torney of Indianapolis, soon after her family moved from Centerville. They had two children, a boy, George, now in the real estate business in Indianapolis, and a daughter, Juliet, wife of Dr. Christopher B. Coleman, director of the Indiana Historical Bureau.

John F. Julian, the oldest child, and only son of Jacob and Martha Julian, practiced law with his father both in Centerville and Indianapolis. He was named for John Finley, early Indiana poet, author of “The Hoosier’s Nest,” who resided in Centerville and was an intimate friend of the family.

The John Bryan Family

By President William Lowe Bryan

Henry Bryan, subject of Mrs. Anderson’s sketch, was a brother of my grandfather, John Bryan. They were the sons of my great-grandfather, Henry Bryan, who at the time of the War of the Revolution lived on the Brandywine in New Castle County, Delaware, near Chads Ford, which is in Pennsylvania. There is a family tradition that two daughters of Henry Bryan, the elder, were captured by British troops, taken to British headquarters, and then courteously conducted to their father’s home. There is another tradition that Washington visited the Bryan home and ate at their table. Some years ago I saw a table which was piously believed to be the Washington table, along with many other beautiful inheritances in mahogany and silver in the home of Miss Walpole, granddaughter of Henry Bryan, the younger. Finally, there is the tradition that Hessian troops invaded the Bryan home, ate whatever could be found, and as a joke which little Henry Bryan could not enjoy but never forgot, carried away his hat.

My grandfather, John Bryan, born in 1763, spent most of his adult life in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, where he had a typically large family. From his children have come very many descendants, of whom many still survive in various parts of the United States and beyond.

My father, John Bryan, was born in Pennsylvania in 1811. He became a minister of the United Presbyterian Church. He preached at various places, including New York City, but principally in eastern Ohio and in Bloomington, Indiana. He died in 1887.
I shall record nothing of him here except that from his college days he was foe of slavery and foe of the liquor traffic through years when it was dangerous even in the North to be an open foe of slavery and dangerous even for a minister to be the foe of the liquor traffic.

When my father was about fifteen he spent considerable time at the home of his uncle, Henry Bryan, in Centerville, Indiana. He maintained intimate acquaintance with his uncle's family and cherished through life the friendship of his cousins, Eliza and Martha Bryan, who became Mrs. Walpole and Mrs. Julian. They are referred to in Mrs. Anderson's paper.

My cousin, Reverend Dr. James O. Campbell, has prepared a formidable volume about our Bryan clan. The book includes the names of hundreds of the dead and the living.

As a final note I may add that I have not found the name Bryan in any Scotch or Scotch-Irish list of names. The name Bryan is found in English records as far back as the thirteenth century and frequently thereafter.