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## CHAPTER XX

### MONTGOMERY CO., OHIO

1. Joseph J. Flory (1682-1741) immigrant father from Palatin-ate, Germany
- 2b. Abraham Flory (1735-1827) born in Rapho township, Lan-caster Co., Pa.
- 3c. Joseph Flory (12-29-1769—10-30-1823) m. Elizabeth Beeghley (2-17-1778) He was born in Washington township, Franklin Co., Pa., and migrated with his father to Brothers Valley, Elk Lick township, Somerset Co., Pa., in 1795. She was born at Barro Inker, Pa. J. Homer Bright, Union, Ohio, R. 1, whose wife, Minnie, is great granddaughter of Joseph, supplied fol-lowing on Oct. 3, 1941:

"The original cemetery was not on the Jacob Garber farm, but on the west of two quarter sections north of said farm, yet next to the section line separating quarter sections, and lying just south of the Wolf Creek Pike just two miles west of Trotwood, one being the n-w Q Sec and the other a n-e Q Sec. I asked Mrs. Bright's eldest brother, Wilson B. Flory, who will be 78 years old next Feb. 19, to go with me to investi-gate. He had gone with his brother, Rev. Ezra Flory, now deceased some few years ago to the same place. The graveyard is now no longer fenced, and we found only one marker with any inscription. This was that of Mr. Wilson Flory's great grandfather, Joseph Flory, born in Somerset Co., Pa., Dec. 29, 1769, and dying on the Jacob Garber farm Oct. 30, 1823. His farm, with a fine spring, lay just south of the two Q Sec just men-tioned. The road section line would have run right through the fine spring, but the road past the farm began a little west of the section line at the two mile road (Lexington Road) north of the Dayton-Eaton Pike, and then angled northwest as it passed the farm buildings and spring. Then as the road ran north it left part of the section on which the old

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family cemetery is located to the east of the road. As a boy I often went with my parents to this home, the Samuel Ploutz Home. They were members of the Church of the Brethren in which my Father was a minister. And we often went to the Jacob Garber home, too, he being Elder of the local congregation. He was also uncle to my father's first wife. And his oldest brother, married Jacob Garber's oldest daughter. He owned the 100 acres on the south, lying along the Lexington Road. It was the same 100 acres for which there was a copy of a verbal will made in the presence of three witnesses and recorded at court at Dayton in March, 1824, which also records the date of the death of Joseph Flory, Sr. In this he agreed to sell the 100 acres in question for \$300.00 to his son, Joseph Flory, who was Mr. Wilson Flory's grandfather. He came north and bought the Flory homestead about 1829 or 1830. And with Mrs. Bright's 3rd brother dying last May, who last owned this homestead, it has lately gone to other hands.

The oldest Uncle, Elias Flory, and great-grandson of Abraham Flory, with two others, were born before the 2nd Joseph Flory family moved to the homestead just east of Phillipsburg. He was born in 1826, and his great-grandfather, Abraham Flory, did not like it that he was not named for him. As Wilson's mother died when he was quite small, this Uncle Elias kept Wilson a few years until his father married again. Uncle Elias lived to be 95 years old. In his old days he often had a granddaughter's husband take him down for a drink out of the old spring on the Jacob Garber farm. He outlived Wilson's father, John Flory, by about two years. John Flory died at past 80 years in Oct., 1919. The Abraham Flory



who came with his son to Ohio in about 1805 was a widower at that time, and remained so, outliving his son by a few years. Wilson's Uncle Elias often repeated the story of his not being his great-grandfather's namesake, Wilson told me yesterday as we returned from investigating the old cemetery.

The record of the Will referred to above is now in my son's possession, J. Calvin Bright, being given to him by his Aunt Katie Flory, who got it from her parents, John Florys, who bought the old Flory Homestead east of Phillipsburg from his father's estate."

(not in correct order)

- 4a. Jacob (12-17-1797—7-13-1867)
- 4b. Susan m. — Fourman
- 4c. Joseph (7-15-1801—3-22-1874)
- 4d. Mary m. — Leedy
- 4e. Elizabeth m. — Warner
- 4f. Hannah m. — Martin
- 4g. Katie m. John Warner
- 4h. Michael (1811-1896)
- 4i. Barbara m. — Neff
- 4j. Sarah m. — Priser
  - 5a. Samuel
  - 5b. John

According to a deed in Somerset County Courthouse, Somerset, Pa., Book 4, page 454, no. 336, dated April 12, 1806, Joseph Flory and his wife, Elizabeth, sold 237.5 acres to Peter Miller. The land was located in Elk Lick township, formerly Brothers Valley, Bedford County, and conveyed to Joseph on Sept. 26, 1802, by Christian Lichty and his wife. He was supposed to have settled on Jacob Carver place, 9 miles west of Dayton, Ohio.