

Beatty (1812)

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Descendants of Robert Beatty (1769-1839) The Beatty family are of Scotch-Irish ancestry. They immigrated to the American colonies and eventually to Franklin Township (Pennsylvania) in the early 1700s. William Beatty was born in 1738 in Tyrone Ireland and buried in Franklin Township in 1817. William fought in both the French and Indian War and the Revolutionary War and was given land grants for his military service. One such grant was in Patton Township, but he never settled there. However, his son, Robert Beatty, did settle in the area with his wife, Rebecca Coulter Beatty, in 1812. The couple were to have 14 children, many of whom stayed in the area we now know as Monroeville. Like his father who defended the republic in the Revolutionary War, Robert once again took up arms against the British in the War of 1812. One of Robert's children, Samuel King Beatty (1811-1872), settled on a tract of Beatty property in Northern Monroeville. Samuel Beatty married Ann Jane Glen Boogs and they were to have seven children. In time he set out to build a more substantial farmhouse on a nearby piece of land he bought from Judge Thomas Mellon, the well-known banker and financier. The Beattys lived in a simple log house nearby until 1901, when this new house was completed. Today (in 2006), the house still sits comfortably among the shade of the trees on its isolated rural lane, a peaceful oasis; although one currently surrounded by the Maple Crest Golf Course. Samuel, a life-long farmer, was actively involved in the community. He assisted in the building of the Cross Roads Presbyterian Church of which he was an active member. He died in 1872, and his wife died in 1909; both are buried in the Cross Roads Cemetery in Monroeville. The Beattys were a prolific family, and like many of the farm families of the time, they tended to keep the land in the family. When Rebecca Coulter Beatty died at age 73 in 1854, she died without a will -- not unusual at that time. It took many years to close her sizable estate, which necessitated an 1867 sale of her farm and land in order to satisfy her numerous heirs, including her children and her children's heirs. Doctor Richard C. Beatty, one of Rebecca's 14 children, acted as trustee of the estate. Dr. Beatty and his family lived in Pittsburgh's East Liberty section; Beatty Street in East Liberty was named after him.

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