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Mr. Joseph's Biography
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Dagworthy Derrickson Joseph, P. O. Lewes, Delaware, son of Henry D. and Elizabeth B. (Carroll) Joseph, was born near Georgetown, Delaware, March 19, 1839.

The Joseph family have resided in Delaware for many years. Before the Revolutionary War gave birth to a new nation, Joseph Joseph settled in Sussex County, Delaware. He was a native of Scotland. One of his children was Jeremiah Joseph, who was the father of ten children:

1. Elisha
2. Esther
3. Hezekiah
4. Joseph
5. Jonathan
6. Lavinia
7. William
8. Zechariah
9. Nathan
10. Elizabeth

His seventh son, Nathan Joseph, was born near Georgetown, Delaware. He was a farmer, and married Miss Hardy. They reared a number of children, among them William Joseph, who was born near Georgetown, April 6, 1786. He was a carpenter, but gave most of his attention to farming. He took up arms in behalf of his country in the War of 1812.

William Joseph married Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac Salmons, of Sussex County. They had eleven children:

1. Henry Dickinson
2. Nathan H.
3. William B.
4. Thomas T.
5. David
6. James M.
7. Edward D.
8. Sylvester
9. Gideon
10. Sarah
11. George W.

All are deceased except George W. Joseph, who resides in Wilmington, Delaware.

Henry Dickinson Joseph was born near Hollyville, Sussex County, January 30, 1813. He received the education usually given to farmers' sons, and when this was completed, devoted himself to the cultivation of the soil. Politically he was a Whig, and afterwards a Republican. Henry D. Joseph was married five times. His first wife was Elizabeth B., daughter of Peter Carroll, of Sussex County, Delaware. They had children:

1. Dagworthy Derrickson
2. Ann E. (Mrs. Thomas B. Rust), deceased
3. James H., a soldier in the Civil War and now a retired machinist
4. William, died November 14, 1862, while serving the Union in the Civil War
5. John W. D., who died in infancy.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Joseph died March 2, 1851.

Mr. Joseph's second wife was Cornelia, daughter of Jehu Hill. They had one child, Cornelia E. (Mrs. Thomas H. Lawson), of Wilmington, Delaware.

The third wife of Mr. Joseph was Mrs. Sarah Simpler. By this marriage they had one child, George A., deceased.

His fourth marriage was to Kate, daughter of John and Lydia Green, and his fifth to Comfort, daughter of Robert and Lydia Craig. Mrs. Comfort Joseph is a resident of Georgetown. Henry Dickinson Joseph died September 18, 1891. He was a member of the M. E. Church.

Dagworthy Derrickson Joseph received a good common school education, and long before he attained his majority became a teacher in the district schools. He was thus engaged for five or six years, until the breaking out of the Civil War. On October 7, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company L, Second Regiment, Delaware Volunteer Infantry, afterwards Company B, Third Regiment. This company was enlisted for three years or during the war. Mr. Joseph was appointed Sergeant. In April, 1862, he was promoted to First Sergeant of Company K, and in November of the same year to Second Lieutenant. In January, 1863, while his regiment was at Frederick, Maryland, he made First Lieutenant, and then took command of Company I, Fifth Regiment, Maryland Volunteer Infantry, which command he held until April, 1864. He rejoined his regiment in May, 1864, and was assigned to the Third Brigade, Second Division Fifth Corps, Army of the Potomac. On September 24, Lieut. Joseph was promoted to Captain of Company C, Third Regiment, Delaware Volunteer Infantry, and on April 1, 1865, was breveted Major for gallant and meritorious conduct at Five Forks. He was in command of his regiment in the Grand Review at Washington, and was finally mustered out of service at Arlington Heights, June 3, 1865.

Mr. Joseph participated in the following engagements: Harper's Ferry, Sulphur Springs, Second Bull Run, Chantill, Antietam, Tolopotomy, Bethesda Church, Cold Harbor, Petersbutg, Weldon Railroad, Mine Explosion, Six Mile House, Peeble's Farm, Hatcher's Run, Dabney's Mills, Quaker Road, White Oak Road, Five Forks and Appomattox. His war record is an enviable one. Colonel William Louis Schley, on May 22, 1864, in a letter now in the possession of Mr. Joseph, testifies to the value set upon his services by his superior officers. Mr. Joseph has also in his possession a letter from Colonel William Sargent to Governor Cannon, recommending his

promotion. This letter is endorsed by Brigadier General James Gwyn, who bases his recommendation on the conduct of Mr. Joseph at Hatcher's Run.

The war ended, Mr. Joseph returned to Delaware. He spent the summer at Georgetown, and in the fall went to the West, and during the winter of 1865-6 acted as agent at Ackley, Iowa, for lumber merchants, and speculated in grains. In the spring of 1866 he returned to Delaware, and settled on a farm near Georgetown. Mr. Joseph cultivated his land and taught school until June 3, 1867, when he was appointed keeper of the Cape Henlopen Light-House, a position he still holds, discharging its duties to the satisfaction of mariners and of the Government. Mr. Joseph is a Republican and a member of Lafayette Lodge, No. 14, F. and A. M.

On June 7, 1867, Dagworthy Derrickson Joseph was married to Mary Hester, daughter of Thomas D. and Sarah (Warrington) Sherman, of Cool Spring, Sussex County, Delaware. Mrs. Joseph was born March 6, 1843. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph are:

1. Effie (Mrs. Eugene K. Wilson), of Georgetown Hundred
2. Leander F. R., farmer, near Georgetown
3. Sallie E.
4. Henry C., died aged seventeen
5. Laura Sherman, died at the age of six
6. Mary Shilling
7. Jennie Hall
8. Maud Wise

Mr. Joseph's family reside in Georgetown. They are members of the M. E. Church.