

## *The Tyler Family.*

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**T**HE TYLER FAMILY is well known on both sides of the Delaware river, having settled at an early date in Sullivan county, N. Y., and Wayne county, Penn. In the first Tyler family to move into this section there were twenty-two children besides the parents. They came in 1757, at the same time with the Calkins and Skinners, all immigrating from Preston, New London county, Conn. The Thomas, Conklin, Ross, Layton, and Mitchell families were already upon the ground, or came immediately after.

The second generation of these families intermarried, and this they have continued to do to a considerable extent ever since, so that a history of the Tyler family would involve a history of all the others. The following genealogical table is published, not only because it will be of interest to the Tyler family, but to the public generally, and is believed to be correct.

One of the early settlers whose descendants became prominent in the annals of Damascus Township was Bezaleel Tyler, the one previously mentioned. He married Sarah Calkins, and was brother-in-law of Simeon and John Calkins. He had twenty-two children, fourteen of whom attained to years of maturity, viz: Hannah, Bezaleel, Sarah, Silas, Paul, Abigail, Timothy, Nathaniel, William, Charles, Mary, Rebecca, Zuriah and Amos. Most of the sons were soldiers in the Revolutionary War. Nathaniel was a drummer in the army and was taken prisoner at the battle of St. Johns. Bezaleel was known as Captain "Zeel" Tyler, and was killed at the battle of Lackawaxen, July 22d. 1779. He had previously married and settled on Hollister's Creek, where with Daniel Skinner he built a sawmill, the second one in the town of Damascus. He also assisted in the erection of Daniel Skinner's

house on St. Tammany Flat, which was burned by the Indians in 1777. His children were John, Moses, Oliver, Elam, Phebe and Abigail.

John married Jane Fanoy and had seven children, viz: Bezaleel, Moses, Benjamin, Oliver, Sally, (the wife of James Ross, Jr.) Abigail, (the wife of Jesse Drake, Jr.) and Lydia, (who married Moses, a son of Oliver Calkins of Big Eddy). Oliver, the fourth son of Captain Tyler, married Elizabeth Comfort. His oldest son was John, but who the others were is not known, the family having moved to Dryden, N. Y. Moses married Sarah Ross, a daughter of James Ross, Sr. One of his daughters married Elias Calkins of Barryville. Elam was killed in youth; Phebe married Joseph Thomas; while Abigail became the wife of Joseph Mitchell.

Simeon Bush was one of the original settlers and came with the Calkins and Skinners; he was a half brother to the Tylers, and married Hannah Smith of Orange county during the Indian war.

Paul Tyler, son of Bezaleel Tyler and Sarah Calkins, married Hester Brink, a sister of Judge Brink of Sussex county, N. J.; and his daughter Sophie married David Wilder, who removed from Cohecton to Bethany in 1803. Wilder's daughter Charity became the wife of Judge James Manning and had ten children.

William Tyler, son of Bezaleel 1st, married Mary Mouington, and his children were Israel, Raymond, Alfred, Truman, Sally, (who married Cortland Skinner), Eliza (wife of Kinney Skinner), and Emeline, wife of David Fortman of Tyler Hill. The elder son, Israel, was for many years one of the influential and prominent residents of Damascus township and lived at Tyler Hill. He died in 1874, leaving two sons, Moses and Lorenzo D. Tyler. He mar-