McCullough (continued)

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 for which I hold his wife - that with what I have given him from the  
 portion. 6. Item I hereby give and bequeath unto my daughter  
 Jane Leach the sum of four hundred and eighty dollars to be paid  
 for by said Alexander as hereinafter directed. 7. Item I hereby  
 give and bequeath unto my daughter, Nancy Young the sum of four  
 hundred and fifty dollars to be paid by said Alexander as hereinafter  
 directed. 8. Item I hereby give and bequeath unto my daughter  
 Mary Elizabeth the sum of seven hundred and twenty dollars by said  
 Alexander as hereinafter directed: and the same not soon after my  
 death. 9. Item I hereby give and bequeath unto my grand son  
 Willie M. Stinson son of my daughter Martha Stone Stinson and wife  
 to be paid by said Alexander as hereinafter directed. 10. Item I hereby  
 give and bequeath unto said Jane Nancy, Mary Elizabeth and Willie M.  
 shall be paid to each of them by said Alexander, or his legal and lawful  
 payee, the first of which shall be one year from the time of my  
 death. 11. Item - To the Board of Permits, Managers, to the Board of  
 Foreign Missions, to the Board of Education and the Board of  
 Publication of the Presbytery of the Middle States and West  
 as to Henry give and bequeath to each the sum of one hundred  
 dollars to be paid by said Alexander or his legal and lawful payee  
 to be paid at one year after my death and the other half eight years  
 after my death. 12. Item I hereby give and bequeath to my wife  
 Elizabeth all her personal estate and every thing in my household  
 and all other money and all my personal property of every  
 kind not at ready disposal of in this will - hereby constituting  
 her my residuary legatee - She giving my daughter Mary Elizabeth  
 such a bill and receipt as my other daughters have received. I hereby  
 nominate and appoint my sons Ferguson McCullough and Alex-  
 ander McCullough Executors of this my last will and testament  
 hereby revoking all former wills by me made. My testimony  
 signed I, Alexander McCullough at my house and seal this 7th day of  
 Sept. 1869.  
 Attest John Stronny  
 J. Griffith  
 Witness to the foregoing will by me made this 7th day of July 1869  
 my daughter Mary Elizabeth having said will. I made the above  
 will I do hereby revoke the legacy to her and hereby release my son  
 Alexander for the payment of the same and in stead thereof I hereby  
 direct him to pay my sons Ferguson & and Alexander and  
 my daughter Jane Leach each twenty five hundred and  
 fifteen dollars one year after my death: which I give and bequeath to each  
 of them in addition to former legacies. Attest my hand and seal 27  
 July 1869  
 Attest J. B. Keubhard  
 J. Griffith  
 Because Alexander is my wife dated Sept 19 1869 I hereby nomi-  
 nate and appoint John Young my counsel and one of the executors of  
 this my last will and testament with my two sons before mentioned  
 Attest J. Griffith  
 A. McCullough

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 Mercer County: Before me the subscriber Register for the probate of  
 wills in and for said County personally came James Griffith calling  
 the subscriber out of his office to the attached instrument of writing purporting  
 to be the last will and testament of Alexander McCullough deceased and  
 only sworn according to law and as he was asked say that he was a  
 witness and was said testator's sign and seal and truly also that he was present  
 when said Alexander then published, pronounced and declared the same as  
 signed and sealed as aforesaid for his last will and testament and that  
 at the time of so doing he the said testator was of sound disposing  
 mind, memory and perfect understanding to the best of his personal knowl-  
 edge and belief. Also that he signed his name as a witness to said  
 instrument at the request of and in the presence of said testator  
 and in the presence of the other witnesses. Also said respondent  
 further swears that he is personally acquainted with the hand  
 writing of J. B. Keubhard one of the witnesses to the first aforesaid  
 will and truly believes it to be his true and proper hand writing  
 and that said Keubhard is now dead.  
 Ferguson McCullough before me J. B. Griffith  
 this 7th day of Dec. 1869.  
 J. B. Griffith  
 Mercer County: Register  
 Before me the subscriber Register of wills  
 in and for said County personally came John Stronny one  
 of the subscribers with the attached instrument purporting  
 purporting to be the last will and testament of Alexander McCullough  
 deceased and only sworn according to law and as he was asked  
 say that he was present with said testator and seal and  
 truly also that he was present when said testator then published and  
 declared the same as signed and sealed as aforesaid for his last will and  
 testament and that at the time of so doing he the said testator was of sound  
 disposing mind, memory and perfect understanding to the best of his personal  
 knowledge and belief. Also that he signed his name as a witness to said  
 instrument at the request of and in the presence of said testator and  
 in the presence of the other witnesses. Also said respondent further swears  
 that he is personally acquainted with the hand writing of J. B. Keubhard  
 and truly believes it to be his true and proper hand writing  
 and that said Keubhard is now dead.  
 Ferguson McCullough before me John Stronny  
 this 7th day of Dec. 1869.  
 John Stronny  
 Mercer County: Register  
 Before me the subscriber Register of wills  
 in and for said County personally came John Stronny one  
 of the subscribers with the attached instrument purporting  
 purporting to be the last will and testament of Alexander McCullough  
 deceased and only sworn according to law and as he was asked  
 say that he was present with said testator and seal and  
 truly also that he was present when said testator then published and  
 declared the same as signed and sealed as aforesaid for his last will and  
 testament and that at the time of so doing he the said testator was of sound  
 disposing mind, memory and perfect understanding to the best of his personal  
 knowledge and belief. Also that he signed his name as a witness to said  
 instrument at the request of and in the presence of said testator and  
 in the presence of the other witnesses. Also said respondent further swears  
 that he is personally acquainted with the hand writing of J. B. Keubhard  
 and truly believes it to be his true and proper hand writing  
 and that said Keubhard is now dead.  
 Ferguson McCullough before me John Stronny  
 this 7th day of Dec. 1869.  
 John Stronny

Mercer County, Pennsylvania, will book 4, pages 460-61, will of Alexander McCullough, registered 7 December 1869; digital image, Ancestry (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 January 2018); Orphans Court, Mercer County, Mercer, Pennsylvania.

Attachment I: 1870 U.S. Census, Erie County, Pennsylvania—George Reed Household

178	187	Reed George	30	W	Farmer	1200	500	W
		- Emeline	27	F	Keeps House			F
		- G. E.	1	M				F
		Reed Mary	27	F	W		500	F
		Brick Melia	60	F	W		100	F
		Grum Edwina	20	M	Y			N.Y.

1870 U.S. census, Erie County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Mill Creek Township, Erie City, pages 24-25 (penned), page 295 (stamped), dwelling 178, family 187, George Reed household; digital image, Ancestry (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 10 January 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 1341.

### Attachment J: 1870 U.S. Census, Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania—Jonathan Calvin Household

177	193	Calvin Jonathan	60	"	"	Farmer	12000	3570	"
		Jane	50	F	"	Keeping House	500		"
		Martin L	24	M	"	Farm Laborer			"
		William	20	"	"	"			"
		Jane C	18	F	"	"			"
		Harriet W	12	"	"	"			"

1870 U.S. census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Findley Township, page 77 (stamped), page 27 (penned) dwelling 177, family 193, Jonathan Calvin household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 29 December 2017); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 1373.

### Attachment K: 1880 U.S. Census, Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania—George Reed Household

172	192	Reed George	20	M	40		1	Farmer	✓				Penn	Penn	Penn
		Emeline	20	F	38	Wife	1	Housekeeper					Penn	Penn	Penn
		Edwin	20	M	12	Son		At School		1			Penn	Penn	Penn
		William E	20	M	10	Son		At School		1			Penn	Penn	Penn
		Hie Jane	20	F	7	Daughter		At School		1			Penn	Penn	Penn
		Virginia	20	F	5	Daughter							Penn	Penn	Penn
		Evadne	20	F	1	Daughter							Penn	Penn	Penn
		M <sup>r</sup> Gulluck John	20	M	22	Wife	1	Farm Laborer	✓				Canada	Ireland	Ireland
		Hagman Willie	20	M	16	Son		At School					Penn	Ireland	Ireland

1880 U.S. census, Erie County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, East Mill Creek Township, Enumeration District (ED) No. 156, page 408A (stamped), page 21 (penned), dwelling 192, family 192, George Reed household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 10 January 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 1128.

### Attachment L: 1880 U.S. Census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania—Jane Calvin Household

51	54	Calvin Jane	27	F	61		1	Keep Home					Penn	Penn	Penn
		Jane E	27	F	26	Daugh	1	At home					Penn	Penn	Penn
		Marietta E	27	F	21	Daugh	1	At home					Penn	Penn	Penn
52	53	Calvin W	27	M	34		1	Farmer					Penn	Penn	Penn
		Sarah E	27	F	33	Wife	1	Keeps Home					Penn	Penn	Penn
		Miller Women	27	M	25	Boarder		Farm Laborer					Penn	Penn	Ohio

1880 U.S. census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Findley Township, Enumeration District (ED) No. 207, page 47C (stamped), page 7 (penned), dwelling 51, family 54, Jane Calvin household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 29 December 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 1154.

### Attachment M: 1880 U.S. Census Mortality Schedule, Mercer County, Pennsylvania—Jonathan Calvin

Calvin Jonathan	27	M	61	1	0	Blacked
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1880 U.S. census, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, mortality schedule, Enumeration Schedule (ED) No. 220, page 1 (penned), line 19, Jonathan Calvin; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 29 December 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication 1838, roll 10.



**Attachment N: 1880 Will, Mercer County, Pennsylvania—Jonathan Calvin**

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*Last Will and Testament* } In the name of God Amen I Jonathan Calvin, of Findley  
*of* } Township, Mercer Co, and State of Pennsylvania being in  
*Jonathan Calvin* } feeble health of body, but of sound mind and memory, and  
*deceased* } Calling to remembrance the uncertainty of this frail life  
 To make and Ordain this my last will and testament, and  
 First - I Commend my soul to God, who gave it in the hope of a Blessed immortality  
 And of my worldly effects, including all my real and personal property & hereby  
 Dispose of as follows, to-wit: All my just and lawful debts, shall be fully paid  
 and discharged, them to my beloved wife Jane, I bequeath the full Control of  
 all my real estate South of the Public Road during her natural life, also all my  
 personal property, including farm stock household and kitchen furniture  
 out of which she is to make the two girls that are yet at home, Elizabeth & <sup>W</sup>  
 "Harriet M. an outfit equal in value to the girls that are already married  
 receive, said outfit to be made to them when they require it  
 To my son Martin L. I bequeath all my real estate North of the public road with  
 the privilege of running a ditch of such Capacity and of what ever length may  
 be necessary into the premises on the South side of the public road, to drain all  
 his swampy lands  
 To my son Alexander M. I bequeath the sum of Two hundred dollars, To be paid him  
 when the real estate on the South side of the public road is finally disposed of  
 To my Daughters, Sarah Emeline Reed, Ellen Mary Donaldson, Elizabeth Ann Calvin, &  
 "Harriet Melissa Calvin, to each I bequeath a fourth interest in the premises on the  
 South side of the public road after the Two hundred dollars already bequeathed  
 to Alexander is taken out, my son Wm James, having already received deed or  
 title to the farm he is now living on, I also bequeath to him the sum of One dollar  
 The bequests of the four girls above named, and also to Alexander, and to be due to  
 them at their mothers death, To my wife Jane, I bequeath my stock in the Bank of  
 and Franklin Bank Roads, And I hereby constitute and appoint my wife Jane  
 Calvin, and my son Martin L. Calvin, as Executors of this my last will, and testament  
 In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lords  
 One thousand eight hundred and eighty nine, Jonathan Calvin, (Seal)  
 The above written testament was signed by the testator in our presence, and in his presence,  
 at his request, and in the presence of each other we have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses  
 James R. Harvey,  
 John Goring,  
 Mercer County, D.S.  
 Before me a Register for the Probate of wills, do, in and for said County personally came James R.  
 Harvey, John Goring, subscribing witnesses to the Attached instrument of writing, purporting to be the last  
 will & testament of Jonathan Calvin, deceased, who being duly sworn according to law did depose and  
 say that they were present with and saw said testator sign and seal said will, and heard him pronounce  
 and declare the same to signed and sealed, as and for his last will and testament And that at  
 the time of so doing he the said testator was of sound and sound disposing mind, memory,  
 and understanding to the best of their honest knowledge and belief, Also that they signed their  
 names as witnesses thereto at the request of and in the presence of said testator & each other  
 sworn & subscribed before me,  
 this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, A.D. 1880,  
 L. H. Macgregor Register. (Registered April 23<sup>rd</sup> A.D. 1880.)

Mercer County, Pennsylvania, will book 4, page 671, will of Jonathan Calvin, registered 23 April 1880; digital image, Ancestry (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 29 December 2017); Orphans Court, Mercer County, Mercer, Pennsylvania.

**Attachment O: 1889 Grave Marker, Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania—Sarah (Calvin) Reed**



Ancestry, Find A Grave, database with images (http://www.findagrave.com : accessed 7 December 2017), memorial 133900752, Mrs Sarah E Calvin Reed, Erie Cemetery, Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania; grave marker photograph by Sandra Walczak.

Attachment P: 1889 Will, Mercer County, Pennsylvania—Jane (McCullough) Calvin

Mercer County, Pennsylvania, will book 9, page 189-90, will of Jane Calvin, filed and recorded 24 August 1889; digital image, Ancestry (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 29 December 2017); Orphans Court, Mercer County, Mercer, Pennsylvania.

A note of Death Aug. 19 1889 at 10 hours the above name

Last Will and Testament In the name of God  
 Jane Calvin, Decd. I, Jane Calvin  
 of Mercer County and State  
 of Pennsylvania being in  
 good health in body and mind and of sound mind and  
 memory and calling to remembrance the uncertainty of  
 this frail life do make and sign this my  
 last will and testament, and first I commend my  
 soul to God, who gave it in the hope of a blessed  
 immortality. And of my worldly effects including  
 all my real and personal property I hereby dispose  
 of as follows: viz all my just and lawful debts are to be  
 paid and discharged plus my funeral expenses there,  
 all my money and obligations for money held against  
 myself or any one in the premises also my household  
 and kitchen furniture after my daughter Jane Elizabeth  
 gets an equal to my other daughters that are  
 married be to be equally divided between my daughters  
 Corinne, Sarah Elizabeth, and Mary Donaldson,  
 Harriet Mahers Miller, and Jane Elizabeth Calvin,  
 my real estate including the undivided half interest  
 in two hundred acres of land in Crows Good Conely,  
 Iowa, I hereby bequeath to my sons Alexander M.  
 Calvin, Martin S. Calvin, and John Calvin and my daughter  
 Sarah Elizabeth, and Mary Donaldson, Jane  
 Elizabeth Calvin, and Harriet Mahers Miller, all to  
 share and share alike, both in the profits and also in  
 the increase of said lands.  
 And I have constituted and appointed my sons, Martin  
 S. Calvin, and John Calvin, Executors of this my  
 last will and testament.  
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
 and seal this twenty first day of November eighteen  
 hundred and eighty nine.  
 Jane Calvin, Test:  
 The above written instrument was signed by the  
 testator in our presence and at her request and in her  
 presence and in the presence of each other we have here-  
 unto subscribed our names as witnesses.  
 John Young,  
 J. M. Young.

Mercer County S.S.  
 Before me a Registrar for the probate  
 of wills in and for said county, personally came John  
 Young and J. M. Young, subscribing witnesses to the  
 beforesaid instrument, and being subscribing to be the last  
 will and testament of Jane Calvin deceased, who being

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I was according to law did depose and say that  
 they were present with and saw said testator's sign and  
 seal said will and heard her pronounce and declare  
 the same as signed and sealed as a will for her last  
 will and testament. And that at the time of so  
 doing she the said testator was of sound and disposing  
 mind, memory and understanding to the best of  
 deponents knowledge and belief. Also that they  
 signed their names as witnesses thereto at the request  
 of and in the presence of said testator, and in the  
 presence of each other.  
 I was and subscribed before me  
 this 24 day of August A.D. 1889  
 R. E. Langhorne  
 Register  
 J. M. Young  
 John Young.

Filed, Probated and recorded Aug. 24 1889

Attachment Q: 1898 Probate, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa—Jane (McCullough) Calvin

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 In the Matter of the last Will & testament of Jane Calvin, Deceased.  
 As I remembered that upon the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 1898 there was filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Iowa in and for Cerro Gordo County a Petition for Probate of foreign Will in words and figures as follows:  
 On the District Court of Iowa, in and for Cerro Gordo County.  
 In the Matter of the last Will & testament of Jane Calvin, late of Mercer County, Pennsylvania Deceased.  
 Petition for Probate of foreign Will.  
 Your petitioner Dr. Young, respectfully states that he is the owner in fee simple of the S.W. 1/4 of N. 6 1/2 S. and E. 1/2 of the S.W. 1/4 of Section 26, 10 and the N.W. 1/4 of the N.W. 1/4 of Section 10, all in Township 20 N., Range 21, in Cerro Gordo County, Iowa.  
 That the said Jane Calvin was in her lifetime the owner of an interest in said land and died in the month of August, 1889, the said Jane Calvin died leaving a last Will and testament was on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1889, duly admitted to probate and record in the office of the Register of Probate and Will in said County of Mercer in the State of Pennsylvania and a duly authenticated copy of said last Will and testament of said Jane Calvin with a copy of the original record of probate thereof from the office of the Register of Probate of Mercer County, Pennsylvania, is hereto attached.  
 That the title of your petitioner to the real estate herein before mentioned is derived in part under and by virtue of said last Will and testament of said Jane Calvin through conveyances from devise under said Will and testament and it is necessary in order to perfect the title of the petitioner that the last Will and testament of said Jane Calvin be admitted to probate and record in this Court. Therefore your petitioner asks that said Will and testament and record of probate thereof be admitted to probate as provided by law.  
 J. M. Young, Clerk of District Court, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Dec 1898.

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 State of Iowa }  
 Cerro Gordo County }  
 Duncas Reile being duly sworn deposes and says that he is the attorney for the above named Dr. Young petitioner, that he has read the foregoing petition, knows the contents thereof and the statements therein are true as he verily believes; that his knowledge is derived from examination of said copies of said Will and probate.  
 Duncas Reile  
 Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me by the said Duncas Reile this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1898.  
 J. C. Miller  
 Notary Public  
 And afterwards on Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 1898 it being the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the regular Dec term 1898 of said Court this matter coming on for hearing the foregoing petition is granted and the Will of said Jane Calvin is admitted to Probate and Record in this County and said Will is in words and figures as follows:  
 Last Will & testament of Jane Calvin.  
 In the name of God, Amen, I Jane Calvin of Lindley Township, Mercer County and State of Pennsylvania being in good health in body and of sound mind and memory and calling to remembrance the uncertainty of this frail life do make and ordain this my last Will and testament.  
 And first I commend my soul to God who gave it in the hope of a blessed immortality. And if my worldly effects including all my real and personal property I hereby dispose of it as follows, viz: all my just and lawful debts are to be paid and discharged with my funeral expenses then all my money and investments for money held against others also my stock on the premises also my household and kitchen furniture after my daughter Jane Elizabeth gets an equal to my other daughters that are married is to be equally divided between my daughters Sarah Amelia Allen, Ellen Mary Dohalshon, Harriet Malissa Miller and Jane Elizabeth Calvin. My

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 real estate including the undivided half interest in two hundred acres of land in Cerro Gordo County Iowa & hereby bequeath to my sons Alexander M. Calvin, Martin L. Calvin, son of Calvin and my daughters Sarah, Ameline Reed, Ellen Mary Dohalshon, Jane Elizabeth Calvin and Harriet Malissa Miller all to share and share alike, both in the profits and also in the expenses of said lands.  
 And I hereby constitute and appoint my sons Martin L. Calvin and Am. J. Calvin, executors of this my last Will and testament.  
 In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty first day of November eighteen hundred and eighty nine  
 Jane Calvin (decd)  
 The above written instrument was signed by the testator in our presence and at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other we have hereunto subscribed our names at witness.  
 J. M. Young  
 J. M. Young  
 Mercer County, ss. I, D. R. Vaughn, Register for the Probate of Wills do and granting of letters of administration in and for said County of Mercer do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the last Will and testament of Jane Calvin late of Lindley Township Mercer County, Iowa deceased as the same remains of record and on file in the Register's Office in and for the county aforesaid.  
 In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said office at Merach Co. this 20<sup>th</sup> day of Aug 1899.  
 D. R. Vaughn, Register.  
 State of Iowa }  
 Cerro Gordo County }  
 I, J. C. Miller, Clerk of the District Court within and for said County and State do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument was on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Dec 1898 being the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the Dec term 1898 of said Court, duly admitted to Probate by said Court as the last Will and testament of Jane Calvin deceased, late of Mercer County and State of Iowa and that the same was ordered to be recorded

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 accordingly Witness my hand and the seal of said District Court hereunto affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1899.  
 J. C. Miller  
 Clerk of the District Court  
 And upon some day there was filed a transcript of Miller's testamentary and final account as follows:  
 Letters testamentary  
 Mercer County, ss.  
 By the tenor of these presents I, D. R. Vaughn, Register for the Probate of Wills and granting of letters of administration in and for the County of Mercer, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do make known unto all men, that on the date of the date thereof, at Mercer before me, was proved, approved and insinuated, the last Will and testament of Jane Calvin, late of Lindley town, deceased as true copy whereof is to this present annexed having which he lived at the time of his death, diverse goods, chattels, rights and credits within the said Commonwealth by reason whereof the administration and insinuation of the said last Will and testament, and the committing the administration of all and singular the goods, chattels, rights and credits which were of the said deceased, and also the auditing the accounts, calculations and reckonings of the said administration and the final dismission of the same, to me are manifestly shown to belong and that administration of all and singular the goods, chattels, rights and credits of the said deceased any way concerning his last Will and testament was committed to Martin L. Calvin and Am. J. Calvin in the same testament named, they having then duly sworn to well and truly to administer the goods, chattels, rights and credits of the said deceased, and make a true and lawful inventory thereof, and exhibit the same in the Register's Office at Mercer aforesaid, within thirty days from the date hereof and render a just and true calculation and reckoning of the said administration within one year from the date hereof, or when shorter legally required. In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of said office to be hereunto affixed

Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, District Court Probate Record, Book Q, page 122-25, petition for probate of foreign will, Jane Calvin, recorded 23 December 1898; digital image, Ancestry (http://www.ancestry.com : accessed 9 January 2018); Clerk of Court, Cerro Gordo County, Mason City, Iowa.

Attachment Q: 1898 Probate, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa—Jane (McCullough) Calvin (continued)

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Dated at Mercer, the 24 <sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1898 D. R. Vaughn, Register		Aug 27	J. J. Clockton	Arbitrary notice	5.00
The final account of J. J. Calvin and M. L. Calvin executors of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits, which were of Jane Calvin late of Cerro Gordo, Mercer Co Iowa deceased. The accountants charge themselves as follows:		28	A. Robinson	Clerk of Court etc	2.00
And of Inventory and Appraisement filed		28	John A. Gordon & Co	Bill printing etc	7.25
Note of J. M. Calvin in " " " " " " " "		28	J. A. Broadbent & Co	County tax 1890	15.42
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	John Krauff & Co	school & special tax 1890	19.29
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	M. M. Roll	making grain & etc	6.00
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	Joe Masters & Sons	bill printing etc	6.64
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	R. Moore	book etc	2.10
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	H. Rosenblum	" " "	4.00
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	By maturing mortgages	Assessment	3.70
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	Alex Donaldson	Reaping grain re	7.11
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	D. R. Vaughn Clerk	Filing and passing	9.00
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	M. L. Calvin	cutting wheat re	37.72
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	J. J. Calvin	Book acct	4.00
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	J. Bell	Prof services	20.00
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	J. J. Calvin	services as executors	50.41
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	Refused in sale list	Below above & appraisement	106.40
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	Alex McCullough	Appraiser	1.24
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	Joseph Benjamin	" " "	1.12
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	Authenticated copy of discharge of executors	" " "	2.50
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	The undersigned hereby under the seal	" " "	
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	of Jane Calvin deceased have examined this	" " "	
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	the final and final account of J. J. & M. L.	" " "	
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	Calvin executors of said estate, and find the	" " "	
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	same to be true and correct and the balance	" " "	
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	in their hands (2388.77) as shown by account	" " "	
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	amount is the true amount due to as legatee	" " "	
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	and we hereby acknowledge to have this day	" " "	
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	received from said executors the amount due	" " "	
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	to us as shown by the sums opposite our respective	" " "	
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	names as follows:	" " "	
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	Mary Ellen Donaldson 1894	592.04	
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	Martha Melissa Miller 1894	592.04	
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	Jane Elizabeth Masters 1894	592.04	
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	Geo Reed surviving husband of	98.67	
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	Sarah Emeline Reed 1894		
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	C. Edgar Reed son of Sarah Emeline Reed		
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	deced. of full age 1894	71.67	
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	Alice McCullough guardian of J. M. C.		
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	Alice J. Rogers & Co. the 6 minor children		
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	of Sarah E. Reed decd. 1894	294.71	
" " " " " " " " " " " "		28	and we each hereby release and discharge said J. J. & M. L.		
Total amount of credits claimed by accountants				3945.95	
Total assets of estate				1577.77	
Balance due estate				2368.17	

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Calvin executors from all further liability to us by reason of said trial and request that upon the confirmation of said account they be discharged by the Court from said trial without further notice to any of us Oct 25, 1890.

Mary Ellen Donaldson  
Martha Melissa Miller  
Jane Elizabeth Masters  
Geo Reed  
C. E. Reed by Geo Reed  
Alice McCullough, Guardian

Total amount of credits claimed by accountants 3945.95  
Total assets of estate 1577.77  
Balance due estate 2368.17

Personally came J. J. Calvin and M. L. Calvin the above named accountants who being duly sworn say that the above is a just and true account and settlement of the goods, chattels and credits which came into their hands or possession as executors aforesaid, or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for them.

J. J. Calvin  
M. L. Calvin

Given and subscribed before me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November A.D. 1890  
D. R. Vaughn, Register  
Commonwealth of Iowa  
Mercer County

J. S. Ullman, Register

For the probate of will and granting letters of administration in and for said County, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of said account as filed in the Register's office of Mercer County on the 1st day of Nov 1890 of which legal publication has been made.

Witness my official signature and the seal of the Register's office of said County, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 1891

J. S. Ullman, Register.

And now this eighth day of January 1891 presented in open Court, filed and confirmed with

And now this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 1891 no exceptions having been filed to the foregoing account & hereby mark the same confirmed see reg.

J. H. Ziegler  
Clerk

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