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THE NIXON ANCESTRY

There is considerable divergence of opinion as to the early history of the name Nixon. It was subject to many changes as Niscon, Nicholl, Nicholon, MacNiscon, Nicholas, Nickson and Nickson. The name was derived from the Irish words meaning "He suffered not."

One of the names was granted to an ancestor by Samuel Nixon. His name was "Eugene de Clare." Their motto was "Fiercely brave."

James Nixon, the earliest Nixon known in this country, was born in Ireland in 1752. He died in Frederick County, Maryland in 1775.

George Nixon, Sr., was born in 1732, married Sarah Smith in Williamsburg, Delaware. He served as private ensign and lieutenant in the Revolution and participated in the famous crossing of the Delaware. He bought 221 acres for $2500, on which Washington, D.C. is partly located. He moved to Washington Co., Pa., in 1803 and on to Clinton Co., Ohio, in 1830.

George Nixon Jr., was born in 1790, and came to Washington County, Pa., in 1818. He married Hannah Wilson in 1820.

George Nixon III, was born in 1815 and came to Washington County, Pa., in 1820. He married Mary Moore in 1830.

George Nixon IV, was born in 1835, and came to Washington County, Pa., in 1820. He married Margaret Ann Treutler in 1851, the Irish-born child of Anthony Treutler. In 1853 he moved with his family to Vinton County, Ohio. In 1864 he enlisted in Company B 73rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was fatally wounded on July 3, 1864, at Gettysburg and died and is buried in Gettysburg National Cemetery. He left the following children:

Martha Lavinia, Florence, Samuel Brain, Eliza, Eliza, Rose.

Samuel Brain Nixon was born in 1848 and died in 1915. He married Sally Ann Washworth, who was born in 1850 and died in 1935.

To this union were born:

Mary Chao, Walter Washworth, Francis Anthony, Emma May and Ernest Lloyd.