painted over them” (26-27). Maybe this collection of war pictures “glorifies war”; there are hardly any pictures of hospitals or mass amputations, and dead bodies of men and horses bloated with the gases of putrefaction are few and far between. Someone may suspect this presentation of having implications of “nationalism” or super-patriotism; but for the many Americans who still have feelings about it or any interest in such things, here is a peerless picture book which represents the finest kind of work in all its parts.

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Joseph Ledlie and William Moody—Early Pittsburgh Residents—
their background and some of their descendants. By Ledlie Irwin Laughlin. (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 1961. Pp. 208. Index, Illustrations. $10.00.)

It is not customary for this magazine to comment on genealogical books but this one, dealing with several distinguished local families, is of general interest to Pittsburghers and is of particular interest to the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania because of their generosity to us at various times.

The author is the oldest child of Clara B. Young and her husband, James Ben Laughlin, whose name and that of his father is associated with Jones and Laughlin, Ltd., forerunner of Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation, one of the largest independent steel companies in the country.

Ten years ago, with the assistance of his wife, who was a second cousin, the author undertook to compile a brief account of one branch of his mother’s family, the Ledlies and the Moodys, hoping to interest their children and their grandchildren in years to come. They visited Ireland where they learned that the Ledlies may have originally come from Italy via Scotland, and settling near Coagh, County Tyrone, had prospered and were largely engaged in the fabrication of lace and fine linen, or identified with associated arts.

The Ledlies came to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1803 where they settled permanently about 1810.

The Moodys who had been in Ireland some 200 years before coming to America sailed June 12, 1816. Robert and William Moody were already well educated as is attested by their letters which are
reproduced. Shortly after arrival, William gave up a position in a distillery in New Jersey to teach school. About 1818, after moving to Pittsburgh, the Moodys established what proved to be a fine school on Fourth Street opposite the ferry, known as the Moody English Grammar and Night School.

This little book follows the association of these two families and their descendants in 540 individuals scattered from coast to coast. There are some 137 pages devoted to these people, and, far from being a systematic grouping of names only, the author has given them character and human interest. Pittsburghers will find answer to many associations not understood heretofore and there are not a few surprises as familiar names pass in review: Henry, brother of Stephen Foster, Howard Pyle the artist, Helen Wills the tennis player, Mark Twain, and William L. Clements of the famous library, Herbert Hoover, Jr., Nuremberg Trials, Anthony Beelen the fur trader, George Gallup of the polls.

The occupations run from diving and salmon canning to geophysics and banking.

The colleges and schools of most of the individuals have been given. More than 60 colleges or universities are mentioned as furnishing degrees or perhaps serving only as temporary stops. Yale, Princeton, Leland Stanford (8 or more each). Others include the University of Pittsburgh, Georgetown, Smith, Lehigh, University of California, Vassar, Wellesley, Radcliffe, Bryn Mawr, Amherst, U. S. Naval Academy, Universities of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Minnesota, Missouri, Oregon, Michigan, Virginia, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, Oxford and others.

The character of private schools attended throws light on the culture and social standing of the families represented. Fifteen of the young men mentioned attended Shady Side Academy. Several other schools mentioned are significant: St. Paul's, Phillips Exeter, Misses Masters, Hill School, Miss Porter's, Chatham Hall, Ellis, Winchester, Ogontz, Westover to a total of twenty-seven.

There are twelve pages of fascinating photos, and the book has a splendid index. An appendix containing letters and papers of William Moody throws light on early Pittsburgh and the towns then on the river below Pittsburgh. Lastly, four genealogical trees will be found in a pocket in the back of the book for ready reference.

The author, editor and printer have done a creditable work which will make interesting reading for many Pittsburghers who are in no way related. There are, or will be hundreds of kinsmen
across the country whose increase in geometrical progression will preclude more than the haziest knowledge of the stock whence they came. It is only a question of time until they will become interested in this work. It would be an act of foresight and wisdom for relatives now living to obtain a copy of this book, while easily obtainable; it might well become a treasured possession in the homes of all those related by blood or marriage.

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