

DAVID RITTENHOUSE.

CHILDREN OF No. 38. VOL. I.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE¹, of MATTHIAS³, of NICHOLAS²; of WILLIAM².

Gen.	Individual No.	Family No.	
5	4200	1	<i>Elizabeth Rittenhouse</i> , b. about 1767; m. Jonathan Dickinson Sergeant, Esq., of Philadelphia, at the close of the year 1788; it was his second marriage.

Mr. Jonathan Dickinson Sergeant was an eminent lawyer in Philadelphia, and for some time Attorney General of Pennsylvania; he was one of the five persons delegated on the 20th of February, 1776, by the convention of New Jersey (where he then resided) to represent that colony in Congress. His colleagues were the late Governor Livingstone and John de Hart, Richard Smith and John Cooper, Esquires. Mr. Sergeant died with the yellow fever, in Philadelphia, on the 8th of October, 1793. He left a son and two daughters by this marriage. He was the first Attorney General of Pennsylvania.

Instead of leaving the city during the time of the yellow fever, 1793, he remained in the city, and was a leader of those who devoted their time and money to the establishing of hospitals for the relief of the sick. No doubt many lives were saved through his action, although he became a prey to the disease and died while engaged in the good cause. Their children were Esther, David and Frances.