

removed to Middle Falls, Beaver County, afterwards known as Brighton, and at the present time, 1898, Beaver Falls. In 1743 David Hoopes was accidentally drowned while crossing the Beaver River in a skiff. He was then 68 years old.

Joseph Hoopes, son of David, was married in Wilmington, Del., and removed to New Brighton, Pa., in 1801.

Joseph Hoopes' descendants, through his wife, Eleanor Hamilton, trace their lineage from the time of King John, something over 700 years.

"That time of life when leaves are none, or all, or few; bare, ruined choirs where once the sweet birds sang."—*Shakespeare*.

WILSON.

James Wilson, born April, 1806, was reared by his uncle, Isaac Wilson, and was first employed by him at the Salt Works, Harmony, Butler County, Pa.

Subsequently, Mr. Wilson was apprenticed to Edward Hoopes, a maker of wagons and buggies, and later, about 1830, went into business for himself in New Brighton, Pa., Main street, in the same line. After his marriage, which took place in 1837, he built a frame residence on a portion of the lot he had purchased for his wagon shop. This was near a brick building owned by David Hoopes and next to Jimmy Boies' tavern.

During the rest of an active life, until his retirement, Mr. Wilson resided in a home which he erected at the corner of Broadway and Apple Street, as these streets were then called. This was one door below the residence of Benj. Rush Bradford.

He spent a few years in Washington, D. C., with his two children, Thomas and Alisan.

At the present time, February, 1899, and for some years previous, Mr. Wilson has resided with his granddaughters