

ANCESTRY AND DESCENDANTS.

1883, and is buried in the graveyard at Paxton church. They had issue (surname Elder):

6. i. *Margaret-Brown*, b. 1846; m. J. Q. A. Rutherford.
7. ii. *Matthew-Brown*, b. 1848; m. Frances J. Rutherford.
8. iii. *Eleanor-Sherer*, b. 1850; m. Francis W. Rutherford.
- iv. *Matilda*, b. May — 1852.
- v. *Mary Ada*, b. 1857; d. 1858.

VI. MARGARET BROWN ELDER⁶, (Nancy⁵, Thomas⁴, Matthew³, John², John¹.) eldest daughter of Joshua and Nancy Brown Elder, was born in Paxtang township, Dauphin county, Pa., October 4, 1846; married, December 10, 1868, JOHN QUINCY ADAMS RUTHERFORD⁶, son of John Brisban and Keziah Parke Rutherford, born in Dauphin county, Pa., November 9, 1843. They reside about four miles east of Harrisburg, where Mr. Rutherford engages in farming. He is an elder of the Paxton Presbyterian church. They had issue (surname Rutherford):

*The Rutherfords, whose records are embraced in the present chapter, are descended from a notable Scotch family of that name. During the invasion of Ireland by William of Orange several members of that family joined his army, and when peace had been restored they all remained in Ireland. Several of the sons of these men emigrated to America during the decade between 1720 and 1730; among them was Thomas Rutherford, the progenitor of the family in Paxtang, Pa. In regard to Thomas Rutherford, the following is quoted from Eggle's "*Pennsylvania Genealogies*": "There is a spice of romance connected with his early manhood which may not be uninteresting to the reader. His attachment to Jean Mordah, whom he afterwards married, was reciprocated. The Mordahs were about to sail for America, and Thomas, fearing he might lose his Jean, proposed and was accepted; but poor Jean was scarcely sixteen, and her parents said 'no,' and took her with them across the sea. On the cover of his memorandum book, preserved in the family, Thomas inscribed the legend '*Enquire for Dennygall*.' This was the location of the Mordahs in Pennsylvania, and in the following year, 1729, he appeared in person at their door and claimed his Jean. Mr. Mordah doubtless still thought the pair too young, and, in order that more time might be gained, required his prospective son-in-law to be the possessor of a certain sum of money with which to begin the world before he would entrust the young lady to his keeping. Thomas, like Jacob of old, was obliged to acquiesce, and took his departure for Philadelphia. When he returned he was mounted on a good horse and had with him the documents which satisfied the old gentleman's requirements."