

Their home in Belleville, N. J. was an imposing affair in the style of the times and stood upon a hill overlooking the Passiac River well below. It was part of the old Hornblower estate and was called "TRURO" after a town in England where Joseph Hornblower, the father of Josiah, once lived. With such a large family and with so many close relatives living nearby, their home was a busy place with much entertainment, sumptuous meals, dancing, singing and much religious activity.

DR. JOHN DOWLING., D.D.

The Dowling family in England and Ireland was a large one and there have been many noted members. However, it remains for some future genealogist to trace the family connection back in England. We will here only concern ourselves with the father and mother of Jennie Langridge Dowling who were Dr. John Dowling and Cornelia Langridge.

Referring to the National Cyclopaedia of American Biography, we find the following in Vol. 9, page 216 -

"John Dowling, clergyman, was born in Pevensey on the sea-coast of Sussex, England on May 12, 1807. His birthplace is interesting as having been the landing place of William the Conqueror in 1066. The ivy covered walls of Pevensey Castle, where the soldiers of King William took refuge, overhang the birthplace of John Dowling; and even in the days of the conquest, it was an ancient ruin of Roman origin.

"Dr. Dowling's parents and ancestors were zealous in their adherence to the established Church of England. He was a studious youth. At an early age he removed to London, where, at the age of seventeen he joined the Eagle Street Baptist Church under the pastorship of the Rev. Joseph Iviney, the historian of the English Baptists.

"In his nineteenth year he became instructor in the Latin language and literature at the Clapham Rise Classical Institute in the vicinity of London, and at twenty-one taught Greek, Hebrew, Latin and French in a similar institution in Buckinghamshire, under the care of Rev. Ebenezer West.

"Dr. Dowling started a Classical boarding school in Oxfordshire in 1829, which was a prosperous institution; but