



Some Account of Capt. John Frazier and His Descendants: With Notes on the West and Checkley Families



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4 FRANCIS WEST son of William West by his wife Mary Hodge was born at Philadelphia 14 September 1761 died there 29 June 1843. He was a prominent merchant and in 1795 and 1796 was a member of the City Councils of Philadelphia. In 1786 he became a member of the First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry now known as the City Troop and continued on the active list until 20 February 1810 when he was placed on the Honorary Roll of the company. He was an Episcopalian connected with Christ Church where eight of his children were baptized by Bishop White 7 June 1814. He lies buried in the graveyard of that Church and the inscription on his tombstone styles him as:

A TENDER AND BELOVED HUSBAND
A FONDLY AFFECTIONATE PARENT
A GOOD CITIZEN
A GENEROUS HUMANE KIND HEARTED MAN

He married 10 January 1793 **Mary Nixon** born 29 September 1770 died 7 October 1848 daughter of Colonel John Nixon by his wife Elizabeth Davis. **Colonel John Nixon** was one of

the eminent Philadelphians of his day. He was of Irish extraction and was born at Philadelphia in 1738 and died there 31 December 1808. He was a leading merchant and was distinguished for his patriotic service in the cause of the Revolution. He was a member of the Provincial Convention of 1774, and 1775 became Lieutenant Colonel of the Philadelphia Battalion of Associators commanded by Colonel John Cadwalader, was a member of the Committee of Safety from 20 October 1775 to 22 July 1776, read and proclaimed for the first time the Declaration of Independence 8 July 1776, and from 13 November 1776 until 9 May 1778 was a member of the Continental Navy Board for the Middle District. He was a founder of the famous Bank of North America and its President from 1792 until his death.

Children of Francis West Esq by his wife Mary Nixon all born at Philadelphia:

- 22 i MARY DAVIS WEST born 4 Nov 1793 died 13 Feb 1838
- 23 ii ELIZABETH ANNE WEST born 28 September 1795 died 8 June 1887 married Alexander Hemsley
- 24 iii WILLIAM HENRY WEST born 16 March 1797 died 5 June 1853 married Ann C Wharton
- 25 iv **JOHN WHARTON WEST** born 24 October 1798 died 24 November 1852 married Mary Holt**
- 26 v ANNA MARIA WEST born 12 July 1800 died 28 February 1873
- 27 vi JAMES WEST born 16 May 1802 died 4 November 1884 married Ann Bell Welsh
- 28 vii HELENA Catharine WEST born 25 March 1804 died 8 April 1889
- 29 viii CAROLINE WEST born 24 Nov 1805 died in infancy
- 30 ix FRANCIS WEST born 5 March 1810 died 24 September 1868
- 31 x CAROLINE WEST born 5 Jan 1812 died 2 Feb 1890

25 JOHN WHARTON WEST son of Francis West by his wife Mary Nixon was born at Philadelphia 24 October 1798 died at Norfolk Virginia 24 November 1852. He was graduated at the University of Pennsylvania in 1817 and entered the United States Navy as a Midshipman in the following year. He was promoted Lieutenant in 1827 and Master in 1847 and was commandant of the Norfolk Navy Yard at his death. He married Mary Holt of Virginia.

Children of John Wharton and Mary Holt West:

63	i	FRANCIS H WEST born 10 June 1832 died 14 March 1908 married Mary Sophia Stone
64	ii	ELIZABETH PAGE WEST born 20 April 1836 died 10 Jan 1872 married Robert Augustine Thompson Jr
65	iii	MARY NIXON WEST married Frank Thompson a brother of Robert above and had issue