

him with his kinsmen Owen Jones, Jr., and Col. Samuel Miles, to endorse the paper currency of the time.

THE GRANDFATHER OF THE WISTERS.

Daniel Wister, son of John and his second wife Anna Catharine, both of German birth and parentage, was born at No. 141—now 325—Market Street, Philadelphia, February 4, 1739.

He was educated in the Moravian College at Ephrata, Pa. His classical attainments were good. Besides German, he understood other modern languages.

His temperament was kindly and cheerful; his natural disposition genial, social, a *bon vivant*; and he possessed so much of the sportsman's spirit as to be interested in owning horses, dogs and cats. He had many caged birds in his house. At times their singing was so noisy and discordant that it was usual to silence the birds by covering their cages to enable persons at meals to hear each other talk.

Like his father he was successful in business.

He married, May 5, 1760, Lowry, a daughter of Owen Jones, (who was Colonial Treasurer), and his wife Susannah, of St. Mary's and Wynnewood, Lower Merion, Pa., and so crossed his German with a good Welsh breed of the Society of Friends. They had nine children, namely Sarah, Elizabeth, John, Hannah, Susan, John, William, Charles Jones and William Wynne. Some of them died in infancy.

In Sept. 1777, he moved his family to Gwynedd, North Wales, Pa. where his daughter Sarah, then a sprightly girl of fifteen, commonly called Sally Wister, kept a diary addressed to her friend Deborah Norris, beginning Sept. 25, 1777, and ending June 20, 1778. This interesting journal, kept during an exciting period of the Revolution, has been published in the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*. She as well as all of his descendants, with rare exceptions were endowed with a poetic vein and wrote rhyming letters; and some of them had a taste and capacity for music.

Daniel Wister died Oct. 27, 1805 in the sixty-seventh year of his age. During the last few days of his life he was mentally astray and talked only in Latin.

THE FATHER OF DR. CASPAR WISTER.

Charles Jones, the eighth child of Daniel and Lowry Wister, was born, April 12, 1782, at the Market Street home; and died July 23, 1865, in the 84th year of his age.