

**THE POETS AND POETRY
OF CHESTER COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649676040

The Poets and Poetry of Chester County, Pennsylvania by George Johnston

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

GEORGE JOHNSTON

**THE POETS AND POETRY
OF CHESTER COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA**

Presented to

Robert Mourdagh Diamond

By his Father

Dec. 25. 1890





J. Michaelson Reag



Bayard Taylor

*[From the Household Edition of Bayard Taylor's Works, published by
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.]*



THE
POETS AND POETRY
OF
CHESTER COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA.

COLLECTED AND EDITED BY
GEORGE JOHNSTON,
EDITOR OF "THE POETS AND POETRY OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND;"
AUTHOR OF "THE HISTORY OF CECIL COUNTY;" CORRESPONDING
MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA, DELAWARE, MARYLAND,
AND WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETIES, ETC.

Poetry is itself a thing of God;
He made His prophets poets; and the more
We feel of poesie do we become
Like God in love and power.

BAILLY'S FESTUS.

PRINTED BY
J. B. LIPPINCOTT COMPANY,
PHILADELPHIA.
1890.

ADVERTISEMENT.

THIS book is published and sold by subscription by George Johnston, of Elkton, Md., and Francis C. Pyle, of Leonard, Chester County, Pa., who have formed a limited partnership for that purpose, which will terminate in September, 1891, by the terms of which Mr. Pyle will have control of the canvass, sale, and delivery of the book and all matters pertaining thereto. Price in plain cloth, \$1.50; full gilt, \$1.85; when ordered by mail, 15 cents additional must be sent for postage.

Entered according to Act of Congress, in the year 1889, by

GEORGE JOHNSTON,

In the Office of the Librarian of Congress, at Washington, D.C.

548
P4J6

Ms 7-16-53

PREFACE.

IN presenting this book to the public, the editor wishes to say that he has been actuated by a desire to make it just what its name indicates, and to give every native and resident poet of Chester County who has written any poetry worthy of preservation a place in its pages, and as comprehensive a biographical sketch as the available data and limited size of the book would permit; so that it would be of historical as well as of literary value. Great care has been taken in selecting the poems to avoid the use of all sectarian or other objectionable matter, and it is believed there is nothing in it to injure the morals of the young or offend the most conscientious Christian. Because of the excessive modesty of some living writers, and the indifference of the friends of some who are dead, it was impossible in a few cases to obtain selections suitable for publication. In order to remedy this discrepancy between the title and the contents, the chapter on other poets has been added. Owing to the comprehensiveness of the title, and, in a few cases, to the scarcity of better material, a few poems have been inserted which otherwise would have been excluded. Of the manner in which the work has been done, the reader must judge for himself; the editor can only say that he has striven to make the best and most judicious selections from available material, and at the same time to rescue from oblivion the names of the humble, rather than to exalt those of acknowledged ability.

For the reasons above stated it is apparent that the reader should not expect to find a brilliant cluster of poetical gems, but rather, if you will pardon the expression, a garland of flowers in which the simpler's joy and modest violet have been entwined with the trumpet-flower and fragrant mignonette.

G. J.

ELKTON, MD., February 18, 1890.

759752