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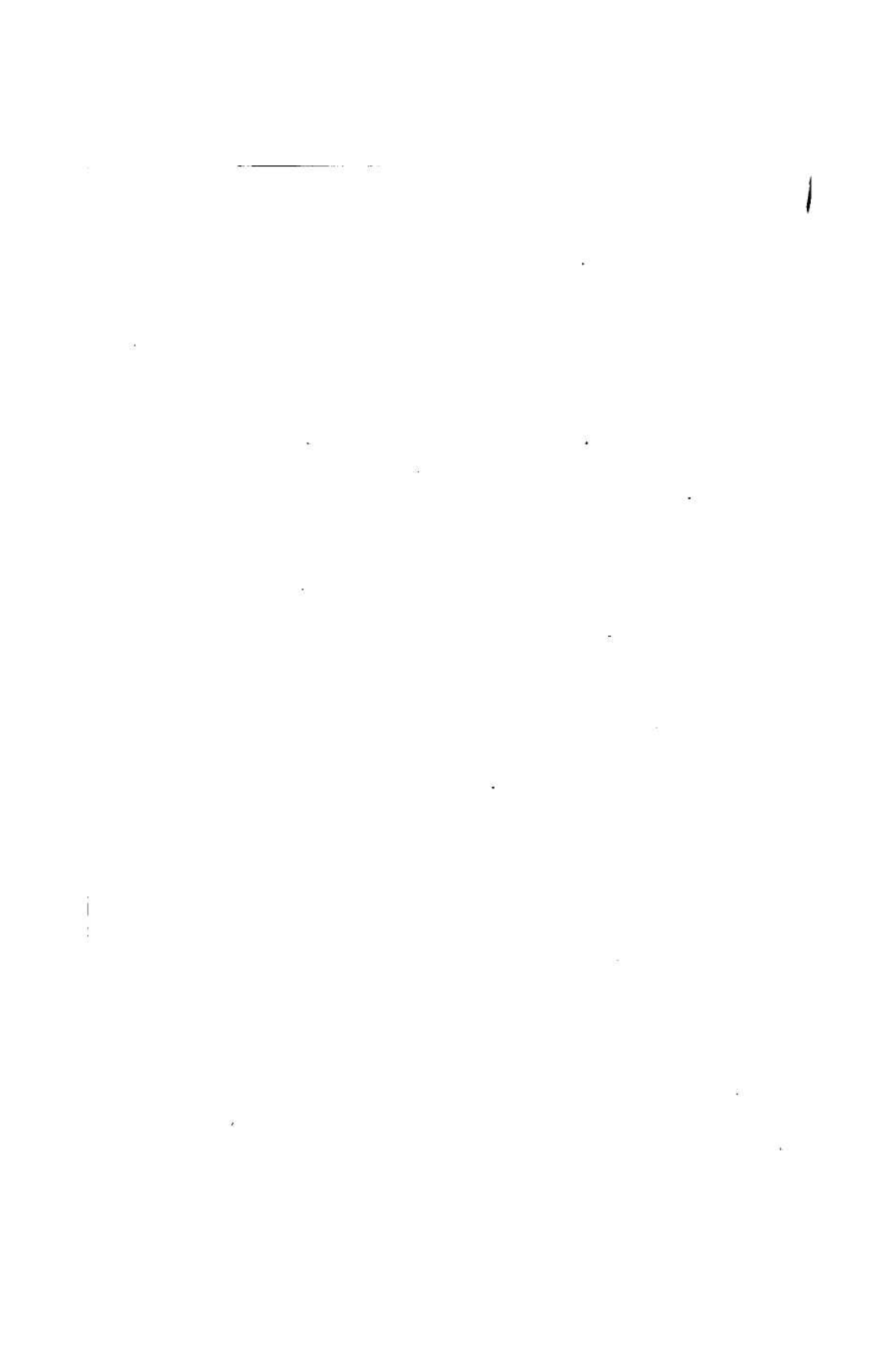
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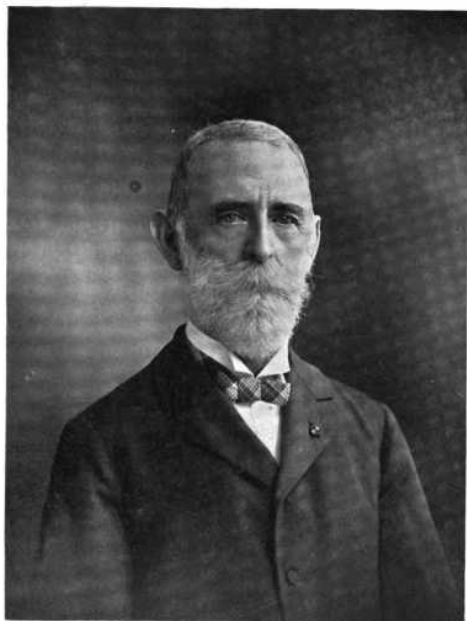




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GENERAL DAVID McMURTRIE GREGG.

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## BERKS COUNTY

**G**ENERAL DAVID McMURTRIE GREGG. This distinguished and widely-known resident of the city of Reading, whose portrait we take pleasure in presenting on the opposite page, occupies an enviable place in the esteem of the best people of the county and state as one of the best and most efficient officers produced by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the late Civil War. Educated at West Point, and trained by actual experience in the U. S. Regular Army for a number of years before the conflict between the North and the South, he was fully prepared, when actual hostilities did break out, to perform his part in preserving the Union, and in thus acting the part of a patriotic son of the nation to rise to a high rank, creditable alike to his early training and to his natural ability as a director and leader of men. Gen. Gregg served through the entire war, and won promotion after promotion, being finally brevetted Major-General U. S. Volunteers on Aug. 1, 1864. In civil life he has also achieved distinction that entitles him all the more to the highest regard of his countrymen.

Our subject was born in Huntingdon, Pa., April 10, 1833, and was a son of Matthew Duncan and Ellen (McMurtrie) Gregg. On both sides of the house, paternal and maternal, he comes of ancestors of whose records in civil and military life he may well be proud. The Gregg, Potter, McMurtrie and Elliott

families, from whom Gen. Gregg is directly descended, all settled in the colony of Pennsylvania at a very early date, and had much to do with the development and improvement of the Keystone State.

The first Gregg ancestor, of whom there is any sure knowledge, was David Gregg, who was born at Ayrshire, Scotland, about 1630. He was a captain in Cromwell's Army in 1655, and was within the walls of Londonderry during the great siege of 1688-89, as a faithful supporter of the Prince of Orange, William III, against the exiled King of England, James II. Both David and his son John, who was born near Londonderry in 1665, were killed by a party of Roman Catholics in one of the conflicts that were constantly occurring between the Orangemen and the Romanists in the north of Ireland. John Gregg's two sons, David and Andrew, and their sister Rachel (Mrs. Solomon Walker), came to America in 1726, and first settled in New Hampshire, where David remained. Andrew and his brother-in-law, Mr. Walker, were not satisfied to locate there, and so with their families and possessions shipped from Boston and landed at New Castle, Delaware. Andrew Gregg first located on a tract which he purchased at Chestnut Level, in Lancaster County, Pa., where he continued to live until 1748, when he purchased and removed to a plantation near Carlisle, where he continued to reside until his death, in 1789. His first